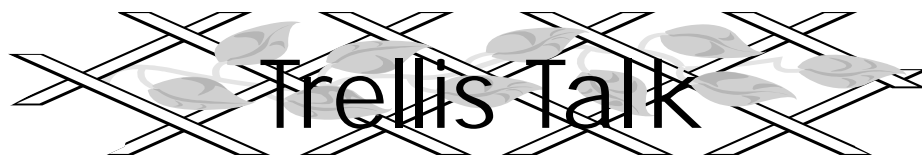


Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



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 #27

Thrillin' Fillin' Spillin'. That's how you remember how to plant and arrange the plants in a pot. The thrillin' is the tallest plants towards the back of the pot that are the most showy, then the fillin' is the plants in the middle used as fillers, and finally the spillin' is the plants placed in the front the flow over the front of the pot.. **C Grieve**

TIP #28 The sage-like scent of Yarrow attracts tiny wasp (which feed on harmful insects). **lp**

Congratulations! to our new 2009-2010 club officers. Jo Jameson, President; Jo Douville, Vice President; Heide Thomason, Treasurer; Marva Brandt, Secretary.

These wonderful ladies will be installed at the Year-end Potluck Picnic in June. Bring your favorite potluck dish, a drink, silverware and a plate. Also, bring your 'someone special'. There's going to be door prizes. Come, enjoy 'fellow gardeners', and be a support to past and present Officers. Carpooling is always a good idea. See map on page 3.

You are Invited: **Year-end Potluck Picnic**
Location: **Riviera Heights Clubhouse**
 3040 Riviera Heights Dr, Kelseyville
Date & Time: **June 16th, Tues, 5:00pm**

PLEASE PAY NORA GERRARD YOUR DUES \$20/person or
FOR THE UPCOMING 2009-2010 CLUB YEAR. \$26/couple

How Great Thou Art

by Jerry

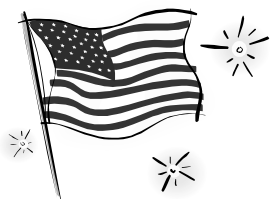


It was early morning. The rising sun, in all of its magnificence, cast a mosaic of shadows through a sculpture composed of limbs and leaves. A trace of dew enhanced the color and texture of each leaf. The annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees seemed to revel in its presence, as I did. I moved on to a group of giants touching each as I had over the years. Redwoods, Cedars and Pines started from seeds, seedlings and young trees. I paused before a very tall and majestic tree which had grown 75 feet in the 25 years while I had only grown older. This beautiful creature whom man had named Coast Redwood (*Sequoia Sempervirens*) was gifted by our Creator to endure fires, floods, quakes and storms so that it might stand for a thousand and more years as a monument to his greatness. This native of Californians' does very well in Lake County when given the "elbow room". If, however, you want to see it in all of its natural splendor visit the "Avenue of the Giants". You can be great too by helping to save this natural treasure from extinction by adding it to your landscape. That morning I stood for the longest time dwarfed by the shadow of this docile giant feeling so small and humble. As I turned away I gave thanks for helping me to better understand my place in the worldly scheme of things.





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.**



Bravo! to members 'living up to' my President's Theme – 'Cultivate Kindness, Share Your Garden'. MaryAnn Worth shared her iris garden with several members this week. Suzanne Russell shared her gardens - many levels & garden rooms with so many fun ideas to copy; gee, we were having fun at every corner of the pathways. This is what the garden club is about, sharing yourself through your garden.

During our Nov. Mum Show, Carol noticed Nona Carpenter, Ukiah Garden Club member, taking notes and writing down names of all the beautiful mums, she invited her over to get some mums. That is what took place this week. We dug & labeled mums, also saved some for Doris Ellsworth. Claire's mum collection came from Carol's garden last spring, and they were also offered to Nona and Doris.

How much fun it is to share with 'fellow gardeners'. When someone stops by, I love it when they ask about a plant or flower and I can dig it up and share with them; or sometimes I come home to find something that was left at my doorstep. What a special group our Garden Club is.

