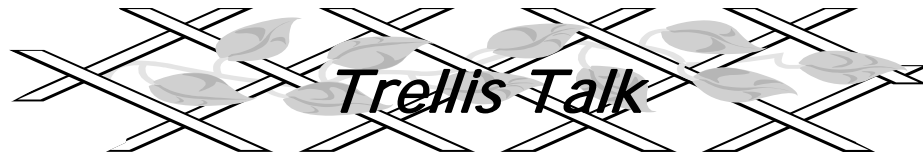


Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



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:

Jo Jameson

Vice President:

Jo Douville

Treasurer:

Heide Thomason

Secretary:

Marva Brandt

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

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HELPFUL HINTS:

Hold Pomegranates in a bowl under water and the fruit will fall to the bottom while the membranes will float to the top.

A win-win situation.

Sue Gardner-Newmann

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Into Gran'ma Kitchen Window

Her pumpkin pie spice candle flickers on her counter and along with it, you can see pictures taken on Cobb Mountain of the fall colors taken recently on a trip with Mary Secord. She will get them in the mail today to her.

For Thanksgiving, her family shares the festivities; Lynn's family has hors d'oeuvres, everyone comes to her house for turkey, mashed potatoes (orders from Amber who will give Gran'ma a Great-Grand-Daughter in April and Adam, home after a year in Kosovo). It's Heather, who circled the globe in '08 and biked 4,000 miles cross country in '09 that wants to learn how to make Gran'ma's turkey gravy. Erik, Matt and Brooke will devour the food and head for David's big lawn to work off some of the calories to make room for all the desserts prepared. Gran'ma takes a moment to think of those far away and also those of her extended family who will be facing surgery and radiation, recovering from surgery and says a silent prayer that all goes well.

Gran'ma takes a break from her cooking



and the party favors she's making for the Christmas Luncheon brings her attention to another season that is just around the corner Christmas!!! It's not long into her project when memories flood her mind of childhood Christmases. Traveling home late one moonlit night with stars so bright you could almost touch them comes quickly to mind. The icicles hanging from the peach trees immediately sent her into a fairy land. A second later, she was waking up to visions of a little rubber doll that hung in her stocking behind the little pot-bellied stove in their living room. That was 1941, the year her Daddy was in California working at Mare Island.

Gran'ma works a few more minutes on her party favors for her luncheon, looks outside to the wonderful sunshine in her garden and knows she will find some pleasant task to do out there for a few minutes; then she will be refreshed for more indoor stuff.

She will also be able to look into her kitchen windows now that they are all sparkly and clean. YAY!!!!



HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING:

December 2nd, 3rd, & 4th for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We'll be setting up on Tuesday the 1st at which time hopefully we can start bring greens. We still need people to come and help so contact Jo J. We especially need people for Friday afternoon when the rest of the crew starts fading. Some good looking men with muscles would be greatly appreciated. I hear Linda W. is planning homemade soups for us.

facebook Everyone can join 'Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club' group page on facebook. It's the perfect setting for sharing what you are doing in your garden, etc. Just join and post your thoughts on the wall. It's kind of like a party line (remember those?). Anyone can join in or just eavesdrop on what everyone else is saying.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Nora Gerrard and **Helen Turley** are requesting that you contact them if you are interested in serving on the executive board and on one of the standing committee. We voted last year to have one year terms instead of two thinking people could commit to a shorter length of time. Please consider this and look through your yearbook to see all the different area that need your help.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Due December 8th to Jo D. It will be at Zino's on Soda Bay Road and promises to be a great luncheon with choices of Chicken Parmesan,

Marinated Pork with Dijon mustard sauce or four cheese ravioli all served with green salad with cranberries and tiramisu for dessert.

Prices are \$15.00 including tax but *NOT* gratuity.



