

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 #28 Eggshells make great seed starting pots.

TIP #29 Try misting a mustard water tonic (1 Tbsp mustard in 1 qt warm water) to kill various insects feasting on vegetable leaves.

TIP #30 A hand-held bulb planter is perfect for planting potatoes.

TIP #31 Aluminum foil reflects light which some insects can't stand. Place like mulch around squash, cukes, & corn.

TIP #30 Bury a book of matches under each pepper plant for acidic soil.

Big Green Thumbs Up

to **President Claire Grieve; Vice President Theresa Mathur; Treasurer Nora Gerrard; Secretary Linda Waterstraat; and Parliamentarian, Jo Douville**, for a wonderful 2007-2009 year in the Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club. A **Big Thank You**, as well. Few of us really know the many hours, phone calls, and dare I say gray hairs are a result of the love you all have put into this club the last few years. We hope that the experience was as meaningful for each of you as it was for each of us.



Celebrate National Garden Week—June 7-13

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES (Bear Berries--Little Apple)

by Jerry Shaul



Now, now Josephine, calm down! I know that I have over a hundred manzanitas that add beautiful color, form and texture to your landscape. OH, it's the seedlings not the mature plants that bother you. Well, you must understand that each of these miracles of nature started as a delicate urn shaped blossom borne in a decorative white to lavender raceme that you so admire. Thanks to our honeybees these blossoms are transformed into attractive clumps of fruit. You wonder what this has to do with the seedling problem in your yard. I was about to remind you of those song birds you so admire. You know the ones that feast on your manzanita berries and then sow the seeds in sort of a bird shot pattern. Transplanting those that must be relocated is done after the first fall rains and not later than mid-March. The root system must not be exposed so as to minimize shock. Deep once-a-week summer watering is required for the first year. You say, "pull the little pests out." That really hurts me, Josephine, and I'll tell you why. You see during the great depression

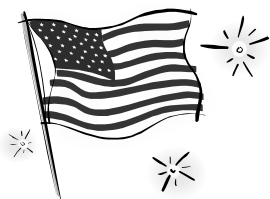
while you city folks were cranking valves and flipping switches, us country folks were surviving by living off the land. That meant heating and cooking with fire wood from trees like that 15 foot arctostaphylos manzanita over there. See how it contrasts yet blends with its neighbors and how its grey-green leaves form a loose canopy revealing several gnarled trunks clothed in smooth, lustrous cinnamon brown bark. That is just one of 43 species of arctostaphylos that are native to California. "Josephine, can you see now why I'm driven by guilt and must return the favor by finding a good home for each of these beautiful creatures?" Of course I also recognize that this native is one of the most handsome, enduring and useful of California's native flora making it a very desirable cultivated plant. They are truly a plant for all seasons and many gardening situations.

"Jerry, let's grab a cup of coffee and take a stroll through MY manzanitas." Why, Josephine? "Because I want to thank them for making this a more beautiful place to live and you can thank them for the memories."





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Kindness,
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Your
Garden



May God bless
America & protect
our troops

This is my last Garden Thyme President's message and I want to end my term with many thank yous. It was an experience that creates many emotions – it was fun working with members, a learning process of absorbing other member's knowledge, and an honor to be President of this organization.

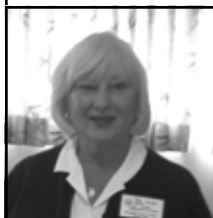
My Officers –



Thank you to our **Vice President, Theresa Mathur**, for sharing your knowledge and love of gardening with us. And for all the extras you do.

Thank you to our **Treasurer, Nora Gerrard**, who is always on top of our money and all the record keeping that your job creates. You are a good listener and I can always count on you for support and advice.

Thank you to our **Secretary, Linda Waterstraat**, for your correctly documented minutes,



for your support, plus the many things you do for our club.

Thank you to our **Parliamentarian, Jo Douville**, for keeping up on the Roberts Rules and our Bylaws. You



wear many hats and are very supportive in all of our activities.

