

Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club was founded September 21, 1955, by three women who wished to create and promote an interest in amateur gardening in Lake County.

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Officers:

- President:
Claire Grieve
- Vice President
Celesta Deter
- Treasurer:
Nora Gerrard
- Recording Sec:
Linda Waterstraat
- Corresponding Sec:
Mary Pat Adams
- Parliamentarian:
Jo Douville



TIP #1

Wine barrel too deep to fill with dirt? After drilling holes in the bottom, add oak leaves as filler.

Jane Graham,
Master Gardener

TIP #2

Iris info: trim iris' fan to 7 inches. Dig rhizomes in Aug/Sep.

Mary Ann Worth,
Iris Society Member

Garden Journaling

by Ann Blue, Penny Pines Chairman

Penny Pines Program:

In 1990 CLTTGC joined other clubs and individuals in supporting the Penny Pines restoration program, which had begun in 1942.

A Contribution of \$68 towards the cost of planting seedlings on about 1 acre of national forest land in CA (together with federal funds), will fund the Forest Service to do the planting in the Nation Forest nearest you.

The restoration program is on lands burned-over and

brush-covered areas which are potentially productive timberlands.

Northern Calif. Plantations (as they are called) are for soil protection, beauty, help prevent floods and water shortages, furnish feed and habitat for wildlife and future harvestable timber, as well as other benefits.

Our Club collects money through our roll call at each meeting. In addition to these funds, individual club members and others may purchase plantations through our club as

memorials or to honor a birthday, wedding or 'just because'.

The National Forest Service provides a sign for each fire area. Under the name of the Garden Club, there will be one list of names for memorials and another for those honored.

Watch your monthly newsletter for additional information.



Penny Pine recipients:

#36 Carol Brabrook

#37 Katherine



A Stroll Down 'Memory Lane'

with Mary Secord

In 1985 it was brought to my attention that the **Hartley Chapel** area was going to need landscaping. An article in Family Circle magazine was giving prize money to non-professional groups to submit plans to beautify their community. I brought this to the meeting and they gave me the go-ahead to start this project. I drew up plans and sent pictures of the area along with work schedules of planting and landscaping. We had to start from zero as the ground was being prepared for black top. Following rules and schedules we started sending progress of our plan. We won \$250.00 This

gave us a start and with the memorial garden idea we soon had the funds to put the plan to work.



Note: Mary was Civic Beautification Chairman. The planting was done in three phases. Club members took care of the watering. There was only one well for the

whole cemetery. To conserve water, both native and drought resistant plants were used. Members of the community donated money for this memorial garden, also the club held a yard sale to raise money.

The 'garden design' focuses on low maintenance, water conservation without sacrificing year round beauty. Mulches are used around trees and shrubs to reduce weed growth and water evaporation. A number of large rocks are randomly placed to provide a natural contrast and a low redwood split rail fence provides definition.





Serving as President for a club that is going into its' 53rd year – you know there are well established rules, procedures and standards – so stepping into this position will create a challenge for me to live up to those who went before me and will encourage me to add my personality into the mix.

be sharing plants, sharing your knowledge, and also sharing your time and friendship.

I am amazed at all the members who are already doing “more than their share” – no I am not amazed – I knew this is what our club is made of – people who enjoy sharing their ideas and knowledge and time.

Thanks to all of you; and please stop by for a cup of coffee or tea, and there is usually some cookies in the cookie jar.

*See you in the garden,
Claire*

My theme is “Cultivate Kindness, Share Your Garden”. Sharing your garden can

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Mendo-Lake District ‘buzz’

by Gina-Belle Smith

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your 30th Mendo-Lake District Director. Our theme for this administration is “The ‘Buzz’ is Grow – Heritage & Heirlooms”. This theme was chosen because it represents growing in all areas of our six garden clubs.