An Old Fashioned Christmas

by Jerry Shaul

It was a week before Christmas and Grandma Shaul's old wood fired cook stove was working overtime gobbling up chunks of manzanita and oak over which she had complete control. There would be candies, cookies and cakes for the traditional German Christmas Eve celebration and of course 'Der Nikolaus' would arrive with gifts for all. The following day the family gathered to enjoy a traditional German feast fit for the emperor. It happened in a very old and beautiful farm house located in a high fertile valley dotted with majestic valley oaks and surrounded by mountains clothed in chaparral, oaks and conifers. Christmas Eve was chilled and a full moon had just peaked over Bartlett mountain when Dad shifted down and braked the '27 Chevy to a grinding halt. As we opened the doors our exhaust fumes were replaced with that of a fireplace belching the sweet aroma of burning oak. Barbie and I the only grand children, ran for the front door where Grandpa and Grandma hugged and kissed us and seemed as excited as we were. Coal oil lamps with the help of the flickering fireplace light revealed a beautifully decorated living room. The fireplace mantle was decorated with sugar pine boughs and cones interlaced with red Christmas berries from the toyon. Each door way was crowned with sprigs of mistletoe. A douglas fir Christmas tree, selected for its outstanding aroma, took center stage as it

reached for the 10 foot ceiling. It was tastefully decorated with beautiful hand blown and painted ornaments imported from Germany. For fear of fire the many candles were not lit. Strings of popcorn and manzanita berries adorned the tree from top to bottom. The room was filled with the mixed aroma of the pine and Grandpa's Christmas socks filled with oranges, apples, nuts, dates and assorted candies.

After kissing and hugging our Aunts and Uncles, Barbie and I were whisked away to the kitchen to wait for Santa's arrival. There was a thumping on the roof and the sound of sleigh bells—we were petrified and wide eyed. Then the drum beat of boots on the porch and his loud entry with a booming voice and laughter. Barbie and I were in tears with fear and joy. The kitchen door burst open and there towered Santa, bigger than life with a sack of gifts to match. He entertained the adults while scaring the holy heck out of me. With each gift I was questioned about my behavior and he seemed to know exactly all the bad things I had done. He would make his pint by shaking his reindeer whip in my face. Suddenly with roaring laughter and sleigh bells ringing he vanished into the darkness.

Josephine why can't I remember my Father ever being there? Can we have an old fashioned Christmas this year?



The Most Special Christmas Gift

Doris Ellsworth,



Need an idea for a long-lasting, useful, and memorable gift for a young person?

I believe the gift I got when quite young made a life-long gardener out of me (that in itself was quite a gift).

It was a small Jujube Tree given to me by two older sisters. They told quite a story about it coming all the way from China and when large enough would produce 'Chinese dates'.

My Grandparents had just given me their one

room house they'd lived in while the big house was being built. The very first thing, I planted there was that Jujube Tree.

It grew well; later producing the 'dates' and was the start of my first garden.

When grown up, it gave me a special feeling every time I went home to see this tree and how it had grown into such beauty.

The most pleasurable, gratifying, remembered, long-lasting gift I received growing up!



Bow Making Workshop

Green Thumbs Up

to the fourteen **ladies** who showed up to make bows for our Christmas Wreaths. **Barbara Swanson** hosted the event where we made over 160 bows and for our reward we were treated to her wonderful homemade goodies. I would encourage you to participate in these workshops; they really are a lot of fun.



Green Thumbs Up

to the **Shirley Estrem** for organizing our wonderful Chrysanthemum Show. You are such a gracious lady, Shirley, and seen to do things with such ease but when one sees you working tirelessly through to the end, one appreciates you even more.



Green Thumbs Up

to the **Jo Douville** for the behind scenes that she puts into programs, workshops, speakers and field trips. Yes, and many other things like making sure you sign up for activities..



We Need More Trees Where We Live

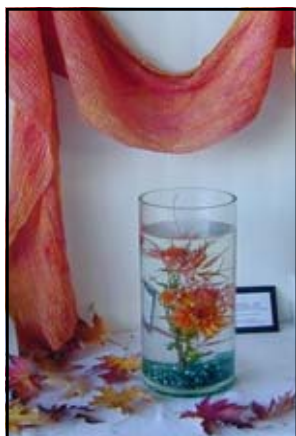
Submitted by Doris Ellsworth

- We Need More Trees for Wildlife—Trees help make nature apart of our daily lives. Trees provide nesting sites for songbirds, and food and cover for a wide variety of wildlife.
- We Need More Trees to Conserve Energy—Cities without trees are 'heat islands'; 100 million additional mature trees in US cities would save \$2 billion per year in energy costs. The goal of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program is more trees throughout American's towns and cities.
- We Need More Trees to Clean the Air—Trees help clean air by 'catching' airborne pollutants such as ozone, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and small particulates.
- We Need More Trees to Increase Property Values—A Windbreak can lower heating bills 10-20%. Many Flowering Trees also produce food for wildlife, Street Trees shade the concrete and help cool the entire neighborhood., Nut Trees can be incorporated into windbreaks or serve as shade trees, a Backyard orchard lets you grow your own fruit, and Shade Trees planted east and west of your homes can cut cooling costs 15-35%.





