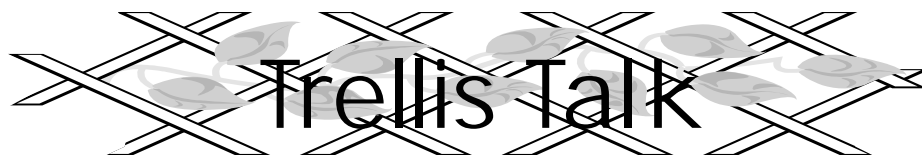


Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



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.

April 2009
Vol. 2, Issue 8

Officers:

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



TIP #23 Slide framework of an old umbrella into a metal pipe driven into the ground. Plant two clematis at the foot and watch the flowering vines blanket the frame.

TIP #24 When you dig up plants for dividing, take the opportunity to enrich the soil at the same time by incorporating compost, bone meal, aged manure or other fertilizers

TIP #25 To give tomatoes an early start in cold areas, plant seeds indoors in peat pots on April 1st.

TIP #26 Label everything you plant.

■ **A Plant Sale Committee Meeting** will be held at the Mendo-Lake Credit Union, Conference Room (Safeway Plaza in Lakeport) on **Monday, April 6th,** from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

■ **Everyone is invited.**

■ Call Ann Blue or Jo Douville if you have any questions.



Plant Sale is May 2nd—you still have time to start plants for our sale. If you can't attend and have plants, pots, yard art, vases, plant books, baskets, etc. call Jo Douville to arrange pick-up of items.

Time: 8:30am –3:00pm

Location: Savings Bank of Mendocino
650 N Main Street, Lakeport

Hope to see lots of members participate in a fun day!



Paint The Shade With Color

by



Did you know that this beautiful state of ours became known as the land of flowers from the time the first explorers set foot on her? Since then over 5,000 species of plants belonging to over 1,000 genera have been identified as native to California. I'd like to introduce you to one outstanding genus which avails itself to cultivation. Iris is its genus and iridaceous: Iris is its family. Thirteen species are low and spreading with relatively short erect flower stems. In Lake county we are blessed with one, Iris macrosiphon, with hues of yellow, lavender or a smokey color. All native Irises are unexcelled for dense to filtered shade situations. An abundance of viable seeds and propagation by root division allows large

under story areas to be quickly naturalized. For those of you who prefer a more exotic looking Iris much has been done to cross the Coastal Iris (I. Douglasiana) and the Redwood Iris (I. Purdyi) to develop unbelievable forms and colors. Colors that range from near red through shades of yellow and blue to violet and sometimes in mottled designs like leopard skin. No matter what your gardening situation, these beautiful orchid-like, undemanding, long lived and drought tolerant flowers will enhance your landscape. I invite you to join the national movement to explore the fascinating world of native flora and find how rewarding it is to protect, conserve and beautify while you show that you love to garden.





*Cultivate
Kindness,
Share
Your
Garden*



**May God bless
America & protect
our troops**

Newsletter Editor
Linda Pyers

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

Yellow is such a happy color, and now looking out my windows I see many 'happy' yellow daffodils. What a cheerful way to start this Spring Season. We need more rain, yet I'm also thankful to see the sunshine and blue skies.

Our Spring Daffodil Tea was another lovely way to start Spring. Linda and her team did an outstanding job and we all enjoyed their efforts. Thank you from all of us who attended.

Members are starting seeds in pots and transplanting plants for our Plant Sale. Jo and Ann are getting a lot of requests for more empty pots. Plans will be put in place at the Plant Sale Committee meeting - join in on this fun pro-

ject to share your gardens with our community.

We now have a full slate of officers for our April elections. The thought of having to disband this wonderful organization was such a difficult concept. I would like to request that our members realize and think about supporting whoever is elected; and also volunteer for chairmanships. The officers need members to actively support them in actions, not just in words. This garden club is now 54 years old - let's proudly keep that tradition going.

*See you in the garden,
Claire*

CGCI Smokey Bear Poster Chairman
Linda Riddle
31024 Rabbit Springs Road
Lucerne Valley, CA 92356
760-248-6397 / riddlel@comp.net



March 12, 2009

Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club
President Claire Grieve
970 4th Street
Lakeport, CA 95453-4525

Dear Claire,

It is my pleasure to notify you that Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club has a Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster winner this year.