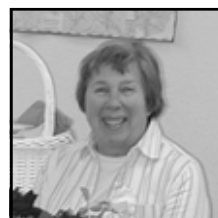
I applaud all of you for making my term so special.

I also want to applaud our **"Trellis Talk" news-letter editor, Linda Pyers**, and our **CLTTGC.ORG editor, Barbara Swanson (& Peter Skram)**

– all who have given many hours of their time and talents for us to enjoy their efforts. A huge thank you from me and all the other members; you two, like the rest of our officers, don't just volunteer for one garden club activity – you are involved in several parts of our garden club.

I also want to acknowledge our **Chairman**, who make our club such a well rounded organization. A big hug goes to all of our members – thank you all.

See you in the garden, Claire



What is paradise but a garden—an orchard of trees and herbs full of pleasure and nothing but delights. William Lawson

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



What a wonderful surprise. At the May meeting I (**Linda Pyers**) was a recipient of the 50th Penny Pines plantation Award. I couldn't be happier. I believe in this program and I am honored and proud to support repopulating our forests. A big *Thank You* from your Newsletter Editor.



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Thumbs Up
to **Gina-Belle**,
our Mendo-Lake District
Director for another successful year.

She is very special to our garden club.

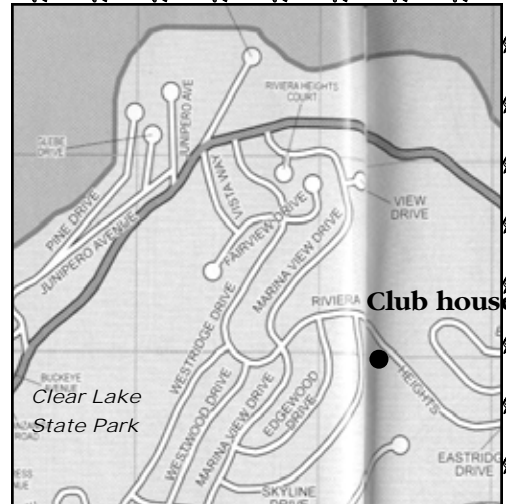


Come join the fun! Our year-end Potluck Picnic is here. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share, a drink and place setting for you and your 'special someone'. We will be 'thanking' our out going 2007-2009 Officers and installing our new 2009-2010 Officers. No other business, just a nice time to get to know each other better. And you can thank our handy Claire, she's made some door prizes. **Car-pooling is always a good idea.**

Your are Invited: Year-end Potluck Picnic

Location: Riviera Hts County

Map to Riviera County Club: it is nine miles from Applerain Nursery down Soda Bay Rd., right turn onto Riviera Heights. Dr. and 1/2mi. up to the clubhouse.(Riviera Hts Dr. is 2.7 mi. past the entrance to Clear Lake State Park.)



\$1,000 Scholarships for 2009

The Scholarship Committee, **Ann Blue, Jo Jameson, and Jan Kespohl** have been busy sending out applications to Lake County School Counselors. They received eight applications and have made their selections. Two High School Graduates will receive \$1,000 each towards the College of their choice. The Committee members went as far as to present the certificates at the Graduation Ceremonies. I can't tell you the winners' names yet, *it's a secret.*



Look for their announcement in local publications following all the graduations. Congratulations to the winners and with pride, *thank you ladies of the committee.*



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Up to Helen Turley

For bring us our May speaker, Kim Clymire. Thank you Helen, Mr Clymire gave a very informative presentation on the Mr Ko-nocti Project. Our club supported this project with a gift of \$300.



