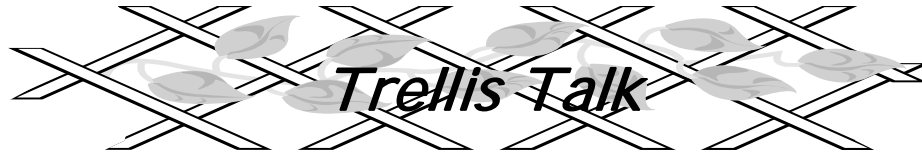


Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



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 three women who wished to create and promote interest in amateur gardening in Lake County.

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Officers:

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Jo Jameson

Vice President:

Jo Douville

Treasurer:

Heide Thomason

Secretary:

Marva Brandt

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul



CLTTGC has a group page on

facebook

Please join in and share what you will be doing new in your garden this year. Ask questions. I'll bet one of our members knows the answer.

Happy Blooming New Year!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year everyone. You will probably be stuffed with turkey, prime rib, ham, cheese soufflé, fudge, pumpkin and mince pie by the time you get this newsletter.

I definitely went into my rest mode when the wreaths were made and our luncheon was over. In between times, there were other lunches, teas and parties. In preparation for my Christmas baking, I had forgotten what material my kitchen counter was made of and I had started to inhale 'carbs' through my skin even though I hadn't nibbled on the dough before it got in the oven. (Oh, Santa will get me for that one!)

I am very pleased that everyone pulled together and made these last few months so successful. Those projects or situations that face us in the new year are opportunities to fulfill our theme of

'ENJOY, ENRICH, ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER'

Our team effort has really paid off and may 2010 be filled with more of the same.

Love and Happy Holidays, Jo J



January Program: Mary Welch

Master Gardener and member will speak about pest control for roses. You will want to take notes on soil preparation and products she uses.

No board meeting this month.

JANUARY- DISTRICT BOARD MEETING:

Ukiah Garden Club will host the District Winter Board Meeting. More information will be announced as it becomes available. Jo J is scheduled to present her Garden Therapy projects. You'll have a chance to create a pressed flower mini 'stand-up' card that she did with participants in our Adult Respite Program and they found it to be very enjoyable.

Samples of other projects will be on display.

Save this date:

JANUARY 27, 2010 in UKIAH

WE'RE INVITED

*Willits Garden Club's
59th Birthday Celebration*

Monday, **February 8, 2010**, 11:30 a.m.
Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse
16100 Highway 101, Willits
RSVP

Anita Decker, 1st Vice President
707-456-1031

Virginia Stranske, 2nd vice President
skelwvl@sbcglobal.net

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING: A total of **186 wreaths** were made in our three day workshop with 151 of those ordered from the community. It is no wonder that the project was so successful as 35 people were there working, some of them all three days. 25 worked on Wednesday, 20 on Thursday and 16 worked on Friday and also got to make a wreath for their own use. A big pile of greenery invited us the first day. **Suzanne** had delivered them the day before and were freshly cut from Rod Skeleton's tree lot. All the members that had greenery brought theirs and away we went snipping, bundling, wiring, placing bows and filling out orders. Linda W. had lots of goodies to replenish our energy. By the first day we had filled 72 orders and were feeling very successful. Enough greenery is always an issue, so Jerry and Jo J left to cut Leland Cypress on Ken Barr's property for Thursday morn-

ing. **Diane and Sue** came Thursday afternoon with a huge load of Cedar (beautiful; we must find the variety). Faithful **Suzanne** came soon afterward with another load of **Carol Kesey's** rosemary. **Jerry** had another load for us on Friday, as did **Jo J** delivering her golden tip juniper. The weather smiled on us too which made the delivery of our wreaths much more pleasant.

Jo J had a crew of nine members working at Rod's tree lot where they made 26 wreaths. 5 were there on the 7th; Jo made 3 on the 9th & 4 more members were there on Friday. More on the actual money amount when Heide gets all the bills paid and the money from Rod's comes in.

A big Thank You to **Bob Benkelman and Jim Harvey** for transporting our machines. **Pam and Jerry** loaded both of the tables at the Grange on Friday. **Thanks!!!!**

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Thirty-three members and spouses enjoyed a delicious luncheon at Zino's, overlooking Clear Lake on the Dec 15th. The entrees were delicious and were served on festively decorated tables. A very generous collection of gifts

for Freedom House was received and delivered to their new facility in Kelseyville.

Our monetary donations totaled \$285 and will be used to purchase a needed appliance for the new facility.



Civic Beautification projects may need some winter clean-up. A list of projects are listed in the yearbook so you can contact chair people if you'd like to work on any of them.

LOST: Ann Blue -Yearbook.
Claire Grieve - 3 back-board, 1 stand labeled with her name and address (from Mum Show).
FOUND: A pair of pruning shears left at Rod's.

Plants R Us

by Jerry Shaul

Have you ever wondered, as a member of the animal kingdom, why we have this 'Love Affair' with members of the plant kingdom? Have you ever asked yourself which of the two kingdoms contributes more in maintaining the health of planet earth?