Second Grade H/M Sergio Rodriguez
750 17th Street
PO Box 4
Lakeport, CA 95453

Sergio has been invited to the CGCI Youth Recognition Luncheon in San Mateo on Sunday, June 7th. I would like to encourage doing something special for him at the District level if he is unable to attend the convention. If I can be of any help, please give me a call or send me an email.

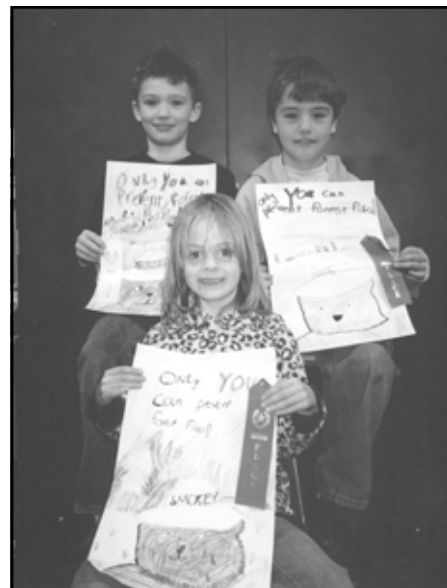
Thank you for participating in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest.

Sincerely,

Linda Riddle
Linda Riddle

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Winners

Posters from the three local winners pictured below, were sent off to the CGCI's competition. Sergio Rodriguez (boy on the right) won Honorable Mention (4th Place). He and his family will be attending the Youth Recognition Luncheon at the CGCI 78th Convention in San Mateo.



Thank You to Pat Hopper!

We applaud your work and giving of yourself
to this project.



TIME TO : Plant marigolds, nasturtiums, petunias, impatiens, begonias, vinca, and lobelia. Watch out for slugs & snails as temperatures heat up.

Civic Beautification Field Trip & Lunch

April 24, 11am

We are all coming together just for fun. Bring a drink and a bag lunch (dessert will be provided). We will meet at Library Park, at 3rd St, in Lakeport. A tour of our Civic Beautification Projects is planned by Betty Atwood-Reyna.

The last stop will be at Millberry Memorial Grove

Ukiah Garden Club's Garden Tour

May 17th, 9am-5pm

This year's tour includes 7 gardens. There will be a Bee Garden, a zeroscape garden, other specialty gardens and one with a small winery. There will also be a boutique with garden related items for sale, art on display, and refreshments for guest to enjoy.

Betty Atwood-Reyna will have signups at our April meeting. The cost is \$20 and due at that time (make checks out to CLTTGC).

Meet Betty at the Bachelor Valley (Upper Lake) Grange at 11am, in the parking lot. She will have your tickets with a map of the 7 gardens. We can carpool from there.

If anyone would like to make their own arrangements, tickets go on sale April 1st and are sold at the Mendocino Book Company, 1025 So School St, Ukiah, or call Betty for more information.

Green

Thumbs Up to **CLTTGC members**



for bringing tea sandwiches and delicacies. Big THANKS to **Linda Waterstraat, Mary Secord, Nora Gerrard, Sue Gardner-Neumman, Diane Neilson, Helen Turley, Heide Thomason, Ann Blue, Shirley Estrem, Marva Brandt, Carol Brabrook, Donna Isley, LKR Arrangers, Hostesses**, and nameless others that chipped in to help make this Tea Party a success.

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Thumbs Up



to **Joanne Jameson, Jo Douville, Heide Thomson, & Marva Brandt** for submitting their names as officers to be voted on in our April meeting. Officer nominations will also be taken from the floor during the April meeting.

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Thumbs Up



to **Barbara Swanson, Pam Held & Linda Waterstraat** for their work on the Nominating Committee, filling positions. These ladies have spend zillions of hours on the phones contacting members.

Thanks for your dedication.

Green

Thumbs Up



to **Linda Waterstraat** for the wonderful job she did in chairing the Daffodil Spring Tea. All your work, time and effort made for a joyful time for the rest of us. Thank You!

Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers

Submitted by Shirley Estrem

At the March meeting of Arrangers, I gave a handout of the mechanics chapter in the book we are reviewing. There are good hints and tricks to arrange your flowers. I stressed the setting of your arrangement like having a background, as different backgrounds change the looks and effect of the arrangement. There was a page in the book with this example, and I also had some previous cards of the same example. Some mechanics for daffodils would be to put the stems in a straw to make them more stable. Also for daffodils if you want to put them in oasis – first open up a place with a pencil. Sometimes you need a longer stem. You can wrap another stem to it, or wrap a twig or wire with floral tape to extend the stem. One mechanic I had never seen before was with the aspidistra leaf, the long green ones. The tip was to tape a wire on the back so you could bend it in a wave, curl, twist or whatever. There was a picture in the book of this effect. Mechanics is a big part of arranging.



Daffodil Spring Tea
Linda Waterstraat,
Spring Tea Chairman



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Trees Planted by Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club	
March 10, 1966	Arbor Day - Clear Lake High School – 3 magnolia, grandifora trees
March 9, 1968	Arbor Day – willow tree – Eastlake School, Clear Lake Oaks
May, 1970	County Jail and Sheriff's bldg
Oct, 1971	Arbor Day - Happy Day School – crepe myrtle & silver maple – Clear Lake High School
March, 1972	Arbor Day - pink flowering plum tree Vista Site – new Lake County Chamber of Commerce
March 7, 1973	Arbor Day – fruitless mulberry trees – George G. Holberg Vista Point – in memory of C. Booth's husband
March 20, 1974	Arbor Day - Eucalyptus – Lake County Courthouse
April, 1974	Happy Day School – planted crepe myrtle
June, 1976	CLTTGC landscapes new elementary school
July 7, 1976	Lakeport Elementary School - in honor of Morris Curry
June, 1978	Hospital Landscape Project
February 9, 1979	trees & shrubs – Terrace Elementary School - in memory of Past President Elma McKee
March 9, 1979	Arbor Day - Lakeport Elementary School - in honor of Elizabeth Whitehead
March 23, 1979	Arbor Day - Camellia Christian Science Church School on March 9 – in honor of Elma McKee
May 1, 1979	Happy Day School - tree planted - in memory Ralph Leedes
March 7, 1980	Arbor Day – at Grammar School Liquid Amber Tree
March, 1981	Arbor Day – tree at Grammar School
March, 1982	Arbor Day – flowering cherry tree at Christian Church - in honor of Past President Edith Moosegaard
March 24, 1988	Upper Lake Park
May 11, 1988	Magnolia tree for Centennnial at City Hall, Lakeport
March 10, 1991	Arbor Day – Kathy Woods Kindegarten Class
March 13, 1992	Arbor Day - Lakeport Elementary School
March 6, 1993	Arbor Day – Redbud Community School, Argonaut Rd. , Lakeport
1994*	Middletown High School near FFA bldg. & Special Needs student classroom
	Donated \$250 towards the Triangle Park project, Nice a few years ago
	Maple tree in County Park
	Historical Society Bldg – Upper Lake Park – Red Ash
	Magnolia – City Hall
1999-2001*	Tree in park (not sure which park)
2001-2003*	Home for Habitat in Clearlake – pear tree & cherry tree
	Clear Lake shoreline behind World Mark, Nice – dogwood tree (Freedom Program)
	Ornamental pears at new park in Lakeport (not sure which park)
	Scott's Valley Woman's Clubhouse – Arbor Day – pine tree
2003-2005*	Arbor Day – Habitat for Humanity homes in Clearlake – 2004 – crepe myrtle + 2005 -reywood ash
March, 2007	Arbor Day – ceanothus tree
May, 2007	Hanson-Linder-Dinsmore-Millberry Memorial Grove - dogwood
March, 2008	Westside Park (adjacent to the Dog Park) – 4 red horse chestnuts
	Blue Star Memorial Garden – red bud bush
	Hanson-Linder-Dinsmore-Millberry Memorial Grove - red bud bush - in honor of Carol Kesey
	Kelseyville Kids Garden – cherry Stella tree
	Parking lot at 5 th Street ramp, Lakeport -3 Chinese Pistacia trees
	Hanson-Linder-Dinsmore-Millberry Memorial Grove - Cedar tree
April, 2008	Hanson-Linder-Dinsmore-Millberry Memorial Grove - dogwood - in honor of Jo & Jerry Shaul
April, 2009	Parking lot at 5 th Street ramp, Lakeport – Arbor Day - 3 Chinese Pistacia trees
CLTTGC records show 50 Penny Pines Plantations donated, with 350 trees planted per plantation equals 17,500 trees.	
Note: * means remembered by Past President– these were not in the President's Books.	

