

# 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.

**March 2009**  
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## Officers:

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



**TIP #19** Plastic cake & cookie containers make great places to start flowers from seed.

**TIP #20** Cut the bottoms off of 2-liter plastic soft drink bottles to use as saucers for clay pots and use the tops to cover and protect seedlings.

**TIP #21** To make seedling hardier and sturdier, lightly brush your hand across them several times a day. Stimulates growth also.

**TIP #22** The first daffodils crossed the ocean to America in the pockets of early colonists.

## Daffodil Spring Tea

The annual Daffodil Spring Tea will be held on **Tuesday, March 17th, 2009 at 12 noon**. The event will take place at the **Bachelor Valley Grange, 9355 Government Road, in Upper Lake**.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Please make sure you have signed up with one of the hostesses or contact me to make arrangements for seating.

Please **bring 2 or 3 dozen tea sandwiches or bite sized desserts**. Donations for the door prize table are also welcomed.

We still have some jobs which need to be filled in order to make this event a success. If you would be willing to volunteer, please call me.

**We need:** 1) a Mistress of Ceremonies

2) Clean Up (help put away some of the tables, sweep, etc)

**Thank you in advance for your support.**

**Linda Waterstraat, Spring Tea Chairman**

## ROYAL NATIVE (*rommeya coulteri*)

*by Jerry Shaul*



Royal but humble with its nine inch crown of crinkled white petals surrounding a column of gold held high on stout herbaceous spears.

Spears decorated in a very special blue-green hue. Humble because this stately California native prefers the remote dry canyons of Southern California where it might have remained shy and hidden had it not been for exploring English botanists who took root cuttings back to England where it became, not only a member of the royal family, but a universal favorite. When given the royal treatment, care must be taken to restrict its rampant behavior. Although it can be controlled in small gardens, it does best in large scale landscapes.

'Matilija Poppy'. Would you like to know

how its name came about? There was a conflict when the Spaniards built their mission in Chumash Indian territory where the town of Buena Ventura now stands. The Chumash chief's daughter, Amatil, fell in love with a Spanish soldier guarding the mission. She became an outcast to her people. A Chumash warrior who had been in love with Amatil was ordered to slay her Spanish lover and bring her home. His success was her tragedy. As he carried her by horse back to the mountains of the Ojai along the base of the Ventura hills the tears she shed would blossom into magnificent reminders of an Indian maiden who died of a broken heart. Her father, Chumash Chief Matilija, forgave her and gave them his name in her honor.





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Kindness,

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Your

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*Happy March!*  
We members of CLTTGC should be proud of our successful efforts of supporting our community with our six Civic Beautifications projects; and also the other areas we voted to support (Spirit Wild, KV Kids Garden Club, National Forest Reforestation project, Habitat For Humanity, saving the top of Mt. Konocti, Clearlake State Park project, and planting 3 more trees in the parking lot by the 5th Street Ramp). All of us working on our money making projects gives us this opportunity to donate to all these projects.

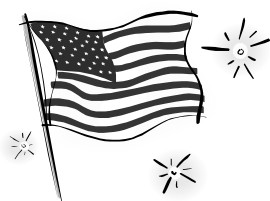
Every day I look forward to going into my yard and seeing what new bulbs are coming up, or what buds are starting to swell on the bushes and trees - and the birds, 'oh my!', where are they all coming

from. I love being outside in my garden.

Monday the arborist will be cutting down the largest tree in Millberry Memorial Grove. This is due to the safety issue and also the health of the tree. When that huge limb split off the tree last fall, it caused a lot of damage to the trunk. Now there is another branch that has a problem. The Parks Dept. and the arborist have decided to remove the tree because of the safety issue. He will dig up 4 to 6 of our trees & shrubs that we planted, so that no limbs fall on them, and then they will be replanted once the limbs are removed. The area is now roped off to the public.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual Daffodil Spring Tea.

See you in the garden,  
Claire



**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.

Introducing a new CGCI/Girl Scout patch for California Girl Scouts of all levels!