Jo Douville always tells me her soil is awful to work with, yet her 'green thumb' creates the most wonderful flowering plants. I enjoy strolling through her yard as she tells about the many flowers, and how seeds jump over here or that the birds or moles move plants around. And she is always sharing cuttings or plants with me.

Doris Ellsworth recently brought me 2 Hostas – of course, named and labeled. I have never had a Hosta, and now because of her sharing, I am learning about a new plant. There are many of Doris' plants in my yard, and yes, they were all labeled also.

Under one of the trees I planted Val Muse's spider lilies (lycoris) – I learned about that flower/bulb when she used to bring them in for our Flower Roll Call. Carol gave me lavender, plant from her mother-in-law's plant. How special is that, she has been gone since 1951. Also Carol shared some of Marie Wright's 'Esther Reed' plant with me. She told me I should remember that name, since that was my mother's

name. And you know, I do remember it.

I am enjoying my beautiful irises I purchased from MaryAnn a few years ago. And the day lilies I purchased from Nancy Bailey are now coming up – a real treat is in store. And the irises that Sue Gardner-Neumann and Linda Pyers gave to me, they are planted all over the yard. I can't forget to mention Jo and Jerry Shaul's winter irises; what a treat to see color in the yard during the winter months. Ann Blue has a large redbud in her yard that seedlings pop up all over, 2 of them are in planters in my yard and doing well.

The cenososa tree is in full bloom, the redbud & the maple are leafing out nicely, and the dogwood tree is starting to bloom – these were all planted in memory of my mother from some garden club members – another sharing of kindness from my garden club friends.

Gina Smith is another member who always is sharing; she stops by for a cup of coffee & a visit, and always pulls some plant out of the back of her truck, something from her yard in Fort Bragg.

You know, this list goes on and on, my thoughts for this month's President's letter brought me to all my areas in my yard and where all these plants came from. As I look at my yard I see so many of my garden club friends – you are in my heart and in my garden. How special is that!

See you in the garden,
Claire

May Program: **Kim Clymire**, head of Lake County Public Works Dept. is giving a PowerPoint presentation on the Mt Konocti Project following our regular May business meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

REQUIREMENTS: Must be a High School Senior who will graduate in the year the scholarship is received. Must have at least a 2.75 grade point average. Career plans must be related to the following objectives of CLTTGC. Botany, conservation, entomology, floriculture, forestry, horticulture, landscape architecture/design, plant biology and/or plant genetics, urban planning, agriculture, environmental concerns, or allied fields.

ANY QUESTIONS???

Call Jo Jameson or Ann Blue.

DEADLINE: Application must be submitted to the Scholarship Chairperson, by May 15, 2009.

Mendo-Lake District News:

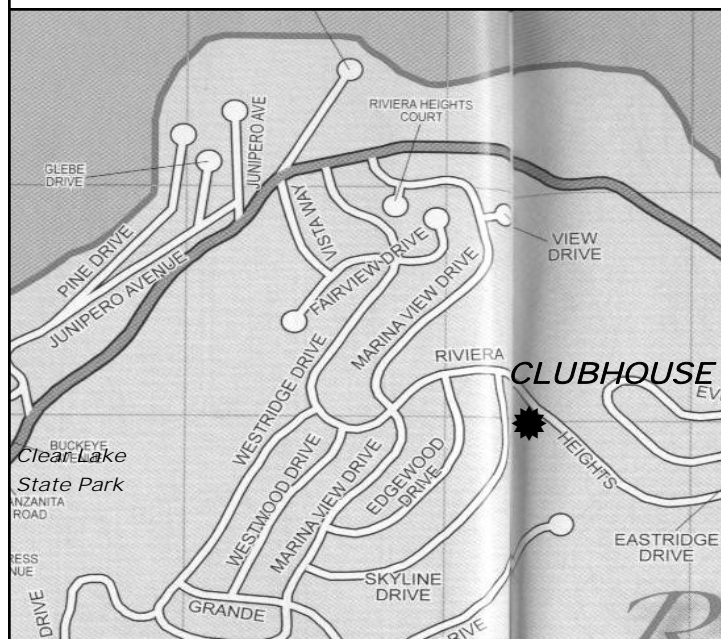
Six members (Jo & Jerry, Ann, Jo D, Doris, and Claire) attended the District meeting in Willits. Was an enjoyable meeting and a very informative program. Jim & Frank of Celeri & Son Nursery 964-7526. 20000 Summers Lane Fort Bragg, Ca. 95437. Retail and Wholesale Nursery specializing in Rhododendrons and Azaleas.

