

# *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.*

**March, 2015**  
**Vol. 1, Issue 7**



## **2014-15 Officers:**

### **President:**

**Marva Brandt**

### **Vice President:**

**Susan Buckles &**  
**Debra Watson**

### **Treasurer:**

**Helen Turley**

### **Secretary:**

**Michelle Wisler**

### **Parliamentarian:**

**Ginny Cline**



## **March Birthday's**

**Ginny C 3/1**

**Evy E 3/6**

**Mary W 3/7**

**Jerry S 3/8**

**Helen T 3/20**

**Rena Clifton 3/23**

**Betty A 3/26**

**Pam H 3/29**



## **THYME with Marva Brandt**

Sadness fills my heart with the passing of our beloved Carol Kesey. My birthday twin is gone. Carol would love this weather today. It is a perfect spring day that just calls you outside to enjoy working in the garden. My comfort is that I believe there are beautiful gardens in Heaven.

It is such a relief to have the wind stop! I was battered for three days complete with eerie howling sounds.

The fence on the side of my beach broke. The huge oaks over my house were trying to get inside. Now I need to get outside and try to find the chaise covers and the furniture that blew off my deck. I am not a fan of wind, does it show?

About getting outside on this beautiful day – I am stuck in the house with a repairman for my leaking sink. It is a pedestal sink so the non-working part is down in the pedestal. That calls for a \$500.00 fix. Does my home appliance and systems insurance cover this? Of course not! Part of the leaky thing is attached to the faucet assembly and the faucets are not covered. I am hostile! For this I pay \$100.00 a month! Try to get over it by thinking of flowers, birds & butterflies....

This is a pretty time of the year in my garden. The Hardenbergia is in full bloom around my entry and the English Primroses and Cyclamen are giving me a lot of color. The Germander never quits blooming; however the Tulip Tree blossoms did not survive the wind.

Daffodil Tea! Daffodil Tea! My daffodils have come and pretty much gone. I hope there will be daffodils somewhere in another couple of weeks. We do go through this every year. Often it is the “beaten down by the rain” problem but I can’t give up on the lovely name, “Daffodil Tea”. I made and sent my invitations to the District dignitaries but that is all I have done so far. Linda has been hard at work creating a wonderful event and I have spent my time with the Garden Tour and preparing for the District meeting tomorrow. I am getting very excited about the Garden Tour! It is really taking shape.

I have heard that EVERYONE is Irish on March 17<sup>th</sup> and that is the day we will set up for the tea. So I look forward to seeing all you Irish people on that day.

Surprisingly there is also life beyond the garden club!

**Let your speech be better than silence;  
otherwise be silent. Timely words are a work of art.**

# WELCOME

Two new members joined CLTTGC.  
I apologize that I do not have both of their names at this time. I will introduce them later. I am very sorry.

## SUNSHINE REPORT by Ann Blue

Carol Kesey                   Kesey Family  
Carmen Carpenter           Jo Douville  
June Benkleman             Doris Ellsworth  
June Dye



## Green Thumbs Up



To **Patsy Butler** who shared this beautiful African Violet with Linda Pyers.

To **Ginny Cline** who shared walnuts with members.

To **Barbara Swanson** who shared her beautiful camellia flowers with us and a guest who needed some for a special occasion.

To **Ann Blue** who shared her lovely hand-made clothe Valentines.



*Life isn't about waiting  
for the storm to pass.  
It's about learning  
to dance in the rain.* unk



### TREE COUNT:

Leanne, Tree Chair, has a chart for keeping track of trees planted in 2014-2015. For an accurate count, please help by adding the type and number that you have planted. Thanks



### CAROL KESEY

Charter Member  
Honorary Member  
'Flower MUM'  
Friend

Passed: 2/12/2015

*A blessing to us all  
and we will miss you!*



**PENNY PINES:** Thomas Welsh received a memorial plantation. Joyce Porterfield presents Mary Welsh and her two grandchildren with a special Penny Pines Memorial Certificate in his name.



## Green Thumbs Up



To Barbara Swanson and Mary Secord from the Nominating Committee announced all Board positions are complete for the 2015-2016 year. Barbara presented the slate:

**President: Ginny Cline**

**Vice President: Mary Welsh**

**Secretary: Kathy Steinberg**

**Treasurer: Bonnie Brady**

**Parliamentarian: Helen Turley**

Barbara also explained the change in duties of the Vice President. A sign-up sheet was passed around to the members to set up speakers and field trips.



There is no age-limit to playing in mud! This lively group is making wildflower-seed balls that they will take home and toss in their gardens this fall.

NOTE: It is recommended that you use native wild-flower seeds of California.



## DAFFODIL TEA Wednesday, March 18 Bachelor Valley Grange in Upper Lake 12 noon

**All members** are invited. If you are planning on attending and have not signed up for a table, please contact Linda Waterstraat or Nancy Benkelman, ASAP.

