



Trellis Talk

Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club was founded September 21, 1955, by three women who wished to create and promote an interest in amateur gardening in Lake County.

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Jo Douville



TIP #16 To test old seeds, put them into a glass of water. Seeds that fall to the bottom have a good chance of growing. Discard the floaters.

Linda Pyers

TIP #17 Use double sided scotch tape to tie up sweet peas. Works Great!

Carol Brabrook

TIP #18 Put hand lotion on before your garden gloves and you get a soft hand treatment at the end of your garden work.

Leslie Jones

A Stroll Down 'Memory Lane'

with Carol Brabrook

I left Lake Co. in 1954 -- returning 43 years later - when my husband Jack & I bought our cute little cottage across from the lake on Lakeshore Blvd.



I had worked with Jack Jameson on class reunions and Jo or Joanne asked me if I'd like to go to a Garden Club meeting --- I thought I could certainly learn more about gardening and maybe I'd meet a few old timers.

One of the first to greet me was Marie Wright. Marie's husband & my Dad shared an office on main Street in Lakeport for years.

Carol Kesey greeted me with kindness & I realized she lived in the new Kesey house with the lovely gardens right next door to where I was born --- well I could certainly learn something from her about gardening.

The first thing I signed up for was helping with a luncheon at Pam Held's -- after the luncheon there was a garden tour in several different locations in the area. At the luncheon I was a waitress of sorts -- serving wonderful - delicious food. --- meeting

new comers & old. It was very grand & Pam & her mother Val always through my many years impressed me with all their volunteering -- knowledge & kindness. I even received some gravenstein apples from Val one day -- didn't even have to pick them.

I spent at least three years working on wreaths & bows. I made lots & lots of bows and learned different ways to make them.

I worked under Chairperson Mary Secord (who believe me is one worker & a half) at the Library Park, 1st and 3rd Street planters. Mary shared several yellow columbine, which are in my yard.

Another thing about all the ladies, they do like to share - it sure helps all of our yards.

Barbara Swanson asked me if I would be the Penny Pines Chairman -- We started by first having a picnic at the Ranger Station in Upper Lake and the Ranger lead us on a tour to see two Penny Pines signs way up on the mountain.

I counted enough money
out of our little tree at roll call
to do 17 Penny Pines certifi-

cates & worked with several changes of hands in the Forest Service to get another sign up, which I understand we will see after five years of work this June. Yeah!

I worked on plant sales with so many -- the Millberry Park on 3rd Street. The glorious Daffodil Tea -- Every year more Beautiful -- food by all ladies. One year I made corsages for all the head tables -- June Beto supplied all the beautiful irises for these.

Now I've gotten a grant for The Blue Star Memorial and Heidi Thomason - Linda Pyers and Theresa Mathur and our great president Claire Grieve have helped me -- along with Jo and Jerry Shaul giving me a list of native plants and quite a few native plants which are now planted. It is so nice to work with such knowledgeable people.

My eight years with the Garden Club has been a wonderful learning experience and I've loved getting to know more about gardening every year.

Love the people,



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Cultivate

Kindness,

Share

Your

Garden



Tree Tally = 14

Our last business meeting of this year will be in May. I sent out a survey to all members, please read it and respond to it – what would you like to see our garden club accomplish; what should our goals be; what activities, field trips & tours, programs & workshops would you like to participate in?

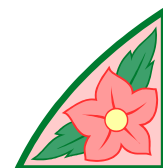
In June we'll have our Annual Picnic, this is always an enjoyable event.

Then the Vice President/Program Chairman and the President will work on the calendar for the coming year. The July planning meeting,

where every member is welcome to attend, finalizes this calendar of events. With this information the President will create the new year-book to be presented to the membership at the September meeting.

Lots of activities are listed in this newsletter – enjoy.