My goals for the next two years are to bring our clubs closer together in order to help each other. We are going to grow in strength, membership, fresh ideas, leadership and fellowship. Our district chairmen are an informative positive team ready to help at all times. I am encouraging that we incorporate the theme of our CGCI State President, Robin Pokorski, “Garden Club: A Natural Place to Grow” and our Pacific

Region Director, Jeanette Pruin, “Reserve Our Gardening Heritage - Cultivate Heirloom Seeds” and our National Garden Club President, Barbara May, “Nurture the Earth – Plant Natives”.

I will be looking forward to visiting all six clubs and attending as many functions as possible. Please join me our quest for Growth.

Now let's get the



“Buzz”,

Gina-Belle



May God bless the men & women serving our country and their families.

Garden Club Affiliates

National Garden Clubs, Inc. (www.gardenclub.org)
National President: Barbara May
Theme: “Nurture the Earth – Plant Natives”

Pacific Region (www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)
Director: Jeanette Pruin JBandRJPruin@comcast.net
Theme: “Preserve Our Gardening Heritage”

California Garden Club, Inc.
(www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org)
President: Robin Pokorski
Theme: “Garden Club: A Natural Place to Grow”

Mendo-Lake District Director: Gina-Belle Smith
(gardenbunny0@yahoo.com)
Theme: “The Buzz is Grow”

- Mendo-Lake District Garden Clubs
- Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club
- Fort Bragg Garden Club
- North Lake Garden Club
- Potter Valley Garden Club
- Ukiah Garden Club
- Willits Garden Club

Take your own stroll to **Hartley Cemetery, Memorial Garden** and see if you can identify these plants placed in memory of former club members.

Main Planting Area: California Lilac (*Ceanothus-gregeus*), California Poppy (*Eschscholzia-California*), Indian Hawthorn (*Raphiolepis-indica*), Day Lily (*Hemerocallis-lilioasphodelus*), Juniper (*Juniperus-conferta*), Sweet Gum (*Liquidambar-orientalis*), Oleander (*Nerium-orleander*), Winter Iris (*Iris-unguicularis*), Flowering Cherry (*Prunus-serrulata*), Daffodil (*Narcissus-sp.*), Jonquil (*Narcissus-jonquilla*), Rock Rose (*Cistus-purpureus & salavifolius*), Rosemary (*Rosmarinus-officinalis*).

Mound: Black Hills Spruce (*Picea-densata*), Mugho Pine (*Pinus-mugo*), Winter Iris (*Iris-missouriensis*).

South Planter: Birch (*Betula-pendul*), Day Lily (*Hemerocallis fulva*), Lily-of-the-Nile (*Agapanthus - "Peter Pan"*), California Fuscia (*Zauschneria-California*).

West Planter: Bearded Iris (*Iris-sp.*)

East Planters: Globe Arborvitae (*Thuja-globaosa*), Tobira (*Pittosporum-tobira*).

The REAL Dirt submitted by Claire

Butterfly eggs are laid on the underside of the milk weed plants. When it becomes a caterpillar, it eats the milk weed. It is a nectar plant. The following information is about the plants we bought at the Sweet Memories Butterfly Farm:

The plant with the red flowers:
Asclepias curassavica 'Silky Deep Red'

The plant with the yellow flowers:

Asclepias Curassavica 'Silky Gold'

Bloodflower

Perennial Sub shrub:

- Deer resistant.

- Native of South America.
- Deciduous bedding, container, border and cut flower plant.
- Flowering time: summer-fall.
- Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds and bees.
- Bloom color: golden yellow.
- Height: 3-3.5 feet.
- Exposure: sun.
- Water: moderate.

Plant & Talents Table

Let's help Doris out – we can help her carry all those boxes in from the truck, or donate some items and plants, or purchase the items. All the monies help our general fund.

Green Thumbs Up to

Chair **Helaine Christiansen &**



committee for planning, designing, & winning 2nd prize at the Lake County Fair Exhibit garden. Theme: Passport to Fun - Picnic in Tuscany.

Gift Basket for Opportunity Drawing



Please bring gently used items and unwanted gifts to donate for our gift basket. Hand crafted items by our talented members are welcome. Money raised from the drawing supports the newsletter. (See Jo Douville)

Green Thumbs Up to

Mary Secord

for cleaning out the two huge round flower beds at Library Park by herself.



