

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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Ginny Cline

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Mary Welsh

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Bonnie Brady

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Kathy Steinberg

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Helen Turley

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Plant summer bulbs, corms, tubers, and rhizomes. Plant spring color (pansy, Iceland poppy, alyssum, and viola) by mid-month.

FEBRUARY



THYME WITH PRESIDENT GINNY

We wished/prayed for rain and it's here. It looks like we are on our way to having a good rainy season.

The District meeting is at our clubhouse on February 24th. It will be a brown bag lunch for each one attending. There will be fruit, juice, coffee, tea, muffins, etc. as the attendees arrive (with a charge of \$5.00 each). Please let me know if you would like to be a delegate. I need to send this info to the District Director.

The members voted to have the tea at the clubhouse as the rent was raised at the Grange. The tea will be on March 15 with members only.



FRIENDS ARE LIKE FLOWERS

Friends are like flowers. I have found them so:
The hardy staunch perennials that grow
Year after year are like some friends I know.
One need not cultivate them with great care,
They only need the sun and wind and air
Of trust and love, and they are always there...

Some must be nursed with frequent trowel & spade,
and sheltered from the sun, or too much shade,
For fear their frail and clinging bloom may fade.

Friends are like flowers. I would be a friend
Whose blossoming no hand need ever tend;
A perennial on whom hearts can depend.

By Grace Noll Crowell





HOSTESS FOR FEBRUARY:

Carol Dobusch
Linda Pyers
Carolyn Michaels

Green Thumbs Up



Thanks **Mary Welsh** for being our January speaker. Mary taught us how to buy our roses and how to take care of them. She also shared some of the products she uses on her own roses. Mary will also be the Guest Speaker at the Mendo-Lake Winter Meeting.



SUNSHINE REPORT by Ann Blue

Nancy Benkelman
Jo & Jerry Shaul



"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." Marcel Proust

Consider being an officer in 2016-2017. Thank you, **Kathleen**, for continuing as Secretary.

We need a President, a Vice President and a Treasurer to serve.



Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves."

James M Barrie

NO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE GIVEN THIS YEAR.

2016 Garden Tour / Plant Sale-May 14th.

Mark down the date and as soon as you can, begin getting plants ready to sale. This will be our fundraiser this year & we need everyone



HUMMINGBIRD CAKE



- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 3/4 cups mashed ripe bananas (about 4 large)
- 1 (8-oz.) can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 3/4 cup canola oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°. Stir together flour and next 4 ingredients in a large bowl; add eggs and followed by next 4 ingredients, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Bake at 350° for 1 hour to 1 hour-10 minutes or until a long wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on a wire rack 10 minutes; remove from pan to wire rack, and cool completely (about 2 hours).

Frosting: 4 ounces cream cheese (cubed & softened), 1 stick butter (room temperature), 1lb sifted powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

Prepare Frosting: Cream 1 stick of butter and cream cheese for 2 minutes, gradually add powdered sugar; continue beating. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla until well blended. When cake has completely cooled, frost add pecans on top if desired.

MEALS ON WHEELS VALENTINE WORKSHOP:

When: Tuesday, Feb 9th, 10am.

Where: Claire's home.

What: Assemble Valentine's Day bags filled with cards & candy for Meals on Wheels clients. Dessert & coffee/tea will be served afterwards.

Remember to bring the cards you made or purchased (20 or 50 or 170). Bags and candy will be provided. Claire Grieve



MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT MEETING

On February 24, the CLTTGC will host the District meeting at our Club House. Starting at 9:30am, we will serve muffins, fruit, juice, coffee, and tea. There will be a \$5.00 charge. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to provide food. For those providing food, there will be no charge. Everyone attending is being asked to bring their own brown-bag lunch. We will be providing cookies. Our very own Mary Welsh will be presenting a short program on roses. The theme for the day is "Spring is Coming". Barbara Swanson has graciously agreed to handle table decorations (LKRA, please see note below). This is a regular District General meeting but is open to all members who wish to attend.

Helen Turley

NOTE: Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers

We have been asked to do the table arrangements for the District Meeting that our club is hosting on February 24, 2016. The theme is to be "Spring is Coming". It was suggested that we could use birds and any other thing that brings Spring to mind. We will need at least 7 arrangements, maybe a couple more.

Please start thinking about what you might have on hand to make the arrangements. Even if you are not going to be here for the meeting if you have anything to contribute, you can leave it with me.

Thanks! We can talk it over at our Feb. 9th meeting.

Barbara Swanson



Big Change for the Daffodil Tea

This year the Daffodil Tea will have a new look! It will be held Tuesday, March 15 at 12 noon at the Scotts Valley Clubhouse. It will be for **members only** due to the limited space.

So far we have seven members signed up to hostess a table for 4. The clubhouse will be open at 9 the day of the tea for hostesses to create their beautiful "tablescapes!"

Please consider "hostessing" a table for 4. If "hostessing" is a new experience for you, I have a sheet with "Helpful Hints".

As always, all members are asked to bring two dozen small tea sandwiches or bite-sized foods or a bite sized dessert such as cookies or tarts.

Please let me know at the next meeting if you plan on attending the tea. More info will follow at the February meeting.

I appreciate those who have signed up so far to help with this new adventure!

Linda Waterstraat



Gladdy and Tammy were presented with a check for \$520 from the Mendo-Lake District by District Director, Dr Gary Bodensteiner. This help comes to restore their garden that was destroyed during the 2016 Valley Fire.

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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: Gary Bodensteiner



Forget-me-nots



FEBRUARY 2016

Garden Therapy with Michelle

10:30am 1st Lutheran Church
3863 Country Club Dr, Lucerne

- 9 **WORKSHOP: Valentine assembly.**
(Tues) 10am Claire's home (see yearbook)
- 9 **LKRA: 'Valentine Theme-style of choice**
(Tues) 1:30pm St John's Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes Street, Lakeport.
- 12 **Board Meeting** 10am, Sun House, Lakeport.
- 16 **Regular Club Meeting**
12 noon: Social Time/Refreshments
12:30pm Program: 'CLTTGC History'
1-1:30pm Flower Roll Call
1:30pm Business Meeting

No Field Trips this month

- 24 **Mendo-Lake District Winter Meeting**
9:30 am Refreshments
10:30 am Business Meeting
12:30 Lunch



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