*See you in the garden,
Claire*



Mendo-Lake District Clubbuzz

by Gina-Belle Smith



Wow! What a wonderful District meeting we had. Willits Garden Club warmly hosted our April 23rd meeting.

They had the theme going in all directions, there were butterflies and bees everywhere! Oh, how fun! We had a nice ice breaker to get to know each other and the assigned seating was fun too! We met new people *and got to know something new about MEMBERS we already knew.* The food was... SPECTACULAR! Special recipes were floating about. You'll have to ask Willits Club President, Wilma Shaffer for her yummy recipe for the egg bake and frog eye pudding dessert. The committee for this meeting was energetic and detail oriented! - Good Job! We even had a couple of men members to chauffeur us to and from our cars due to the limited parking spaces and then they helped us get things cleaned up and ready to go. Oh! thank you so much! The raffle prizes were beautiful - thank you for contributing such nice/fun things. I especially loved the bag of live ladybugs!

Reports were wonderful and so interesting. I loved the little details. Thank you for remembering to turn in two copies of your report. District Chairmen...thank you for reporting...you made all the difference *in an interesting or not* District meeting! You know, when I ask a Garden Club what's been lacking in their clubs...it's the tradition of a Report. Keep'em coming and it will keep the interest of your members.

Our next District Meeting is hosted by Fort Bragg Garden Club, Wed. June 25th at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens...check it out at <http://www.gardenbythesea.org/> Prepare now...for your call letter. Our District Corresponding Secretary, Peggy Clinton is "under the weather" after having a big accident...she's in recovery and can be sent correspondence to Peggy Clinton, C/O Kathy McDaniel, 1988 Seville Drive, Napa, CA 94559. Thanks for attending your District Meeting!

*With Love,
Gina-Belle Smith, District Director*

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- Mendo-Lake District Garden Club
District Director: Gina-Belle Smith
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Newsletter Chairperson / Editor
Linda Pyers

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

Welcome
back
Mary Pat
Adams



Guest Speaker, **Carol Cox** talk about a whole gardening system called GROW BIOTENSIVE Food Raising, which includes deep soil preparation, composting, close plant spacing, companion planting, carbon-efficient crops, calorie-efficient crops, and the use of open-pollinated seeds. This method is

all about creating healthy soil which gives increased yields and sustains its productivity over time.

See www.bountifulgardens.org or write Bountiful Gardens, 18001 Shafer Ranch Rd, Willits, CA 95490-9626.

Green Thumbs Up

to **Diane Neilson**



for welcoming our new members. Diane gathers the information from all new members, gets them their name tag, and greets them at their first meeting. Just one of those behind the scene members doing a great job.

Green Thumbs Up

to **Andrea Anderson**

(please read her note)



I just wanted to let everyone know that the Lakeport Library really appreciated the bookmarks I brought to them yesterday on behalf of our Garden Club. The head librarian, Susan Clayton, was just tickled to have them. She thought they were very pretty and that her patrons could definitely use them. I also just wrote and posted an article about how the Lake County libraries were featuring "Gardening Resources" this month and I made sure to note the donation of bookmarks and put a link from the article to the CLTTGC website, in order to promote our garden club. If you wish to view the article, please go to <http://butterflygardennews.com/category/events/>

Green Thumbs Up to

Jerry Shaul for donating this charming rustic bird house. Our club was asked to donate a raffle item for the Heron Festival, April 26-27. CLSPIA will raffle our entry and other items to raise money for the ED Pavilion. Jerry graciously donated this bird house at no cost to the club. I for one plan on casting many tickets not only to support this project, but I desperately want an original Jerry Shaul bird house.



P.S. CLSPIA's own Neil Towne had the winning ticket and couldn't be happier. Jerry's bird house was a big draw to the raffle and appreciated.

Bring your completed survey to the May meeting.

Club Dues for July 1, 2008– June 30, 2009 are **Due Now**.

Please see **Nora Gerrard**, Treasurer, at our May meeting:

\$20 for individuals and \$26 per couple.