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to Jane Graham and Nancy Bailey

for recently completed the Landscape Design Study Program sponsored by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., coordinated by the California Garden Clubs and hosted by the Calaveras County Garden Club. It involved four sequential courses offered every 6 months over a two- year period. A written exam was required after each of the four courses in order to become NGC accredited landscape design consultants. Jane & Nancy successfully completed the series and will become ac-

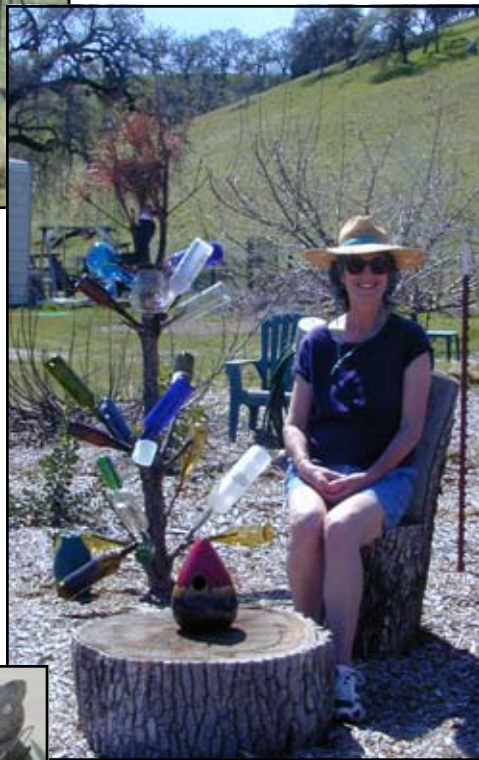
credited landscape design consultants. The next Landscape Design Study Program series offered in northern California will be hosted by the Rohnert Park Garden Club in the Fall of 2011.

This picture was taken at Ironstone Winery in Murphys. Part of our final exam was to do a tour and evaluate its landscaping according to certain criteria. It was the highlight of the 2 year program!





***Sue Gardener-
Neumman***






**PLEASE PAY NORA GERRARD YOUR DUES
FOR THE UPCOMING 2009-2010 CLUB YEAR.**

\$20/person or
\$26/couple



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Thumbs Up 
to Richard Gruwell, Claire Grieve, and Mary Secord
for the tree planting in the parking lot at the 5th St Launch Ramp. Richard got right in there digging the holes for the three trees planted as our contribution for Arbor Day this year. (sorry, not one picture of his face).



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Thumbs Up 
to Nora Gerrard
for keeping our books and paying our bills. She makes it look easy, but you can trust that it is not. Nora has been doing an excellent job for 6 years. At every meeting she has a printed updated copy of a our budget. This all takes a great deal of time.

Thank you Nora!

Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers

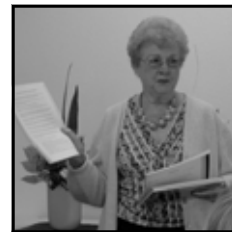


President Claire organized a surprise 'thank you' party for **Barbara Swanson**. Barbara encourages new members along with the other long time flower arrangers. She takes photos and asks her son Peter to put them on CLTTGC website for all of us to enjoy. She researched a book, Creative

Flower Arranging, and suggested we take turns telling about something we learned from the book. She reserves the conference room and organizes & explains our next assignment. Basically, she keeps us going - while encouraging us to have fun & learn about flower arranging. **Thank you Barbara!**

Barbara would like to challenge everyone to enter the Lake County Fair this year.

The first week in June is National Garden Club Week. Be on the look out, because in the past club members have placed arrangements around town. Check out the library, a bank, or a business you frequent.. Who knows where?



It was **Ann Blues** turn to share from the book the Arrangers have been reviewing. She also thinks it is a good



TIME TO: Plant basil, pumpkins, and green onions. Dig & divide daffodils and other crowded bulbs. Grapevines will need sulfur until berries begin to sweeten.

