

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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Officers:

President:

Linda Waterstraat

Vice President:

Helen Turley

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Rena Clifton

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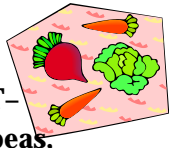
Marva Brandt

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul



SUGGESTIONS:



PLANT—
sweet peas,
peas, spinach,
lettuce, garlic,
onions, leeks, beets,
alyssum, and spring
blooming bulbs.

Thyme with President Linda

I hope you had fun at our 55th Anniversary Celebration. Reconnecting with our garden club friends in September is always a good time. Thank you to all who helped with the planning, serving and clean-up. As usual, many members pitched in and did what needed to be done and it's much appreciated. One thing I've always known but had reaffirmed while looking through the club's 'archives' is that a lot of hard work and dedication of past and present members has brought us to where we are today. We're on a roll...let's keep the momentum going this year!



Since our meeting, we said so long to summer and welcomed fall—my favorite season. The summer wreath by the front door came down and up went the fall wreath. Out came the pumpkins--wooden pumpkins, felt pumpkins, gourd pumpkins and on and on.... The pansies are planted in the flowers boxes all around the house. They love the cooler air and will provide color for me all winter and early spring.

For the club, fall means it's time to roll up our sleeves and get busy. We have two major activities on the horizon. November 12th is our chrysanthemum show, "Memories". This is always an amazing event showcasing the talent and creativity of our members.

Preparations have already begun for wreath making on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Order form envelopes will be passed out at the October meeting. This is a huge project that requires the help of many members all three days. As with most things in life, it seems the more we put into doing something, the more we can gain from the experience.

See you in October!

"The greatest gift of a garden is the restoration of the five senses". Hanna Rion



Green Thumbs Up

Carol Kesey gave an informative talk on how the club was formed complete with pictures from her mother's scrapbook.

Thanks to **Helen Turley** for putting together the wonderful favors and the festive decorations.

Special thanks to **Sue Gardner-Neumann, Diane Neilson & Helen Turley** for hosting and providing a delicious feast.



October 2010 CLTTGC Landscape Design Award:

The Award goes to Bibi & Tom Holland at Morning-side in Kelseyville. Bibi made good use of every square inch of land. Every rock forming the dry creek was found on the property or hauled from nearby neighbors who were more than happy to share.

Be sure to take your time, the property is quite large with a lot to see. There is a gazebo and rock beds, figurines through out, and interesting plants.

Japanese Anemone

Marva Brandt shared some of her Japanese Anemone plants at the last meeting. There seemed to be a lot of interest, so here is 'the dirt' on that colorful bloom...

Japanese Anemone (*A. japonica* *A. hupehensis japonica*) Zones: 2b-24 Long-lived, fibrous-rooted perennial indispensable for fall color. Graceful, branching stems 2-4ft. tall rise from a clump of dark green, three to five lobed leaves. Single or semi-double flowers in white, silvery pink or rose. They're slow to establish, but once established, it spreads readily if roots are not disturbed. May need staking. Increase by dividing in fall or early spring or by root cuttings in spring. Partial shade.

Sunset Western Garden Book

***North Lake Garden Club - 1st Annual Holiday Gardening
Craft, Bazaar, & Boutique Faire (November 27th)***

A good website for answering many gardening questions and identifying garden pests:
www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/menu.homegarden.html *Also if you go to Farmer Fred (Hoffman's) site he has a complete list of what to do in the garden in October. Love that guy! Linda W*

