

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 #16 It is ok to cut off all dead branches; but only cut 1/3 off live growth. **Claire Grieve**

TIP #17 Old panty hose are great for tying stems & branches to a post, without cutting into your plant.

June Beto

TIP #18 The best thing you can put in your garden is your shadow. It's the best way to fight weeds and pests.

Linda Pyers

Garden Journaling

Jo Douville

Wildflowers

You might be surprised to learn that all the flowers you see in gardens – even roses, come from ancient wildflowers. Many of the plants we purchase are also considered wildflowers. *Columbine, Yarrow, Bachelor Buttons, and Johnny-Jump-Ups* are just a few.

People are planting more wildflower gardens because they usually need less water, like sun and are free of serious pests and diseases. Planting time is usually in the fall. Wildflowers come in a great variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Perhaps most important, wild flowers

attract birds, bees, and butterflies. What more could you ask for?



We all love our California poppy, which still has room to flourish in Lake County. My favorite wildflower is the *MATILJA Poppy*. Its' showy white flowers are the largest of any plant native to California and look like fried eggs, a large yellow center with

white petals. They grow well in spots along Soda Bay Road and in the Riviera. I haven't had any luck growing them in my yard, though.

There are thousands of different wildflowers and planting information can be ordered from:

WILDSEED FARMS,
425 Wildflower Hills,
PO Box 3000,
Fredericksburg, TX 78624-3000.

Phone: 1-800-848-0078,
Fax: 830-990-8090,

www.wildseedfarms.com.

May all your needs be wildflowers!



A Stroll Down 'Memory Lane'

with Carol Kesey

Mum Shows from 1959 – 1995

We had Standard Flower Shows with our Chrysanthemum Tea started in 1959, and many people said it was the *'Highlight of Fall'*.

Edna Jameson, (Alma's mother and Joanne's mother-in-law), Alma Lampson, Marie Wright, my mother (Jennie Grothe), and Helen Ricabough (who tried to teach us how to pronounce flower names correctly and we all participated too) were Charter members.

Some names of our Mum Shows were: 'Manuscripts and Mums', 1983; 'Centennial Parade', 1961 – (honoring Lake County 100 year);

'Myriads of Mums', 1964; 'Round the Calendar with

Mums', 1965; 'Magic of Mum', 1966; 'Autumn Ripples', 1982; 'Festival of Mums', 1985; 'Serenade of the Mums', 1986; 'Around the World with Mums', 1991; 'Ale orations with Mums', 1993; 'Fantasies with Mums', 1994; 'Melodies with Mums', 1995.

We planted many trees, shrubs and wild flower seeds at school, parks, and at the Court House grounds, as well as many donations to Penny Pines and scholarships.

In the 1957 yearbook, the first "Annual Daffodil Tea" was held at the Jr. Horseman Building at the Fairgrounds.

We also had a Junior Section for children, which was very successful (all little girls). This

was for the Fall Tea and Mum Show. The little girls were Sally Hance, Laura Kesey (Carol's daughter), Lois John, Patti Rosa, and Marna Lewis (Kathy's daughter).



As told to Claire by Carol:

Before the Daffodil Tea, the Garden Club held the Annual Chrysanthemum Tea. Hattie and Bob Tonkin bought Marie Wright's house on Clear Lake Ave. and that's how Hattie got into the chrysanthemums, because Marie was into chrysanthemums. Hattie and her husband brought mums. The first Mum Tea was held at Carol's – they built the house and had just moved in, didn't even have drapes yet.





Cultivate

Kindness,

Share

Your

Garden



Tree Tally = 12

When a President asks – Who would like to be Chairman – usually all head look to the floor – in our club, if no one volunteers to be Chairman, I then ask - who would like to be on the committee with me and 10 to 12 hands go up. Lately, this has happened three times to me.

With the Free Committee's \$500 budget, we had approx. 12 members attend 2 meetings, individuals spoke up, volunteered, did what they said they would do, and that project is now completed.

Same thing with our Meals on Wheels Project making 115 Easter bags filled with sugarless candy and handmade cards. I asked who would like to be Chairman, all heads looked down, I asked who would

like to be on the committee with me and 10 hands went up – members again volunteered to shop, buy goodies, and make cards. We met to assemble the bags and the bags were delivered to the Lucerne and Lakeport Senior Centers – another project completed.