To receive this patch, there is only one requirement: A Girl Scout individual, troop/group must be a working partner with a local California Garden Club or member in a mutual broad-based improvement and beautification program that benefits the community and promotes environmental responsibility. (also see National Garden Clubs Inc., 'Keeping In Touch', Nov-Jan 08/09 greeting by Barbara May, NGC President)



## 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 the newsletter. Please give items to Jo Douville.

***'A garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever'...by Richard Briers***



**TIME TO:** PLANT DELPHINIUMS, PANSIES, VIOLAS, MARIGOLDS, GERANIUMS, SHASTA DAISIES, COLUMBINE, & POTATOES.

## Pat Hopper's Watercolor Painting Art Class

**Subject** - Vase of flowers sitting on window sill

**Location:** Fairgrounds Village Club House, 1025 Martin, Lakeport

**Cost:** \$12.00, includes all materials, **Limit:** 22 artists

**Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2009, **Time:** starts at 10:00am

**Signup Deadline** - March 7, 2009 please mail check to Pat or phone her to make reservation - so she can order the needed supplies and materials. (Betty, Linda L., Ann, Linda P., Theresa. & Claire have already signed up - forgot to mention in our Feb. mtg. to mail, Pat your check.

## Officers Needed !!!

**Please contact Linda Waterstraat, Pam Held, or Barbara Swanson to volunteer for the offices of President or Vice President.**

Green

Thumbs



Up to **CLTTGC**

for supporting all the project mentioned in President Claire's 'Garden Thyme' message. Habitat For Humanity was very grateful to receive this donation to help pay towards the landscape of the homes they are building in Lake County. It is a good feeling when we can be a part in helping out our communities.



Master Gardener Kate Frey was a delightful speaker at our February meeting. Guest and members enjoyed a slide show presentation about sustainable gardening tailored to our terrains and weather conditions. We also viewed all that goes into preparing for an award winning garden exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show in London. She has a wealth of knowledge and she is an inspiration for us to excel in our little gardens.

## Haku Workshop

I set the date for making the head leis on March 16, at 12 noon, at the Grange during the tea set-up. Bring at least two bunches of flowers and any small leaves or ribbons you like also some thin yarn or heavy thread, scissors and large zip lock bag to put the finished lei in.

Thanks Theresa

## REFORESTATION AND RESTORATION FUND

The Penny Pines expanded Reforestation and Restoration Fund was implemented in the fall of 2007. For detailed information of this program see the October/November 2008 edition of Golden Gardens, page 24, or see Penny Pines Chairman, Ann Blue.

The most recent information from Art Loesch, CGCI Reforestation Chairman, states the Reforestation Fund is now at \$4,460.00. They are now looking for a project for the first \$5,000.00 donation.

CLTTGC made their first \$100.00 donation on February 20, 2008 and the second \$100.00 donation, February 17th, 2009.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful program.

**Ann Blue, Penny Pines Chairman**







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## Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers

The theme was small or miniature arrangements. There are rules, but any one in this group will eagerly share what you need to know. Most have been doing this for some time, but not all. It is always a learning experience. Learn about containers, flowers or plant material, or an experience the gal next to you went through to come up with her arrangement.

This month it was Carol Kesey's turn to share something from the book the group bought last month. Did you know that you can use a piece of nature (wood, rock, shell, even a star fish), or a gun shell casing, thimble, crocheted bootie, pill bottle cap, seasoning

container, or miniature shoe. Anything of diminished size can be a vase for these little arrangements. The possibilities are endless. However, I'm warn you now, you'll have trouble discarding small objects. That little something could be used in a cute little arrangement.

Check your yearbook for meeting times and go to [www.clttgc.org](http://www.clttgc.org) to see their wonderful arrangements in color.



### Green Thumbs Up

to **Doris Ellsworth** and her son Bruce K Epler for purchasing Penny Pines Plantation #48 and #49 in memory of family loved ones, Betty and Guy Buckman. Doris said it seemed an appropriate match, her sister and brother-in-law donated so much blood they had received a huge trophy in recognition of life restored and the donation to Penny Pines is forest restoration.

