

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

Treasurer:

Rena Clifton

Secretary:

Marva Brandt

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

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SUGGESTIONS:

PLANT— strawberries, fruit trees, transplants of broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and lettuce.

FOR SPRING COLOR— calendula, dianthus, pansy, Iceland poppy, and alyssum & viola.

Thyme with President Linda

One would think it's springtime here in Lake County, although we know spring doesn't officially arrive for another two months. The warmer temps have lured me out to the yard to continue projects I put on hold during the rainy spell.

My beloved pansies are thriving even though they were laden with four inches of heavy, wet snow on New Year's Eve. Two geraniums are still blooming and the Euryops in front are loaded with hundreds of small daisy-like flowers. How great is it to have colorful blooms all year long!

Rella, owner of Simply Succulent in Fort Bragg, presented a very informative program at our last meeting. The variety of plants she had for sale was impressive. I'm sure she was pleased with the amount she sold to all of us. Barbara Swanson purchased several succulents to place in a planter at the library in Lakeport. They will replace an azalea we planted there several years ago. Less thirsty plants should do well there.

I'm so pleased we welcomed four new members to our club in January. You made them feel welcome and we can look forward to getting to know them better.

I hope the weather cooperates for our first 'work party' at Hartley Cemetery Chapel grounds on Saturday, Feb. 5th at 10 a.m. Bring your work gloves and pruners and we'll have a good time. Jerry has some other ideas for more improvements later on.

Thank you again for all you do and your dedication to the club.

Remember..."Grow Along with Us"



CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION:

Work Party—

Hartley Cemetery

Saturday, Feb 5th

at 10am for light clean-up work.

Please bring, gloves, rakes and hand pruners.



Valentine Cards Workshop:

On February 10th, at 10am, we are meeting at Jo Jameson's house to fill gift bags with homemade or store bought cards for shut-ins of the Meals on Wheels program in Lakeport. No candy please.

Doris Ellsworth introduced this plant to us during 'Flower Roll Call'. She enjoys its bloom from Spring thru Fall. Crossandra – Infundibuliformis (Sundance) Evergreen greenhouse or house plant. Native to India. Grow it in 4-5 inch pot as 1-1 1/2 foot plant. Its glossy, very dark green, gardenia-like leaves are attractive all year, and short, full spikes of scarlet orange or coral orange flowers are showy for long periods in summer. Grow in warmest spot with good light, as with African violet. Give average water and feed with liquid fertilizer once a month. Buy plants from florists or nurseries, or raise from seed. Blooms in 6-9 months from seed.



Cathy Biggins, a resident of Cloverdale, passed away suddenly on January 11. Cathy was involved in many organizations and served as GinaBelle Smith's co-chair for the California Garden Clubs, Inc 2011 Convention which will be held May 15th-19th in Rohnert Park. We extend our sympathy to Cathy's loving family.

Plant Sale:

Good time to pot up those plants that are sprouting up in unwanted places in your yard. If you are starting plants from seed add some extra for the sale.



Wanted: succulent for rock gardens that Jo D is creating.

Friends of the Mendocino College Library presents Two Great Authors-One Great Afternoon: Roy Kesey (**Carol's Grandson**) and David Vann. This event is free on Sunday Feb 6th at 2pm at the Soper-Reese Community Theatre in Lakeport.



2010-2011 Nominating Committee established: **Jo Douville, Chair, Mary Ann Worth, and Leslie Jones.**

Program Change: CORRECTION TO YEARBOOK
Feb 15-National Garden Club Landscape Design
Apr 19-Sustainable Gardening.

Plant That Tree Now!!!

by Jerry Shaul

Josephine, remember when landscaping meant dressing our new home in shrubs, perennials, annuals and LAWNS galore. Plants that added *instant* sparkle, made us good neighbors, kept the nurseries in business and worried the municipal water works. Landscaping that required a lot of attention and if neglected for a short time could resemble an organized weed patch. Well, we moved from a lifestyle of short term values to 40 years of stable long term permanence and have the living monuments to prove it. I'm talking about trees Josephine and now with bare root season approaching I'm going to plant a big flowering one. Josephine! Before you open your mouth I warn you not to strip the last shred of optimism from this tired old body. "Well Jerry, at your age it better be full grown." There you go again. You said the same thing 30 years ago when I planted fruit trees. Now I notice you thoroughly enjoy the fruits of my labor--especially the Indian Peaches (PRUNUS-persica - "Indian free") and Gravenstein apples (MALUS "gravenstein"). There were doubts when I planted our many conifer seedlings. After 2 years of nursing they took off and are still growing at 60-70 feet. Most are not suited for small lots and should be

