

# 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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**NOVEMBER**



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**Dana Benjamin**

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**Nora Gerrard**

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**Kathy Steinberg**

**Parliamentarian:**

**Nancy Benkelman**



See us on Facebook



This is the time of year to collect seeds from our gardens. We will exchange seeds over lunch at Debra's home in January



## THYME WITH PRESIDENT DANA

November brings in the parade of Holidays most celebrated by Americans. This is a time of busy hustle and thinking about decorating our homes and gardens. Gardening is closely linked to our Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Floral Arrangements, and Home Decorations. Bringing the garden inside the home happens in the Winter! We can use the beautiful greenery in our gardens to make almost any kind of wreath. A bouquet of Rose Hips is one of my favorite and most spectacular achievements in floral arranging. Try it!

November is also a very colorful month with the changing of the season, and Fall beauty is all around us. Our deciduous trees turn lovely shades of goldens and reds and then lose their leaves taking a long winter's rest. This is a time to clean up the garden and start preparing for the new growth that will return in the Spring.

Color plays a big part in putting the overall atmosphere together inside the home. Color is also very important in the Garden. Sight is typically the initial, or even the primary way we experience a landscape. This is an element so very important in Landscape Design for our gardens also. The Color Wheel is the basis of combining colors so they complement, focus our attention and shape or define our space in the Garden and also inside our homes. Warm, bright colors advance or move toward you and draw attention to an area. Good colors to achieve this are Red, Orange, or Yellow. Cool, dark colors recede or move away from you. Good colors to achieve this are Blue, Green, and Violet. The color wheel can be found in almost any art supply store and is often in a Landscape Design Book. A quick review follows:

There are 3 **Primary** Colors: Red, Yellow, Blue

There are 3 **Secondary** Colors: Orange, Green, Violet

There are 6 **Tertiary Colors**: Red-Orange, Yellow-Orange, Yellow-Green, Blue-Green, Blue-Violet, Red-Violet

**Complimentary** Colors-which are opposite on the color wheel are: Yellow/Violet, Red/Green, Orange/Blue. They are extremely eye-catching.

**Harmonious Colors**- which are adjacent on the color wheel blend well together. Other terms to know are: **Hue**-undiluted Color, **Tint**-a color mixed with white, **Shade**-a color mixed with black, **Tone**-a color mixed with grey, **Monochromatic** colors- combinations of tints, shades, or tones of the same color which can be harmonious and calming.

I hope this is helpful to you when decorating with greens and flowers inside your home during the Holiday Season this winter, or Landscaping and planting in your outdoor gardens! Happy Thanksgiving!



Dana DiRicco-Benjamin



**HOSTESS FOR NOVEMBER:**

Evy Escalante  
Sharon Reeves  
Leanne Harvey

**NOVEMBER SPEAKER:**

*Kate Frey*  
*"Chelsea Garden Show  
in London"*



**SUNSHINE REPORT** by Ann Blue

Heide Thomason  
Marva Brandt  
Nancy Benkelman



*Green Thumbs Up*

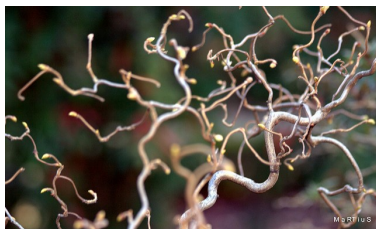


Nora Gerrard for volunteering to be Treasurer



FYI: club voted to hire an accountant.

Technically, **Harry Lauder's walking stick** may be classified as a deciduous flowering shrub, produced by grafting. But because the rootstock in the graft provides a 4'-high trunk, this multi-stemmed bush is commonly referred to as a dwarf tree. This shrub reaches approximately 10 feet tall, but it is slow to reach its mature height. Its spread can be as much as half again its height. The showy flowers are yellowish-brown male *catkins*.



The Harry Lauder's walking stick grows best in USDA plant hardiness zones 4-8. It has average watering needs and likes well-drained soil, in full sun to part shade. Fertilize the plant with compost. Being a grafted shrub, it does require some special care. The rootstock is *Corylus colurna*, you must prune off any suckers so that the plant does not revert to the characteristics of its rootstock.

See **Jo Shaul** for first hand experience with the shrub.

**MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT MEETING** .....Susan Buckles

Who would have thought! A wonderful district meeting; short on business, long on interesting information and friendship. The meeting was hosted by Fort Bragg Garden Club and took place in an historical schoolhouse in the heart of the little village of Casper on the coast. This unique building with its large windows looking out set the mood for a rather unique meeting. Plants were for sale on the porch as we walked in. Some club members were out there discussing the various plants. It was a nice ice breaker. Once inside there was a table of really nice things for the opportunity drawing and food tables along the wall with an amazing assortment of breakfast food. So much we didn't need our brown bag lunch. But the highlight was a visual display of Fort Bragg's recent activities. They were the driving force behind a very successful community project called "Find the Magic" Rediscovering the Pygmy Forest. They had a 3-day event that included hiking the pygmy forest trails that the public hasn't seen. And these trails are now open to the public any time. At the meeting there were story boards about their project as well as amazing county fair awarding-winning succulent arrangements done by club members. ***There was also a photo story board of all the clubs done by Rhea Pitchard and a special remembrance of Jerry Shaul and Nona Carpenter.***

I think what is good about our connection to the district is the sharing of ideas for field trips and speakers. There seems to be a big interest in native plants and conserving water. One of the members spoke about butterflies and brought some visuals. There were a lot of new young members with energy. And the icing on the cake was a tour of the botanical gardens. We got to see their plan for a new garden in front as you drive in. We were



led by Naturalist Mario Adreu who has been working in the gardens over 30 years. He gave us a lot of history. Gladly and I went together and we thoroughly enjoyed the day.



CALIFORNIA NATIVES & WILDFLOWERS COMMITTEE:



Irene Didescu needs someone to help her with this committee. She has a lot of great ideas but cannot do it alone.

This will be on November's agenda.



Leanne has volunteered to set-up Doris' Table again. Please note the following:

- ♥ Only bring nice garden –related items or things you think other members might like.
- ♥ We will have a donation can/basket and the money will go to the general fund.
- ♥ If the items you brought are still on the table at the end of the meeting, you are responsible for taking them home.



Garden Therapy with Michelle



LAKE KABATIN REDBUD ARRANGERS:

Note Date Change: NOV 1ST Practice for Mum Show



CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW "FLOWER FRIENDS WITH MUM"

Friday, November 4th, 2016

Lakeport Yacht Club

Free to the Public

1:00-4:00pm



ASAP: Give Shirley the information she needs to make the cards: Number of Arrangements you will be entering, Style or Arrangements, and what you named them (opt)

Club member: Please bake-up your home made cookies to share with our guests.

Room and Table set up 8am Arrangements 9am to 12 Kitchen Queens and cookies 12 and ...

Green Thumbs Up



To Kathleen S, Leanne H, Susan B, and Barbara S for representing CLTTGC at the Hidden Valley Lake GC meeting. Only Barbara knew she would be speaking, but Kathleen rallied the other two and the rest of us that went on the Field Trip. They performed magnificently and we had a wonderful time exchanging ideas. We also enjoyed a tour of the Stone House which is the oldest building in Lake Co.



## Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

www.clttgc.org

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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  
2298 Hendricks Road in Lakeport

### Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org))
- **Pacific Region**  
([www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org))
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.californiagardenclubs.org](http://www.californiagardenclubs.org))
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakedistrict.org](http://www.mendolakedistrict.org))  
District Director: Gary Bodensteiner  
Assistant Director: Rhea Pitchard



## Forget-me-nots

NOVEMBER 2016



- 1 **LKRA "Practice for Mum Show"**  
(Tues) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 4 **"FLOWER FRIENDS WITH MUM"**  
Chrysanthemum Show, 1-4pm  
Lakeport Yacht Club  
Set-up: 8pm; Arrangements 9-12;  
Cookie etc 12.
- 15 **Regular Club Meeting: Noon**  
12:00 noon Social Time / Refreshments  
12:30pm Speaker: Kate Frey  
"Chelsea Garden Show in London"  
1-1:30pm Flower Roll Call  
1:30 pm Business Meeting



Deadline for newsletter is the fourth Tuesday of the month (Tuesday following meeting date).

### MENDOCINO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Mushroom Fest Mushroom Walk!

Monday, November 7 at 1:30pm

MCBG Staff Mycologist Mario Abreu



Join us for an extra special Mushroom Walk in celebration of the Mushroom, Wine, and Beer Festival! The Gardens is home to more than 150 species of mushrooms during fall and winter on the Mendocino Coast. Mushrooms are the fruiting bodies of some types of fungi. Normally hidden underground, these reproductive structures lie dormant until the rainy season, when they sprout above the earth. We consider mushrooms to be one of our collections, and we are the only botanical garden in the U.S. to label the mushrooms in our garden with both scientific and common names.

They will be holding mushroom  
identification walks  
each Monday  
November 21 through December 19.