um Songs'



Kesey says it is easy!!!! That's what she told many that came up to her and asked about growing chrysanthemums. Do you believe it??? Well this year there were more specimens, 64 at the show, and twice as many growers participating than last year. With fewer members in the club, that is a real accomplishment. There were 58 arrangements, about 20% more than last year, and more arrangers too; including a guest arranger Nona Carpenter who came over and got mum starts after attending last years show. We *danced* last year, and now we are *singing*, and still singing in our memories. This year there were over 40 different specimens, including some new ones from Kesey's garden.

KINGS DELIGHT - QUILL - PINK – 2009
CISCO - THISTLE - YELLOW – 2009
SENKYO KENSHIN - TUBULAR SPIDER -
DARK BRONZE – 2009
SYMPHONY - SPIDER - LACY BRONZE - 2009
DESCANSO - SPIDER - BRONZE – 2009
ALEXIS - INCURVE - PINK – 2009
GEORGE COUCHMAN - INCURVE - BRONZE – 09

Claire Grieve had the only White Star and Hatsume. June Beto had Vesuvio or otherwise known as June and Roger, a fun white anemone. Thanks to the Linda's for all their work setting up the specimen tables, all in order.

How about our "Happy Birthday", cake and all by Linda Pyers. Then the "I've Got Rhythm" of Jo Jameson, we know you have it Jo, along with your "Country Roads" and your sweet "Side by Side". Barbara gave us "Over the Rainbow" along with "Up, Up and Away" "Yellow Submarine" and "Misty Moonlight". Jo Shaul had the perfect "Autumn Leaves", and "Deep Purple", along with a real dreaming of "White Christmas". Claire Grieve came in with "Waltzing Matilda", and wasn't she cute; also "Paper Doll" with real sheet music and "I'm a Little Tea Pot". Ann Blue had sweet "Memories" and "Rust and Diamonds" real rocks, from Lake County. Heidi Thomason did two renditions of "Bridge Over Troubled Waters", great bridges and double the creativity.

Our new members came with wonderful arrangements. Linda Leslie and Richard Gruwell brought arrangements from their own garden collection. Leanne Harvey had a huge block of pine decorated, "They Cut Down the Old Pine Tree" and a beautiful Rocking horse in "Rocking Horse Cowboy". Susan Buckles had a unique "Wild Thing". Suzanne Russell

sang, "September Song", "Yesterday", "You Are So Beautiful", and "Climb any Mountain". Suzanne also did some extra decorating at the entry way. Marva Brandt had a "What's New Pussycat", cat and all, "Music Goes Round", "Rock Around the Clock", and beat the drums with "Flower Drum Song". Our guest arranger, Nona Carpenter used her unusual "Pots Container", rang in "Jingle Bells", and also a multiple frame design to add to our show, using her garden chrysanthemums. Carol Kesey did her specialty triangle in pinks, "Long, Long Ago", and used her new yellow Thistle in "You Are My Sunshine". I am still singing. As the flowers started to bloom, was my first song "Hello Dolly" with the new pink quill, Kings Delight. Next was old blue eyes, Frank Sinatra singing, "My Way", using a container we fondly call the 'Sewer Pipes'. Three rust and gold incurve mums were surrounded with curly kelp and autumn leaves from my wild dogwood tree. Another song with the new spider, Symphony, in "You Light Up My Life". The white spider, Fairy Lace was singing "Gentlemen Prefer Blonds". "Unforgettable" was glowing in a fun container I got at Hospice. Another fun song, thinking of my brother listening to country western, "All My Rowdy Friends Have Settled Down", using a mixture of mums in a collection of three containers encircled with dried kelp and leaves. Let's go to the beach sometime and collect goodies. There were other songs, "Embraceable You", "Around the World in Eighty Days", "Only You", "What the World Needs Now Is Love", "Home on the Range" and "Tea For Two". Flowers came from everyone. Some used those from their own gardens, and others had the pickings from June Beto, Claire Grieve and Carol Kesey.

