

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:

- President:
Claire Grieve
- Vice President
Theresa Mathur
- Treasurer:
Nora Gerrard
- Secretary:
Linda Waterstraat
- Parliamentarian:
Jo Douville



TIP #8 Keep poinsettias in a sunny, warm location. Feed monthly and soak the soil when you water.
Master Gardeners

TIP #9 The rule of only cutting 1/3 of a tree or shrub only applies to live branches - cut all the dead branches you want.
Claire Grieve

TIP#11 Coffee grounds are biodegradable & excellent for your garden.

TIP#10 Since we haven't had much rain, please remember to put water out for our feathered friends. **Linda Pyers**

Merry Christmas !!!

May you have a bloom'n New Year !!!

Christmas Luncheon This year we are gifting "Freedom House". They are moving into a new place and this is a list of what they need. Actually they need everything, but this is some things they listed for us.

- bathroom mats and cover sets
- bathroom rugs
- There are 3 bathrooms: one is painted white, one is painted blue, one has a frog motif
- Towels - bathroom or kitchen

- Kitchen towels and potholders
- All the beds are single beds. They could use pillows, blankets, sheets.
- And again new things are good, but gently used is good also.

Someone at our meeting on Tuesday suggested soaps, lotions, stuff like that. Maybe some toys or books is another good idea. And of course, money is always gratefully received.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, phone **Betty Atwood-Reyna**.

EXOTIC NATIVE

by Jerry Shaul



California has been blessed by the creator in many special ways. None more special than when she touched the dry granite ridges of the Sierra Foot-hills between the San Joaquin and King Rivers creating a unique plant community which included a single plant species rare and endemic to this rugged California wilderness. Early European explorers taken by the beauty of these plants, some two hundred years ago, collected their seeds which were sent home, propagated and found to be highly adaptive to cultivation. Since that time thousands upon thousands of these highly prized flowering shrubs have been used in landscape gardens throughout the world. Propagation from untreated seeds, cuttings from

young stems and rooted offsets provide a means for the gardener to multiply this shrub of many uses. It can be planted as a specimen, understory shrub among oaks and conifers or a foundation plant. The erect, evergreen shrub with its handsome foliage of dark green leaves and beautiful large white anemone-like fragrant flowers with many central golden stamens in terminal clusters adds that essential sparkle to any landscape. Although it is drought tolerant and will tolerate full sun, its year-round beauty is enhanced when provided with some summer water and partial shade. The tree anemone (*carpenteria californica*) is indeed an "exotic" native that is strikingly different. As I have, let it add sparkle to your landscape.





*Cultivate
Kindness,
Share
Your
Garden*

Each month I write "Garden Thyme", my President's theme - "Cultivate Kindness, Share Your Garden" - comes to mind. This month members are cutting greens from their own yards for our wreath making project. Piles of greens become beautiful wreaths that bring holiday cheer to our homes.

The sharing kindness also comes in the form of friendships and support. After my knee surgery, I am experiencing the sharing of kindness, home-made soups, plants, flowers, beautiful cards, phone calls, even an elf, and es-

pecially taking time to visit. Thank you all.

I am looking forward to visiting everyone at our Christmas luncheon. I have my house decorated, so stop by for a cup of coffee or tea.

May all of you be blessed during this season and may much happiness come to you during the New Year.



*See you
in the garden,
Claire*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



*May God bless
America & protect
our troops*



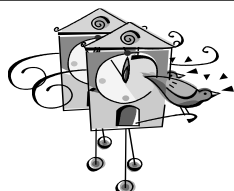
CONGRATS to last month's
Opportunity Drawing Winners
(Sorry I don't have pictures this
time)



Please bring gently used items and unwanted gifts to donate for our gift basket. Hand crafted items by our talented members are welcome. Money raised from the drawing supports the newsletter. Please give items to Jo Douville.

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Deadline for articles is
the last day of each
month, but sooner is
better.



TIME TO: PLANT BAREROOT ROSES, FRUIT TREES, ASPARAGUS, STRAW BERRIES, ARTICHOKEs, & RHUBARB.



Smokey Bear Contest

On Nov. 19th, 20 children in Mrs. Marilyn Guenther's 2nd grade class at the Lakeport Elementary School participated in the Smokey Bear Painting Contest. The class was taught by Pat Hopper and helper Claire Grieve. Winners will be chosen and sent to the District, State, and National competitions.

Members who didn't receive their copies of the revised and updated Bylaws, Standing Rules, & New Membership sheets at the November meeting - please see Diane Neilson, Membership Chairman, for you copy. Diane also has the 2008-2009 Yearbooks if you haven't received them.



Green Thumbs Up



to all the members who brought plants, cuttings, seeds, and seedlings to share and tell what and how these things grow in members gardens. (At the Nov. mtg.)

Green Thumbs Up to the 'Dance of the Mums' Show.



