

# Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club (CLTTGC) is a member of Mendo-Lake District Garden Clubs, California Garden Clubs Inc (CGCI) and the National Garden Clubs Inc (NGCI). We were founded on September 21, 1955, by five women who wished to create and promote interest in amateur gardening in Lake County.

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## 2013-14 Officers:

### President:

Carol Dobusch

### Vice President:

Marva Brandt &  
Susan Buckles

### Treasurer:

Debra Watson

### Secretary:

Helen Turley

### Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

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See us on Face

- To get rid of any
- stubborn weed, dig
- around the base of
- the plant, cut it off
- below ground level,
- and sprinkle a good
- dose of salt on it,
- taking care to not
- get any on the soil.

Jerry Baker

## DOWN TO EARTH with President Carol

### The Luck of the Irish

For whatever reason, I've always been intrigued by the idea of a secret garden where you would follow pathways leading to wonderful hidden little places like a bench in the forest or a bank of trees cut through with a circular window from which you could see for miles. Equally intriguing is the fantasy of little people who, according to Irish tales, live always beyond our discovery in secret places in the garden. Perhaps they'd look like the gnomes and fairies in the stories that we were read as children, and they'd have a culture all their own. Quite probably, they'd speak with an Irish brogue and wear cute green costumes. And maybe they'd have well-hidden pots of gold used only in dire emergencies for bartering with squirrels, ravens, or cats.



To humor these childhood fantasies, I've put trails in my gardens leading to interesting stopping places, and I've stashed little creatures here and there among the plants as sort of garden keepers. And while my garden hides no glimmering pots of gold, there is treasure beyond measure there which I find in the buds each spring and summer as I stroll through the garden looking for signs of growth.

Just recently, I chose one of the recent warm and sunny days in February, and began a slow meander along one of my garden trails on my first quest of new treasures. Picking up a fallen tree branch, I used it to flick away fallen debris. Suddenly, I noticed that I'd uncovered about 5 green spikes growing just off the trail. Delighted with my discovery, but worried about having uncovered them, I re-covered them and went happily on my way knowing that in the weeks ahead they would break through their dark world into light.

While my discovery was only a very small thing, it made me appreciate the reality of the secret world that rests beneath winter's freezes and waits patiently, and wordlessly for the promise of spring. There's real magic in that, and there's faith; there's courage, and there's strong determination.



May you have "The Luck of the Irish" by being richly rewarded many times over for your gardening labor, and may your gardening successes bring you a huge wealth of color, variety, and enjoyment!

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## SUNSHINE REPORT by Nancy Benkelman

Gladdy Bransford



West Side Park Bench:



Motion was made and approved to spend up-to \$1000 for a park bench at the West Side Park.



**CONGRATULATIONS: Barbara Swanson & Shirley Estrem!** We voted to pay \$25 for each of them to attend the 'Bouquets to Art' in Santa Rosa.

**CONGRATULATIONS: Carmen Carpenter!** - celebrated her 99th Birthday.

**CONGRATULATIONS: Jerry & Jo Shaul** celebrated their 69 together!



*Happy Birthday!*

Ginny Cline	3/1
Evy Escalante	3/6
Mary Welsh	3/7
Jerry Shaul	3/8
Roland Ellsworth	3/11
Helen Turley	3/20
Rena Clifton	3/23
Betty Atwood-Reyna	3/26
Paulette Alcouffe	3/28
Pam Held	3/29

## Green Thumbs Up



Nominating Committee: **Suzanne Russell and Ann Blue**, for their diligent work in finding us our 2014-15 Officers.



Presenting:

Marva Brandt (President)  
Debra Watson / Susan Buckles (VPs)  
Helen Turley (Treasurer)  
Michelle Wisler (Secretary)

Voting will take place in April.



**April 12<sup>th</sup> 11-4** We will have a little plant sale at Lakeside Arts Garden Event in Lucerne. We will have a 10x10 booth and **need a few volunteers to man it**. Also, it would be great if anyone can start some plants or donate a little something to this. Herbs, succulents or whatever. **Let (Susan? Marva? Debra?) know if you can help.**



## Green Thumbs Up



Thank you so much to our February hostesses, **Michelle Wisler, Carol Batho, and Suzanne Russell** whose food selections and colorful decorations were so special & put us in the mood for St. Patrick's Day.

(Ah, sure 'tis tha proof of Irish blood in 'em)



**Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant.**

*Robert Lewis Stevenson*

## Green Thumbs Up



**Ann Blue** for sharing her hand-made valentines. They are pretty special and so are YOU!



**High tea is a uniquely British meal** which allows one to enjoy a pleasant mixture of savory and sweet ingredients, with a generous quantity of tea to drink. High teas are mentioned by Mrs. Beeton, who, well over a hundred years ago, stated that:

High tea is a permanent institution, quite taking the place of late supper; young people preferring it to dinner. It being a movable feast that can be partaken of at hours that will not interfere with tennis, boating, and other amusements and but little formality is needed.