ASHES TO ASHES NEED NOT BE

by Jerry Shaul



Josephine, remember the times when we raked the autumn leaves into burn piles and then enjoyed the aroma of burning and smoldering leaves. We couldn't understand why our neighbors weren't enjoying the same experience. Young Bob came over and threw a 'testosterone fit' threatening to punch me out if I continued to diminish their enjoyment of the outdoors. Being a lover and not a fighter, I apologized for my thoughtlessness. The next weekend we journeyed to Santa Rosa where we selected a 7 horse powered chipper/shredder guaranteed to shred leaves into mulch and chips up to 2 inch limbs of material suitable for naturalizing weed free walkways. Bob and I became good friends and after offering to chip and shred some of his waste I sold him on the idea of turning vegetation waste into mulch and compost. Well after 40 years of converting two acres into a 'woody' landscape and making many repairs to the old chipper/shredder it still continues to provide

for a smoke free outdoors. Two efficient wood burning units accommodate larger limbs made into firewood. Unwanted grasses and weeds are harvested prior to seed ripening and used as mulch around fruit trees where it will be roto-tilled into the soil the following spring. For those of you who have landscapes comprised of shrubs, perennials, annuals and decorative grassed I would recommend a 3-5 h.p. electrical powered shredder which is even more environmentally friendly.

Josephine, do you remember how 'rock hard' your flower garden beds were before we started composting our shredded vegetation waste and applying it each year where billions of micro and macro organisms further 'processed' it and carried it deeply into the soil? Oh yes, pesticides kill these helpful little critters and the good bugs, lizards, frogs and birds that eat the bad bugs.

No pesticides in our yard please!





REMEMBERING GRANDMA'S GARDEN

Remembering Grandma's garden,
And the way it used to look,
And all the flowers we loved so well,
And each familiar nook,
The flagstone walk,
The summerhouse at its end,
The rocking chair, and the hours there
That Grandma used to spend;

The hollyhocks by the garden fence,
The foxgloves in their time,
The snapdragons, bluebells, mignonette,
And the honeysuckle vine,
The fragrance of the rosemary,
As we brushed by it growing there -
And the thyme that, trodden underfoot,
Lent its spiciness to the air;

The red geraniums in their pots,
Set neatly in a row -
The gladiolas, Dahlias, Stocks,
With colors all aglow -
The yellow briar-rose on the fence,
The morning-glory's cheery trumpet call;
The lilac's perfume in the spring,
The asters blooming in the fall -

The zinnia beds with the butterflies
Flitting here and there,
Stopping now and then again
To sip of nectar rare;
The yellow marigolds along the walk,
With the ageratum blue *-
The prize love-apple in its pot -
The Jerusalem cherry too;

The nasturtiums and the pansy beds,
That Grandma used to tend -
The lavender and the four-o'clocks,
We could name them without end;
The cosmos and the scarlet sage -
The golden-rod growing tall,
The delphiniums and the trumpet vine -
Grandma loved them all.

The old sun-dial that told the time,
Unerringly we know -
What stories it could tell us now
Of those days so long ago.
How all these memories bring to mind,
That garden of long ago,
And Grandma resting in her chair,
And rocking to and fro.

On September 21, the CLTTGC celebrated its' 55th year (started in 1955). Here we are still 'Growing Along Together' in 2010. The hostesses, Diane Neilson, Sue Gardner-Newman, and Helen Turley, provided a light lunch which was followed by the program, 'Then and Now'. The festive tables with party favors, balloons, etc. let us all know as soon as we walked through the door that there was a party going on. Linda Waterstraat shared some trivia from 1955 including the price of gas and we all had a good laugh. Carol Kesey, a Charter Member and one of the original five ladies to create and promote amateur gardening in Lake County, reported on the clubs' beginnings with a picture board created from her mother's scrapbook. Linda passed out a 'party game' relating to our history and challenged the table groups to work together to answer the questions. The noise level in the room was a good indication that everyone was having a good time. Most of the answers could be found in the beautiful new 2010 yearbook. The party ended with a cake and a round of 'Happy Anniversary to Us'. What a great kick off for another exciting year for the CLTTGC. Following the party, our regular business meeting was held.

