

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 #14 Coffee grounds repeal slugs & snails.

Betty Attwood-Reyna

TIP #15 Enrich soil with coffee ground (mix with dry materials to prevent the grounds from caking).

Ginny Cline

TIP #16 Add coffee grounds to fertilize acid-loving plants like blueberries and evergreens. **LP**

TIP #17 Drip grounds are richer in nitrogen than boiled grounds. **LP**

Garden Journaling

with **Linda Waterstraat**

Daffodil Tea

Mark your calendars!

It's that time of year again when we celebrate the coming of Spring with Daffodils and friendship.

The Annual Daffodil Tea will be held Tuesday, March 18th at 12 o'clock at the Bachelor Valley Grange in Upper Lake.

All club members are cordially invited to attend. And, as usual, all members are asked to bring either two or three dozen tea sandwiches or small desserts.

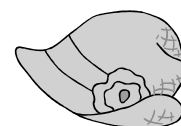
Thanks to so many members for signing up to help make this event a success. If you were unable to attend the January meeting or did not sign up to work on a committee, there is still time! Sign up sheets will be out on the table at the February 19th meeting.

We still need **help** with the following:

- Mistress of Ceremonies.
- Kitchen Crew.
- Floral Arrangements (arrange two wicker standing baskets).
- Specimen Table (Pick and identify daffodils).

• **Clean-Up Crew**
If you signed up to hostess a table, please have a list of members and guests who will be joining you at your table. I'd like all members and guests to know where they will be sitting prior to the tea.

If you have any questions or comments about the Tea, please contact Linda Waterstraat by e-mail at geobline@mchsi.com



A Stroll Down 'Memory Lane'

with **June Beto**



(Submitted by C Grieve)

June Beto took classes from Jack Daniels, a famous Bay Area instructor, who taught flower arranging classes at different colleges. She joined the Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers when it started; and has hosted the group at her home one time. June is always willing to create arrangements and tell about them during the demonstrations and workshops put on by the Lake Kabatin group for our garden club each year.



At the last CLTTGC Chrysanthemum Flower Show and Tea, June created, entered, and won a ribbon for her flower arrangement. Certified Flower Show Judges from other counties came to judge the arrangements. June told about a field trip to Joelle Holford's gardens; Joelle explained how she cares for her chrysanthemums. Then the group visited a chrysanthemum garden growers nursery outside of Santa Rosa.

June wasn't on the committee for the Wildflower & Native Plant Park, but when we had the one year welcome to the park for the community and neighborhood (committee members brought cookies and tea or punch); June and Roger came to support us and brought a plate of cookies. June is a supportive member of the Garden Club activities, sometimes in the background filling in, helping, and just being there. She is another example of why our Garden Club is so special.



Cultivate

Kindness,

Share

Your

Garden



Tree Tally = 0
(beginning new tally)

Enthusiasm creates enthusiasm, sharing and having fun causes more members to want to be involved. All this snowballs – members bring in their friends that then join our club.

Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club has so many activities going on – there is something for everyone. For those that really want to work and be involved or those that sort of sit back and take it all in – everyone is welcome – we all can share and learn from each other.

February is the start of our spring events – some members are already thinking ahead. Lots of fun is in store for all of us garden club members.

I personally have had the pleasure of

making wonderful friends while joining in on a committee or project.

What do you plan to volunteer to be involved in?– the Daffodil Tea, the Meals on Wheels project, the Tree Committee, writing an article or garden hint for our newsletter and website, working on the Plant Sale committee, or maybe working on the Nominating Committee – there is something for everyone’s interest.

Gee I can see the long line of volunteers already – that’s just how our club members are.

Happy Valentine’s Day to all of you.

*See you in the garden,
Claire*



Mendo-Lake District Clubbuzz

by Gina-Belle Smith



Burr!...Gotta get my fingers defrosted before I can type this... there's a website www.csgn.org that wants to help school gardens. They are giving away money (funding). Check it out, pass it on to someone who can make a difference! On another note...Arbor Day is around the corner, March 7th or April 28th, clubs have an opportunity to spread awareness. Upcoming soon...SF Flower & Garden Show March 12-16th. CGCI will have a booth and all club members are invited to enter flower arrangements. Ukiah Garden Club has a bus reserved for March 16th and all are welcome...make arrangements through Ukiah Travelers # 463-0456. Oh! and on another note...at the CGCI Fall Board meeting it was voted to meet the

matching funds needed of \$1,000, plus another \$1,000, so that clubs and districts could request \$100 for landscaping. The application must be completed, with a “before” photo, and mailed to Ruth Angevine, address on application, by February 21, 2008. Hopefully, an additional grant of \$1,000 will be awarded so that more landscaping can be done to beautify the markers to honor the military in our state. Grant funds from the national source will be distributed in January 2008. You see, I have so much to tell you about...that's what happens when the District Director goes off to these state meetings!

Hope to see you at the next District meeting in Willits!