The tea menus of the nineteenth century might well have included 1 or 2 hot dishes, cold chicken, game, tongue, ham, and salad. There would be home-made bread, scones, a selection of cakes and cold fruit tarts with cream. Tea would accompany this marvelous array of satisfying food.

High tea is still a popular meal in many parts of Britain, particularly Scotland, Ireland, parts of Wales, and the North of England, especially Yorkshire. It is ideal for a family with children since it generally is served between 5 and 7 pm. In Scotland you may find hotels that offer a high tea as well as dinner, so guests can choose the meal they prefer.

In modern high teas there are no particular rules. However, the savory dish, hot or cold, is generally served first and followed by scones, or bread and butter, with jam (jelly), cake, biscuits (cookies), fruit tarts or other sweet fare. Fruit salad & cream is not unknown for high tea. Even the famous British breakfast of bacon and eggs is just as likely to appear on the tea table. Also, it is becoming more popular than fish and chips.

Because everyone is more aware of including fiber in a balanced diet, a modern high tea may well feature a variety of salad ingredients served with cooked meats, a pasty, cold salmon or tuna fish with hard-boiled eggs. Cheese also finds its way to the tea table, and it is especially nice when paired with fresh or dried fruits.

## Daffodil Tea News



If you have not let Linda Waterstraat know that you are coming to the Tea, please call her.

Set-up time:  
MON, March 17th, 10am-1pm.

Daffodil Tea:  
TUE, March 18th, noon.



While you probably can identify the names of many birds, do you know the terms to identify groups of them?

**DIRECTIONS:** Match the 20 birds below in the first column with their group names in the second column.

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Quail       | A. Ballet      |
| 2. Jay         | B. Covey       |
| 3. Crow        | C. Pitying     |
| 4. Falcon      | D. Exaltation  |
| 5. Flamingo    | E. Gaggle      |
| 6. Hummingbird | F. Murder      |
| 7. Lark        | G. Conspiracy  |
| 8. Magpie      | H. Watch       |
| 9. Nightingale | I. Rafter      |
| 10. Owl        | J. Party       |
| 11. Peacock    | K. Ostentation |
| 12. Goose      | L. Murmuration |
| 13. Raven      | M. Parliament  |
| 14. Sparrow    | N. Host        |
| 15. Starling   | O. Cast        |
| 16. Stork      | P. Descent     |
| 17. Swan       | Q. Tiding      |
| 18. Turkey     | R. Stand       |
| 19. Turtledove | S. Mustering   |
| 20. Woodpecker | T. Charm       |

Answers can be found on page 5.

I'm already getting a mite nervous about host-essing (is that an okay verb) the officers' table - not because I don't have the "correct" tablecloth and tableware, the correct decorations, the correct flower arrangement, but because it just isn't me. My lifestyle is casual, sometimes in the extreme, and while I get a kick out of attending teas and making a pretense of being quite cultured and "rahthur hoity-toity," when needed, people really know me to be.....just me. Friends forgive me for my occasional upper crust forays because they realize I'll soon dismount from my high horse and get back to earth where I belong. But, what about these dignitaries that I'll be sitting with? Will they have expectations that I won't be able to fill? And will they forgive my lapses as readily as you CLTTGC members do? Oh, grief, maybe they'll collectively get up and desert me before dessert! And I'll be there all by myself, drinking my tea with a properly extended little finger as I grip the delicate tiny tea cup handle! Oh, grief! What'll I do??? Oh well, I can take consolation in the fact that whatever happens, I'll probably enjoy a good cup of tea, unlike the following account shared by James Dobson.

Seems like a mother was sick in bed with the flu and her darling daughter wanted so much to be a good nurse. She did the nursy kinds of things like fluffing the pillows, straightening the blankets, bringing magazines, and even giving her mom a surprise cup of tea.

"Why, you're such a sweetheart," the mother said as she drank the tea. "I didn't know that you even knew how to make tea."

"Oh, yes," the little girl replied. "I learned by watching you. I put the tea leaves in the pan and then I put in the water, and I boiled it, and then I strained it into a cup. But I couldn't find a strainer, so I used the flyswatter instead."

"You what?" the mother screamed.

And the little girl said, "Oh, don't worry, Mom, I didn't use the new flyswatter. I used the old one."

SEE YOU AT THE TEA,  
EVERYONE!