I attended the Dance of the Mums flower show yesterday. It was just amazing. No detail was overlooked. Each arrangement was set off with a separate backdrop, and the "dance" theme was carried out beautifully. The refreshments were great and served elegantly on glass (not one plastic cup in sight). Doris provided an opportunity to shop at her lovely boutique, and we had a chance to see photos from past shows. Carol, Shirley, and Claire must be so proud to have their flowers displayed so beautifully, and I am sure the members are very grateful to them for sharing their gardens. Being a bay area "transplant" I have attended flower shows at the world famous, Golden Gate Park and they all paled next to Dance of the Mums. Thanks ladies. It was beautiful! Diane Neilson

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who worked so hard on presenting the mum show for our community and ourselves. It was a "lovely" event - made me proud. The arrangements, the specimens, the information/photos, the sale table, all the wonderful cookies - you all did a nice job of presenting the garden club. I started to phone each worker - but there are so many of you so will email. And those of you that did not work, but showed up to support this event - made me proud. People visited, wandered around, and just enjoyed the afternoon. Again thank you. Claire G

I thought the mum show was really great and most all the people that attended told us how great it was. I got the article and picture from the Lake Co. News yesterday. Jo S

Great write-up and pictures on the lakeconews.com. Elizabeth does a fabulous job and really covered the Mum Show thoroughly. Glad I got to see it - if only vicariously via the internet! Nancy Bailey

Nancy, you took the words right from my head !!! Helaine Christensen

Habitat for Humanity Presentation

Submitted by Bill Held

Trowel and Trellis members Linda Pyers and Pam Held present a \$100 gift certificate from the Highlands Nursery to April, Steve and Nick Parsons-Finch on November 22, 2008. The Parsons-Finch family are the new owners of the eleventh house constructed by Habitat For Humanity in Lake County.





Dance of the Mums





2008



TIME TO: LOOK AT CATALOGUES FOR PLANTING SOMETHING NEW IN YOUR GARDENS.



SEE CLUB BULLETIN BOARD:

(located at the back of our meeting room).

1. Valentine Workshop.
2. Watercolor Painting Class.

Green
Thumbs
Up



Thank you and Congratulations to all the CLT&TGC members who volunteered their time and energy to our Wreath Making efforts. One hundred and fifty orders were completed plus each one that volunteered made a wreath for themselves. A few additional 'Thank You' wreaths were made for our material suppliers. Also wreaths were made by some wonderful non club members who helped us make the grand total of 178. A lot of good hard team work! To help things run smoothly each day, delicious soups were made by **Nancy Benkelman, June Beto and Linda Waterstraat.** Many of the other workers brought tasty munches. **Linda Pyers** acted as record keeper and treasurer. Under **Mary Secord's** guidance beautiful greens were collected from members and other sources in the community. The **Shaul's**, especially **Jerry**, cut and trimmed beautiful greens for us to use. And then there was **Donna Isley** who not only arranged for us to use the Grange, but also covered the floors with protective tarps as well as the covering of all the work tables, and transported the machines. She also took responsibility for seeing that the room was cleaned up each day so it was ready for the next day's workers. So many people helped us have a successful Wreath Making activity—like **Barbara Swanson** who taught our members how to use the machines. Almost every one on the rooster helped make our efforts a success. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.**

Mary Ann Worth

Editors Note: There is just not enough room to thank everyone that contributed to this fundraiser, but the list included members ordering supplies, attending the bow tying workshop, contacting and delivering for our greens & equipment, feeding us, setting up, tear down & cleaning up, and of course all the shifts clubbers worked (some working all the shifts). GOOD JOB! I am proud to be a member where everyone able comes to support our biggest fundraiser and you can be proud too.



Happy Birthday!

Gladdy Bransford	12/7
Claire Grieve	12/14
Betty Dayton	12/19
Diane Neilson	12/21

Classified

Help Needed

submitted by Joanne Jameson

One who enjoys working with seniors. Needs little experience in flower arranging. Other garden related ideas gladly accepted AND implemented. Must be able to afford gas to Clearlake and Lucerne.

Wonderful opportunity for team work with Garden Club friends. Excellent opportunity for rapid advancement into a role of real joy.

Contact Joanne Jameson at 263-4039 immediately before all vacancies are filled. Immediate opportunities:

Tuesday, Dec 9th at 10:30am in Clearlake
Thursday, Dec 18th at 10:30am in Lucerne.

For other opportunities, check out the schedule on page 34 in the 2008 Yearbook.

Sunshine News

by Nancy Bailey



11/24/08 - Thinking of You to Bonnie Cook

11/24/08 - Thinking of you to Peggy Clinton



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Return mail: Pres Claire Grieve, 970 4th St, Lakeport, CA 95453

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: Barbara May
- Pacific Region
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Director: Jeanette Pruin
- California Garden Club, Inc.
(www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org)
President: Robin Pokorski
- Mendo-Lake District Garden Club
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)
District Director: Gina-Belle Smith

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Forget-me-nots



December 2008

- 12/3-5 Wreath Making Workshop.
- 12/4 Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers—
CANCELLED.
- 12/7 12:30-3:30pm Ukiah Garden Club -
Holiday Open House
- 12/9 10:30AM- (Thurs) Garden Therapy– Clearlake.
- 12/12 Bough Making Workshop. **CANCELLED.**
- 12/17 Christmas Luncheon.
- 12/18 10:30am- (Tuesday) Garden Therapy-Lucerne.



January 2009

- 1/13 11:00am (Tues) 'Dried, using wood in design'
Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers.
- 1/16 Creating Seed Packs Workshop – We will be
making seed packs to sell at our May Plant Sale.
Contact Theresa Mathur before the 1st week in
January if you plan to attend. (Yearbook-pg30).
- 1/20 Regular Club Meeting.
Hostesses: Carol Kesey & Ginny Gunderson.
12:00pm Social
12:30pm Flower Roll Call
1:00pm Meeting
2:00pm Program /Master Gardener.

See your 2008-2009 Year Book for details.

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