

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:

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Marva Brandt

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Susan Buckles &
Debra Watson

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Helen Turley

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Michelle Wisler

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Ginny Cline

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THYME with Marva Brandt

Every season has its beauty.... But don't you just love spring. It comes with those days that don't need the heater or the air conditioner and the windows can be wide open. Love it! My Cherokee Chief Dogwood has been fabulous since Easter, but it is done now. I will submit a couple of pictures. I think we should organize sending in a picture and description of a favorite plant/flower to the newsletter. Not sure at the moment how we would organize that. Maybe just send to Linda and she could decide when to put them in.

May is a special month for me. I was married at the ripe age of 20 at 8:00 P.M. on May 5th, 1951. You know I like numbers and there are a lot of fives in that date. We celebrated our 50th anniversary on 5/5/01 which also fell on a Saturday. Does the day stay the same 50 years later for all dates? I don't know. This year would be our 64th anniversary. Our "first born" will be married on 5/3/15. She likes her date because if you multiply the 5 and 3 you get the 15. So you can see it is a wedding month for both of us. Her fiancé, Tony, is wearing my husband's tuxedo – no alterations.

Our April meeting was a "scramble" with the speakers not showing up and the unusual agenda. I said it took me back to my teaching days. We were like a classroom that has their schedule uprooted – very chatty. When Debra and Susan told me the speakers had not shown up, I said "Good! We have a long meeting." God has a way of adjusting things!

Welcome to our newest member, Dana Benjamin! How did we get so lucky? As I listened to her, I thought that her home alone, is worth the price of a tour ticket. Did you get that feeling?

Selling tour tickets is our primary focus this month. I was delighted to hear that Bonnie bought two tickets even though they are traveling on the 30th. I am sure others have done the same thing and I just did not hear about it. This is exactly the kind of support we need.

Ginny had a great idea. The drawing for the quilt will be at the end of the garden tour. She suggested we do it at the Tallman where a glass of wine is within reach and we could relax in the garden. Or... we could do the drawing at Debra's with the same format.... Oh, that's right, I haven't asked Debra! Anyway I like the "gathering to celebrate" idea – yes, I do!

*A buried seed brings fruit;
a selfless life reaps an eternal harvest.*



MAY HOSTESSES:

Leslie Jones
Jo Douville
Claire Grieve



WELCOME

New Member: Dana Benjamin



Green Thumbs Up



To **Linda Waterstraat** and **Nancy Benkelman**.
Once again a wonderful Daffodil Tea. Everything came together and it was a very special event. WELL DONE!



Q: Susan asks Dear Dahlia, We have a large grey pine. We don't like it but it gives good shade and we don't want to lose it. It looks a little stressed....Should we water it deeply now. Or maybe we should get someone out here to look at it. It is close to our driveway. Can you help?

A: Dear Susan,

What do you mean by looking a little stressed?? Does it have dead limbs (brown needles)? Is the whole crown yellowing? Does it have streams of pitch coming down the sides of the trunk? Are there small (dime to quarter sized) bumps of red pitch on the sides of the trunk?
Signed Dear Dahlia

Dahlia knows the questions to ask: We'll be waiting on needles and boughs until Dahlia gets more information so the question can be answered. Can this tree be saved?

**Helen Turley, Treasurer,
is collecting membership dues
for CLTTGC, 2015-2016**



**Penny Pine
Certificate**



**Congratulations
Carol Dobusch**



2016-2017 OFFICERS

**President: Ginny Cline
Vice President: Mary Welsh
Treasurer: Bonnie Brady
Secretary: Kathy Steinberg**



Green Thumbs Up



To **Jo and Jerry Shaul** for making the arrangements for the Memorial Plaques for Tom Welsh, Carol Kesey, and Carmen Carpenter at the Hartley Cemetery Chapel.

Green Thumbs Up



To **Kathy Steinberg** and **Carolyn Michaels** for all their 'leg work', which of course includes the telephone, emails, etc. They each have spent many hours behind the scenes writing articles, arranging contact meetings for ticket sales and pictures taking to promote our fundraiser, the Home Garden Tour.



TOUR SNEAK PEAK



Hidden Gardens of Lake County 2015 Home Garden Tour

May 30th
10:00am to 4:00pm.
Tickets are \$25.

Invite your friends to visit our
web site at www.clttgc.org



Field Trip will be our Garden Tour May 30th- Docents will be getting more detailed info soon about their duties and visits to their gardens. If you don't know your home garden or need a garden to work (we still need to fill three slots), please contact Susan. Docents will wear their garden club badge and green half aprons with pockets (that have been purchased). Start thinking about how you might want to embellish yours. Please continue to sell, sell, sell those tickets. You are key in this endeavor. Remember we don't want any tickets returned!!! I know Suzanne and others have been putting Flyers up all over. Sales are going pretty good for first time out... it should be interesting to see how we do!