I think most of us can agree that both plant and animals were created by the same 'Being' to promote and sustain life on an otherwise bare ball of rock.

Do you understand that without plants you and I could not exist? Isn't it interesting that our senses of sight, smell and taste can be excited by a plant's form, color, aroma and flavor and of course our very existence, whether herbivorous or carnivorous,

depends upon their production of essential nutrients, vitamins and minerals.

Another favor they do for the animals is to 'inhale' carbon dioxide and 'exhale' oxygen. Wouldn't it be a cruel world without the fossil and renewable fuels provided by the plants.

My take on the scheme of things is that plants were created to maintain and perpetuate life on earth and animals were created to assist them where needed to accomplish their mission.

You see this relationship is not only a 'Love Affair' but our very existence depends on its success.





Upcoming Daffodil Tea

Now that wreath making and the holidays are past, it's time for garden club members to start thinking about the Daffodil Tea which will be held **March 16, 2010 at the Bachelor Valley Grange in Upper Lake.**

Preparations begin in January, so look for sign-up sheets at the January meeting.

Please think about how you would like to help to make this event fun for everyone. We have

several 'job positions' open and the more people we have involved, the better it will be for all.

Here are the positions available:

- 1) Table Hostess
- 2) Greeter
- 3) Kitchen Crew Member
- 4) Mistress of Ceremonies
- 5) Door Prize Organizer
- 6) Floral Arrangements
- 7) Floral Specimen Table
- 8) Clean Up Crew

All of the above will be explained at the January meeting if you have any question.

You may want to be thinking ahead of an item or items you would be willing to donate for our door prize drawing. It's always nice for everyone to leave the tea with a little gift.

Thank you,

Your Fearless Daffodil Tea
Co-Chairs Carol Brabrook &
Linda Waterstraat



Green Thumbs Up

to **Doris Ellsworth** for the wonderful job she does at each meeting bringing new and gently used items for sale at the Talents/Crafts table. At the Arranger's meeting in Dec, she sold Oriental containers. Doris is on a one woman crusade to bring money into our treasurer. All your work is very much appreciated.



Field Trip to SpareTime Nursery in Willits

Green Thumbs Up

to new members, **Susan Buckles , Leanne Harvey, Cindy Cranston, Sunol Westergren and Kathleen Bisaccio** all showed up for wreath making. An extra thanks for those who stuck with the machine until you got the hang of it.



Green Thumbs Up

to **Donna Isley** for so graciously doing all the contacting and setting-up at the Grange for our wreath making. Be sure you show her your appreciation for all she does. Thanks Donna.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Complete list of our Scholarship Committee are members Leanne Harvey, Susan Buckles and Marva Brandt with Ann Blue assisting. Their work will begin soon after the first of the year when they start getting the information and applications out to all high schools and the 2 community colleges in the county.

Sunshine Report:

by **Nora Gerrard**



New Members

By **Ginny Cline**



New Member:

Kathleen Bisaccio

- Nov 8th Welcome card to Susan Buckles.
- Nov 8th Welcome card to Leanne & Jim Harvey.
- Dec 5th Welcome card to Sunol Westergren.
- Dec 5th Welcome card to Cindy Cranston.
- Dec 5th Get Well card to Ginny Gunderson.
- Dec 5th Get Well card to Thelma Dangel.
- Dec 5th Sympathy card to Gina Belle & Jim Smith.

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Return mail: Pres Jo Jameson, 1310 Mellor Dr, Lkpt 95453-3406

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

Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
(www.gardenclub.org)
National President: Renee Blaschke
- **Pacific Region**
SandraFord@cableone.net
Director: Sandy Ford
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
(www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org)
President: Maryanne Lucas
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)

Watchout for Award deadline.



Enjoy! Enrich! Encourage! Empower!

Forget-me-nots

January 2010:

- 1 **Happy New Year!**
- 8-10 **CGCI Winter Board Meeting.**
- 12 **Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers:**
Theme: Creative Line Design.
- 19 **Happy Birthday! Ann Blue.**
- 19 **Regular Club Meeting:**
Hostesses:
**B Atwood-Reyna, I Waterstraat, & G
Brunsford.**
12:00pm Social Time.
12:30pm Flower Roll Call.
1:00pm Meeting.
2:00pm Program: Roses by Mary Welch.
- 27 **District Winter Board Meeting.**

(Details about each event are in your Yearbook)
February 2010:

- 8 **Willits Garden Club's 59th Birthday.**
- 9 **Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers:**
Theme: All Green Design.
- 19 **Regular Club Meeting:**

Deadline for newsletter articles is the fourth Tuesday.

HELPFUL HINTS: People loved the party favors at our Christmas Luncheon. The seeds in the little cup contained red clover, love-in-a-mist, and pink larkspur and California poppies. The mini pictures were made by placing a piece of colored paper in the frames, putting glue down where you want the "sand." Here's the hint though. Instead of using real sand, process raw sesame seeds and millet seeds; combine with some white cornmeal to make your 'sand'. When your glue is dry, flick excess off picture and continue creating your design using shells, dried flowers and any material you like. You'll need to use more glue to secure your material.