SEE CLUB BULLETIN BOARD:

(located at the back of our meeting room).

1. Plant & Garden Sale sign-ups:
(see Jo Douville or Ann Blue).
2. Civic Beautification Tour:
(see Betty Atwood-Reyna).
3. Ukiah Garden Tour sign-ups:
(see Betty Atwood-Reyna).

Happy Birthday !

Suzanne Russell	4/14
Heide Thomason	4/21
Barbara Fain	4/25
Jane Graham	4/28

Green

Thumbs Up

to **Claire Grieve**

The report on the previous page was researched by Claire Grieve. Notes on tree plantings and newspaper articles were found in the Presidents' History Books. This list is not complete, not all the books were available. Not included in this list are the many shrubs, plants, and flowers that CLTTGC has planted as part of the Civic Beautification projects over the years. This record of how many trees, what kind, and where they were planted is a good reference for all of our members.

Green

Thumbs Up

to **Theresa Mather** for sharing her talents by helping other create beautiful HAKU (Flower Lei headdresses). This workshop had a lovely result.



Penny Pines

by **Ann Blue, Chair-**



News: Please checkout the Bulletin Board for recent information from CGCI Reforestation Chairman, Arthur Loech. You will find a nice 'Thank You' letter for our club's second \$100 donation with information on where the money will be used and for what purpose.

(For more info-see Golden Gardens, April/May 2009)

Opportunity Drawing Winners

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 this newsletter.

Please give items to Jo Douville.



Congratulations to CLTTGC, nominated for 'Environmental Award of the Year', 2009 Stars of Lake County.

Although we did not win, we were in good company and appreciated whoever nominated us. Linda Pyers was at the award ceremony to represent our club.



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Thumbs Up to **Pat Hopper** for teaching water-

color to three willing students (**Jo Douville**-left before I could get her picture, **Claire Grieve**, & **Linda Pyers**).

We had a very fun time painting in our own unique style a vase of flowers. Pat was very patient bouncing between the three of us: teaching, correcting, and making suggestions.



Sunshine News

by **Nancy Bailey**



- 03/23/09 - Thinking of You to Nancy Benkelman.
- 03/23/09 - Thinking of You to Ginny & Gunde Gunderson.
- 03/23/09 - Thinking of You to Jane Graham.
- 03/30/09 - Get Well to Suzanne Russell.



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

Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
(www.gardenclub.org)
National President: Barbara May
- **Pacific Region**
(JBandRJPruin@comcast.net)
Director: Jeanette Pruin
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
(www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org)
President: Robin Pokorski
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.mendolakedistrict.org)

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Forget-me-nots



April 2009

- 4/6 Plant Sale Committee Meeting
Jo Douville & Ann Blue Co-Chair
Mendo-Lake Credit Union-conf room
10:00am-12:00noon
- 4/13 **No Workshop** (completed 1/16)
- 4/14 LKR Arrangers Theme:Design in a Frame
11:00am (see Barbara Swanson)
- 4/17 Work Party at Millberry Memorial Grove.
9:00am Please bring groves and tools.
- 4/18 Ukiah Spring Plant Sale in Redwood Valley
- 4/19 District Spring Plant Sale in Redwood Valley
- 4/21 Regular Meeting- Hostesses: **Jean Beeson, Helen Turley, & Donna Isley.**
12:00pm Social
12:30pm Flower Roll Call
1:00pm Meeting no program.
- 4/22 Mendo-Lake District Spring Meeting in Willits.

4/24 National Arbor Day

- 4/24 Field Trip-View Civic Beautification Projects.
Follow with a picnic. (see Betty Atwood-Reyna)
- 4/5 Field Trip Clear Lake State Park
No formal arrangements-invite a friend.
(contact Park for times)
- 4/25 Water Wise Gardening Seminar-
Mendocino College
- 4/26 Potter Valley Plant Sale

May 2009

- 5/2 CLTTGC Plant Sale

See your 2008-2009 Year Book for detailed info.

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