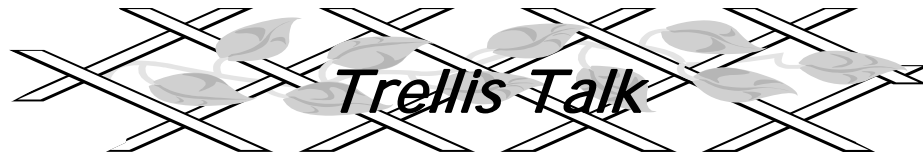


Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



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:

Have trouble with cracked, sore fingertips. It could be due to fungi. Dip fingertips in white vinegar then rub the residue into fingers every morning. Fungi can not live in acidic environment.

JO'S THANKSGIVING MESSAGE:



It was that early Tuesday morning, 5:30 a.m., with coffee cup in hand that I stood on the front porch & just stood still and listened to our first rainfall in such a loooooonnnng time. It was as though the whole earth was singing a song of gratitude to the heavens for bringing it such a gift. And I said a prayer for my new little trees that maybe they will survive now. That was a short moment in time and since then I have been very conscious of all the many blessings I have and how thankful I am for first my faith which I couldn't be without. My family is just about the whole world to me and I'm very thankful that they are all adults with

good values and that they are doing things they love to do and still making a living. (I hope that can continue) My grandchildren are such a delight for me and now that Erik is the only one here I don't get to see them very often but they are always in my heart. And my garden club friends? What can I say? I had no idea I would have so much fun being president again. Everyone seems to enjoy our activities, you're participating where you can and we've only just begun. We can do so much more together than just one person can alone. This may be early to wish you Happy Thanksgiving so I'll say Happy Autumn enjoy our beautiful county, keep an attitude of gratitude.



CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

'MUM SONGS'

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th
LAKEPORT YACHT CLUB
(by the 5th Street boat ramp)
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

The Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers is sponsoring the Chrysanthemum Show again this year. They are inviting everyone in the club to make arrangements for the show. As you know the theme is 'Mum Songs'. If you would like some encouragement or tips, join the Arranger at the next meeting, Nov 10th. (Details in year-book). Many wonderful comments came in from the public, so please bake those great cookies to share and come and support the show.

If you'd like to distribute flyers for the Mum Show see Claire or Jo J. who have them for you.

PENNY PINES: A big *THANK YOU!* for your support of the Penny Pines Reforestation Program. This donation was made in addition to our regular donations made at our flower roll call time at our regular meetings. During the 2008-2009 club year we purchased three plantations honoring past president, Claire Grieve, members Donna Isley and Linda Pyers. Member Doris Ellsworth and her son each purchased plantations in memory of loved ones. This brought the total of five plantations credited to CLTTGC. In the future I will give an overview of Penny Pines. Hopefully it will be helpful for our new members and inspiration for all to continue even greater commitment in supporting this wonderful conservation program.

Submitted by Ann Blue, Penny Pines Chair

EAGLE EYE



AWARD:

Get an eagle eye sticker by finding errors, misspelt words or other mistakes in your newsletter.

"Fall is the Second Spring when every leaf is a flower."
by Albert Camus

LOCAL GARDEN AWARD:

Would you like to award a local garden whose owner is not a garden club member with a "job well done" certificate and a bouquet of flowers?

This is something Claire didn't get around to and we think it's a great idea. Give Jo J your ideas and she'll supply you with the certificate.



"When you learn, teach. When to get, give."
by Maya Angelou

MISPLACED YEARBOOK:

Ann Blue misplaced her yearbook at the Sep meeting. It has her name on the front cover so would you look through your "stuff" to see if it got home with your things. Thanks

Give Thanks!

by Jerry Shaul

Konotayi was our most powerful 'God'. When the leaves returned to earth and the sun drifted south to crown Konotayi we gave thanks to the gods for the good life of plenty. Each tribe came together sharing the gifts of Konotayi and many tribes joined together in a grand celebration. There was Konotayi that hovered over the Goddess of Fish, water birds and tule. The god that made plentiful earthly animals used for food, cover and clothing. We worshiped strange outcroppings of rock and some we used to shape our tools and weapons. The Goddess of Life had given us the kingdom of all plants and animals. It was a simple but powerful way of life and now we would celebrate. The hunters of each tribe with their weapons and tools of obsidian and yew had harvested and prepared venison that would be cooked over manzanita and oak fired pits. The young boys had trapped and stoned fish and water birds that would be wrapped in tules and pepperwood leaves and baked under ground with a bed of valley oak coals. The ducks and geese were stuffed with acorn meal sweetened with dried elderberries and blackberries. Onions, garlic, bay leaves and salt from the great waters to the west would complete the dressing. The women and girls had prepared heaps of valley oak sweet acorn meal laced

with drippings from the venison. A blackberry/ elderberry relish sweetened with honey over flat bread made of acorn meal served as a desert. The seeds of the buckeye were ground into meal and leached into a creamy bland ice-cream like dish made delicious when topped with honey, pine nuts and dried berries. Mild liquors that were brewed from tule roots (beer), elderberries, blackberries and grapes (wine) were used modestly to enhance the feeling of good being. Throughout the day there were games of rock throwing, archery, spearing, foot races and wrestling to demonstrate the athletic skills of men and boys. At night large fires were built and tended by the women while the men danced and sang praise to the gods. Musicians played flutes from the elderberry and crude drums hollowed from the sacred valley oak. The hard branches of the manzanita were shaped to beat the drums and stones in cadence with the dancers. Men and boys who fell from exhaustion were cared for by the women while the elders sat fireside and dreamed of yester years. Another year in passing - the sun would drift to the south and return to crown Konotayi for another celebration of the simple and good life of the Pomo family.