Another Chairman was needed for the Plant Sale – same thing – 13 members volunteered, showed up for the meeting, we all have parts in putting this project together and with our Club Member's participation, we will have a successful Plant Sale in May.

I am proud to brag about our members and what good team players we are.

See you in the garden, Claire

Mendo-Lake District Clubbuzz

by Gina-Belle Smith



The Golden Gardens publication is really getting some good stuff, have you read it lately? Consider sending in your own article. The 2008 CGCI Convention is coming up...June 5th-9th in Woodland Hills. Now, if you haven't been to a convention YET...this is a great time! But you do have to plan ahead, make reservations, etc. I would suggest a buddy system. Travel & Stay together and what better way to get to know your buddy! If you like RHODODENDRONS...the Rhododendron Show in Fort Bragg is the first weekend in May (3rd & 4th), Sat 1:30-5 & Sun 10-5. You can

call me for more information 964-798. CGCI's Website is really filled with resourceful information, do check it out...Joanne Jameson's quote still lingers on their site under Club Services/ "membership tidbits". Garden Clubs are all getting ready for their Spring plant sales, upcoming are Ukiah GC 12th, Mendo-Lake District 13th, Potter Valley 26th. So this Earth Day 22nd, celebrate garden club, tell your friends/neighbors who we are and have them check out our websites. *Enjoy the networking opportunities with fellow gardeners that are 'priceless' as we all share common goals.*

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FROM THE



Esther Grieve

Tips for Dividing and Transplanting Daylilies

Spring is a great time to divide and transplant daylilies. Overgrown clumps will not bloom well and should be divided every 3 - 5 years. It's not difficult if you follow these steps: Loosen the soil around the clump and pry up with a pitchfork. Wash the clump with a high powered hose, working the water into the roots and up under the crown. Wiggle and pull 2 to 3 fan divisions from the clump. If really overgrown, find the area between fans and cut with a sharp

knife straight down assuring there is crown attached to all fans. Wash thoroughly; trim the leaves and roots for ease of replanting. Let the divisions dry overnight to let the cut surfaces heal. This prevents bacterial and fungal infections. Label all of the divisions with the correct cultivar name to prevent mix-up. Give any extras to your friends!



To plant: Loosen soil about 1' deep. Make a hole and fashion a cone shape mound in the center. Spread the roots over the mound setting the crown directly on top. Cover with about 1" of soil and water-in to avoid air pockets. The soil line should be just slightly above the top of the crown. If they are planted too deep they won't bloom. Daylilies look pretty planted in 3's (triangle shape) 18" to 24" apart. Give plenty of water and sun. You will be rewarded with new blooms daily!



Plant & Garden Sale Coming, May 3rd

Tell your friends & neighbors:

CLTTGC is having their Plant and Garden Art Sale.



At the Plant Sale Committee meeting all the logistics were worked out. There will be tables, tents, a cash box, wood palettes, reference books, drinking water. Their might even be some surprises.

When you work your shift, you will probably want to have gloves, an apron, paper pad & pen/pencil, something to eat, and a chair.

