

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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Leanne Harvey

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Etymology

"Ikebana" is from the Japanese ikeru

(生ける?, keep alive, arrange flowers, living") and hana

(花?, "flower"). Possible translations include "giving life to flowers" and "arranging flowers".

Thyme with President Leanne:



Special people make up our club. We care about one another and share fun and good times, as well as, challenging and sad times. The Arbor Day Foundation suggests one way to honor loved ones and make memories with our families is to plant a tree with them and then go back and visit that tree in future years. You can also plant a tree in honor of a loved one.

It's good for air quality, good for the watershed and good for the soul. Planting a tree with children weaves nature into their lives. Jim and I planted a potted Christmas tree for our granddaughter, Brooklyn, and when it's the right size, we'll make memories cutting it down together but leaving the bottom branches so the tree can continue to grow. That makes a built in lesson in love, sharing time and positive activities and shares a lesson in renewable resources.

Planting a tree for a loved one can make a special place to visit and remember in the future. At the same time, planting that tree does something good for the Earth. Earth Day and caring should be every day.

Our club members make our lives special as they enrich the Earth and those around them.

Flora, Friends and Fun!



Plant Sale

Saturday, May 11th

7:30 - 8:00 am table set-up / time for plants to be delivered / if your plants have not been priced, this would be the time.

8:30 am - 2:30 pm Plant Sale - there was a sign-up at the April meeting, but all help is welcomed.

650 N Main Street, Lakeport Natural High Parking Lot



Dear Dahlia,



Q: I have a Japanese maple in a pot. I'm thinking about planting it in the ground. When is the best time to replant? Susan

A: Dear Susan

As with most trees, the best time to replant is in the late winter before root grow begins for the new season. If the plant is terribly root bound, you might need to make an exception. Take a picture next year after you replant it, and let us know how it thrives!

Signed, *Dear Dahlia*

MAY PLANT

Maple, Japanese
Red *Acer palmatum* var. *atropurpureum*

Description-

Japanese maples have beautiful red leaves in the spring and fall that might turn



somewhat green in the summer. *Atropurpureum* is more cold hardy than some of the other hundreds of varieties available of Japanese maples. Zones 5-8. The species name "palmatum" refers to the hand-like shape of the leaves. It actually has very small red flowers that bloom at the same time as the red leaves unfurl. Maybe someone could snap a picture of the flower?

Growing tips: The ideal soil is slightly acidic and well-drained sandy loam, but other soils are tolerated. Plant in full sun or partial shade, with protection from the hot afternoon sun. Many in my neighborhood are doing well on the east side of houses. Water here in Lake County's hot summers and do mulch to help retain soil moisture.

Prune- Maples can be pruned to be shrub-like or tree like so that adds to its versatility. At maturity it can reach 15 to 25 feet tall.

Propagation- The winged seeds will be the best way to start a new tree. They ripen in the early autumn. The seeds are small, so don't plant them too deep.

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Marva Brandt



Thinking of You -
June Dye, Christina Basor,
Linda Pyers, Jo Jameson,
Heide Thomason



Flourless Peanut-Chocolate Cookies - 24

Submitted by Linda Pyers

1 C crunchy peanut butter

3/4 C sugar

1 large egg (lightly beaten)

1/2 tsp baking soda

1/4 tsp salt

3/4 C semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix first five ingredients. Stir in chips. Roll dough into balls. Place 2 inches apart on two baking sheets. Bake until cookies are golden and puffed, 12-14 minutes, rotating sheets from top to bottom and front to back halfway through. Cool 5 minutes on sheets; transfer to racks to cool.



May 21 - 27, 2013

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention
Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA



2013 Lakeport County Fair

Aug 29, 30, 31, Sep 1

Theme: *Find Great Treasures*



Tips!

Mosquitoes don't like lemon balm! It has citronella in its leaves. Pinch some leaves off, crush them and rub them on your skin to discourage the biting mosquitoes.

How to force mums to bloom early. Keeping mums in the dark from 5 PM until 8 AM will cause the mums to think it's time to bloom. Hint: It has to be very dark to fool Mother Nature.

THE MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT STILL HAS NO SLATE OF OFFICERS. Virginia has asked for a President's meeting to address that topic in Fort Bragg. (I believe that calling too many meetings is one of the challenges our district faces, as well as, having such a big geographic area to cover.) I will not be able to attend that meeting, but I wrote Virginia the following response, and I want to keep you all in the loop.

Virginia,

I talked to Rita, CGCI president elect. She said if we have an inactive club, individual clubs can still get insurance and continue with the non-profit status. LA County apparently has only the treasurer in place. She also said the convention next year will be in Reno at Circus Circus at \$56 a night in case that's an incentive? She, of course, hopes we will continue and remembers the trip she took here to the CLTTGC last year with fond memories.

Having an inactive District would probably impact the individual clubs the least. Clubs could decide to or not to do all that the state wishes.

I have a local insurance agent looking to see how much liability insurance might cost, with and without non-profit status.

Many members have talked to me about leaving the district and CGCI. I would guess others would like to remain as part of the CGCI especially as we could still send in awards, and we can buy their inexpensive insurance. Even if it doesn't help much or really at all, it does allow us to have insurance for places that require it, like the Grange where we have our Daffodil Tea and our Wreath making. (It does say right on the website that our homeowners are the primary on claims if our meetings are at our houses. I feel like the people who come to my house for Garden Club events are my friends, and I doubt they would sue me, but if they did, that is what insurance is for.)

My plan is to put forth to the club the pros and cons after I get information together.

Conducting business by email, saves miles and wear and tear on people and cars. I do like that suggested change to the District Bylaws, as well as, the other suggested changes.

(Note: Those include making many of the meetings and state obligations not mandatory but voluntary.)

Hope this note proves to be what you are planning to discuss and you find it useful.



Green Thumbs Up



Each month, Jo Jameson prepares a project (often using recyclable items she has collected or been given by members) to use for Garden Therapy. Her goal is to bring garden-related activity projects to those physically challenged with disabilities. She alternates the adult respite programs between Clearlake and Lucerne. Several members help her and find sharing their time very rewarding.



Thank You!



TO BE ANNOUNCED: We had 2 state winners for the Smokey the Bear Poster contests - a third and an honorable mention. Susan will write article after she presents awards at the school site.



CONGRATULATIONS Lindee Jones

Lindee Jones will be receiving this year's \$1000 scholarship. Committee members, Joyce Porterfield, Susan Buckles and Leanne Harvey, met and determined the scholarship based on the applications received.



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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
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- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.mendolakegardenclub.org)
District Director: Virginia Stranske



EXERCISE YOUR PASSIONS: FLORA, FRIENDS



Forget-me-nots

May 2013

- 7 Garden Therapy-10:30am-Lucerne (YB-pg17)
- 11 Plant Sale - 8:30am to 2:30 pm (Saturday)
- 14 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
10am St John's Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
'Ikebana'
- 21 Regular Garden Club Meeting
Hostesses: C Basor, D Watson, S Buckles
11am Board Meeting
12 noon Social Time

12:30pm Program

"GMO, What Does That Really Mean?"

Greg Giusti, Co Director, Chair UC-HREC

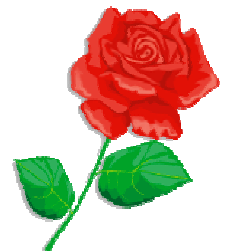
1-1:30pm Flower roll Call

1:30pm Business Meeting

17 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

30 *Happy Birthday Leslie Jones!*

**Time to pay
club dues!**



Newsletter's deadline-4th Tues (1 week from meeting date).