There is an additional charge of \$6, for name tags.



A wonderful relaxing day at the 11 Roses Ranch. Not too hot, not too cool. Our hosts Ann & James Austin both shared a good deal of information about the wildflowers we were seeing and the history of the area. We also enjoyed some wine, a BBQ, and each others company.

Thanks! Betty Atwood-Reyna for setting up this delightful field trip for us.

PENNY PINES

with **Ann Blue**



CLTTGC Penny Pines:

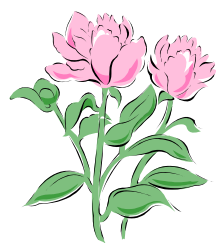
#43 In Honor of June Beto. June was recognized and received her plantation certificate in our April meeting.

#44 In Memory of Norman Sull and in Honor of Kathleen Sull. Thank you to **Claire Grieve** for her purchase of a Penny Pine Plantation through CLTTGC.

- Thank you to **Jo & Jerry Shaul** for a generous donation to the Penny Pines fund in memory of Ester Grieve. This contribution will go towards our next plantation.

- **Monday, June 2 (MARK YOUR CALENDAR) we have a Field Trip to the Mendo-National Forest. More info at our May meeting.**





Plant Sale was a huge success!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Submitted by Claire Grieve

So many members worked very hard, growing plants, making cards, making photo boxes, making gourd birdhouses, and birdhouses, and succulent gardens, making posters and posting them around town, planning and organizing, The committee did a great job of stepping up to the plate and doing whatever needed to be done. And to all the men who helped us hauling tables, plants, and helping make this a good day for the garden club and also local gardeners. Several people took the book-markers and newsletters, no new members - but that's okay. We had a fun day sharing our gardens.



Four members of CLTTGC, **June Beto**, **Gina-Belle Smith**, **Sharon Thorne** (who is also a member of North Shore), and **Claire Grieve**, attended the North Shore Garden Club meeting on April 22 in Lucerne. **Julie West**, 2nd Vice President of CGCI, showed many plants. Her talk was titled, Creating a Butterfly Garden, Plants & Practices to Attract Butterflies. The plants were in two sections: Larval/Host Plants and Nectar Plants - you need both kinds in your butterfly garden. Check out this website: www.naba.org (North America Butterfly Association) and **if anyone would like a copy** of the 2

page list of plants and field resources, **email Claire**, who will photo copy them to bring to the May meeting (probably costs 10 cents a sheet).



Gift Basket for Opportunity Drawing



Please bring donated items directly to **Jo Douville** so she can do the distribution. A transplant from your yard in a cute/ pretty pot, gently used or hand crafted items, as well as home made jams and salsas, etc are all welcome.

Money raised from the drawing supports the newsletter.

Green Thumbs Up



to **Mary Secord**

for beautifying the Third & Fifth Street planter beds. Mary has been weeding and spent her own money for new plants.



Many members of our club have shared concerns with me about lack of space in their garden or the amount of maintenance needed for a large garden. However, did you know, you can maximize your space by doing several things?

1) Be mindful of how much space your plants really need. Many of us tend to leave wide spaces between plants which are not necessary.

2) Companion plant to maximize space and minimize maintenance. A good companion planting plan allows you to keep weeds and pests out while making the most out of the resources companion plant groups need.

3) Make your plant beds within reach. A general rule is to keep your beds small enough so that you can reach to the center of your bed from every angle (about a three foot radius). This is helpful because several smaller beds are actually much less intimidating than one large one and it makes it so much easier to do maintenance. And, if you adhere to #1 you can plant much more in a small space than you may think.

4) Plant seeds that self seed. If you plant seeds that self seed, such as heirloom/heritage or open pollinated plants, you will be doing less work with more results.