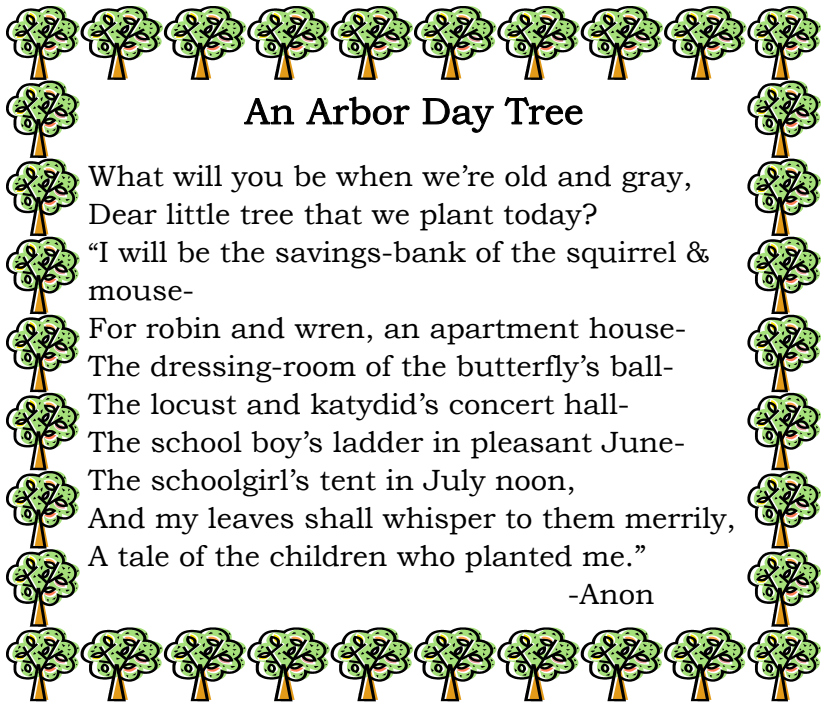
All you need to do to prepare is:

1. Label with the plant name— it can be a simple as a popsicle stick or cut up a mini blind.
2. A picture of your plant in bloom would be nice.
3. Don't forget to price it.
 - 6 pack = \$1.50
 - 4" pot = \$1.50
 - 1 gallon = \$2.50
 - 2 gallon = you decide a price.
 - 5 gallon = you decide a price.
 - Specialty Items = you decide a price.
 - Yard Art Items = you decide a price.
4. Bring plants & garden items to:

Savings Bank of Mendocino
650 N Main Street, Lakeport

Bring plant at 7am— and no later than 8am.
Sale is over at 3pm. Come see what sold and take home things that didn't
5. The work schedule will be posted on the bulletin board, so don't forget to sign-up.
6. And one other thing. Tell everyone you know & meet. There will be flyers at the April meeting to take and post around town.





An Arbor Day Tree

What will you be when we're old and gray,
Dear little tree that we plant today?

"I will be the savings-bank of the squirrel &
mouse-

For robin and wren, an apartment house-

The dressing-room of the butterfly's ball-

The locust and katydid's concert hall-

The school boy's ladder in pleasant June-

The schoolgirl's tent in July noon,

And my leaves shall whisper to them merrily,

A tale of the children who planted me."

-Anon

Green Thumbs



Up to Linda Waterstraat, Daffodil Tea chair,
artist, coordinator, woman extraordinaire.

**Thanks Linda,
We All had a WONDERFUL Time.**

Green Thumbs



**Up to Flower gatherers, kitchen crew,
clean up crew, crafters & donators, table host-
esses, bakers, flower arrangers, tea-sandwich
makers, hat & party dress wearers, announcer,
charter member ladies, and so on, and so on. It
takes a Garden Club.**

PINE CONE ART CONTEST



1. Take pine cones.
2. Make a garden and/or wildlife theme constructed with pine cones.
Add your own natural plant materials. You may use hot
glue, glue, nails, or screws in your construction.
3. Bring to April meeting—be sure to label with your name.
4. Best use of pine cones and natural plant materials to theme:
1st, 2nd, 3rd Place prizes.

Direct questions to Celesta Deter, Program Chair.

DID YOU KNOW.....The following nurseries have been
personally contacted and shown our garden club card. They all
will give a **10% discount** to us on plants: Oak Valley Nursery,
Ukiah; Star Nursery, Middletown; Piedmont Nursery and
Apple-rain Nursery, Lakeport.

Doris Ellsworth

The Kelseyville Kids Garden Club
needs volunteers. The club is growing and
is in need of attentive, caring adults to
become involved. Call Helen Finch at
279-9400 for more information.

Guest Speaker: Carol Cox will be speaking
about Heirloom Seeds & Sustainable Garden-
ing at our next club meeting, on **Apr 15, at
10:00am.** (prior to meeting)

**NEEDED: More members to join Nominat-
ing Committee. Be a part of the future of
Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis.**



Green Thumbs Up



to Sharon Thorne for her gorgeous
flower arrangement at the SF Flower
Show. Sharon always makes us proud.