**Set up** for the tea will be from 10 to 1 on Tuesday, March 17th.

**Kitchen helpers**, please be there at 10 on the day of the tea. It takes a long time for the water to get hot!

**Hostesses**: We will call your table number when it is time for you to go to the kitchen to fill your trays. It is too crowded when all hostesses try to go at the same time.

**This year, in addition to our wonderful Mistress of Ceremonies, Kathleen Steinberg, providing us with entertainment, we have Karol and Tom Ward performing folk music.**

A huge thank you to all who have volunteered to help with this wonderful, traditional event.

Linda Waterstraat



**FIELD TRIP: Thursday March 19th – 2:00-4:00**  
meet the creators of Studio Choo the hottest studio design studio in the country. See fresh, wild, sophisticated flower arrangements for any occasion! Cost: \$25 Santa Rosa Garden Club. If you are interested in this, you can call [707-537-6885](tel:707-537-6885) or email [gardenclubevents@yahoo.com](mailto:gardenclubevents@yahoo.com)



**FIELD TRIP: Sunday, March 22nd,**  
The 2015 San Francisco Flower and Garden Show , “Going Wild”, will take place at the San Mateo Event Center. You will see designer gardens with flowers in full bloom. There will be demonstrations of world-class floral designers. Seminars, professional gardeners and nursery owners will help you answer questions. Also learn how to grow and prepare fresh home grown food. Lots to see in one day. Ticket price \$22 at the door or online. Debra and Susan B are looking into the possibility of spending the night close to SF rather than driving home in the dark.

## CLTTGC General Meeting      February 17, 2015

- \* From 12:00 to 12:25, we enjoyed social time with a light lunch provided by Joyce Porterfield, Ginny Cline, and Ann Blue. A Valentine theme was set.
- \* At 12:30, President Marva Brandt opened the General Meeting.
- \* Ginny Cline, the Parliamentarian, led the pledge of allegiance.
- \* Vice President Susan Buckles introduced our speaker, Dave Watts, from Sanhedrin Nursery in Willits. He spoke about pruning fruit trees and provided projected pictures. He was quite informative and enjoyed by all.
- \* Sharon Reeves gave the membership report. She reported 34 in attendance; six were visitors, two speakers, and two new members.
- \* Nancy Benkelman gave an inspirational message. It was about mindfulness.
- \* Flower roll call was called by Joyce Porterfield, which included the Penny Pines collection.
- \* Barbara Swanson from the Nominating Committee announced all Board positions are complete for the 2015-2016 year. She presented the slate: President: Ginny Cline, Vice President: Mary Welsh, Secretary: Kathy Steinberg, Treasurer: Bonnie Brady, and Parliamentarian: Helen Turley. She also explained the change in duties of the Vice President. A sign-up sheet was passed around to the members to set up speakers and field trips.
- \* The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- \* The Treasurer's Report will be in the newsletter.
- \* The Vice President's Report from Co-Presidents, Susan Buckles and Debra O'Dell: The Garden Tour, save the date, will be May 30, 2015. Susan, Debra, and Maureen visited more gardens that are possible for the Garden Tour. They were excited and added them for a total of six. A beautiful flyer was distributed at the meeting. Two members are going to be assigned as docents at each home for the Garden Tour.
- \* Susan and Debra also reported on March 19, a floral designer from San Francisco would be in Santa Rosa. April 14th-20th the Bouquet De Art will be at the De Young Museum. The flower arrangements will be created from paintings. Please contact Susan for more information. The San Francisco Flower Show will be March 18th-22nd. If you are interested, contact Susan or Debra.
- \* The Valentine Workshop at Claire Grieve's home was wonderful, reported by Ann Blue. Claire delivered valentines to Jo Jameson. She has been under the weather and wished her well.

- \* Linda Waterstraat discussed the upcoming Daffodil Tea on March 18, 2015. Club members must be invited to sit at a table. We may be short one table. Nancy Benkelman said she would mentor someone, if they would set up another table. Gladys Bransford and her daughter, Tammy, might set up another table. The set up for the Tea is March 17, 10:00 to 1:00. Members need to bring two to three dozen cookies and/or small sandwiches, and two gifts. The gifts the members bring to the Tea do not need wrapping.
  - \* Marva Brandt reminded us the District Meeting will be February 25, 2015. Our club has five delegates to vote on the District increases. Our club agreed to raise the dues \$2.00 per member paid by club.
  - \* Our Scholarship recipients, Lindee Jones and Asia Jones, sent detailed thank you notes.
  - \* Ann Blue let us know Jo Jameson is feeling better. She hopes to be at our next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Wisler, Recording Secretary



