

# 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:

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Dana Benjamin

### Vice President:

Debra Watson

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Kathy Steinberg

### Parliamentarian:

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See us on Facebook

**FACT:** Daffodils contain a toxic sap which is harmful to other flowers. When arranging in a vase, don't mix with other flowers unless the daffodils have been soaking in water for 24 hours. Do not recut the stems as it will release the toxin.

## THYME WITH PRESIDENT DANA

March is upon us and is the beginning of new activities in our gardens. It's time to clean up and think about any new "Redesign" of existing areas to make our gardens more conducive to our needs so we derive full enjoyment during the coming seasons.

In Landscape Design there are three main reasons for a "Redesign".

1. Respond to changing site conditions which occur as a landscape site matures.
2. Respond to the changing needs of the users of the Landscape.
3. Readapt as site for a different/new owner.

A newly landscaped site is generally in full sun and has bright light with the result of warm soil temperatures. It is an area exposed to strong winds, and more harsh climate.

As planted landscapes mature dramatic changes occur. Conifer masses combined with overall growth of the Landscape reduces wind velocities making the climate less harsh and generally more moderate and comfortable.

Canopy trees mature and provide considerable shade patterns, which move as the sun's position in the sky changes. All larger plant masses create shade patterns in areas there were originally predominantly sunny. Soil temperatures tend to be lower in all shaded areas. Competition for water and nutrients becomes an additional complicating factor.

The overall context of a well-designed landscape should prevail: privacy, enclosure, windbreak, shade and canopy with spatial structure prevailing.

Several typical necessary responses to the maturing landscape are as follows:

1. Areas for color, which were in sun originally allowing good growth should now be planted in shade plants.
2. A Coniferous privacy screen and windbreak eventually loses most of the lower branches due to "Shading Out". Underplanting with shade species such as rhododendrons or a privacy fence is the only way to respond to the change.
3. Woody plant masses such as spreading junipers may have done well initially but gradually deteriorate, necessitating eventual removal and replacement with more dense, shade-tolerant species.
4. Tender, less hardy species, which could not withstand the cold, windswept original site, may later do well in the more moderate climate conditions of the protected site.



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## Green Thumbs Up



THANKS to **Claire Grieve** for inviting us into her home for Meals on Wheels' Valentines. Claire had it all set-up for a smooth assembly line and yummy refreshments. THANKS to **Shirley Estrem** for mailing a box of cards from Idaho. With the extra homemade cards Shirley sent, Claire sent cards to Doris Ellsworth, Jo Shaul, Betty Atwood, & Susan Buckles. THANKS to **Leslie, Jo J, Ann, Carolyn, Nora, Kathleen, Linda P, Cherie & her daughter Mary, Linda W, & Claire**—who filled bags with candy and Valentine cards. We all worked quickly because we knew pie, cream puffs, banana bread and several kinds of cookies were waiting for us. Then we visited and had a good time together. Always nice to send warm *'thinking of you'* wishes to the Meals on Wheels clients.



This year we will be giving one \$1000 Scholarship. **Leanne Harvey** will keep us posted as to when the applications are due



**Scholarship**



QUESTIONNAIRES: **Kathleen** has the summary of the feedback from the Questionnaire. Only four members responded. If you would like to add any info to the summary, just email or mail me and I will add your response.



*These suggestions sound really fun!*



**PLANT SALE CHAIRPERSON**



## DAFFODIL TEA

- \* March 21, 2017 (Tuesday—replaces regular March Meeting).
- \* Set-up time: 8:30am-11:30am. Members that have signed-up to host a table bring their own linens, table settings, teapot, sugar and creamer servers (bring teabags, but sugar & cream will be provided) and a flower-center-piece. Hostesses often send out invitations and bring a favors for each table guest.
- \* Tea Time: 12 noon.
- \* Contact Susan Buckles if you are a member and do not have an assigned seat.
- \* Refreshments are provided by members. Please bring 2 dozen tea sandwiches or 2 dozen sweet treats. (Bring in stackable containers).
- \* LKRA are encouraged to bring arrangements to share.
- \* Kate Fry is our Speaker (Chelsea Gardens in London).