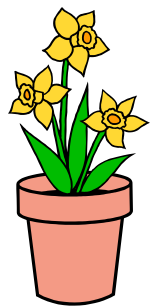
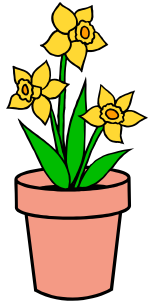
Green Thumbs Up to



**Jo Douville, Theresa Mathur, Linda
Waterstraat, Joanne Jameson, Ann
Blue, Nora Gerrard, and Claire Grieve
and Club Members** who made dona-
tions to the Meals on Wheels Project.
Bet the recipients were all pleased and
thankful to be remembered. Pictured is
the group who packaged up the candy
and cards and sent them on their way.

**Good
Job!!!**





Check out the Web to see more pictures.



April Calendar

Tues/Thur –2-3pm KV Youth Garden.
Apr 7 -LKR Arrangers/ Thur 10:30am.
Apr 12—Watercolor Class-Pat Hopper.
Apr 15—Meeting /Speaker at 10am.
Apr 16-Eleven Roses Ranch Field Trip.
Apr 25 National Arbor Day.

April

Marigolds, nasturtiums,
petunias, impatiens, vinca,
begonias, and lobelia.

Green Thumbs Up to



Barbara Swanson for
planting 40 + starts of
hypericum down at the
Library. They *were* planted
on the slope at the back of
the parking lot.



Take a step back in time and enjoy the rich history of life in the 1800s to present day on the Historic Family Ranch Daytrip. The mule drawn wagon tour features breathtaking wildflowers. This is all topped off with a mouth-watering chuck wagon BBQ.

Wednesday, April 16th (**NOTE: This is a change from the Year Book**).

Pick up time is 10:30am, at Russ's Valley Pantry on New Long Valley Road. (Directions: From Hwy 53/Hwy 20 intersection, take Hwy 20 East for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto New Long Valley Road/Spring Valley. Follow for 2.9 miles. Russ's Valley Pantry is a 2 story blue building on your right. Parking is in the grass lot just before you get to their driveway. Please so not use their main parking lot).

Carpooling is recommended.

Betty Atwood-Reyna, Chair

Pat Hopper's Painting Class.

Saturday, April 12, 10am-noon, in the Clubhouse (Fairground Village Mobile Home Park), 1025 Martin Av, Lakeport. \$12 includes all materials. Sign-up prior to class. Subject: CA Western Redbuds.

CLTTGC is invited to join North Lake Garden Club on a **field trip to the UC Davis** Plant Sciences Department on May 22. (Yearbook, pp 32).

**See Sharon Thorne or
Betty Atwood-Reyna.**

Blue Heron Festival needs raffle items and volunteers to work selling tickets at Saturday's breakfast, April 26th.

See Thelma Dangel

Gift Basket for Opportunity Drawing



April Theme:
Spring Gardening

Please bring donated items directly to **Jo Douville** so she can do the distribution. A transplant from your yard in a cute/ pretty pot, gently used or hand crafted items, as well as home made jams and salsas, etc are all welcome.

Money raised from the drawing supports the newsletter.

Photography Awards for Individuals:

Last year \$50 was awarded for photographs by individual club members. Now is the time to start looking for photo opportunities of things such as: member's own garden, cactus or cacti, named rose, flowering tree or shrub in bloom, vegetables, CA arboretum or botanic gardens. Plantings should be the focal point. Entries are judged on composition, color and quality of print. Usually there is no limit to the number of applications. Take notes in case a written description is required. See californiagardenclubs.org for more info or talk with Jo Shaul.

'God's Little Acre' had a come hither ring to it. Almost as magnetic as the sign out front 'End Of Season Big Sail'. I was aware of general disorder and ill-kept plants, however, the price was right and my new home was starving for vegetation to clothe and give warmth to its stark nakedness.

Driven by short-sighted 'bargainitis' I made a shameful offer to buy every tree on the lot, including 10 Monterey Pines (Pinus Radiata). Still stunned and amazed by acceptance of my offer I

sped home with a truck load of 'bargains' where I used my common sense to place these 'tiny' plants in an unplanned landscape. 20 years later it cost \$500 dollars each to remove these highly stressed and sick Monterey giants. Pitch canker, bark beetle and other boring insects had taken their toll.