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: 'Yellow Submarine',
Created by Julie Nodine
Donated by Richard Nodine

Ticket Prices:

\$1.00 for a single ticket

\$5.00 for six (6) tickets

\$10.00 for twelve (12) tickets

Drawing will be May 30th

CLTTGC General Meeting April 21, 2015

- * From 12:00 to 12:25 we enjoyed social time with a light lunch provided by Sunny Czosnowski, Jo Jameson, and Nora Gerrard. The food was delicious. The flower arrangement was made by Jo Jameson with beautiful roses from her garden.
- * Also, during social time Susan Buckles, Joyce Porterfield, and Michelle Wisler signed up members to take Garden Tour Tickets.
- * At 12:30, President Marva Brandt opened the General Meeting.
- * Ginny Cline, the parliamentarian, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- * Marva thanked the Hostesses for the lunch.
- * Evy Escalante gave the membership report. She reported 33 in attendance; one new member and three took applications. Welcome to the club, Dana Benjamin.
- * June Dye gave an inspirational message on "Words that Hurt and Words that Heal".
- * A big thank you was given to Linda Waterstraat, Nancy Benkelman, and Kathy Steinberg for doing a fabulous job at our Daffodil Tea. All applauded the hard work that everyone contributed to the Daffodil Tea.
- * The speakers on Medicinal Herbs were not present at this meeting.
- * A social break for distributing and selling Garden Tour tickets, quilt tickets, and paying dues was taken. Also, let Linda Pyers know in writing if there is an error in the Year Book.
- * Flower roll call was called by Joyce Porterfield, which included the Penny Pines Collection. A Penny Pines certificate was awarded to Carol Dobusch.
- * The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.
- * The treasures report will be in the Newsletter.
- * Helen Turley requested a tax expert.
- * Linda Waterstraat gave a report on the Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster contest.
- * Michelle Wisler announced the North Lake Adult day care will be having a yard sale on May 2nd. The address is 2750 Hartley Rd., Lakeport. Please call Caroline at 263-9481 for

more information.

- * Barbara Swanson from the nominating committee presented the 2015-2016 Slate of officers: President: Ginny Cline, Vice President: Mary Welch, Secretary: Kathy Steinberg, Treasurer: Bonnie Brady, and Parliamentarian: Helen Turley. A motion to accept was made by Leanne Harvey. The motion was seconded and passed.
- * The Vice Presidents Report from Susan Buckles and Debra O'Dell: Upcoming field trip to Helen Finch's Garden is scheduled on 4/24/15 at 10 am. The Mendocino Plant sale in Ukiah is 5/1/2015, 9-5, and 5/2/2015, 9-3. The Ukiah Garden tour is 5/3/2015, 10-4. The Master Gardener Spring Garden Event is 5/3/2015, 10-3.
- * Dana Benjamin made a motion and it was seconded to establish a permanent scholarship in Carol Kesey's name. The amount will be decided upon by the budget.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Wisler,
Recording Secretary



Garden Therapy with Michelle



Leanne is looking for the 'Terrific Badge', which is missing, to thank and recognized a gardening club friend.

Hidden Valley Lake Garden Club

2015

GARDEN • PLANT • FLORAL

SALE

ON LAWN ENTRY TO CAMP GROUNDS

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
8:00AM TO 2:00PM

POTTED PLANTS
SPECIALTY PLANTS

RAFFLE

FLOWERS, GIFTS & GOODIES FOR MOM

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

FOOD AND BEVERAGE BOOTH

HOME BAKED GOODIES

GARDEN / PATIO SALE ITEMS

MASTER GARDENER'S BOOTH



**CLTTGCTREASURER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY/MARCH**

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

RECEIVED:

Penny Pines 23.20
Dues 60.00
Quilt Opportunity Drawing 157.00
Carol Kesey Scholarship Fund 100.00
Interest .06

TOTAL 340.26

EXPENSES:

Daffodil Tea Rent 200.00
Postage 52.42
Quilt Tickets 10.79
President District Lunch 30.00
President Miscellaneous 128.94
Memorial Plaque-Welsh 12.50
Nametags 4.86
Newsletter 72.51
Westside Park Bench Balance 569.40

TOTAL 1,081.42

ENDING BALANCE CHECKING: 3,485.74
ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS: 25.00

Respectfully Submitted by: Helen Turley, Treasurer



On behalf of the Fort Bragg Garden Club I would like to invite you to attend the **Sixtieth Birthday of the Fort Bragg Garden Club** to be held at the Recreation Hall at Russian Gulch State Park, off North Highway 1 in Mendocino, on Monday, May 11th, 2015, from 1 to 3 pm. Our speaker will be Kate Frey from Hopland. Kathy Holmes, Co-Pres



Many of you missed a wonderful little field trip. Finch Gardens was a 'delight' complete with chickens and a longhorn bull! It was a cool morning when we arrived and Helen had a little bonfire going as we waited for everyone. Helen has landscaped her property with comfort and tranquility in mind. She has colorfully placed her plants in little vignettes artfully composed with little sitting areas. Of interest was her kitchen herb garden - herbs which Helen uses in her cooking. She has horseradish which some of us want to try growing. Around the corner her cilantro and parsley was prolific. She also has a greenhouse and a year-round vegetable garden. In her 'spare time' Helen is Director of the Kid's garden at Kelseyville Elementary school.

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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

MAY 2015

- 1 Mendocino Plant Sale, Ukiah
- 2 Yard Sale on Hartley Rd to benefit North Lake Adult Day Care
- 3 Ukiah Garden Tour
- 3 Master-Gardeners Spring Garden Event
- 7 **Garden Therapy with Michelle**
10:30am (Thur) 1st Lutheran Church
3863 Country Club Dr, Lucerne
- 10 **LKRA 'Reflective Design'**
(Tuesday) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 11 Fort Bragg GC 60th Birthday Party (page 5)
- 16 Redwood Arrangers 'May Basket'
Ukiah Senior Center
495 Leslie St at 1pm (Monday)
- 15 **Board Meeting**

- 19 **CLUB MEETING** at Club House
12:00 noon - Social/Refreshment Time
12:30pm **SPEAKER:** Pat Novotney
PROGRAM: Landscape Design
Concepts & Theories. She was a designer
of the Tallman Hotel Gardens.
1:00pm Flower Roll Call
1:30pm Business Meeting

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



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