

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 five women who wished to create and promote interest in amateur gardening in Lake County.

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Linda Waterstraat

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Helen Turley

Treasurer:

Rena Clifton

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Marva Brandt

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

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SUGGESTIONS:

PLANT—Fruit trees,
bareroot roses,
asparagus, straw-
berries, artichokes,
and rhubarb.

Thyme with President Linda

As I'm writing this message, the snow is falling outside my window. They predicted snow at 2000 feet and this time they were right. It looks and feels like it's time to start decking the halls with boughs of holly!

While sitting and making bows at Barbara's home, a few of us were reminiscing about holiday memories and traditions. Now it seems my family is making new "traditions" all the time, but thinking back to my childhood, things didn't change much.

I remember food preparation for Christmas began the week after Thanksgiving when the ladies in the family would get together to make sausage and Swedish meatballs. Then came the limpa, (Swedish rye) cookies and coffee cakes. The smell of ginger, cardamom, saffron and freshly baked breads permeated the kitchen. Although it was a lot of work, there was always laughter and holiday music throughout the house.

On Christmas Eve, all that food came out on the smorgasbord table along with rice pudding, pickled beets, pickled herring and for the staunch old Swedes, lutfisk (boiled, salted cod) with new potatoes and dill in a cream sauce. Lutfisk does not rank high on my list of fond childhood memories!

After all that eating and opening presents, we all bundled up and went to the midnight service at church. I remember sitting there between my parents feeling sleepy, but warm and content. I keep those memories "in my pocket" to pull out when I need them.

I hope my rambling on about Christmas past evokes some warm memories for you. I wish you a joyful holiday season filled with peace and love.



Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, Dec. 16th at Zino's Ristorante on Soda Bay Rd.

YOU MAY CHOOSE: GRILLED CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD
OR FLORENTINE RAVIOLI.

THE LUNCH INCLUDES DESSERT AND COFFEE.

THE COST IS \$15 PLUS TIP TO BE GIVEN AT THE TABLE.

CONTACT **BETTY ATWOOD-REYNA** THIS WEEK IF YOU
HAVE NOT YET SIGNED UP. MAKE YOUR CHECK FOR \$15,
PAYABLE TO CLTTGC.



See Pg7 -Christmas Donation

**Clear Lake
Trowel & Trellis
Garden Club's
'Monthly Land-
scape Design
Award of Lake
County'**



Ginette & Lonne McDougal were greeted with a knock on their door by Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club members who told them that their garden has been chosen to receive the Monthly Landscape Design Award certificate and sign to be placed in their garden/yard for the month of November.

Ginette used organic bark for the safety of their dog; also the fence was installed to keep the dog in their yard. Bulbs are planted all through out the yard. She creates color scapes for each season, and therefore there is always lots of color in her garden. Sitting on the front porch reading and enjoying her garden is a pleasant pastime. Ginette loves to garden and has been invited to come and visit our garden club.

BOW MAKING WORKSHOP: *by Helen T*

Barbara Swanson hosted 16 members and we made 196 bows to go on the Christmas Wreaths. They are very pretty this year. Everyone had a good time and we finished in time to enjoy cookies that Barbara, Sue, Diane & Linda W brought to go with our coffee & tea.



Did you know?

by Jerry Shaul

As a member of the Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club, did you know that you are:

1. A dues paying member of California Garden Clubs Inc. and are welcome to attend their meetings. (3 per year).
2. A member of the Mendo-Lake District which is one of twenty eight districts comprising C.G.C.I. and are welcome to attend their meetings (4 per year).
3. Eligible to receive C.G.C.I.'s official publication, Golden Gardens.

