

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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2014-15 Officers:

President:

Marva Brandt

Vice President:

Susan Buckles &
Debra Watson

Treasurer:

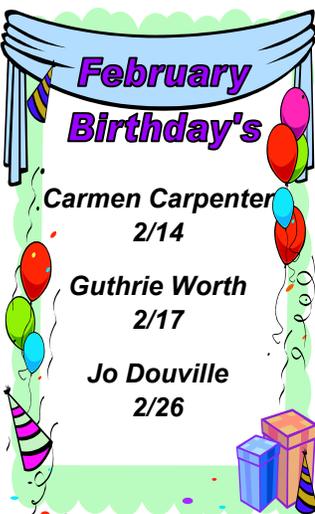
Helen Turley

Secretary:

Michelle Wisler

Parliamentarian:

Ginny Cline



THYME with Marva Brandt

I blew it last month! My head was so in Southern California that I messed up on submitting anything. I am totally geared to the week after a meeting and we had a party in December – not a meeting! I actually did write an article when I finally came to my senses, but it was too late! You missed hearing about snow in Orange County and our snowy weekend at Tony's mountain cabin when the plumbing went OUT! Five of us were staying there. Fortunately there was a gas station

partway down the mountain. Can you imagine? Tony is Chrystine's fiancé.

Gardening in SoCal is amazing. The following plants in her garden were in BLOOM when I arrived: White Ginger, Bougainvillea, Poinsettias, Mandevilla, Hibiscus, Fuchsias, Tibouchina (Princess Plant.) Many were above her roof. Just think! That is in mid-December. After the record freeze it was all GONE! Tony brought his trumpet over and played "Taps."

Now we head into the month of February. My mother's birthday is February 4th. She would be 117. She was born in 1898 and always said she was the year plus 2 but it gets harder to figure now! Chrystine, mom's birthday gift, was born on February 2nd. And thenhere comes Valentine's Day – a special day for those in love. As we come to the winter of our lives, many of us no longer have our sweethearts with us. On July 12th, I will have been alone for ten years. Jennifer Strong usually has an event for widows on the 14th of February and it has really helped me. If you are fortunate enough to still have your special partner, do something wonderful and enjoy each other. I am looking forward to our Meals on Wheels Valentine event at Claire's, bringing some happiness to those who need it the most.

Hope springs eternal, leading us to seek that elusive and special bond which only grows stronger with time. True love calls for commitment. It comforts and restores.

Happy Valentine's Day!

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS!!!

Change in the date of the Daffodil Tea!

The Grange was booked on our set-up date so we are moving forward one day. The Tea will be on Wednesday, March 18th at 12 noon. Set up will be Tuesday, March 17 from 10:00 to 1:00.



FEBRUARY HOSTESSES:

Joyce Porterfield
Ginny Cline
Ann Blue



SUNSHINE REPORT by Ann Blue

Betty Atwood-Reyna
Carol Dobusch
Carol Kesey
Carmen Carpenter
Leanne Harvey
Claire Grieve
Jo Jameson



Romance

at the 55th Year High School Reunion

He was a widower and she was a widow. They had known each other for a number of years, having attended class reunions without fail. This year they made a foursome with two other singles.

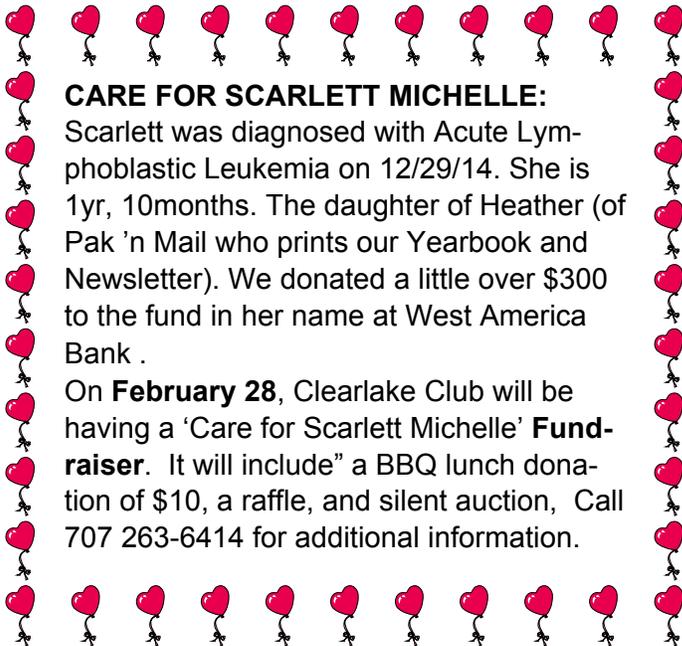
They had a wonderful evening with admiring glances across the table. Finally, he picked up the courage to ask her. "Will you marry me?" After about six seconds, she answered "Yes... yes I will!"