## Garden Therapy

with Michelle



## Continued from Thyme with Dana

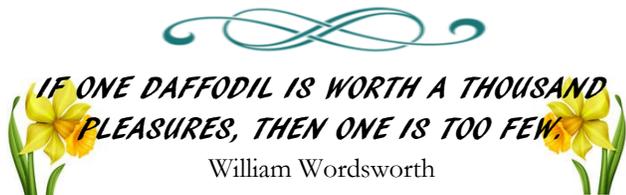
The user's needs also change as children grow up or a lifestyle evolves or changes. Critical considerations for the redesign of the landscape are as follows:

1. Thorough documentation of all elements of the site and existing micro-climatic and soil conditions.
2. Careful noting of all existing plants, plantings and constructed features which should be retained.
3. A creative design solution, which meets the new need and is sensitive to the existing features and conditions of the site must be evolved.
4. Construction of the new landscape must include all necessary measures to protect and preserve all the worthwhile existing site features.

Some Potential Additions to the Landscape Redesign which can add detail are suggested below:

1. New paved areas.
2. Benches and seat walls.
3. Retaining walls and steps if necessary to make the site more usable.
4. Masses of annual flowers for color.
5. Dramatic Landscape lighting.
6. Berms and baffles for human scale and visual definitions.
7. Vines, hanging baskets, espaliers, etc.
8. Sculpture, statuary and artifacts for focal points.

Redesigning a landscape area is a true challenge. I look at my garden and realize I did not give enough room or thought to certain plantings. Sculpture and statuary is a favorite to fill in areas that has no interest or feeling of place. You can be as creative as you like and gardening magazines are a great source of inspiring new ideas! Good Luck on any redesign projects!



MASTER GARDENER'S suggestions on what to plant in March: Delphiniums, pansies, violas, marigolds, geraniums, Shasta daisies, columbine, and potatoes.



## Green Thumbs Up



To **Debra** for inviting us to her home for the Seed Exchange. Fun event! There were lots of seeds and catalogs provided & we all enjoyed a potluck lunch. Yum!



CHINESE CABBAGE SALAD		by Linda Pyers
1	Cabbage, shredded	
6	Green Onions, chopped	
2 +1/4 oz	Almonds, sliced	
1/2 cup	Sesame Seeds	
1 pkg	Chicken Top Ramen	
1/4 cup	Margarine	
1/2 cup	Vegetable oil	
1 Tbsp	Soy Sauce	
1/4 cup	Vinegar	
1/3 cup	Sugar	
	Salt & Pepper to taste.	



In large frying pan, melt margarine. Crumble Top Ramen in the package and add to the margarine, along with sesame seeds and almonds. Brown slightly. Add the Top Ramen flavor packet and mix well. Remove from heat and cool.

Shred cabbage and mix with chopped onions. Mix well. Just before serving, add the cabbage to the Top Ramen mixture. Top with a dressing made from the oil, soy sauce, vinegar and sugar.

NOTE: I left out the green onion. I added cilantro. I used less sugar. Thanks for requesting this recipe.

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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*



MARCH 2017

- 14 **LKRA Creative Daffodil**-Name your style .  
(Tues) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 16 **FIELD TRIP: BOUQUET TO ARTS (Thur)**  
Bus leaves Healdsburg at 8:15am
- 21 **DAFFODIL TEA (Tuesday) 12 Noon**  
Scott's Valley Women's Club House  
Set-up 8:30am –11:30am

**SPRING**

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

**FIELD TRIP: BOUQUET TO ARTS**, March 16th, De Young Museum in San Francisco.

We leave Healdsburg at 8:15 a.m. Address to meet in Healdsburg is 1557 Healdsburg Ave. Take the Dry Creek Road Exit. Turn Left. Go to Healdsburg Ave. and turn left. The Park & Ride is on the left side and is a green Soccer field just south of Healdsburg community center. You should see a bus. My cell number is 707 328-3858. I will have it that morning. Tickets are non-refundable-but you can sell it to someone else if something comes up and you cannot make it. Kathleen Steinberg and Ann Blue are riding with me. You can follow us if you want to come up to the intersection of 20 & 29 and park at the service station there. We will be leaving there at 6:45 a.m. Dana DiRicco

**SAFARI WEST FIELD TRIP:** May 1st , in Santa Rosa. The cost is \$20. Deadline was February's meeting, so check with Dana. Make checks out to Safari West