Green Thumbs Up to

Joelle Holford for being awarded CGCI 'Woman of the Year'. **Congratulations!!!!**



New Members by Diane Neilson

Folders have been assembled that contain the By-laws, Standing Rules, New Membership Orientation sheets, and the Yearbook.

Membership Chairman, Diane Neilson, will give folders to each member at the September meeting and to new members that join during the year. If a member loses a yearbook, there will be a cost of approximately \$3.00 to cover the cost of printing.

Sunshine News by Nancy Bailey

- Thank you note to Helaine & Fred Christensen for hosting the End of Season Potluck.
- Thank you note to Claire Grieve.
- Thank you note to Gina– Belle Smith.
- Congratulations note to Joelle Holford.
- Get Well to Jay Swanson
- Get Well card to Mary Secord.
- Get Well card to Linda Pyers
- Sympathy card—Ann Blue

September Calendar

4 Lake Kabatin Arrangers—11am
11 Garden Therapy—10:30am Clearlake
18 Club Meeting—Hostess: J Dye,
S Gardner-Neumann, D Neilson.
20 Garden Therapy—10:30am Lucerne
26 Penny Pines Field Trip.
Thur -8-10am Youth Garden,
Kelseyville

Green Thumbs Up to



Doris Ellsworth for purchasing & donating all those goodies we see on the Plants & Talents Table.

Youth Garden Club

CLTTGC is now sponsoring Kelseyville Elementary School Garden Club which is lead by Helen Finch. Gina-Belle submitted forms to CGCI to register this youth group. Andrea helped the group start a Butterfly Garden and she goes every Thursday at 8-10 am. Members are encouraged to support our Youth Chairman and our Youth Garden Club.

Field Trip - Sweet Memories Butterfly Farm

by Claire Grieve

The July 28 field trip to the Sweet Memories Butterfly Farm in Potter Valley was a fun and educational day for 21 members and guests. We were welcomed by Dee Dee Nunn and her husband, and invited to sit in the shade on a beautiful lawn area while Dee Dee shared their experiences of creating their butterfly farm. What a labor of love this adventure was for them and their daughter and business partner, Lena Palva.

This is a working farm, they do not spray, the butterflies, caterpillars, chrysalis all die of natural causes or old age. Their main goal is to educate people on how they can make a big difference and increase the butterfly population by planting a butterfly garden in their backyard. Butterflies usually make their homes where they are released as long as you have nectar and host plants.

We walked thru many garden areas of plants and shrubs divided by charming fences and displays, green houses, cottages, a nursery building, a gift shop, and even a koi pond with blooming water lilies. The display garden areas were labeled with different types of plants. Dee Dee explained and showed various stages of the development of the butterflies in each of the greenhouses and buildings – what a process. The finale was the large building with the Monarchs and Painted Ladies butterflies flying all around us, what an experience and photo opportunity.



Monarch caterpillars eat Milk Weed, it is a nectar plant. Dee Dee's favorite plants and shrubs to attract butterflies is Zinnia, "Jupiter's Beard" or "Red Valerian" (*Centranthus ruber*) and Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia*).

We were each given a container of 3 caterpillars to take home and watch their cycle – it takes about a month to develop into a beautiful butterfly. After the tour we enjoyed our bag lunches while discussing and asking more questions about the butterflies. I would recommend this tour for anyone interested in butterflies, plants or who just loves learning about nature and the cycle of life.

For more information: www.sweetmemoriesbutterflyfarm.com or Email: sweetmbf@yahoo.com



Christmas Wreaths will be limited to 200 this year. So, make sure your long time customers get their orders and money in first thing. Order forms (envelopes) will be available at our September meeting. The deadline for returning the form is November 6th (same day the Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers meet).

Jan Kespohl is the one to see.

This newsletter is about you.

Please send in articles about the field trip you attended with the club or the committee you are chairing, pictures, poems, announcements, etc.

Please share your garden with us. Send a picture of yourself in your garden along with other pictures and a few words telling us the highlights.