Garden Club Affiliates

- National Garden Clubs, Inc.
(www.gardenclub.org)
National President: Barbara May
- Pacific Region
Director: Jeanette Pruin
(JBandRJPruin@comcast.net)
- California Garden Club, Inc.
(www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org)
President: Robin Pokorski
- Mendo-Lake District Garden Club
District Director: Gina-Belle Smith
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)



Newsletter Chairperson / Editor
Linda Pyers

Deadline for articles is the last day of each month, but sooner is better.

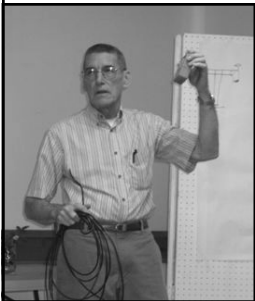
Nominating Committee Needed
Think about it – this is necessary and can be fun encouraging members to become active. Please read your By Laws (Article IX – Nominations and Elections).

Gift Basket for Opportunity Drawing

Theme:
Spring Garden, Easter.



Norm Deter was our Guest Speaker on Irrigation Systems and Water Features at our first program for this year.



Some members have their systems in place, but the rest of us gleaned valuable information on the subjects. Norm educated us and brought examples of the different parts that make up a system. Every-one learned something new.
Thanks Norm!

PINE CONE ART CONTEST



1. Take pine cones.
 2. Make a garden and/or wildlife theme construction with the pine cones.
Add your own natural plant materials.
You may use hot glue, glue, nails, or screws in you construction.
 3. Bring to Apr 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.

Green Thumbs



Up to the Meals on Wheels committee;

What a great response – thank you for your enthusiasm and supporting the idea – making favors for the people who receive Meals on Wheels. Nine members volunteered to help bag the candy (sugarless is best), plastic eggs, and cards into decorated Easter bags. **June Beto** talked with the Director of the Lucerne Alpine Senior Center (50 people receive Meals on Wheels). **Jo Douville** checked with the Lakeport Senior Center (65 people receive Meals on Wheels). That is a total of 115 bags needed. June also shopped at the Dollar Store and purchased bags, plastic eggs, and some bags of sugarless candy (this will be paid from our Respite budget). Also some members have made small cards – Easter bonnet magnets, bunnies with cotton tails, rubber stamped cards, and even cards that stand-ups – size must be 2” x 3” (no larger- so they will fit in the bags). **If you would like to make some cards, please do so**– make 10, 25, 50, or even 115 – this will cheer so many people who are home bound and will know CLTTGC cares. Bring cards, candy or Easter items to the next meeting. **Assembly will take place at Claire’s house on March 14, at 1:00 pm.**

Green Thumbs



Up to the Tree Committee;

Claire Grieve joined together with interested club members to decide how best to spend the \$500 budgeted for trees. Thirteen club members (committee was open to everyone) met twice and accomplished plenty. After a lot of research and discussion the project is going forward. Six, maybe seven, locations were chosen, the type of trees, and approvals of the city and the county. The nursery is expecting the trees to arrive on February 5th.

More will be reported in the next newsletter.

Heads Up – calling all want-a-bee artists. We sure had fun at **Pat Hopper’s** last class. Please phone Pat to sign up or talk with her at the February meeting to pay and sign up for the class. See Page 31 under the Calendar of Events in our Yearbook for information. There is a limit of 22 artists. Also she needs members to sign up to bring card tables.



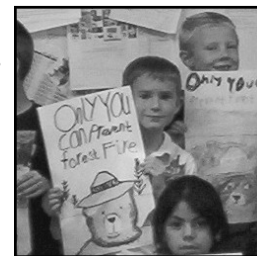
CLTTGC is invited to join North Lake Garden Club on a field trip to the UC Davis Plant Sciences Department on May 22.
(See Yearbook, pp 32).

Organizers **Sharon Thorne & Betty Atwood-Reyna.**

How to take the ‘hard’ work out of ‘yard’ work.

- *Use your thighs, not your back* when lifting. Never twist. Ask for help.
- *Don’t bend, kneel.* Long-handled tools will keep your back straight.
- *Use your head, not your back*-water prior to digging.
- *Save steps*-have garbage can next to working area.
- *Think wheels*-use wheelbarrows/wagons to transport heavy loads.
- *Beware of ladders*-inappropriate use could land you in the hospital.
- *Don’t try to do it all in one day.* Pace yourself.

A committee of CLTTGC members chose **Caleb Blyleven** as the winner of the CGCI Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest at the club level. His poster will be sent to the Mendo-Lake District level to compete, and the winner of that contest will go on to the State level, and then to National. This is thanks to **Pat Hopper** who volunteers teaching art class to **Ms Guenther’s 2nd grade class.**



February Calendar

- 7 LKR Arrangers/ Thur 10:30am
- 14 Happy Valentines Day.
- 19 Workshop cancelled
- 19 Reg Meeting 12:00noon
- Tues/Thur -2-3pm KV Youth Garden.

February

Plant fruit trees, calendula, strawberries, dianthus, pansy, Iceland poppy, alyssum, & viola

Green Thumbs Up



To *Celesta* for bringing us our first program of the year. Be sure to thank her, it takes work to make switches at the last minutes.



