

# 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.

September  
2009



## Officers:

President:

Jo Jameson

Vice President:

Jo Douville

Treasurer:

Heide Thomason

Secretary:

Marva Brandt

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

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## NOTE:

2009-2010 Year-book will be available at the Sept meeting. Please write down any corrections to your personal information or mailing label and give to Linda Pyers or Jo Jameson.

## PRESIDENT'S

**WELCOME!** I hope you're enjoying your summer and I bet we're all going to welcome the cooler weather. For those newer members who were not part of Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club when I was president back in 1999 (really? Has it been that long?) I hope you're ready to get involved.



Already several have taken chair positions and I'm very grateful. All of us have an enthusiastic attitude; our planning meeting was a sample of that. Pay close attention to the newsletters as they will cover a lot of things so

we won't be bringing them up during the business time. I've asked the chairpersons to submit articles for the newsletter too. Be sure to read those--you'll learn lots. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a list of the chairpersons and those not yet filled. Your name could be included so think of where your talents are and things you especially enjoy doing and that is where you can participate.

So, it's on with the show! Let's **enjoy** and get to know each other, **enrich** our garden with shared plants, **encourage** others to participate and help **empower** our community to protect and preserve our environment.

See you at the meeting, JoJ

**Hostess Duties:** Coordinate with your co-hostesses. If you are unable to be there, please get someone to replace you or trade with another hostess on the list. Please advise Diane or Sue of any changes.  
**1)** Start at 11am to warm the hot water for drinks. Food suggestions would be cookies or cake, cheese & crackers or fruit & vegetables. Some members are on a sugar restricted diet. We are not providing lunch, just a snack. **2)** Set up four tables and chairs: One table for refreshments and beverages, one table for officers, one table for "flower roll call" and one table for "plants and talents." Set up chairs "theater" style. **3)** Clean kitchen and leave it as you found it. Put away tables & chairs, sweep floors and take all garbage away.

The club will provide coffee, tea, creamer, sugar, sweetener, hot and cold cups, small plates, napkins, plastic cutlery and plastic table cloths. Our supplies are kept in the top cupboard toward the left side on the wall opposite the door. Thanks, Diane

**2009-2010 CHAIRPERSONS:**

**Awards:** Jo Shaul and Mary Secord  
**Budget:** Nora Gerrard  
**Bylaws:** Jo Shaul and Jo Jameson

**CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION**

**Blue Star Memorial:** Carol Brabrook  
**Library Park:** Mary Secord  
**Library in Lakeport:** Barbara Swanson  
**Hartley Chapel Grounds:** Jerry Shaul & Heide Thomason  
**4th St Memorial Grove:** Jo Douville

and **(Your name could be added)**  
**Daffodil Tea:**  
**(Your name could be added)**  
**District Events:** Helen Turley  
**Garden Therapy:** Jo Jameson  
**Hostesses:** Sue Gardner-Neumann and Diane Neilson  
**Inspiration:** Rena Clifton  
**Lake County Fair Exhibit :** Jerry Shaul  
**Lake Kabatin Redwood Arrangers:** Barbara Swanson

**Membership:** Ginny Cline  
**Newsletter Editor:** Linda Pyers  
**Penny Pines:** Ann Blue  
**Plants and Talents:** Doris Ellsworth  
**Programs:** Jo Douville  
**Publicity:** Claire Grieve  
**Scholarships:** Jan Kespohl & Ann Blue and **(Your name could be added)**  
**Sunshine:** Nora Gerrard  
**Trees:** Doris Ellsworth  
**Website:** Barbara Swanson  
**Woodsy Owl:** Pat Hopper



***“Though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till”.***

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Elderberry . . .**

**by Jerry Shaul**



It was 1934 and we were devastated by the “Great One”. The great depression, that is, called upon us Lake County folks to increase our dependancy on the land. It was catfish, deer meat, mud hens, home grown vegetables, Grandpa’s farm, wild berries and federal relief--you kids don’t tell Grandma!! Blue elderberries grew in abundance along creeks and other damp areas. WOW! Just had the strangest feeling in my knees. Dad worked on the farm for butter, eggs, milk, bacon, a place to hunt and an occasional supper. It was a “hippy like” life style. Picnics and fishing on the lake, camping on Bartlet Mountain and scouting for natural food sources like blue elderberries. There it goes again! The Sambucus-caerulea, a native multi-trunk shrub (tree) was easy to spot with its new spring suit of yellow-green foliage. AHA! That’s better. Decorated with small creamy flowers in flat topped clusters soon to be followed by blue-black clusters of berries dusted with bluish powder makes this shrub or tree a stand out. Dad would “pull the plug” on the old ‘27 Chevy and brake to a squealing stop. We all piled out carrying our Saturday night wash tub and proceeded to strip the lower branches of their bounty of ripe berries which had been intended

for the birds to fight over. Mom, with the help of federal relief sugar, made pies, jelly, dump- lings and canned them for the winter months. Uncle Wilfred, who lived next door, was into wine making and always carried a berry gather- ing wash tub in the trunk of his tired old Essex. I remember the day well. There was a come hither fruity odor in the air. I followed my nose to the Essex trunk. The wash tub bubbled with fermenting berries on this hot summer day. I tasted a juice dripping finger and discovered the origin of Delaware punch. Uncle Wilfred’s coffee mug rose to the occa- sion. Three mugs later my knees tingled and I sat down hard on the rear bumper. Scared and confused I struggled home and called for Mom. She looked at me in disbelief and asked where I’d got into the purple stuff. Uncle Wilfred’s elderberry juice. Keep your voice down and stop slurring your words! Now sit down before you fall down and let me help you to bed. You’re not going to throw up are you? Later I heard loud voices and Uncle Wilfred never treated me the same after that. So, if you want a native shrub (tree) of many faces for your landscape and bears fruit that can be used for cooking and wine making, the blue elderberry will serve you well. Josephine say elderberry----I kind of like that feeling.