District Officers were elected for next term and are as follows:

District Director—Gina Belle Smith
Recording Secretary - Jo Douville
Corresponding Secretary— Betty Lindvig
Treasurer - Bonnie Cook

(Ann Blue to be appointed Penny Pines District Chair.)

Map to Riviera Clubhouse : From Lakeport, take Soda Bay Road going towards Clear Lake State Park. Go past the Park entrance 2.7 miles. Turn right onto Riviera Heights Dr. The clubhouse is 1/2 mile up the drive just past Skyline Drive.



Green

Thumbs Up to President Claire Grieve

for her preparation and guiding the Civic Beautification tour. Well done! Claire took the time to pre-view and map out the route prior to the actual tour so we knew not only where we were going, but how long it would take so we could be back in time for our 'Just for Fun' bag lunch at Millberry Memorial Grove.



Green

Thumbs Up to Jerry Shaul

for replacing the Civic Beautification markers. Those of us who went on the CB Tour got to see his beautiful craftsmanship. They look great! Jerry is another one of you 'behind the scenes' people, that always gives his excellence to different projects and we sure do appreciate his efforts. Jerry also made the stands for the Mum Show in October. And who knows what else???



Penny Pine recipient, **Donna Isley**, a member since 1990. Donna is pleasant and always has a smile for everyone she works with, but you will usually find her behind the scenes.





Civic Beautification Field Trip & Lunch ...by Claire Grieve

What a fun and enjoyable event, and no rain. To start our civic Beautification Tour, several members meet at Library Park to view the round planters. Thanks to Mary Secord for bringing photos of what we started with and now we can see the results of all the love and energy that members have put

into this project. Unfortunately the empty spots are where plants have been planted and by the next day someone had removed them. This is something the city has to deal with.

Our final stop was held in the Hanson-Linder-Dinsmore-Millberry Memorial Grove. This land was donated to the City of Lakeport by Bob Millberry, and CLTTGC has worked on the property for the past 2+ years creating a native plant and wildflower park. The bag lunch picnic was planned by Betty Atwood-Reyna. Thanks Betty. And thanks to Ann Blue and Jo Douville for setting up the table and bringing the bouquet of flowers. And especially thanks to all those that worked on the work party so that we could have this picnic. Also, Doug Grider had his city employees do the weed eating for us. We all enjoyed visiting, and especially enjoyed our ice cream cones.

Next stop was the Lake County Library, to see the four planter boxes are planted and maintained by Barbara Swanson. I should note that every one of these locations has a sign designed and made by Jerry Shaul. Thank you, Jerry.

Our Garden Club members have worked many hours earning money to purchase plants, bulbs, shrubs and trees for our Civic Beautification projects for many years - these are ongoing projects. As Mary Secord told me - "Civic Beautification, that's what our Garden Club does".

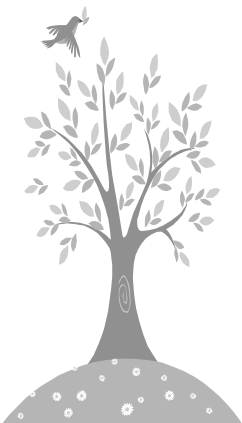
Hope you enjoyed this tour and also learned more about our garden club. There are books documenting the process and progress of Hartley Memorial Garden, Blue Star Dedication, and also Millberry Grove project - these are kept at the clubhouse. Please feel free to read more about all these projects

Then we walk over to Court House Square, to the Blue Star Memorial, located next to the Veteran's Building. Carol Brabrook told what plants she and Heide Thompson have planted. And members told how this project was started by CLTTGC to honor our veterans. There is a folder in the Clubhouse with all the details on the dedication.