Help Wanted

CLUB NEEDS: We are still looking for the following places where you can participate: **the Nominating Committee, the Scholarship Committee**

Chair or Co-Chair the Wreath Making Project, the Christmas Luncheon, and the Daffodil Tea. Subcommittees are in place for the Wreath Making and Daffodil Tea which will make those jobs easier.

Jo J also needs baskets for her Garden Therapy project for December. Those about 8 to

BOARD MEETING/LUNCHEON: will be held at 11 a.m. on November 17th. Be sure to let Jo J know if you're coming for lunch. I think she's making Joelle's Butternut Squash/ Herb Soup. All board members and chairpersons are urged to attend. The general meeting time will be the same as always.



JUST FOR FUN: Wanna be more computer savvy---read on:

According to the Reader's Digest Great Encyclopedic Dictionary: **re-trieve** (re-trev) 1. to get back, return 2. To find and bring in. 3. To obtain or extract (specific information) from the storage unit of an electronic computer.

hard-copy (hard-kop'e) 1. that darn piece of scrape paper that you had all your notes on the newsletter that you threw away in the recycle bin on Monday and the garbage man came on Tuesday. (If there's any other definition I sure couldn't find that either.)

Green Thumbs Up to **Betty Attwood-**

Reyna for a fun workshop. Participants had beautiful fall decorated pumpkins to decorate their homes



Green Thumbs Up to **Reba Richardson** for

the beautiful philodendrons which **Doris Ellsworth** sold at our meeting and to **June Beto** for her wonderful irises she shared with the members.



Bonsai – pronounced 'bone-sigh'

What is Bonsai?

"A bonsai is a dwarfed plant growing in a container. The term "bonsai" combines two Japanese words that provide the most basic definition of this living art form. "Bon" is a tray or pot, while "sai" means to plant." - - - from Sunset Bonsai.

Each week a group of ladies meet informally at Claire Grieve's home. They bring their own supplies and work along side Claire as she shares the techniques of pruning, wiring, and planting trees within the art of bonsai. Things she learned while belonging to the Napa Bonsai Society. The ladies involved are Doris Ellsworth, Jo Douville, Marva Brandt, and Gina's mom Lani Brockman.

At the end of August the group took a field trip to the Santa Rosa Redwood Empire Bonsai Society Show, the biggest Bonsai show in Northern California. The ladies learned that what Claire was telling them was right all along-- 'these little tiny trees that they are so proud of- their first bonsais- are truly just a beginning'. The wonderful trees on display, the many vendors selling plants, supplies, and tools, surely captivated their imaginations. (See website www.rebsbonsai.org)

Submitted by Claire Grieve

BOW MAKING: Barbara Swanson will be having a workshop to make our Christmas Wreath bows on **November 5th at 9 a.m.** at her home. We will be making 150 of them so show up to help out.

?Where are last years bows?

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: Please turn in your order forms and all monies collected for the Christmas wreaths at the November meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, please make arrangements with Linda Pyers, so your order can be filled.

Sunshine Report: by Nora Gerrard



- Susan Buckles Welcome card.
- Leanne & Jim Harvey Welcome card
- Ginny Gunderson Get Well card.
- (Ginny Gunderson is fine now but she was air lifted to Santa Rosa when her heart started racing and she is on medication which she hopes does the trick. Welcome Home! Ginny. What a ride, huh?)

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Return mail: Pres Jo Jameson, 1310 Mellor Dr, Lkpt 95453-3406

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)
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SandraFord@cableone.net
Director: Sandy Ford
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
(www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org)
President: Maryanne Lucas
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)

Enjoy! Enrich! Encourage! Empower!



Forget-me-nots

November 2009:

- 3** 7:00pm **"The Owl and the Woodpecker"**
Soper-Reese Theater, in Lakeport —
Free presentation of the Redbud Audubon Society.
- 4** **Happy Birthday Thomas Welsh!**
- 5** 9:00am **Bow Making Workshop**
At Barbara Swanson's home.
(See Yearbook for number/address)
- 10** 11:00am **Flower Arrangers.**
Theme: Arrangers Choice
(using chrysanthemums)
- 13** 8:00am Setup.
1-4:00pm **Chrysanthemum Show**
Lakeport Yacht Club, 5th Street.
Refreshments.
- 17** 11:00am **Board Meeting/Luncheon**



17 **Regular Club Meeting**

Hostesses: N Gerrard, R Clifton, M Secord.

12:00 Social Time.

12:30pm Flower Roll Call.

1:00pm Meeting.

2:00pm Program—Herbs & Salves
by Master Gardener, Gabrielle O'Neil.



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December 2009:

2, 3, 4 **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**

(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

15 **Christmas Luncheon**

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

Sign up for a wreath making gift.

Deadline for newsletter articles is the fourth Tuesday of each

