

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



Companion planting can attract beneficial insects, those that prey on the bad bugs. Let herbs, like parsley, dill, and cilantro, go to flower and the beneficial insects will have a place to land and feed,—and the encouragement they need to stick around.

The Herb Quarterly

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



I'd like to thank everyone for stepping up and keeping things going while I was gone to Laughlin. We arrived in Bakersfield late afternoon to sunshine and the fragrant aroma of orange blossoms. (The RV Park seats in the middle of a huge orange grove). It was on to Laughlin the next morning with more sunshine, which remained with us except one day of rain. The Bougainvillea, Lantana and Hibiscus were in full bloom and I enjoyed the daily 2 mile walks along the waterfront of the Colorado River. Journeying home, barely two weeks later, found the hills of the Tehachapi Pass ablaze with yellow and gold roadside wildflowers, some growing right through the asphalt. All the green trees and foliage on the hillsides from Santa Rosa to Lake Mendocino were a welcome site. 'Tis good to be home!!!!!!!!!!'

Love, Jo J

Jo Jameson will be closing out her E-mail account. The ole computer is just wearing

IT IS OFFICIAL: These 2010-2011 Officers were voted in at our April meeting.

Linda Waterstraat—Presented.

Helen Turley—Vice President.

Rita Clifton—Treasurer.

Marva Brandt—Secretary.

Parliamentarian is an appointed position by the President.

May Program (change):

Glen Bauer will demonstrate how to plant various flowers in a hanging basket.

Note: He does all the baskets along Main St in Lakeport.



BOARD MEETING:

Appreciation/Recognition Luncheon for all Board & Chair Leaders

May 18th at 11am, prior to meeting

!!! PLEASE BRING PROCEEDURE BOOKS !!!

UPCOMING TOURS:

Simply Succulent in Fort Bragg, Rhododendrons, & Hortus Botanicus—May 29th.

Quarryhill Botanical Garden at Glen Ellen—tentatively scheduled for the end of May (best time to see the wild flowers in bloom).

Digging Dog Nursery in Albion—June 26th.

Jo Douville will be updating us or you call give her a call.




Please pay your Membership Dues to Heide Thomason, Treasurer, for the upcoming 2010-2011 year.

\$20 -singles or \$26—couples.



TILE PROJECT: If you have left over tile you want to get out of your garage, **Leanne** is going to try a mosaic project she saw at the SF Flower and Garden Show. Pastel blues, greens, soft browns, pinks and other assorted pastel colors will make this project work with recycled/reused materials. Some strong black would also be appreciated.

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Public Service
Public Health



Rod Skelton (the Christmas Tree Lot Man) would like bamboo slips for a privacy screen. Please call Rod on 707 279-4336 or Jo J 707 263-4039.

Green

Thumbs Up



to **Jo Shaul** for volunteering to be on the Mendo-Lake District Nominating Committee.

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to **Hospital Grounds Committee**, for their work and research. A MOTION was approved to accept their proposal, not to exceed \$500. The plans include boxwoods around the lawn, colored gravel, and big stones along the wall next to the benches.

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to **Doris, Tree Chair**, for her researching and work finding where best to plant trees in Lake County. A MOTION was approved to replace 4 trees at Library Park, not to exceed \$250 total. We agreed not to use the \$75 budgeted for Arbor Day.

My Favorite Native

..... by **Jerry Shaul**



Josephine, did you know that you have 65 lilacs in full bloom in your yard? Don't get excited these are not the exotics that you have forbidden because in the past when they bloomed we always sold our home. These are genus ceanothus which are confined to North America with forty-three species native to California. No, I don't know how many species we have but they range in size from a creeping or low mounding habit to tree proportions with most being medium-sized shrubs. Many species in our yard are not indigenous to Lake County. The deer dearly enjoy the "outsiders" but never touch the "locals. With few exceptions these plants are evergreen with leaves that vary in size from one to three inches. The blossoms vary with each species. They may

be short dense clusters, rounded and stalkless while others have large compound spikes of feathery beauty not unlike the exotic lilac. Flower color ranges through many shades of blue to blue-purple, white and rare pinkage shades. Some of the most beautiful species occur along the central coastal ranges. Although seedlings occur in our yard and are easily transplanted, between November and March, I find that the "outsiders" can be propagated successfully from cuttings taken after the blooming season. There would seem to be California wild lilac for every possible situation except a shady well watered city garden.

