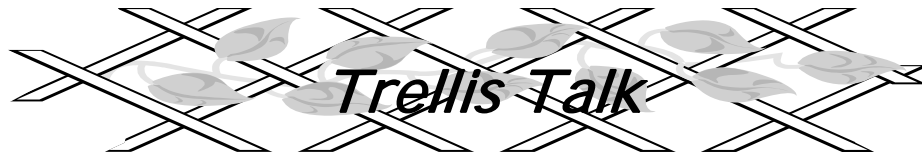


Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



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



National
ARBOR
DAY
April 26th



Check with
Doris Ellsworth if you
have a good place to
plant a tree.

(California Arbor Day/
Week: March 7-14.
State Tree:
California Redwood)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

When my granddaughter, Heather, approached me to help her make a baby quilt for her sister, Amber, of course, I said "Sure!" We picked out the colors, cut the blocks and sent the tiny squares on their way to all the relatives and friends to put together. As the completed blocks came back to us, we proceeded in putting them together and the quilt soon took shape. It took a whole family to put together this beautiful memento for our precious baby and I began to think of the phrase: "It



takes a village to raise a child."

Interspersed with the quilt making, of course, was a busy time in our Garden Club and when we all pulled together, miraculously got our executive board covered for the next year, made sure the up-coming events had ample help, scheduling some fun stuff in the mix, it really came to mind that this is a little like putting a quilt together; each one of us doing our part where our talents lie, cooperatively working together for the good of our club. I continue to be so grateful for your dedication. Keep up the good work.

Happy Spring! Enjoy your garden! And

Daffodil Spring Tea is this Month

March 16, 2010 at the Bachelor Valley Grange in Upper Lake.

The tea begins at noon. Car pooling is recommended.



SET UP FOR ALL HOSTESSES WILL BE TUESDAY,
MARCH 15 FROM 10 TO 1.



NURSERY TOUR:

Spring Thyme Nursery (Wholesaler),
1462 Argonaut Road, Lakeport.
The herbs & perennials they raise will
be available for us to purchase.

DATE: Friday, March 26th

TIME: 10:00am

To car pool: meet at the 11th St
Safeway parking lot at 9:30am.
After the tour, Jo D has arranged a
lunch met at the Live Oak Grill.

Please call Jo D at 263-8549
so she can get a head count.

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to our **Nominating Committee!**
Nora Gerrard & Helen Turley.

The committee is pleased to
announce your 2011 Officers:

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| ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | | | |
| ~ | Linda Waterstraat | President | ~ |
| ~ | Helen Turley | Vice President | ~ |
| ~ | Rena Clifton | Treasurer | ~ |
| ~ | Marva Brandt | Secretary | ~ |
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May love surround you,
May faith sustain you,
May hope encourage you ...day by day.
In Memory

Richard Gruwell
past away 2/18/2010
Linda Leslie & Richard Gruwell
member since 2007



THANK YOU!

FROM STATE PRESIDENT MARYANNE LUCAS
Dear Jo and Clearlake Trowel & Trellis members,
Thanks so very much for your kind donation. We really appreciate it and will put it to good use. I am glad I had the opportunity to meet some of your members. I'd like to thank each and every one!
Best Regards----- Maryanne

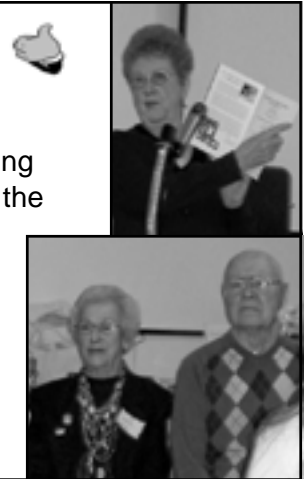
SUTTER LANDSCAPING: As your president is preparing the newsletter, a committee consisting of Pam, Barbara, June, Jo D, Mary Ann and Susan are on site at the entrance of Sutter Lake-side Hospital sharing landscaping ideas for the area overlooking the admitting/waiting room where two memorial benches are placed near the birch trees. Several former Garden Club members who were very active in the auxiliary include Helen Rickabaugh, Marie Wright, Val Muse, Thelma Gringer, Helen Phelps, and Carmella Herron. Also included are Phyllis Gernns now living in Napa and Arleen Collins who resides in Santa Rosa. Jo Shaul is a life member of the organization. We'll be anxious to learn what their plans are for the area and if it will be feasible for our club to continue with the project.

