

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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*I just realized why the dust bunnies propagate in the house so much faster in the spring and fall !!!!!
I'm out in my yard trying to keep the Garden bunnies from eating my lettuce and herbs. Jo J*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think our first meeting went well. The proposed budget was modified and approved; the last reading of the change in the by laws regarding Golden Gardens was read and will be deleted; we have volunteers who will sent up tables for our meetings; Jo Shaul had lots of awards to hand out for books sent in to California State Garden Clubs; our first place ribbon was displayed for all to appreciate. A big thanks again to Jerry Shaul and his committee for all the work they did putting it altogether. A special thanks to Karl who provided not only some of the equipment and supplies but muscles too. (He made sure Dad didn't lift stuff that was too heavy.)

Each time we do flower roll call, I am impressed with the interest and delight everyone takes in this part of our meeting. Members are saying



how much they learn and how they want to incorporate a particular plant into their gardens. As long as we can move along at a reasonable rate, let's continue to make this an educational part of our meetings.

And I can't forget our new members, Susan Buckles, and Jim & Leanne Harvey. Welcome to our club and we hope you find it as much fun as the rest of us do.

Nancy Bailey's talk on daylilies was great. She's very passionate about them and knowledgeable in growing them. Most of us wanted to start finding sources of compost to add to our clay soil, go to the garden supply for Miracle Grow and fish emulsion and start our own daylily patch. Thanks Nancy.



Remember to take time to just enjoy your garden without looking at all the little things that need attention.


Good for the spirit! Jo J



Oct Program: Decorate Mini Pumpkins--October 20th, 10:30 AM

We will decorate mini pumpkins with natural materials such as dried flowers, leaves, cones, acorns, and seedpods. Tendrils from grapes or any vine or curled florist wire add a nice touch. You will need to bring to the workshop a mini pumpkin(s), decorative materials, scissors and fast drying glue. Additional decorating materials will be available along with a couple of hot glue guns.

Submitted by Betty Atwood-Reyna

"**Carol**, is it too late to disbud my mums to get bigger blooms for our show on the 13th of November? And what about aphids? What is a good natural spray for them? I don't want to use commercial toxic sprays." "For disbudding, it's best to do this as soon as the buds have formed. Place your thumb on the bud and roll it off. It will come disconnected from the flower head. Take all the buds off but the center one. All the nutrients will now go to the one flower. To treat for aphids, white flies and spider mites, first hose off your plant, let dry for an hour. Use a mixture of 1 cup Wesson oil, 1 cup water and 1 tsp dish soap which has been shaken thoroughly. Spray on your plants. It works every time." 

Library Notes: Each month the library cart is rolled out and occasionally members will browse the shelves to see if anything catches their interest. There is always much to do before the meeting begins and often the library cart sits by its lonely self in the corner of the clubhouse.

Many of the books on the shelves were donated by members dating back to the 60's and 70's mostly. I even found a flower arranging book with a copyright date of 1945! Delightful to look through and I'm sure many of the same principles apply today.

Since our workshop for October's meeting will be making decorative pumpkins with Betty Atwood Reyna, I looked for a book in our library which would go along with our creative efforts. I found Making Gifts from oddments and Outdoor Materials, by Betsey Creekmore. The purpose of her book is to 'put something of yourself in the gifts you give'. She tells you how to create gifts using dried flowers, pinecones, pressed flowers, leaves and much more. How about hollowing out a small fresh pumpkin and filling it with cut chrysanthemums and colorful fall foliage?

There is also a chapter about herbs and seasonings. Here's a tip—instead of packaging each dried herb separately, combine some into 'fines herbs' which is a mixture of four herbs in equal proportions. For example, thyme, basil, savory and chives are great in an omelet. Basil, thyme, sweet marjoram and parsley mixed with softened butter makes a delicious spread for breads.

Next time I'll share highlights from some more recently published books I highly recommend for any gardener's library.
Submitted by Linda Waterstraat, Library Chair

The Gentle Giant (Quercus lobata)

by Jerry Shaul

It had once been the Valley of the Giants. Giants that stood as much as 120 feet tall with bodies 9 feet thick and limbs that could reach out as much as 52 feet. During a life time, spanning as much a 499 years, protection was provided by a thick white-gray scaly skin broken into broad flat plates. These giants thrived in silt filled valleys and drank from old subterranean lake beds. "Sod busters" competing for fertile soil removed thousands of these gentle giants and after finding their hard, fine grained brittle tissue was not durable nor of commercial value used it to fuel their stoves and fireplaces. As a young boy I was given the task of sawing a fallen limb into firewood. The chain saw hadn't made the scene and only "girl boys" wore gloves. Two weeks and two swollen bloody blistered hands later the job was done. Moist brittle tissue coupled with lightning strikes and hot summer days resulted in a supply of large fallen

limbs for Grandma's cook stove and the large old sand stone slab fireplace. Although these huge tent-like giants were used for shade, the limbs never overhung the farm house-for obvious reasons. Spring time! Each of these giants is clothed in a new highly textured green suit that is discarded before winter revealing its stout gnarly and twisted frame - a sculpture to behold. Adding to its beauty is the formation of thousands of tiny "gems" with which it reproduces the species and feeds a multitude of animals. With bucketfuls of these "gems" I helped Grandpa Jay fatten many a hog in the fall of the year. This "*KING OF THE OAKS*" has a number of common names but California or Valley White oak seems the most fitting. Wouldn't one be truly honored to have one of these long lived monumental giants planted in their memory.
Josephine are you listening?



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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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Enjoy! Enrich! Encourage! Empower!



Forget-me-nots

October 2009:

- 6** *Garden Therapy / Adult Respite Program.*
10:30am-Clearlake (See Yearbook, pg 23)
- 13** *11:00am Flower Arrangers.*
Theme: Design using fruits and/or
vegetables and flowers.
- 13** *Mum Show Planning Meeting*
Mendo-Lake Credit Union, Lakeport.
- 15** *Garden Therapy / Adult Respite Program.*
10:30am-Lucerne (See Yearbook, pg 23)
- 15** *Redbud Audubon Society' www.audubon.org.*
Speaker Julie Serences,
"Invite Birds and Wildlife to Your Yard"
7:00pm Kelseyville High School, room 203.

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- 20** *10:30am WORKSHOP—Decorate mini pumpkins using natural materials for Fall decorations by Betty Atwood-Reyna.*
- 20** *Regular Club Meeting*
Hostesses: Linda Pyers, Susan Russell, Ann Blue.
12:00 Social Time.
12:30pm Flower Roll Call.
1:00pm Meeting.
- 23** *Field Trip— Sparetime Nursery in Willits.*
- 26** *Happy Birthday Mary Secord!*
- 28** *Mendo-Lake District Meeting,*
in Potter Valley.



**Deadline for newsletter articles
is the fourth Tuesday of each**