I have taken a special interest in African Violets. And 'THANKS' to you all for your wonderful surprise, I have the beginnings of varied collection of specimens. I am very excited to watch them grow and to see just what colors emerge.

Thank again, **Linda Pyers**

Green Thumbs Up to Sharon Thorne, CGCI Vegetable Chairman.



Sharon was recognized by CGCI State President, Robin Pokorski, at the State Board meeting for her outstanding job on the 'Veggie News' that appears in the Golden Garden Magazine.

Green Thumbs Up



to **Pres Claire Grieve** who (with all that is going on with her family) still makes time for her garden family. We love you. We pray & send our good wishes to you.

Green Thumbs Up to



Club Members for donating wonderful opportunity drawing & silent auction items, and a nice variety of gift & talent items for sale.

See Linda Pyers for Blue Star Pins.



Plant & Garden Sale ...

by **Linda Pyers**

Time to clean those pots, label and identify those plant.

This years' Plant & Garden Sale will be;
Saturday, May 3rd, from 8:30am—3:00pm.
The location will be the;
Savings Bank of Mendocino,
650 N Main Street, Lakeport.

This is a popular event for the community and only happens every other year. (See Yearbook , pg 14, for more information). We have the opportunity of generating revenue for our club, but more importantly, sharing plants from our gardens and answering our neighbor's questions.

This event takes all of us working together (similarly to our wreath making). **The committee is in need of a chair person.** Someone to coordinate the efforts and make sure

everything get done in time. Please see Pres Claire to volunteer.

The schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Members are needed to sign up for a time they will be able to work.

In the mean time, dig up & divide your plants while the ground is workable. Collect and clean containers (**Jo & Jerry Shaul** often use milk cartons).

Doris Ellsworth suggest you display a picture as well as a label identifying each group of plants. Don't forget to state the flower color. Any information you can gather about caring for the plants is helpful (full sun, shade, drought tolerant, etc).

Claire Grieve encourage members to make or donate garden art too.

Spring is just around the corner. (I hope...burrrr)

The Western Redbud (*Cercis Occidentalis*) has both seed coat and internal dormancy making it a “hard seed to crack”. To increase germination success, seed selection is very important. Use seeds from the most recent growth; utilize the largest seeds; use seeds taken from plants in your area. Fool Mother Nature by storing seed pods for 6-8 weeks in the refrigerator (cold stratification) to overcome internal dormancy. Treat seed coat dormancy by “nicking” the seed coat (scarification) with nail clippers, taking care not to damage the embryo. Sow 3 seeds ¼ inch deep in 4 inch pots filled with potting soil and place them in the unprotected outdoors. As spring temperatures increase, seed leaves will appear. Root growth is rapid making it necessary to transplant into gallon containers. Plants should be ready to place in the landscape after two years. Drip irrigate deeply once a week for the first year. Enjoy a miracle.



Happy Birthday!

Reba Richardson	2/7	 Violet	Jo Douville	2/26
John Graham	2/8		Joelle Holford	2/27
Carmen Carpenter	2/14		Ginny Cline	3/1
Mary Ann Worth	2/16		Mary Welsh	3/7
Guthrie Worth	2/17		Jerry Shaul	3/8

Oppotunity Drawing Winners



Teresa Mathur



Jan Kespohl

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.



Nancy Bailey

Nancy Benkelman

New Members

by Diane Neilson



#67 Linda Leslie and Richard Growell



Sunshine News

by Nancy Bailey



- 01/07/08 - Get Well Card to Andrea Anderson
- 01/30/08 - Thinking of You to Esther Grieve
- 01/30/08 - Thinking of You to Claire Grieve

Thanks to everyone that brought blank cards, I have plenty for now.

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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



Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers: contact: Barbara Swanson
Feb 7 / 10:30 am Theme: Miniature & Small Design

Gift Basket Drawing: Chaired by Jo Douville.
Theme: 'Spring Garden', 'Easter'
Please bring donations for opportunity drawing.

Plants & Talents Table: Chaired by Doris Ellsworth.
Please help—bring items & plants to sell.

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

Feb 19 Meeting:

10:00am **Workshop—CANCELLED**
12:00noon Social Time
(Hostesses: B Attwood-Reyna, T Dangel, P Held)
12:30pm-Flower Roll Call.
1:00pm- Regular meeting.



Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers: con-
tact: Barbara Swanson
Mar 6 / 10:30am Theme: Named Theme of Choice

Garden Therapy: Chaired by Jo Jameson.
Mar 11 / 10:30 am—Clearlake.
Mar 20 / 10:30 am—Lucerne.

Daffodil Tea: Chaired by Linda Waterstraat.
Mar 18 / 12:00 noon

Meals on Wheels Project Committee meeting:
Mar 14 / 1:00 pm at Claire house.

Watercolor Painting Art Class: Taught by Pat Hopper.
Apr 12 / 10:00 am

Field Trip: Chaired by Betty Atwood-Reyna.
Apr 23 / 10:30 am

Plant Sale:
May 3 / 8:30-3:00 pm

Field Trip: UC Davis Plant Sciences Dept.