The evening ended on a happy note, but the next morning the widower was troubled. Did she say "Yes" or "No?" Try as he could, he just was not able to remember. He went over and over their conversation. He remembered asking the question but he could not recall the answer.

With fear and trepidation, he picked up the phone and dialed.

First he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. He reviewed the evening and as he gained courage, he inquired, "When I asked you to marry me, did you say, "Yes" or "No?"

Why, you silly man, I said "Yes...yes I will!" and I meant it with all my heart. The widower was delighted. Then she continued, "And I am so glad you called because I couldn't remember who asked me."



CARE FOR SCARLETT MICHELLE:

Scarlett was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on 12/29/14. She is 1yr, 10months. The daughter of Heather (of Pak 'n Mail who prints our Yearbook and Newsletter). We donated a little over \$300 to the fund in her name at West America Bank .

On **February 28**, Clearlake Club will be having a 'Care for Scarlett Michelle' **Fundraiser**. It will include" a BBQ lunch donation of \$10, a raffle, and silent auction, Call 707 263-6414 for additional information.



Green Thumbs Up



To Linda Waterstraat for her work on this project.

Thanks to Marilyn Gunther, retired Lakeport second grade teacher, our garden club was able to submit four posters to the CGCI annual Smokey the Bear poster contest.



Marilyn contacted several teachers in Lakeport and Kelseyville and asked them if they would invite their students to participate in the contest. Because of so many demands on the existing curriculum in the schools, we were only able to receive 77 posters for judging. All the children who participated will receive a certificate acknowledging their efforts. The first, second and third place winners from each grade will receive gift bags containing Smokey the Bear/ Woodsy Owl items such as pencils, rulers, and an activities book. Now we wait for the judging to take place. Stay tuned for the results.

FEBRUARY MEETING

- * Workshop: Feb 17, 10:45am Clubhouse ... Kandy Hurley, Master Gardener will do a Seed Ball Garden Project. Kandy will teach us how to make wildflower seed balls. Sow them in your yard and provide habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. All materials will be provided by Kandy and we will supply a box of plastic gloves. So come and enjoy!!
- * February 17th Speaker- Dave Watts owner of Sanhedrin Nursery in Willets will present a slide show and talk called "A fast approach to Fruit Tree Pruning" since he only has a half hour to get the word out! He spoke at one of the district meetings and gave an informative and very enjoyable program. We're lucky to have him make the drive from Willets to speak to us and he says he's looking forward to sharing with us.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

- * "In and out of Paris: Gardens of Secret Delights Photographic Journey" Santa Rosa Garden Club fundraiser (\$25) February 19, 2:00-4:00pm. This is pricey but might be very interesting. Anyone interested contact Susan... she is thinking about going.
- * I am still waiting to hear about date and time for Farm to Students Garden tour. I'll get an email out when I know unless I hear in the next day.



MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT WINTER BOARD MEETING:

Date: (Wed), February 25th, 2015
Location: Golden Rule Mobil Village
16100 N Hwy 101, Willits
Times: 9:30am Social/Registration & Coffee time
10:00am meeting
12:00pm Lunch (\$15 - specialty soups, bread, & desserts created by Willits GC-also a continental breakfast) RSVP to Lucille Garcia at 4400 Lakewood Dr, Willits, CA 95490 - Make checks out to Willits GC. Reservation Deadline: February 20th.
1:00pm Program: Flowers With A Flair By: Mary Arakelian, California Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower Judge of the year, enchants us with her designs.
Special note: please carpool & drop off at the clubhouse, then park in the entrance parking lot. A shuttle will be provided.

CHANGES AND REMINDERS

- ♥ February 5th at 10:00am, we will meet at Claire's house on the end of 4th Street in Lakeport. Claire has hand written tags for the bags that say "From Trowel and Trellis Garden Club." We need Valentine's Cards from members, purchased or made – lots of them! Please sign the cards with your own name.