We walked back to our cars, and drove over to the Fifth Street parking lot near Lakeport Yacht Club - 3 Pichacia trees (and 3 more will be planted this week for Arbor Day).

Westside Park was the next stop, Claire and Mary pointed out the Dog Park, on right by cyclone fence four red horse chestnuts trees were donated last year. Then across street by the cyclone fence are 5 Bradford Pear trees that we donated; also 3 oak trees along the side of that fence.

Next stop was Hartley Cemetery Memorial Gardens lo-





May 2009 Plant



Thank you to everyone who made the Plant Sale so successful. Thx to those that brought and set up the tables, shopped for plastic to cover the tables, the tent, collected the money, made posters/flyers & passed them out around the community, grew and brought plants, trees, and whatever, the garden art items, the neighbor who made the signs and bird house items, worked at the sale, donated whatever, and the cleanup folks - don't want to list names - don't want to forget anyone - just thank you to all of you - and also for all of you who purchased plants. **Thank you - Thank you - Thank you from Co-Chairman Jo Douville & Ann Blue** oh yes - approx over \$600 was made (some bills are yet to be turned in) *AND a suggestion from Doris - If you have any plants that were not quite ready for the sale or leftover plants you took home from the sale - Please bring them to the May meeting (come early so that they can be purchased B4 the meeting - I will open the door at 10:30AM). We will also have basket FULL of seeds, rose pedals, lavender for sale - this will also go to the Plant Sale fund, and not in with Doris' Plants and Talents fund. Great idea!*

See www.clttgc.org
for more pictures
of the
Civic Beautifcation
Field Trip



Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers

Jo Shaul spoke on Elements and Principles of Design. Line is the Element that creates the visual path throughout the design and establishes the rhythm and structural framework for the design. Line can be long, strong, bold or short and thick, weak or delicate.



*'No two gardens are the same.
No two days are the same in one garden.'*

by Hugh Johnson

**Please
return
Chairman
Binders.**

Green

Thumbs Up to **Jo Douville & Ann Blue**

for a successful Plant Sale. Yes the rain caused problems, but Jo & Ann were organized and it all came together nicely. **Pam & Bill Held** set up the tables, **Linda Pyers** set up a tent, and **Jerry Shaul** placed markers on the tables to identify categories. **Nora Gerrard** set up her table and had money on hand to make change.

Green

Thumbs Up to **All the Members** that came

bright and early with truck and car loads of plants and sale items. **Others** dutifully came to work their shifts. Many hours were spent preparing for this event: dividing plants, starting seedlings, transporting everything. None of this would have happened if not for our chairmen and the 30+ members that participated. Great team work!

Penny Pines

by Ann Blue,



Penny Pines History: CLTTGC became a supporter of the Penny Pines Program in Feb, 1990. We raised money for this project in several ways. The membership contributes through donations at our roll call at each meeting, individual members, friends of members or the general public may also support the program through our club.

A plantation may be purchased for \$68. The US Forestry Service will plant 350 seedlings on approximately one acre of land burned by forest fires.

A plantation may be given in memory or honor of whoever you choose. That person will receive a certificate from the Forestry Service and their name will be placed on a sign near the re-forested area.

To date CLTTGC has collected \$3,400; purchased 50 plantations; and planted approx. 17,500 seedlings in the Mendocino National Forest.

A big THANKS to all of you!

Nona Carpenter (from Ukiah Garden Club) and **Carol Kesey**. Carol is dividing some of her mum plants and sharing them with Nona. Claire Grieve suggested that now Nona has to bring a specimen and a floral arrangement for our Nov Mum Show.



Suzanne Russell with one of her many peony plants.