5) Make paths throughout your garden. This (along with #3) will keep you from stepping on and compacting your soil. This allows the roots to grow deeper and the nutrients from the soil to be better utilized. This also allows you to enjoy your garden from within, when you create a path between two beds it can be designed to make it look like a path through a large garden bed which surrounds you and fully immerses you into your garden.

These **five tips** should allow for gardens of any size to be successful and manageable. It is the way I manage my garden and if I can do it anyone can.

For more tips and a helpful companion planting chart, visit my website <http://butterflygardennews.com>



Photography Awards

See **Jo Shaul & Mary Secord**. or the web site at www.californiagardenclubs.org
Now is the time to snap those pictures.



Winner of the Pine Cone Art Contest, **Jo Douville**.

Very creative, Jo! Her entry was a delightful wall hanging made out of nothing but natural materials. Also, **Jo Shaul** made a lovely wreath out of the Deoda Cedar roses and **Claire Grieve** displayed a bird house and **Leslie Jones** made a bird house that was quite unique.

Hope you had fun designing your art.

Very impressive!



District Meeting News:

Submitted by **Claire Grieve**

A fun carpooling trip to Willits included CLTTGC members: **Jo Shaul, Nora Gerrard, Barbara Swanson, Theresa Mathur**. These members attended the Mendo-Lake District Spring General Meeting on April 23. It was especially fun - almost everyone won the contest or a raffle prize— the happiest of all was Theresa. One of the raffle prizes was a plant with a large bag of LIVE ladybugs, Thesea told these lady bugs that she was going to take them home - then when her name was called that she won a raffle prize - she asked District Director, **Gina-Belle Smith**, if she could read the poem she had just written about talking to the lady bugs, after

reading the poem and a huge smile on her face, she got the lady bugs for her green house.

One chairman spoke about the fact that a lot of counties in our state and also the Calif. State Fair have stopped having the Horticultural displays - floral arrangements - Lake and Mendocino Counties fairs still have those departments. Let's keep this going by entering specimens and floral arrangements in the fair - we want to continue this for our future generations.

We all learned something and met new garden friends. It was a very nice day and luncheon also. The speaker was Annette Pinon and the topic was Bows & Corsages.



May Calendar

May 1 -LKR Arrangers/ Thur 10:30am.
May 3 -Plant Sale / Sat 8-3pm.
May 6 -Just for Fun-Bag Lunch/4th St.
May 20 -Reg. Meeting.
May 22 -UC Davis Field Trip.
Tues/Thur -2-3pm KV Youth Garden.

May

Plant coreopsis, daisies,
zinnias, salvia, cosmos,
marigolds, sunflowers, sweet
corn, tomatoes, and summer
vegetables.

Green Thumbs Up to



Theresa Mathur for sharing
with us . Everyone that attended
the meeting went home with a
plant of Hummingbird/
Butterfly mix.

Thanks Theresa!

Oppotunity Drawing Winners



Green

Thumbs Up to Artist Pat Hopper for instructing
**Linda Pyers, Claire Grieve, Ann Blue, and Carmen
Carpenter** in watercolor. Did you see their interpretations' of the
Western Redbud at last month's meeting?



Thanks Pat for sharing your talents.



The **Nominating Committee** is in charge of
obtaining the best qualified candidates for each
club office. Their recommendations will to be
presented at the February, 2009 meeting. **One
other person is needed to complete this
committee.**

Pat Hopper, Scholarship Chair, is taking appli-
cations. Our club awards two \$1000 scholar-
ships to Lake County HS seniors with noted ac-
complishments, or students who have com-
pleted one or more years of college with at least
one semester of a 'gardening' related subject.