It's interesting to note that although man has made the Monterey Pine an endangered species in its native habitat (Central California Coast) it is the most widely planted timber tree in the world.

It is used for building material, paper and fire wood. If I could have stopped their growth after 15 years and conditioned them to accept our climate we could have become great friends.

"Josephine, I'm feeling guilty again, the fire must need another log."



Happy Birthday !

Barbara Witz 4/9
 Celesta Deter 4/11
 Heide Thomason 4/21
 Barbara Fain 4/25
 Jane Graham 4/28




Daisy or Sweet Pea
 Yellow, Red and Colorless
 Innocence; Youth; Purity / Goodbye; Blissful Pleasure; Departure

Green Thumbs Up to Friends of the 4th Street native plant/wildflower park



- to **Jo & Jerry Shaul** for labeling the shrubs & bushes. Jerry made 30-40 stakes identifying the plants and Jo weeded while he placed the stakes.
- to **Claire Grieve & Jo Douville** for spending many hours racking, weeding and picking up broken branches in the park getting it ready for a 'work party' (to be announced).
- to **Betty Atwood-Reyna** for another fun activity, 'Just for Fun—Bag Lunch Picnic'. Tuesday, May 6th, we are all invited to bring our lunch, drink, & chair to the native plant/wildflower park on 4th St to 'cultivate' our friendship.
- to **Barbara Swanson** (Tree Committee member) for suggesting we buy & dedicate a Redbud bush to honor Carol Kesey.
- to **Jo Douville & Theasa Mathur** for planting the bush.


Come see all the changes to the park. (See pictures in next month's newsletter)


New Members
by Diane Neilson 

Adds & Correction:

Joanne Jameson's new email:
jjameson@NCTAC.com

Thank You for all the love and support Mama and I received from our 'Garden Club family'. The past two months have shown me what a wonderful group of friends I have in this group and I'm sending each of you a huge hug.

Claire 

Sunshine News
by Nancy Bailey 

- 03/02/08 - Get Well to Pat Hopper.
- 03/02/08 - Get Well to Diane Neilson.
- 03/02/08 - Get Well to Theresa Mathur.
- 03/02/08 - Speedy Recovery to Bill Held.
- 03/02/08 - Thinking of You to Esther Grieve.
- 03/31/08 - Sympathy Card to Claire Grieve.

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Return mail: Pres Claire Grieve,
970 4th St, Lakeport, CA 95453

The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
2298 Hendricks Road
Lakeport, CA 95453



Cultivate Kindness, Share Your Garden.



Forget-me-nots



Youth Garden Club: Tuesday & Thursdays / 2-3pm,
Kelseyville Elementary.

Plant Sale Committee Meeting:
April 2 / 1:00pm-3:00pm. At Mendo-Lake Credit Union.

Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers: contact: Barbara Swanson
April 3 / 10:30am, Thur. Theme: Unusual Container.

Watercolor Painting Art Class: Taught by Pat Hopper.
Apr 12 / 10:00am (bring dessert or snack to share)

Regular meeting
Apr 15 / 10:00am Program (**CHANGE from Yearbook**)
Carol Cox will speak about Heirloom seeds & sustain-
able gardening which is part of Ecology Action of the
Midpeninsula located at Bountiful Gardens in Willits.
12:00pm Social
12:30pm Roll Call
1:00am Meeting

Field Trip: Chaired by Betty Atwood-Reyna.
Apr 16 / 10:30am (**CHANGE from Yearbook**)
Eleven Roses Ranch (Carpool)

April The Russian River Rose Company Tours.

National Arbor Day - April 25th.

Work Party—To be announced.

Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers: Barbara Swanson
May 1 / 10:30am, Thur. Theme: Stretch Design

Plant & Garden Sale:
May 3 / **8:00 am**-3:00 pm
Savings Bank of Mendocino, 650 Main St, Lakeport.

Just for Fun-Bag Lunch Picnic'
May 6, 11:30am—4th St native plant/wildflower park.
Tree dedication honoring Carol Kesey.

PRAY FOR A GOOD HARVEST,
BUT CONTINUE TO HOE.

