

# 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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## 2016-17 Officers:

### President:

Dana Benjamin

### Vice President:

Debra Watson

### Maureen Braiser

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Nora Gerrard

### Secretary:

Kathy Steinberg

### Parliamentarian:

Nancy Benkelman



See us on Facebook

### ROSE:

Time to prune.  
Time to remove &  
discard leaves at  
the base.

Mary Welsh



## THYME WITH PRESIDENT DANA

February is my favorite month of the year! Weather usually teases us with a promise of Spring that will soon be here! I love Daphne, and it graces us with its wonderful aroma, that is mixed with the damp rains!

This month we will discuss the continuation of the History of Landscape Design in Western Civilization. As we become familiar with the history of Landscape Design, observe all garden's, and try to identify the influences we have covered. It is a fun game to play!

**Greece:** In Greece, the idea of container gardens emerged because city houses were small, irrigation was expensive and a luxury, and the grounds crowded. An ideal garden had an orchard, a vineyard, and a hedge garden for floral display with a central fountain, and often contained sculptures.

**Rome:** Romans are known for their urban design and spatial organization. The "Forum Romanum" was a large open public space in the center of Rome and was the hub of the Roman Empire. The construction of the Appian Way in 312 A.D. was a system to tie distant provinces closer to Rome. City gardens were enclosed within the house in an open court surrounded by columns (called peristyle). Topiaries were first used and horticultural experts debuted. Statuary was also prominent in Roman gardens with a mythical theme.

**Italy:** Italian gardens introduced formal gardens using mathematical formulas of numbers and groupings. Hillside villas, with the use of gravity, was introduced to furnish water to fountains, water cascades, and pools. Town squares were introduced.

**France:** Paris became the model of civic design for the entire world in the nineteenth century. Radial avenues, parks, wide boulevards, and a grand canal, made it so beautiful.

**Netherlands:** Garden sizes were limited and land was reclaimed from the sea, making trees difficult to grow. "Tulipmania" was prevalent. Topiaries were prevalent and fine turf was used for areas for lawn bowling.

**England:** Tudor knot gardens, a series of entwined planting of clipped boxwood hedges, created an interwoven pattern set between pathways with stones or flowers to add color. The formal garden became obsolete and were replaced with irregular, asymmetrical designs resembling Oriental garden designs. The English Landscape Gardening School was born in 1713. The naturalistic design was more sustainable and less expensive to maintain. World Wars signaled the decline of garden-making on a grand scale as the labor force went off to war.



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**SUNSHINE REPORT** by Ann Blue

Betty Atwood  
Michelle Wisler

Marlene Melcher  
Jo Shaul



**HOSTESS FOR FEBRUARY:**  
Carol Dobusch  
Carolyn Michaels  
Linda Pyers

# WELCOME

Marlene Melcher  
33 Briarwood Road  
West Hartford, CT 06107-2902

Email: [marlenemelcher@att.net](mailto:marlenemelcher@att.net)  
Birthday Month and Day 06/02

Marlene came to the Secret Garden Tour last year and loved it so much that she has chosen to get involved with CLTTGC. She spends 4 months in California each year, and she will be a great addition to our club during her annual trips to California.

Nancy Benkelman has new contact information:  
nanbenkelman@gmail.com  
Her phone number also changed, but I do not print it in Trellis Talk.

### Continued from Thyme with President Dana

The development of Landscape Design from ancient cultures to the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was primarily for the enjoyment of the wealthy and nobility of the times. If I could see one garden in history my choice would be the Hanging Gardens of Babylon built by Nebuchadnezzar in 605 B.C. for his wife who was from Persia. She missed her homeland and the trees and flowers she loved!