Have you wondered what California Garden Clubs, Inc. is all about? Well, let me give you a thumbnail sketch. Seventy nine years ago (1931) 23 garden clubs joined together to form the California Garden Club Federation which we know as C.G.C.I. Their primary purpose, as it is today, was to promote amateur gardening. Today there are over 289 clubs with a total membership of over 12,500. Yes, the organization has well served its purpose and continues to grow and serve in new areas as well. Without becoming active in the parent organization how can you and I keep in touch with C.G.C.I.? Well, good communications has

played a significant roll in its success. First, they provide 3 meetings per year that you may attend for first hand information. Second, your president is encouraged to attend these meetings and your district director is required to attend, participate and act as liaison between C.G.C.I and Mendo-Lake District. Third and not least is your opportunity to subscribe to C.G.C.I.'s official publication Golden Gardens. It always contains a message from the C.G.C.I. president, a calendar of events and many articles on gardening written by experienced gardeners like you and I. It also addresses factors pertaining to strengthening your garden club. At present, if your garden club is a 100% Golden Gardens Club, a subscription (5 issues per year) costs \$5.00 and if not \$6.00. Wouldn't it be terrific if this valuable tool could be included in the C.G.C.I. membership dues which would total \$7.25 per year or less than 2 cents per day? As a gardener and club member not only would you benefit from the experience of others but it would strengthen your bond with a worthwhile movement to promote amateur gardening throughout California.





'Mums & Memories'
2010











Do you ever have those times when words don't seem to adequately express what is on your mind and heart? That is how I am feeling as I think of **Shirley Estrem** and the contribution she makes to CLTTGC. In addition to having orchestrated an awesome Mum Show, she agreed to present our November program. When she arrived,

she handed out cards to everyone who helped with the Mum show in any capacity and requested that they not be opened until we got home. When I got home and opened mine, to my delight, I found a beautiful hand-made card with a personal note of thanks and all I did was bake cookies. Following the business meeting, the

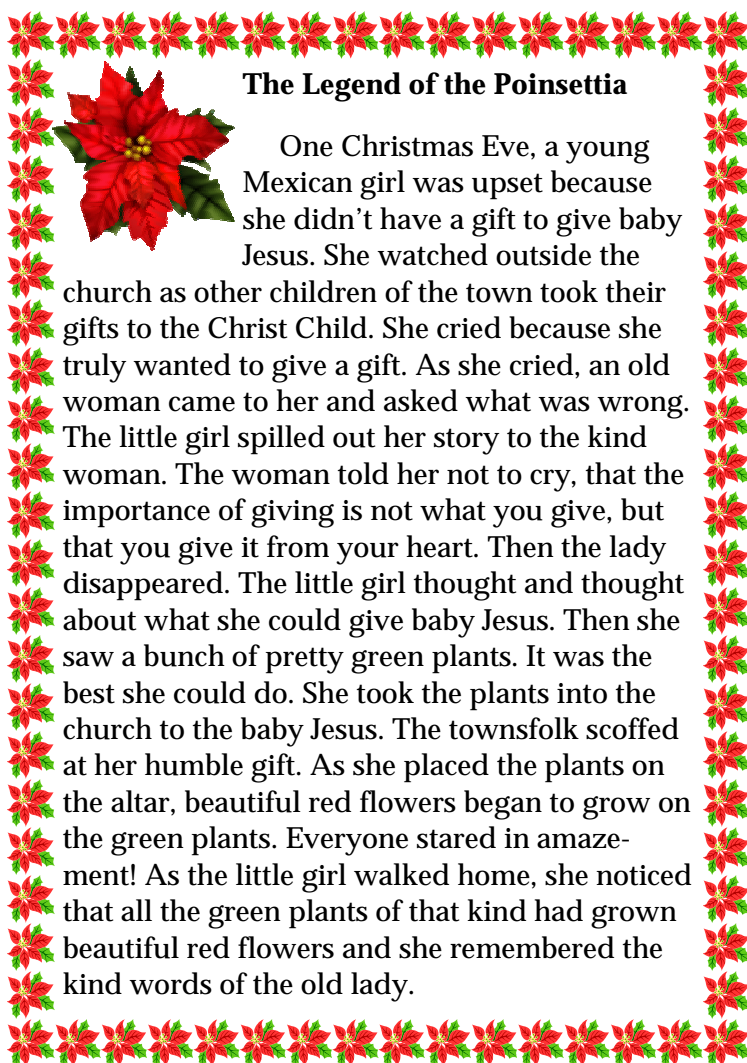
program she presented not only informed us about the basic tools and concepts of flower arranging, but then Shirley proceeded to put together at least 'six simple but elegant' arrangements. She made it look so easy that she convinced me that maybe



even I could do it. I hope she knows how much her extraordinary talent and generosity is appreciated. On behalf of the Garden Club, **THANK YOU!**, Shirley, from the bottom of our hearts.