Green

Thumbs Up

Congratulations!

Jo & Jerry Shaul for receiving Penny Pines Recognition at the Mendo-Lake District Level.



PENNY PINES HONOREE:

Jo Douville was honored for her many contributions to our club during the February meeting. She received a Certificate representing CLTTGC's 51st contribution to the Penny Pines Program. Jo serves currently as our Vice President / Program Chair and Mendo-Lake District's Secretary.



POISON OAK

by Jerry Shaul



Jerry, I want you to behave while Uncle Bill, Aunt Alice and Dorothy stay here during summer vacation. Put your snakes, lizards and frogs away and don't go near that quick sand bog. Ah, Mom I can't have *any* fun. Dorothy was a little older than me but all she knew was sidewalks, streets and look-a-like houses stacked against each other - a real city kid. Their arrival was announced by the usual 'arooga, arooga, arooga'. Well, Uncle Bill 'arooga'd' all the way to our house, skidded to a stop, revived up the engine and cut the ignition which created a major backfire that echoed throughout the quiet little mining village. There was Dorothy, dressed for a tea party and holding a bunch of flowers she shoved against Mom who retreated in horror. My God! Don't you know that beautiful bronze reddish stuff is poison oak? Dorothy broke out in tears. I grabbed the "bouquet" since I, like 15%-30% of people, had no allergic response to urushiol which is the oily

chemical covering the leaves and twigs of the western poison-oak (*toxicodendron diversilobum*). Mom undressed Dorothy and washed her down with phels naphtha soap. Mom "gingerly" handled Dorothy's clothes and washed them separately from her other wash. Soon Dorothy was covered with an itchy bumpy rash which Mom treated with a baking soda slurry. Bumps turned to blisters that broke from itching resulting in scabby running sores that can last for two weeks. Aunt Alice had a milder case and Uncle Bill was immune or as Dad said "must have been his blood-alcohol level." There's only one way to avoid urushiol-induced contact dermatitis. Don't touch that most brilliant native shrub with its bright green to red three leaflet compound leaves resembling the true oak--or touch anything that has rubbed against it. Mom, why are big-city folks so loud and don't know nothing about nothing. Jerry, why do you like snakes, lizards, frogs and wallowing around in that quicksand bog?

Monthly Award Winning Garden of Lake County

This New Civic Beautification Award is to recognize beauty in our Community. The new Committee consisting of Claire Grieve, Linda Pyers, and Ann Blue will judge yards in the County of Lake that you, the members of CLTTGC, enjoy and want to award recognition.

Rules:

- 1) The 2010 Contest will be each month from April through June.
- 2) Recommendations will be submitted by the club membership. The deadline will be our Regular Club Meeting date. Please turn your selections in to Claire, Linda P or Ann in written form or by email. (Include your name, Homeowner's name if you have it, address or location, and any info or remarks we should

consider).

- 3) Drive by judging of the front yards only anywhere in Lake County.
- 4) Yards will be judged on best design. Trees and shrubs are acceptable. Colorful blooms are *not* necessary. Water-wise designs are also welcome.
- 5) Only **one** yard will be selected each month. They will be presented with a certificate and given an invitation to visit our club. If the homeowner agrees, our Publicity Chairperson will acknowledge the winners publicly.
- 6) The winner of that month will be asked to display a special sign in their yard. Jerry Shaul has agreed to create a special yard sign at no cost. It will be owned by the club and passed on each month to the next winner.
- 7) The committee will share the results and pictures at Regular Club Meeting.
- 8) Garden Club Members' yards are not eligible.