- ♥ The Board Meeting next month will be held Friday, February 13 at Helen's Sun House, 2655 Howard Avenue in Lakeport. This will accommodate the "Seed Ball" workshop in the club house at 10:45am.



~~~~ DAFFODIL TEA UPDATE ~~~~

- ♥ We have a DATE CHANGE. The Grange was rented on our set-up day so we will move forward one day. Set-up will be Tuesday, March 17th from 10:00 to 1:00. The Tea will be Wednesday, March 18th at 12:00 noon.
- ♥ News from Ann... Carmen Carpenter has been in the hospital recently and is celebrating her 100th birthday on Valentine's Day! Let's **ALL** shower her with cards. Send them to her at 1400 S. Main Street #29B, Lakeport.



Happy 100th Birthday!
CARMEN !



- ♥ Susan asked members who have succulents to start some in 4 inch pots. We will try to work a little plant sale into the Garden Tour. Please start!



FIELD TRIP: LakeKabatin Redbud Arrangers were invited to Redwood Arrangers Workshop that featured Wil Gonzalez's (his assistant stepped in for him) who demonstrated braiding, pleating, and weaving flax and Jini Reynolds enlightened us on the versatility of bamboo.



6 QUICK TRICKS TO DRESS UP PLAIN POTS

(unk author)

1. Go for glamour with metallic copper, gold, or silver spray paint. Let some of the clay color show through for an antique look.
2. Spray a group of pots with cheerful primary colors, or with lime green, cobalt blue, and hot pink or orange-red for a south of the Border look. Plant the same flowers in each pot so that the effect doesn't get too busy. White daisies are pretty in primary-color pots; deep yellow or orange marigolds are perfect for Tex-Mex designs.
3. Paint a pot white or pastel, and glue seashells around the rim. Fill with gray foliaged plants like dusty miller for a romantic, seaside effect.
4. Tie a bow of raffia or ribbon around a pot just below the rim, or rip a strip of calico and tie into a bow for a homespun look.
5. Cover a pot with plaster of Paris and stud it with broken bits of china, old buttons, or shards of mirrors and glass for a mosaic design.
6. Add stripes or polka dots to pots with bright paint as you would an Easter egg. Simple, primitive designs add childlike appeal.

What is the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show?

It is a public exhibition held each spring at the San Mateo Event Center just south of the San Francisco airport (SFO.) As one of the top exhibitions of its kind in the United States,

- * the Show covers more than 5-acres
- * includes full-sized designer showcase gardens
- * ways to grow, prepare, preserve your own fresh, organic food
- * hundreds of flowers and floral designs and
- * tens of thousands of wonderful plants and garden-related products to buy.
- * A full range of free seminars, exhibits and demonstrations provide continuous opportunities to learn about landscaping, gardening, growing & preparing garden-fresh food, designing with flowers and creating fantastic garden spaces in your home, school and community. There is something for everyone.

Mark your calendars now to attend the next show
March 18-22, 2015



Save vegetable and flower seeds (and plants) for Irene D's Community Garden in Lucerne



At the February Meeting, Speaker Jo-Ann Saccato led members in an exercise on how to be 'mindful' in life and in gardening.



Lake Family Resource Center volunteer, Nancy Stetzer, accepts gifts donated by the Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club. Additional money has been set aside to purchase plants and seeds in the Spring. \$242 was collected at our Christmas luncheon.



CLEARLAKE TROWEL & TRELIS GC

General Meeting January 20, 2015

- * From 12:00 to 12:35 we enjoyed social time with a light lunch provided by Hostesses, Gladdy Bransford, Betty Atwood, and Carol Brabrook.
- * At 12:35 President Marva Brandt opened the general meeting and thanked the hostesses for a wonderful lunch and beautiful decorations. A French theme was set.
- * The pledge of allegiance was led by Ginny Cline, Parliamentarian.
- * President Marva Brandt, welcomed back Michelle Wisler, Recording Secretary.
- * Membership –Sharon Reeves reported 39 members in attendance.
- * Vice President, Susan Buckles, introduced JoAnn Saccato MA, Mindfulness Teacher and consultant, Inspirational speaker, founding member of Co Cop, Author of Companioning the Sacred Journey: A guide to creating a container for your spiritual practice. She brought copies of her book that were for sale. She said the baby tears the club gave her 2 years ago were going strong. She had us close our eyes and engage in our senses. She used a hyacinth flower as an example....color, smell, and texture.