*Dear Members of CLTTGC. I feel at this time that I have to drop out of this wonderful club that has given me much happiness. After my last broken hip, I have to be so careful not to fall. Thank you to the members who sent me cards and gifts and also came to visit me. You will always be in my mind and prayers.*

*With much love to all of you, Jo Shaul*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1pm**  
**VALENTINE'S FOR MEALS ON WHEELS WORKSHOP:**  
Members please make or buy as many cards as you like. There are 150 clients. Bring them already signed. I already bought the candy and bags, and will sign 150 cards from the garden club, plus I have enough card board boxes to deliver bags to Senior Center . Afterwards coffee/tea & desserts and visiting. Always feels good to do something nice for others.  
**TIME CHANGE TO BOOK**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, at noon.**  
**Soup, Salad, and Seeds at Debra O'Dell's home.**  
**Bring unwanted seeds you have saved, or whole / partial packets to exchange over lunch.**  
**DATE CHANGE TO BOOK**



## Garden Therapy with Michelle





CONGRATULATIONS!  
Debra Watson O'Dell



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**BOUQUET TO ARTS FIELD TRIP:** March 16th, at the De Young Museum in San Francisco. The cost is \$50 (lunch not included). We will leave by 7am and meet the bus in Healdsburg. We should be home by 5pm. Make checks out to Healdsburg Garden Club and give to Dana at February meeting.

**SAFARI WEST FIELD TRIP:** May 1st, in Santa Rosa. The cost is \$20. Make checks out to Safari West and give to Dana at February meeting. Details TBA.

**QUESTIONNAIRE:** Complete and return at February meeting.

**LAKE KABATIN REDBUD ARRANGERS:**

'Valentine Any Style' CHANGE FROM BOOK

We will bring our contrived flowers if we have them and otherwise use any other flowers you care to and a style of arrangement of your choice with a Valentine theme.

Thanks, Barbara

**LAKE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS:**

CLTTGC voted to plant certain areas on the fairgrounds (a triangle that has a large volcanic rock in the middle; two raised flower beds in front of Lewis Hall building; and an area in front of the Flora Culture building). Debra, Fair Manager, has offered us the Junior Building at no cost for our Daffodil Tea. Barbara Swanson recommended that we have our work party in August.



**DAFFODIL TEA CHAIRPERSON**

Dr Susan Cannon spoke on Bonsai Trees in January.



**PLANT SALE CHAIRPERSON**



**CLTTGC POSTER CONTEST** by Linda Waterstraat Each year the U.S. Forest Service & the National Garden Clubs, Inc. work together to sponsor the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest. Since 2000, CLTTGC has sponsored the contest locally. First through fifth graders are invited to demonstrate their understanding of fire prevention or basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl. This year CLTTGC received 51 posters from three participating schools— Burns Valley Elementary, Pomo Elementary and Lakeport Elementary. From these 51 posters, eight were chosen to move on to California Garden Clubs, Inc. All students who participated will receive a certificate along with materials provided by the Mendocino National Forest office in Upper Lake. We wish to thank the teachers and students who put forth the effort to participate. Good luck to the eight winning students whose posters move on to the state level. The Grand Prize National Poster winner wins a free trip to Washington D.C. along with a \$100 U.S. Bond.



## Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

www.clttgc.org

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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: Gary Bodensteiner  
Assistant Director: Rhea Pitchard



# Forget-me-nots

## FEBRUARY 2017



- 7 **MEALS ON WHEELS VALENTINES: 1pm**  
Assemble bags & candies for **150** clients  
Bring pre-signed cards to Claire's home.



- 14 **LKRA "VALENTINE" any style**  
**(Tues) 1:30pm**, St Johns Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 16 **SEED SWAP/Lunch: (Thur) Noon**  
Soup, Salad, & Seeds Swap  
Debra's O'Dell's home.



- 21 **Regular Club Meeting: Noon**  
12:00 noon Social Time / Refreshments  
12:30pm Speaker: Jamie Chavalier, Owner  
of Bountiful Gardens in Willits, on "Seed Saving"  
1:00pm Flower Roll Call  
1:30pm Business Meeting

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

**MASTER GARDENERS WORKSHOPS-Lake County**  
Jan 28, 10am Fruit Tree Pruning, Lakeport.  
Feb 2, 1:15pm Pruning Fruit Trees, Cobb Mtn Elementary School  
Feb 4, 10am-12pm No Lakeport, Planting for Beneficial Insects  
AG Center Conference Room  
Feb 11, 12:30pm Starting Seeds of Vegetable and Flowers  
Feb 18, 10am Middletown  
RSVP: 707 263-6838 celake@ucanr.edu \$5  
Please verify info printed (copied from Record Bee)