NEWS FLASH! From the desk of Gandy Goose

Me and several of my buddies were foraging down by the south circle planter at Library Park on Monday last and saw what we thought was going to be our free meal for the day but we were soon proved wrong. This lovely lady dressed in a warm long sleeved jacket was carrying a huge plastic bag filled with (we thought) morsels to please our palate. We went charging over to get a closer look and the lovely lady was fast emptying the big bag onto the ground very carefully placing its contents so she wouldn't knock down the daffodils which were in full bloom. "I say, ole chap, those brown chunks don't look like bread to me," said Flybye.

Sure enough, on closer inspection, we discovered it was RED-WOOD BARK the lovely lady was placing in the planter. She had weeded the bed and was placing the bark down for the finishing touch. We moseyed over across the street and waited around to see what the lovely lady would do next if anything. Sure enough, she put on her gloves and started pruning the rose bush in the center of the planter. Me and my buddies admired the view from the lawn and decided to move on knowing the lovely lady had more lofty ideas on her mind than feeding us. We've seen her here a lot and maybe next time she comes she'll bring us some goodies but then she probably knows better than to feed us.

(Editor's note) Of course the lovely lady was Mary Secord working on one of our Civic Beautification projects. She weeded, pruned and dressed both circle planters at the Park. If you would like to help her next time, give her a call. I understand she plans to plant lots of bulbs in the fall which should be fun.)

FIELD TRIP: LKRArrangers are planning a trip on March 30th to the Sequoia Floral Shop in Santa Rosa. Everyone is invited. Please see **Barbara Swanson** for details.



Green Thumbs Up
to **Jerry Shaul** for his informative
slide presentation,
'Gardening Success
with California Native Plants'.

Things to remember:

- 1) Know the plant's natural habitat;
- 2) Understand California's Mediterranean climate;
- 3) Consider watering precautions.

New Members

By Ginny



New Member:

Joyce Porterfield

Sunshine Report:

by Nora



- Feb 5 Welcome card to Tammy Bransford.
- Feb 26 Get Well Card for Reba Richardson
- Feb 26 Welcome card to Joyce Porterfield.
- Pres Jo J took gifts & card to Linda Leslie.

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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)
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)



Enjoy! Enrich! Encourage! Empower!

Forget-me-nots

March 2010: (Consult your Yearbook for Details)

- 1 Happy Birthday! Ginny Cline.
- 2 GARDEN THERAPY—Clearlake.
- 7 California Arbor Day.
- 7 Happy Birthday! Mary Welsh.
- 8 Happy Birthday! Jerry Shaul.
- 9 FLOWER ARRANGERS: Stretch Design.
- 11 Happy Birthday! Roland Ellsworth.
- 12-14 National Daffodil Show
www.daffodil.org
- 15 Tea Set-up. 10am-1pm.
- 16 DAFFODIL TEA: Noon.
- 16 'Garden of the Month', deadline.
- 18 GARDEN THERAPY—Lucerne.
- 20 Happy Birthday! Helen Turley.

23 Happy Birthday! Rena Clifton.

24-28 SF Flower & Garden Show
San Mateo Event Center
www.sfgardenshow.com
415 684-7278 ext 2

26 Happy Birthday! Betty Atwood-Reyna.

26 FIELD TRIP: Spring Thyme Nursery,
10am.

29 Happy Birthday! Pam Held.

30 FIELD TRIP: Sequoia Floral Supply,
Santa Rosa (See Barbara Swanson for
details)

April 2010:

13 Flower Arrangers-Reflective Design.

20 Regular Business Meeting:
Hostesses: Heide, Leanne, Claire.
Program to follow.

26 National Arbor Day!

28 Mendo-Lake Dist Meeting