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Up to **'Trellis Talk' contributors**. I've had a blast working on this newsletter together with all of you. **Pres Claire** is our major contributor. Her thoughts in 'Garden Thyme' is the pulse of what's going on. Together we try to remember everyone that deserves a 'Thumbs Up' (sorry if we missed you). She also, proof reads it for correct dates etc. **Diane Neilson** has done a wonderful job welcoming new members. Our sunshine gal, **Nancy Bailey** is reliable and very prompt sending cards out. **Jerry Shaul's** talent in writing antidotal stories is a bonus for the readers. Were the hints members shared helpful? Claire and myself (**Linda Pyers**) want to thank you for cultivating kindness and sharing your gardens.

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Thumbs Up to **Doris Ellsworth**



using her talents to our benefit. As a Master in Gardening, she is always educating us. She never hesitates to take a members' plant home to identify and research; then she restores it to health and return it with the corrected name.



Our lit'l worker bee, Doris, always has interesting items for sale. In fact, I think she is the reason everyone arrives early so as not to miss one of her one-of-a-kind 'finds'. Whether it's plants or sale items, we owe you a great deal of respect. *Thank You Doris!*

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Thumbs Up to **June Beto**,



the 'Hostesses with the mostest' Chairman, who is always there for the past 6 years to lend a helping had to our hostesses and arrives early with instructions on how to make coffee. June also keeps track of our supplies and keeps our cupboards neat.

Thank You June!



Opportunity
Drawing Winner
Jane Graham



Thanks to **Jo Douville** for putting together the goodie baskets. Didn't you just love all the great surprised in the baskets?



Happy Birthday !

Gina-Belle	Smith	12-Jun
June	Beto	18-Jun
June	Dye	21-Jun
Donna	Isley	23-Jun
Jay	Swanson	26-Jun
Betty	Schmidt	28-Jun
Carol	Brabrook	12-Jul
Dani	Inglin	17-Jul
Nancy	Benkelman	18-Jul
Jo	Shaul	19-Jul
Elaine	Mansell	20-Jul
Nancy	Bailey	26-Jul
Shirley	Estrem	30-Jul
Barbara	Swanson	30-Jul
Bob	Benkelman	2-Aug
Nora	Gerrard	6-Aug
Joanne	Jameson	18-Aug
Linda	Pyers	23-Aug
Bill	Held	24-Aug
Sue	Gardner-Neumann	27-Aug
Helaine	Christensen	31-Aug
Linda	Waterstraat	31-Aug
Doris	Ellsworth	1-Sep
Ginny	Gunderson	3-Sep
Jan	Kespohl	8-Sep

As is the gardener, so is the garden.

Sunshine News

by **Nancy Bailey**



05/07/09 - Thinking of You to Carmen Carpenter
05/27/09 - Thank You to Claire Grieve
Thank You to Theresa Mathers
Thank You to Linda Waterstraat
Thank You to Nora Gerrard
Thank You to Jo Douville



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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
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- **Pacific Region**
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Director: Jeanette Pruin
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
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President: Robin Pokorski
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.mendolakedistrict.org)

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Forget-me-nots



June 2009

No Garden Tours this month.

- 6/2 Garden Therapy– 10:30am Clearlake.
(contact Jo Jameson)
- 6/4-8 CGCI Convention, San Mateo.
- 6/7-13 **Celebrate National Garden Week.**
- 6/11 Garden Therapy– 10:30am Lucerne.
(contact Jo Jameson)
- 6/9 LKR Arrangers Theme: All White Design-
with green foliage.
11:00am (contact Barbara Swanson)
- 6/16 Year End Potluck Picnic (see page 3)
CORRECTION TO YEARBOOK
2009-2010 Installation.
- 6/24 Mendo Lake District Picnic & Installation.
Willits Recreation Grove

2009-2010 Membership renewals are due. (see

* *Enjoy your summer!* *
* *No club meetings in July and August.* *
* *See you in September.* *

Nora)

Those who work the soil are blessed. Few experiences in life can match the satisfaction gained from quietly sinking a spade into God's rich, dark earth. The soil, properly tended, becomes the canvas upon which the gardener creates his or her artwork. Author Unkown

The Fair theme for 2009 is "Fun in the Sun!"

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