Helen Turley

GARDEN THERAPY:

Before you throw that little glass jar or the small spinach container from the grocery store in your recycling bin, use your creative juices to think if it could be used for flower arranging or garden art projects for Garden Therapy. Jo has increased her activities to every month at 2 facilities and wants to use only recycled material (all but flowers and art supplies of course). Can you help???? Some ideas include: decorative tins, lids, drift or weathered wood, small baskets, nuts, seeds, seed pods, small flat rocks, coffee mugs, small glasses, etc. Seven to ten each would be ideal but not necessary. Thanks a bunch!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jo J, Chairman

PLANT SALE:

As you do fall cleanup in the yard—try to root cuttings or save bulbs and plants for our Plant Sale. I have lots of pots if anyone needs any.

Jo Douville, Chairman



CHRISTMAS WREATHS: See **Linda Pyers** to pick up your order forms and envelopes at the Oct meeting. This is the club's biggest fundraiser for our annual scholarships. For \$20 your family, friends, and business acquaints get a lush wreath of varied greeneries and a large beautiful bow.



Pam Held, Chairman

MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT MEETING:

Wednesday, Oct 27 (correction to year-book) Potter Valley Garden Club is hosting the Fall General Meeting. See 'HOW clubs are making a difference in their communities!'.

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More on Container Gardening...

by Linda Waterstraat

I've always enjoyed container planting because with a minimum amount of effort, you can bring color and interest to almost any space. Container gardening is an accessible, enjoyable and fun way to brighten your surroundings.



Here are some of the advantages:

1. Great for places that can't have a normal garden.
2. Almost any plant can be grown successfully in a container.
3. Planting a container garden is much like designing a floral arrangement and the plants can be enjoyed for the whole season or longer.
4. Working with containers or raised beds is beneficial if you have mobility issues.
5. If you choose lightweight containers or use rolling plant caddies, you can move plants to a different location.
6. No matter what the location or season, there is certain to be an accommodating spot for an artfully planted container of some kind.

Here are some of the disadvantages:

1. Porous containers like terra cotta dry out more quickly and can wick water away from the roots of the plants.
2. Container grown plants are more susceptible to freezing and may have to be moved to a protected area.
3. Critical for any container garden is consistent watering. This is especially true as plants mature and roots crowd the container.
4. Keeping containers moist yet well drained is key. Most potting mixtures become compacted and plants become root-bound.
5. I like to replace potting mixture at least once a year. Plants remaining in the same pot a year or more may become root-bound and need root pruning to remain healthy.

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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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Garden Club Affiliates

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- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
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President: Maryanne Lucas
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)
District Director: GinaBelle Smith



Grow Along With Us!



Forget-me-nots

October 2010:

- 5 Garden Therapy—Clearlake
10:30am (Tuesday)
- 7 Garden Therapy—Lucerne
10:30am (Thursday)
- 12 11:00am (Tues) LKRA-Flower Arrangers
Theme: Fall Foliage, Creative Mass
- 15 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers—Ukiah.
- 19 11:00am CLTTGC Board Meeting
- 19 **Regular Club Meeting**
Hostesses: Jo Douville, Leslie Jones, Rosa Hartzog
12:00pm Social Time
12:30pm Flower Roll Call
1:00pm Meeting
2:00pm Program: Gabrielle O'Neil
'How to make Herbal Face & Body Lotion'

26 Happy Birthday Mary Secord!

27 Mendo-Lake District—Fall General Meeting
(Date correction to Yearbook)

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

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRMEN
PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO ATTEND A
MEETING AT 11AM.**

LAKE KA-BA-TIN REDBUD ARRANGERS:

Creative Mass

1. Plant materials and other optional components are organized so as to incorporate spaces, yet mass is always to be emphasized and dominant.
 - a. Silhouette is closed, with spaces within.
 - b. May have more than one point of emergence.
2. Colors, textures, and forms are usually grouped.
3. Often decorative wood is used for line or part of the mass, except in Tricolor classes.