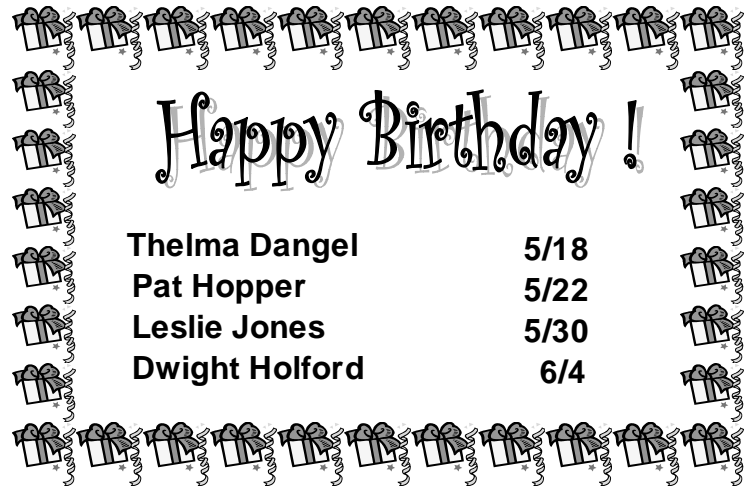
TIME TO: Plant sunflowers, marigolds, cosmos, salvia, zinnias, daisies, coreopsis, summer vegetables, tomatoes, sweet corn.



SEE CLUB BULLETIN BOARD:

(located at the back of our meeting room).

1. Garden Therapy—Clearlake & Lucrene, needs volunteers.
2. Mendo-Lake District Meeting, get your reservations into Willits.
3. June Potluck/Picnic, setup/cleanup helpers needed.



Happy Birthday !

Thelma Dangel	5/18
Pat Hopper	5/22
Leslie Jones	5/30
Dwight Holford	6/4

Opportunity Drawing Win-

ners



Green

Thumbs Up to **Betty Atwood-Reyna**



for organizing the field trips for April & May. This is a busy time of year, but I hope you all take advantage of at least one of these enjoyable opportunities and spent some time with garden friends.

Green

Thumbs Up to **Jo Douville**



for the wonderful Opportunity Raffle Baskets she puts together for each meeting. You can tell that a lot of time and effort goes into the selections for each month.

Thumbs Up to **Contributing Members.**



Thank you for the items you bring that make the baskets so desirable.

This will be the last raffled basket and as editor of this newsletter I want to especially thank each of you for supporting and off setting the cost with your gifts and talents.

Thank You!

Green

Thumbs Up to **the Members**



who spent time cleaning and planting the club's Civic Beautification Projects. I sorry that I don't know all who were involved, but I do know some: **Heide Thomason, Carol Brabrook, Jo & Jerry Shaul, Barbara Swanson, Claire Grieve, Jo Douville, Mary Secord.** I apologies to everyone who's name I have not spotlighted, but THANK YOU.

***'The love of gardening is a seed that,
once sown, never dies.'***

by Gertrude Jekyll

Sunshine News

by **Nancy Bailey**



04/09 - 'Thinking of You'
from CLTTGC to Jeff & Nancy Bailey.



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)

Cultivate Kindness, Share Your Garden.



Forget-me-nots



May 2009

No Garden Tour this Month.

- 5/2 CLTTGC Plant Sale.
- 5/3 Field Trip- Cancelled.
- 5/12 LKR Arrangers Theme: 'Duo Design'
11:00am (see Barbara Swanson)
Correction to Yearbook
- 5/19 Regular Meeting- Hostesses: **Ginny Cline, Jo Shaul and Jo Douville.**
12:00pm Social gathering.
12:30pm Meeting begins with Flower Roll Call.
1:00pm Business
2:00pm Program: Kim Clymire on
Mt Konocti Project.
- 5/21 Work Party-Hartley Memorial Garden
8:00am bring tools and gloves.
(See Heide or the Shauls)

June 2009

No Garden Tour this Month.

- 6/2 Garden Therapy—Clearlake 10:30am.
- 6/11 Garden Therapy—Lucerne 10:30am.
- 6/16 Pot Luck Picnic & Installation of Officers.
Correction to Yearbook
5:00pm Riviera Club House
- 6/24 Mendo-Lake District Picnic , Willits hosts at
Recreational Grove..

See your 2008-2009 Year Book for detailed info.

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