The old farmhouse had “crashed and burned” long ago but the joy it had given others could be seen in the beautiful plants that flourished along what had been beds and walkways. They still served as a living memorial to the love and happiness that had once been. As Jo and I explored the old grounds I could see that she detected that “move again build again” look in my eyes. Before she could speak, I said “just one more live happily ever after home - I promise. It

wasn't the last but 35 years later we're still dividing and planting those beautiful plants a symbol of the love that was, is and will be forever. A large clump of beardless iris, assumed to be native, has given us special pleasure. Rhizome division has produced hundreds of new plants that form dense clumps of cascading evergreen leaves. “Bouquets” of lavender-blue orchid-like flowers appear in October through March providing an early spring-like feeling

through fall and winter. Sun or shade, poor soils, little water has made this a plant of many hats in our landscape. It's a look-alike native with an appropriate common name of winter iris (iris unguicularis). Jo and I have shared hundreds of these “gifts of Love” with others. May it touch their lives with love as it has ours.



Happy Birthday !



Thelma Dangel 5/18

Pat Hopper 5/22

Leslie Jones 5/30

Dwight Holford 6/4

Lily of the Valley or Hawthorn

Yellow, Red, and Green

Sweetness; Humility, Return of Happiness / Fertility, Hope

Spring Fever

The appearance of spring finds me inspired for another season of transformation. The festive foliage catches my eyes. Unexplored mounds of earth aspire to vegetate. The fertile lands flourish in familiar patterns. Today I journey in to the garden, relishing thoughts of mother nature's gifts. My digging will result in more than just dirty nails and un-earthed worms. I plant devotion and celebration with each individual seed. I dance and sing to commemorate my love for all plants. Late in the evening, I go back into my garden to harvest nature's bounty. The rising sun requests my presence to the day's exchange.

Theresa Mathur

New Members

by Diane Neilson



Adds & Correction:

Richard Gruwell -
please correct last name.

Shirley Estreem's new email:
snwestrem@gmail.com

New Members:

#69 Jean Beeson
#70 Gladdy Bransford
#71 Teri Garrett
#72 Rob Millberry

Sunshine News

by Nancy Bailey



04/08/08 - Get Well to Mary Pat Adams.
04/14/08 - Get Well to Peggy Clinton.
04/16/08 - Thinking of You to Mary Pat Adams.
04/16/08 - Thank you to Celesta Deter.
04/16/08 - Welcome to Jean Beeson.
04/16/08 - Welcome to Gladdy Bransford.



Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

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



Cultivate Kindness, Share Your Garden.



Forget-me-nots



Youth Garden Club: Tuesday & Thursdays / 2-3pm,
Kelseyville Elementary.

Regular meeting

May 20 (WORKSHOP CANCELLED) Change to Yearbook.

Hostesses: June Beto, Claire Grieve, Mary Secord.

**11:00am Speaker Cindi Diekmann, Spirit Wild,
Lake County's Wildlife Rescue & Rehab Center.
Q&A following.**

12:00pm Social.

12:30pm Flower Roll Call.

1:00am Regular Scheduled Meeting.

Field Trip: UC Davis Plant Sciences Dept.

See Sharon Thorne or Betty Atwood-Reyna.

May 22 / 10am

Field Trip: Penny Pines.

Chair: Ann Blue

June 2 / TBA Mendo-National Forrest.

Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers: contact: Barbara Swanson

June 5 / 10:30am, Thur. Theme: Multiple Containers (3+)

Garden Therapy (Adult Respite Program) Joanne Jameson.
June 10 / 10:30am Clearlake.

June Picnic: Year End Potluck.

June 16 / 5pm **MONDAY** (CHANGE from Yearbook).

Lakeport Yacht Club, at the 5th Street Launch Ramp.

Garden Therapy (Adult Respite Program) Joanne Jameson.
June 19 / 10:30am Lucerne.

Field Trip: Sweet Memories Butterfly Farm Jo Douville

June 23 / 10:00am Sign up at May meeting. Cost is \$5.

Give checks to Jo made out to CLTTGC.

Carpool: meet at Credit Union on 11th St (Safeway's lot).

District meeting - Hosted by Fort Bragg Garden Club

June 25, (Wed) at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens.