## CLTTGC TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY

BEGINNING BALANCE CHECKING: \$4,582.90  
BEGINNING BALANCE SAVINGS: \$25.00

### RECEIVED:

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Penny Pines                   | 23.60  |
| Xmas Donation/Shelter         | 202.00 |
| Reimburse Pres. Discretionary | 20.00  |
| Interest                      | .04    |
| TOTAL \$245.64                |        |

### EXPENSES:

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Ka-bat-in Rent                   | 180.00 |
| Postage                          | 6.00   |
| Shelter Donation                 | 179.29 |
| Smokey Bear                      | 45.24  |
| B. Swanson/Ka-ba-tin/Website     | 24.60  |
| Meals on Wheels Valentines       | 45.69  |
| Donation for Scarlett Michelle   | 100.00 |
| Insurance Cert. for Daffodil Tea | 30.00  |
| TOTAL \$601.64                   |        |

ENDING BALANCE CHECKING: \$4,226.90  
ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS: \$25.00

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Helen Turley, Treasurer



## CLTTGC presents ... Home Garden Tour 2015

The 2015 Lake County Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, May 30, from 10am till 4pm, and will feature eight gardens from Kelseyville to Upper Lake; proceeds will go towards both local elementary school garden programs and college scholarships for local youth interested in pursuing a degree in a garden, landscaping, or agricultural field. These gardens, though representing an astounding range of styles, are all incredibly beautiful and interesting. The generous community members opening their gardens for our tour include:

- \* The Tallman Hotel, Upper Lake owned by Lynne and Bernie Butcher
- \* Dr and Dana Benjamin, Upper Lake (two homes).
- \* Dr Scheidemann, Lakeport
- \* Jerry and Jo Shaul, Lakeport
- \* Debra Watson O'Dell, Lakeport
- \* Karl and Jane Shaul, Lakeport
- \* Kid's Garden Kelseyville School District, Helen Finch, Director

Tickets will be \$25, and will be available at the Daffodil Tea. Kick-off date for tickets and publicity to the public April 1st at the following locations: TBA (So far: Flowers by Jackie and Watershed Books )

Each home will require two Club Docents on site during the tour. They will meet the garden owner with a Core Committee member prior to the tour to learn about the history of the garden, interesting facts, any unusual plants, etc, to assist them in answering any questions attendees may have. We still need volunteers for this fun and interesting opportunity for both morning and afternoon time slots. Please contact Susan Buckles to sign-up.



**A Life is like a garden.  
Perfect moments can be had,  
but not preserved,  
except in memory. LLAP  
Leonard Nimoy**

## Green Thumbs Up



To **Claire Grieve** for hosting the Valentine's for Meals-on-Wheels Workshop. She was organized: tables were set-up, each bag was ready to receive candy and cards (supplied by many of those pictured), and hand wrote each label. Total Count: 125 individual bags, plus Claire took Carol Kesey, Carmen Carpenter and Jo Jameson. each a bag also. Jo D delivered all the boxes of bags to the Lakeport Senior Center.

(Not Pictured were Doris, Heide, and Linda P)



RESOURCE: Order seeds recommended by zip code.  
(1 877 344 4669)



**Garden Therapy  
with Michelle**

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

# Let's Bloom, Believe and Befriend!



## Forget-me-nots

MARCH 2015

- 10 **LKRA 'Underwater'**  
(Tuesday) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 16 Redwood Arrangers 'Framed Spatial  
DEMO: Multi-rhythmic  
Ukiah Senior Center  
495 Leslie St at 1pm (Monday)
- 17 **10:00am-1:00pm Tea Set-up - Tuesday.**
- 18 **Daffodil TEA - Wednesday!**  
11:55am See page 3.
- 19 **FIELD TRIP:** (Thursday), 2:00-4:00 Studio Choo  
Creators. Santa Rosa GC fundraiser. See pg 5.
- 22 **FIELD TRIP:** (Sunday)  
The 2015 San Francisco Flower & Garden  
Show , "Going Wild",  
San Mateo Event Center. See pg 5.

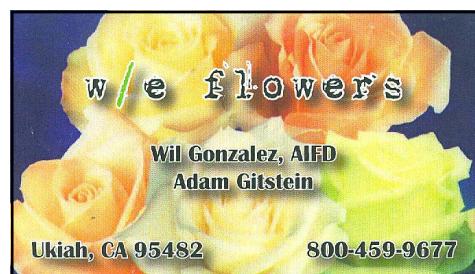
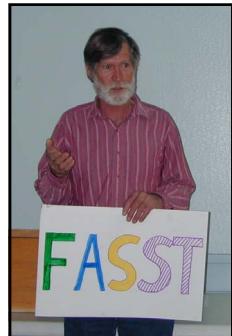
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BEFORE YOU CUT, Know these:  
Fruit / Age / Sunlight / Structure



Deadline for newsletter is the fourth Tuesday of the month (Tuesday following meeting date)