Many worked very hard, setting up and cleaning up, like Heidi T., mopped us out the door. Jo Shaul manned our reception table all day. Many brought cookies and Suzanne even brought us some lovely soup in a crock pot for those that spent all day – did the cider too.

It's Easy, says Kesey!!!! It's Easy to look at for sure. Get your ground ready for next year; the mums divide up mid spring. There will be announcements. It's Easy. All it takes is a little staking, pinching, fertilizing, tying, talking to, watering, fertilizing, pinching, and then the picking.

Written in thanks to my flower "Mum", Carol Kesey.
Flower Friends For Fun – Shirley Estrem



Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers—November Meeting. **Barbara Swanson, Ann Blue, Shirley Estrem, Claire Grieve, Heide Thomason, Leanne Harvey;** Next row: **Susan Buckles, Marva Brandt, Carol Kesey, Jo Shaul, Pres Jo Jameson.** Picture taken by **Linda Pyers.**

Green Thumbs Up to the **Board Members and Chairmen** for their willingness to meet early to conduct necessary business.

And a Green Thumbs Up to **Jo Jameson** for a feeding us with some wonderfully warm and tasty soups.



Pursue some path. . . in which you can walk with love and reverence. (Henry David Thoreau)

New Members

By Ginny



Email Correction:
Leanne Harvey

New Members:
Cindy Cranston
Sunol Westergren
Kathelen Bisaccio

Green Thumbs Up

to **Susan Buckles** for taking on the selection of the Elizabeth Whitehead Scholarship. We have been giving two \$1,000.00 scholarships and all the proceeds from the Christmas Wreaths goes directly into that fund.



Green Thumbs Up

to **Linda Waterstraat and Carol Brabrook** for graciously taken on the chairmanship of the Daffodil Tea which will be held March 16, 2010. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Green Thumbs Up

to **Claire Grieve, Linda Pyers and Ann Blue** who volunteered to be the committee that will be recognizing the outstanding gardens of our neighbors. More information will be forthcoming in 2010 on criteria and how members can make recommendations.



RECIPE—Joelle's Herbed Butternut Squash-Apple Soup

(served at the Nov board/luncheon meeting)

Cook 2 pounds butternut squash, two tart apples and one large onion (chopped) with one tsp rosemary and two tsp thyme (chopped), one and a half quarts chicken broth seasoned with salt and pepper for about 30 minutes; cool enough to blend; return to pot; simmer 10 minutes. You can vary the soup by adding one half cup half and half and garnish with sour cream and rosemary.—Jo J. (omitted the last 3 ingredients and it was still very good).

YEARBOOK UPDATE: There is a lot of new information in the newsletter or during our meetings that is very helpful for your yearbook. Take time to enter that information and it will be much easier to locate it when you need it.

A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY

PEOPLE GET GIFTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
THEY CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
THEY LIKE TO PUT SOME LIGHTS OUTDOORS
SOME PEOPLE GO TO THEIR GRANDMA'S
AND OTHERS WRITE NOTES TO SANTA
CHRISTMAS IS A FUN HOLIDAY.

A Blank Verse Poem, Written by Emily Keiser (7)
Lakeport Elementary, Ms Guenther's 2nd Student.

Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
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President: Maryanne Lucas
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)

Enjoy! Enrich! Encourage! Empower!



Forget-me-nots

December 2009:

2, 3, 4 Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

- 5 **Happy Birthday ! Marva Brandt**
- 5 **Happy Birthday ! Carol Kesey**
- 7 **Happy Birthday ! Gladdy Bransford**

8 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers Theme: Oriental Design

9 **Garden Therapy—Clearlake**

- 12 **Happy Birthday! Cindy Cranston**
- 14 **Happy Birthday! Claire Grieve**

15 Christmas Luncheon 12 noon at Zino's Ristorante & Inn 6330 Soda Bay Rd, Kelseyville.



17 **Garden Therapy—Lucerne.**

21 **Happy Birthday! Diane Neilson**

25 **Merry Christmas!**

(Details about each event are in your Yearbook)

January 2010:

1 **Happy New Year?**

19 Regular Club Meeting

Hostesses:

B Atwood-Reyna, I Waterstraat, & G
Brunsford.

12:00pm Social Time.

12:30pm Flower Roll Call.



1:00pm Meeting.