Carol



**Second Annual Salute to Bouquets to Art!**

Friday, March 7, 2 to 4 PM  
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center  
2050 Yulupa Drive, Santa Rosa

**Santa Rosa Garden Club**  
presents

**Marsha Heckman,**  
a de Young Museum  
Bouquets to Art floral designer



**Bouquets to Art 2014**  
Celebrating 30 Years of Art through Flowers

Tuesday, March 18–Sunday, March 23  
9:30 am–5:15 pm

Online: [tickets.famsf.org](http://tickets.famsf.org)

Phone: (800) 777-9996

For more information call 415-750-3504.



**APRIL REMINDER:**

**4th** (Fri) *carpool* 8:30am

Cornerstone Sonoma Gardens/ Wildwood Farm/ Nursery Sonoma/ Kenwood.

**12th** (Sat) 11am -4pm

Lakeside Arts Garden Event / Plant Sale.

**14th** (Mon) 12-3pm Ridgewood Ranch Garden (Seabiscuit) Guided Garden Tour.

**15th** (Tue) 10am Native Plants Tour, Shaul's

**15th** (Tue) 12noon Regular club meeting.

**18th** (Fri) 10am Suzanne R's Garden Tour.

**23rd** (Wed) 9:30am Host Dist Meeting  
Eli Stage Stop Museum

**26th-27th** 10am-4pm Horticulture Happening  
Historic Red Barn & Tallman Hotel,  
Upper Lake.

ANSWERS TO: WHAT DO YOU CALL THEM  
 1-B , 2-J, 3-F, 4-O, 5-R, 6-T, 7-D, 8-Q, 9-H,  
 10-M, 11- K, 12-E, 13-G, 14-N, 15-L, 16-S,  
 17-A, 18-I, 19-C , 20-P



**4-H Spring Event**, Sat, Mar 29th, Kelseyville Presbyterian Church. Helpers Wanted -contact Leanne Harvey.



CLTTGC made a donation of \$100 to the Wildlife Sanctuary in Peter Skram's name. Peter, Barbara Swanson's son, is our Web Master. THANK YOU for www.clttgc.org. He created the site, posts the newsletter, and updates with pictures of our events and the Lake Ka-Batin Flower arrangements. It is our honor to celebrate YOU in this way.



**Kelseyville Kids' Garden Club** - grow vegetables, then harvest and prepare soups and salads with their produce. As part of the Farm to School Program, they also provide produce for Michelle Malm to use in the kitchen at Kelseyville High School.

They need our help - 1 1/2 hour visit to the garden, 2 or 3 times over the next 5 months - not a big commitment! If the kids can count on you to share one or two afternoons on any Tuesday or Thursday between 1:30 & 3:00pm, please call Helen 279-9400 or Margaret 279-4512 or Jo Ann 277-0515.



At our February meeting, we donated \$100 as a 'Proud Supporter'.



[www.succulentsandsunshine.com/  
 how-to-water-succulent-plants](http://www.succulentsandsunshine.com/how-to-water-succulent-plants)



Linda Waterstraat is once again collecting 'BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION'.



These labels are on all kinds of products. Also, Linda is looking into another program called 'LABELS FOR EDUCATION' and will report back to us if she will be collecting those as well. Thanks for your efforts, this really helps the schools.

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Kelseyville, CA 95451-8023



The club meets at 12:00 pm  
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.  
Scott's Valley Women's Club House  
2298 Hendricks Road in Lakeport

### Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org))  
National President: Linda Nelson
- **Pacific Region**  
([www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org))  
Director: Elaine Gunderson
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.californiagardenclubs.org](http://www.californiagardenclubs.org))  
President: Rita Desilets
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakedistrict.org](http://www.mendolakedistrict.org))  
District Director: Rhea Pitchard



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## Forget-me-nots

MARCH 2014

- 6 Garden Therapy, Thur, 10:30am  
Call Michelle Wisler for info  
First Lutheran Church,  
3863 Country Club Dr, Lucerne
- 7 Salute to Bouquets to Art, Fri, 2-4pm, \$25.  
Call Marva if you want to CARPOOL.
- 11 Lake Kaba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
Call Barbara Swanson for info  
St John's Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport  
**New time: 1:30pm**  
**Changed Theme:** Daffodils-free style
- 13 FIELD TRIP: Kelseyville Children's Garden  
2 - 3pm, meet there.

17 Tea set-up, Mon, 10am - 1pm

18 Daffodil TEA - Noon

21 FIELD TRIP: Ferrari Carano winery  
Fri, 9am, Carpool. Co-ordinate with Marva.

21 Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

29 4-H Spring Event, Sat, Kelseyville Pres church

Newsletter's deadline-4th Tues  
(1 week from meeting date).