Oh, and I can't forget a special Green Thumbs Up to our Queen Mum—whatever would we do without **Carol Kesey!!!!**

Helen Turley



The Legend of the Poinsettia

One Christmas Eve, a young Mexican girl was upset because she didn't have a gift to give baby Jesus. She watched outside the church as other children of the town took their gifts to the Christ Child. She cried because she truly wanted to give a gift. As she cried, an old woman came to her and asked what was wrong. The little girl spilled out her story to the kind woman. The woman told her not to cry, that the importance of giving is not what you give, but that you give it from your heart. Then the lady disappeared. The little girl thought and thought about what she could give baby Jesus. Then she saw a bunch of pretty green plants. It was the best she could do. She took the plants into the church to the baby Jesus. The townsfolk scoffed at her humble gift. As she placed the plants on the altar, beautiful red flowers began to grow on the green plants. Everyone stared in amazement! As the little girl walked home, she noticed that all the green plants of that kind had grown beautiful red flowers and she remembered the kind words of the old lady.

GARDEN THERAPY:

Keep them coming!—small baskets, bottles, mugs, tea cups, vases, bud vases, small flat rocks, lids, small, tins, etc. *Thanks, Jo J 263-4039*

CHRISTMAS DONATION

If you wish to make a contribution to the **Lake Family Resource Center**, please make a check payable to **CLTTGC** for any amount you wish to donate and we will purchase items on their "Wish List". **Betty Atwood-Reyna** also suggested some members may have new/newer useful items at home to donate if you don't wish to make a cash donation. I'm sure anything we give will be greatly appreciated. **We will collect these donations at the Christmas luncheon on Dec.16th at Zino's.**

CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

- ♦ Need lots of greenery in manageable bundles. **Suzanne Russell** is your contact.
- ♦ Need more volunteers to work the 4 hour shifts.
- ♦ Lunch will **not** be provided—bring a sack lunch.

COMING IN THE NEXT MONTHS :

'The Last Word in Container Gardening' - Linda W
'2010 Tree Count' - Leanne H
'Penny Pines' announcement - Ann Blue

Sunshine Report

by Jo Douville

10-21 Roger & June Beto—Thinking of You.
10-25 Marva Brandt—Injured arm.
11-12 Carmen Carpenter—flu.
11-12 Jo Shaul—Fall.
11-12 Leanne & Jim Harvey—Thinking of you.

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Return mail: Pres Linda Waterstraat
7427 Evergreen Dr, Kelseyville, CA 95453-6161

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



Grow Along With Us!



Forget-me-nots

December 2010:

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**Christmas Wreath
Making—Workshop**
Bachelor Valley Grange,
Government St, Upper Lake

5 **Happy Birthday Marva Brandt!**

5 **Happy Birthday Carol Kesey!**

7 **Happy Birthday Gladdy Bransford!**

7 **Garden Therapy—Clearlake.**

9 **Garden Therapy—Lucerne.**

14 **Happy Birthday Claire Grieve!**



LKRA Holiday Centerpiece Arrangements

Please make at home & bring to the Luncheon.

NO Regular Club Meeting

16 **Christmas Luncheon—12 noon**
(Thursday –CORRECTION to yearbook)
Zino's Ristorante & Inn
6330 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville

21 **Happy Birthday Diane Neilson!**

25 **Merry Christmas!**



*Deadline for newsletter articles
is the fourth Tuesday of each month.*