THANK YOU from Ann Blue, PP Chairman



### Green Thumbs Up

to **Ginny Cline & Marva Brandt** for keeping the 'Flower Roll Call' going. Lovely Ladies holding up our lovely flowers and plants.

Thanks Gals!



### Green Thumbs Up

to **Theresa Mather** for bringing us this special guest speaker, Kate Frey to our last months' meeting. Members really enjoyed her presentation.

Thanks Theresa!



### Green Thumbs Up

to **Ann Blue** for all the work she does as Penny Pines Chairman. Ann collected the money, sends for the certificated, and presents the awards. *Thank you* for keeping us informed on this worthy operation. We love honoring friends and family while reforesting.



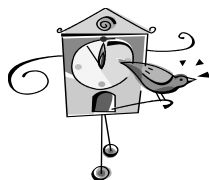
### Green Thumbs Up

to **Mary Secord** for taking over as 'Inspiration Chairman' that was vacated by **Leslie Jones**. Good luck in your classes, Leslie, hope to see you back soon.

Thanks to Mary!



*Walls for the wind,  
A roof for the rain,  
And tea beside the fire.  
Laughter to cheer you,  
Those you love near you,  
And all that your heart may desire!  
An Irish Blessing*



**TIME TO:** Start growing some seedlings indoors under glass for an early crop. Almost any vegetable can be started indoors, but many have to be planted in individual peat or newspaper pots so they can be transplanted outdoors successfully.

## 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. Ukiah Garden Tour sign-ups  
(see Betty Atwood-Reyna).

## Happy Birthday!

Ginny Cline	3/1
Mary Welsh	3/7
Teri Garrett	3/8
Jerry Shaul	3/8
Roland Ellsworth	3/11
Helen Turley	3/20
Rena Clifton	3/23
Betty Atwood-Reyna	3/26
Pam Held	3/29

## Opportunity Drawing Winners



**Barbara Swanson**



**Ginny Cline**



CLTTGC  
members enjoying  
each other's com-  
pany at the CGCI  
Winter District  
Meeting.

### New Members

by Diane Neilson



#### 08-09 Yearbook Adds & Corrections:

New Member: **Elaine Leilani Mansell**

### Sunshine News

by Nancy Bailey



- 02/17/09 - Sympathy Card to the  
Family of Bob Millberry
- 02/17/09 - Thinking of You to Donna Isley
- 02/21/09 - Welcome to Elaine Mansell



## *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](http://www.gardenclub.org))  
National President: Barbara May
- **Pacific Region**  
([JBandRJPruin@comcast.net](mailto:JBandRJPruin@comcast.net))  
Director: Jeanette Pruin
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org](http://www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org))  
President: Robin Pokorski
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakedistrict.org](http://www.mendolakedistrict.org))  
District Director: Gina-Belle Smith

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# Forget-me-nots



### **March 2009**

- 3/3** 10:30am Garden Therapy-Clearlake.
- 3/10** Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers.  
11:00am (Tues) Theme: Triangle Design
- 3/16** Haku (flower head leis) Workshop. T Mathur  
12:00 noon Kitchen of Grange Hall, UpLk.
- 3/16** 10:00am-1:00pm Setup for Tea
- 3/17** Daffodil Spring Tea—no regular meeting.  
12:00 noon (Tues)
- 3/19** 10:30am Garden Therapy-Lucerne.
- 3/28** Pat Hopper's Painting Class  
\$12 material cost due to Pat by 3/7.

### **April 2009**

- 4/17 9:00am Work Party at Millberry Memorial Grove.
- 4/21 Regular Meeting— Hostesses: **Jean Beeson, Helen Turley, & Donna Isley.**
- 4/24 Field Trip-View Civic Beautification Projects.  
Follow with a picnic.  
Betty Atwood-Reyna, Chairman.
- 4/25 Water Wise Gardening Seminar-  
Mendocino College

***See your 2008-2009 Year Book for details.***

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