- * President, Marva Brandt, brought a flyer on Scarlett Michelle. She is not even 2 years old and has cancer. Marva donated her fund and asked the club members to also donate if they wish. Helen Turley will have the envelope if anyone would like to donate. Linda Waterstraat donated sale proceeds to Scarlett Fund.
- * An inspirational message was given by June Dye.
- * Flower roll call was called by Joyce Porterfield, which included the Penny Pines Collection.
- * The Vice President's report was given by Susan Buckles. The Garden Tour date is to be announced soon. We will be selling succulents and herbs at the Garden Tour. Please start potting in 4" pots now.
- * Barbara Swanson announced that all positions on the board have been filled except for vice president. She would like someone to PLEASE take this position.
- * Bench Report: Marva reported it is in progress. The back of the seat will be etched.
- * The treasurer's report will be in the next Trellis Talk newsletter.
- * The quilt will be on display at the Daffodil Tea. Linda Waterstraat filled all the positions for the Daffodil Tea. She also explained what we all should bring, 2-3 dozen cookies and or small

sandwiches. Also 2 un-wrapped gifts. It was announced that the Daffodil Tea will be on March 17, 2015 at the Grange in Upper Lake.

- * Claire reminded us of the Valentine's for Meals on Wheels. This will be held at her house on Feb. 5th, at 10:00am. Bring signed Valentines.
- * Linda Waterstraat advised the District meeting in Willits is February 25th.
- * Irene Didescu brought to our attention the Lucerne community garden. They are in great need of seeds and plants for the garden. Please bring what you can to the April meeting.
- * The next Board meeting will be at 3:30pm Feb. 13, 2015 and held in Helen's Sun House.
- * Our next meeting, we will be taught how to make wild flower seed balls. Please be at the club house at 10:45am on Feb.17th.
- * Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

Submitted by Michelle Wisler, Recording Secretary



CLEARLAKE TROWEL & TRELIS GC TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOV/DEC 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE CHECKING: \$5,369.98

BEGINNING BALANCE SAVINGS: \$ 25.00

RECEIVED:

Penny Pines	25.48
Mum Show Donations	41.00
Wreaths	18.00
Quilt Drawing	28.00
Xmas Donation/Shelter	20.00
Xmas Donation	560.00
Interest	.09

TOTAL

692.48

EXPENSES:

Yacht Club Rental	125.00
Mic Stand Supplies	12.88
Nov. Program Speaker	87.00
Kitchen Supplies	23.27
Deposit Westside Park Bench	570.00
President's Fund	20.00
Xmas Luncheon	560.00
CGCI Liability Ins.	77.50
Riviera Hills Rest.	540.00
Mum Show Supplies	24.00

TOTAL

1,479.65

ENDING BALANCE CHECKING: \$4,582.90

ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS: \$ 25.00

Respectfully Submitted by: Helen Turley, Treasurer

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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)
- **Pacific Region**
(www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org)
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
(www.californiagardenclubs.org)
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.mendolakedistrict.org)
District Director: Rhea Pitchard

Let's Bloom, Believe and Befriend!



Forget-me-nots

FEBRUARY 2015

- 2 **Garden Tour (core group) Meeting:**
Susan B's home, (Monday), 10:00am
- 5 **Valentine's Card Workshop:** Claire G's home
(Thursday) 10:00am (details on pg 3)
- 10 **LKRA 'All Green, Including Container'**
(Tuesday) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 13 **Board Meeting** (Friday) 3:30pm at Helen's
Sun House. Meeting is open to all members.
- 16 Redwood Arrangers 'Miniature or Small'
DEMO: Framed Spatial
Ukiah Senior Center
495 Leslie St at 1pm (Monday)
- 17 10:45am **Work Shop:** Make Seed Balls
CLUB MEETING at Club House
12:00 noon - Social/Refreshment Time
12:30pm Program: Dave Watts, Sanhedrin

Nursery Owner in Willits, 'Fruit Tree Pruning'
1:00pm Flower Roll Call
1:30pm Business Meeting

- 19 **Field Trip: 'In & Out of Paris: Garden of Secret Delights Photographic Journey'**
(Thursday) 2-4pm (\$25) (details on pg 3)
- 20 Deadline for lunch Reservations to Dist mtg.
- 25 **Mendo-Lake District Meeting** - Willits
(Wednesday) Meetings are open to all members: (details on pg 2)



Deadline for newsletter is
the fourth Tuesday of the
month (The Tuesday fol-
lowing meeting date)