Update on Fair Committee:  
 Tuesday, Aug 24th was a very productive morning spent at Jerry and Jo Shaul's. Jerry had the 10 x 10 display plot setup in his carport with a background of old rustic post with a dry creek bed running diagonally through it. Grasses, drought resistant plants and large lava rock completed the display. Barbara Swanson was in charge of the entry, Doris Ellsworth, Mary Secord and Jo Jameson purchased the plants from Piedmont. Jo Shaul is in charge of making a list of all the botanical names used after Jerry makes a diagram of the garden which is displayed in front of the garden for the judges. YUMMY! We can't forget the cooling ice tea and cookies Jo served. She also had some of their dried apple slices they dried from their orchard. Others bringing plants and lending a hand were Jo Douville, Rena Clifton, Jo Shaul, Nora Gerrard and Heide Thomason. Suzanne Russell. Richard Gruwell and Karl Shaul will be on hand for transportation and dismantling. By the time you read this, the fair will be over, we'll know how we did prize wise but our "Waterwise Garden" was definitely time well spent. Thanks to all who helped.

BOARD LUNCHEON: 11am. Sep 15th at the clubhouse. All board members and chairs are urged to attend. Items to be discussed include the proposed budget, plant sale and ??????? Salad lunch will be provided so please call or e-mail Jo J at 263-4039 or [jojameson5@gmail.com](mailto:jojameson5@gmail.com) to put your name in the salad bowl. How about bringing some harvest produce from your garden and we'll add a harvest tasting party to the lunch!! Save room for cookies and goodies that Diane, Sue and Helen will be providing for social time.

Start collecting all those natural materials for Betty Atwood-Reyna's workshop for October. Those items include cones, seeds, dried berries, seed pods, curly ques from grape vines, raffia, persimmon caps, and acorns.

*Let your imagination rule.  
 Be sure to see Betty's display at our meeting.*



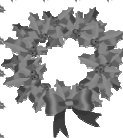
**Clip and Give Field trips in the planning.**  
*Check your picks and give to Jo D or Jo J.*

Glen Eden Trail, Scotts Valley—May 1st.  
 Spring Thyme Nursery, Argonaut Rd, Lakeport-Spring  
 Quarry Gardens, Glen Ellen—Spring  
 Sweet Pea Farm, Sebastopol—Spring  
 Sunset Gardens, Menlo Park  
 Sparetime Nursery, Willits  
 Filoli, San Francisco  
 Others \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_



Fall is a perfect time to divide those overgrown, crowded daylilies! Come and join us for a demonstration on dividing daylilies. Nancy Bailey will be bringing CLUMPS of her daylilies to give a "hands-on" demonstration on how to divide and replant now for beautiful Spring blooms.

**Bring your bylaws to the September meeting.**  
**We will be deleting one sentence and it will be easier if you have your own copy to look at.**

 CHRISTMAS WREATHS: Too early to think about??? Not when it comes to checking out greenery! The workshop will be held Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>. At the Bachelor Valley Grange, Upper Lake. Envelopes will be passed out for orders & checks at our Sep meeting. Start thinking of those people who'd love our wreaths. They are made of several kinds of greenery with a choice of bow color on a 12 inch frame. Pictures will be available soon.

## Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

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

*Enjoy, Enrich, Encourage, Empower!*



## Forget-me-nots

### September 2009:

- 1** Happy Birthday Doris Ellsworth!
- 2** Setup for Lake County Fair.
- 3** Happy Birthday Ginny Gunderson!
- 3-6** Lake County Fair.
- 5-11** National GC-Pacific Region-Garden Tour.
- 8** Happy Birthday Jan Kespobl!
- 8** 11:00am Flower Arrangers,  
Theme: Underwater Design.
- 11-13** CGCI Fall Board Meeting.

### Sep con't

- 15** 11:00am Board Luncheon/Meeting.
- 15** Regular Club Meeting  
Hostesses: Helen Turley, Diane Neilson, &  
Sue Gardner-Neumann.  
12:00pm Social Time  
12:30pm Flower Roll Call.  
1:00pm Meeting.  
2:00pm Program: Nancy Bailey—Daylilies.

**Pick up Christmas Wreath order form.**

**Signup to be a Hostess.**

**Start collecting natural materials for Oct mtg.**

**Bring Bylaws to Sep meeting.**

- 22-23** CGCI Gardening Study School.
- 27** Happy Birthday Jim Smith!  
**Deadline for newsletter articles**