Time dated material needs to reach the editor *before* the last day of the month.

...a beautiful and meaningful relationship evolved between the living and the elements, well organized but without a highly structured appearance. Orderly but random blend of each element provide simultaneous feelings of separation from and belonging to the whole. We are blessed as Californians to witness an outstanding example of how the diverse yet inter-related elements compliment each other. California with its "Rain" forests, snow packs, fog, deserts,

streams, lakes, bogs, mountains, serpentine and volcanic soils, rocky crevices and ledges provided a home for indigenes trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, succulents, grasses and non-flowering plants that comprise over 5000 species belonging to over 1100 genera. Many of these native plants are being challenged by exotics brought in by European settlers. You and I have a responsibility to protect our native landscapes from further intrusion by

alien plants. Avoid planting aggressive aliens that may escape cultivation. Regardless of gardening preference, it's the responsibility of every caring person to keep California beautiful by preserving its regional native landscapes and thus living in harmony with our natural beauty.



September

Morning glory

Happy Birthday

October

Cosmos

September:

9/1 Doris Ellsworth

9/3 Ginny Gunderson

9/8 Caryn de Larios

9/8 Jan Kespohl

9/27 Jim Smith

October:

10/4 Sharon Thorne

10/12 Myra Wendt

10/15 Theresa Mathur

10/26 Mary Secord

Symbol of Love;
Daintiness / Talisman
of Love; Affection

Joy / Modesty

Green Thumbs Up
to
Jane Grabam for starting out the 'Garden Tour Season' with a wonderful trip through her garden and her neighbor's rose garden.

Green Thumbs Up
to
Barbara Swanson added new color with new plants to compliment the plants already in the four planter boxes at the library.

Green Thumbs Up
to
Claire Grieve for creating & typing,
Jo Douville for proofing, &
Linda Pyers computer assisting on the year book

Green Thumbs Up
to
Carol Brabrook for planting new color with new plants to the garden around the sign at the Blue Star Memorial.

Green Thumbs Up
to
Barbara Swanson for our excellent WEB site. Check it out for more pictures and infor of club events.

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The club meets at 12:30 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
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**Deadline for articles is the last day
of each month.**

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Forget-me-nots

Garden Therapy: Sep 11-Clearlake, Sep 20-Lucerne /
10:30am.

CLTTGC Meeting: Sep 18 / 1pm
11:30am Picture viewing of Butterfly Garden Tour
12noon-New Member Orientation Chaired by Pam Held.
1pm - Theme: Gallery of Events & Activities
Present Fair Exhibit & winners,
Club State Awards

Remember to bring a flower for roll call.

Gift Basket Drawing: Chaired by: Jo Douville.
Please bring donations for our gift basket.

Plants & Talents Table: Hosted by Doris Ellsworth.
Please bring items & plants to sell.

Sunflower Contest: ends Sep meeting.
Bring your best sunflower. Prizes for the tallest &
largest diameter flower.

Field Trip Sign Up: Sep 26, Penny Pines Field Trip
Deer Valley Campground, Upper Lake
Carpool, US Forest Ranger will speak,
Bring bag lunch & drink. More information will be

available at Sep meeting.

Youth Garden Club: Thursdays / 8-10am.

Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers: Oct 2 /11am
Theme—Crescent Design.

Awards Workshop Sign Up: Oct 3 / 9:30am-12noon
Chaired by: Jo Shaul & Mary Secord
Mendo Lake Credit Union, 963-11th Street, Lakeport
Talk with chairman as to what supplies to bring.

Field Trip Sign Up: Oct 17, Hydro-Pacific Tour / 10am
Organized by Sharon Thorne
Hydroponic & Garden Supply
351 C Hasting Avenue, Ukiah
Free tour with owner Jim Shaw
Carpool-meet at 9:00am at Sentry Market (corner of Hwy 20
& Nice-Lucerne Cutoff) CLTTGC has been invited to join
North Lake Garden Club on this field trip.

Hollyhock Contest: ends Oct meeting.

Christmas Wreath: Nov 6, order deadline. (see Jan
Kespohl)