Josephine would you like to enhance a glass of wine with a stroll through the honey-like fragrance of our California wild lilacs?

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Thumbs Up

to **Carol Brabrook** for replanting and caring for our Blue Star Memorial site at LP Court House grounds.

to **Mary Secord** for replanting and caring for the round planters at Library Park.

to **Jane Graham, Nancy Bailey, Marva Brandt, and Jo Jameson** for volunteering to be docents at the Tulip Hill Wine Festival!



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to **Co-Chairs: Helen and Heide, and Committee members Diane and Sue** for a well organized Mendo-Lake District Spring Meeting, hosted by CLTTGC.



They provided decorations, potatoes & fixings, side dishes, and cup-cakes, and much more). Special thanks to



Jo & Jerry Shaul (bird house & ticket sales); **Shirley Estrem** (cards & table clothes); **Doris Ellsworth** (table coverings & sale table); **Barbara Swanson** (floral arrangement); **Heide Thomason** (table arrangements); **Nora Gerrard** (Registration table); **Susan Buckles, Nancy Benkelman & Linda Pyers** (hostesses). Besides those mentioned were



Claire Grieve, Jo Jameson, Jo Douville, and Linda Waterstraat, & Ann Blue that brought juices and food for



the Continental Breakfast. Everyone working together (hope I didn't miss anyone) made this event a enjoyable success! Our guests were very appreciative and gave many compliments.



TIME TO TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR AWARD-WINNING PLANTS & GARDENS.



(See Jo Shaul for information)



Scholarship Committee announces We have 31 applicants.



PENNYPINES: Gina-Belle Smith (ML Dist Pres & CLTTGC member) was surprised at the Mendo-Lake District Meeting, when **Ann Blue** (ML Dist PP Chair) presented her with a Penny Pines Plantation Certificate.



White Chocolate Popcorn

- 1 bag butter flavored popcorn
- 1 cup dried tropical fruit (or dried cranberries)
- 1 cup salted nuts (almonds, cashews, walnuts)
- 1 - 12-oz pkg. white chocolate morsels

Pop the popcorn.

Take out and discard all un-popped kernels. (Saves dental work.) Place popcorn in a large bowl. Gently stir in nuts and fruit. Slowly microwave chocolate morsels until melted. Stir until smooth. Pour over popcorn, nuts and fruit. Gently stir together. Spread mixture on cookie sheet. Let stand 15 minutes then break into pieces. Best to serve fresh, but it can be stored in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

Leanne Harvey

Sunshine Report:

by Nora Ger-



Apr 2010 Sympathy Card-Jo James for brother Wes Lampson.
Thinking of You-Alma Lampson.

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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)



Enjoy! Enrich! Encourage! Empower!

Forget-me-nots

May 2010 (Consult your Yearbook for Details)

- 2 **PLANT SALE:** Healdsburg Garden Club.
- 7 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Sunol Westergren.
- 9 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Leanne Havey.
- 11 **ARRANGERS-Theme:** Construction Design.
11am, Mendo-Lake Bank, Lakeport.
- 15-16 **PLANT SALE:** Northlake Garden Club
9am-4pm, 2504 E Hwy 20 (at the car wash)
- 18 **BOARD MEETING Luncheon (11am)**
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Hostesses: Susan, Nora, & Marva.
Program to follow: Hanging Baskets Demo.

18 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Thelma Dangel.

22 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Pat Hopper.

26 **FIELD TRIP: Simply Succulent in Fort Bragg, Rhododendrons, & Hortus Botanicus**

30 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Leslie Jones.

June 2010

1 **Garden Therapy-Clearlake.**

8 **Arrangers-'Miniature and Small'.**

10 **Garden Therapy-Lucerne.**

6-12 **Celebrate National Garden Club Week!**

NEWS FLASH: Gina-Belle will continue to sever as Mendo-Lake Dist President, with Board Members sharing the presidential responsibilities.

Dues owed this