kept 60 plus feet from a dwelling. Of our 14 varieties the coast redwood (SEQUOIA sempervirens) and deodar cedar (CEDRUS deodara) are my favorites. They remain disease free and maintain their beautiful foliage and pyramidal shape. Having a tree in my landscape that can grow to an immense size and to over 2000 years old gives me a better perspective of what I am and how I fit into the scheme of things. Of our 11 varieties of shade trees my favorites are the black oak (QUERCUS kelloggii) and the Japanese maple (ACER palmatum). Unlike the black oak the Japanese maple is much smaller and can be used as a container plant. They both exhibit beautiful fall colors. Of our 4 flowering trees, the southern magnolia (MAGNOLIA grandifolia) and the Eastern dogwood (CORNUS florida) are outstanding. The deciduous dogwood and magnolia species other than the grandifolia are suitable for small yards. They are both year-round show pieces as specimen plantings.

Well Josephine get the bible I need help. Not that Bible! I mean the gardening bible. The Sunset Western Garden Book.

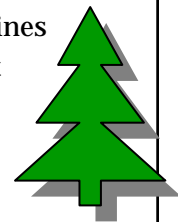




Daffodil Spring Tea:
Tuesday, March 15th at the Bachelor Valley Grange in Upper Lake at 12:00 noon. All members are invited. Sign up sheets for table hostesses and various tasks will be at our Feb. 15th meeting. Please sign up to make this event a success. Nora Gerrard, Daffodil Tea Chairman



Congratulations!
Mary Ann Worth—
our 53rd
Penny Pines
recipient





Start taking pictures
of those AWARD
WINNING flowers/
plants/yards.
See Jo S for specifics.



Landscape Design Award

Members, please watch for a garden/yard that catches your eye, the design, the creativeness of the gardener, or just the colors. Does the garden/yard welcome you and make you think "I could create that in my own garden?". Submit name and address to **Linda Pyers, Ann Blue, or Claire Grieve** (committee).

11am Board & Chairman Meeting

Park & Recreation Commission has 5 positions available. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to city parks and recreation. They meet on the second Thursday each month at 4:15pm. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Janel Chapman, City Clerk, at 263-5615, ext 12 or by email at jchapman@cityoflakeport.com by 2/8.

Afternoon tea was invented in England in 1840, when Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, grew tired of the 'sinking feeling' she experienced every afternoon around four o'clock. The evening meal in her household was served fashionably late at eight o'clock, leaving quite a long stretch of time between lunch and dinner. The duchess light refresh-late after-asked that a bread and cake be brought to her room. This soon became a daily habit with her, and she began inviting friends to join her. Afternoon Tea Serenade



Linda Waterstraat for the gift bags filled with buttons, books, a ruler, pencils, and much more given to children competing in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest



Claire Grieve for all the wonderful publicity articles and pictures, not only for our club but the district also. Good Job!



Betty Atwood-Reyna for a delightful and festive Christmas Luncheon. We had an enjoyable time.

Last Friday I delivered one very durable 50 foot garden hose, a brass nozzle, a portable hose caddy, shovel and a \$230 gift card for Kelseyville Lumber to the Freedom House. The money will be used to purchase plants and other garden supplies. My neighbor is a volunteer at the shelter and told me she has had to carry buckets of water from the spigot to parts of the yard because they didn't have a hose. Well, thanks to your generosity at Christmas time that is no longer an issue. Linda W

Squash Soup submitted by Heide Thomason

3 pounds butternut squash & acorn squash	2 T honey
1 T olive oil	6 c chicken stock
1 T butter	1 T parsley
3 c thinly sliced onions	2 bay leaves
3 large carrots, thinly sliced	6 sage sprigs
6 garlic cloves, peeled & smashed	1 t sage
	½ pound bacon

Oil a large cookie pan. Cut squashes in half. Place squashes face down on pan. Place in 350 degree oven until tender. Remove from oven. Let cool. Remove skin. Reserve squash meat.

Meanwhile, put 1T oil and 1 T butter in sauté pan over medium heat, add onions. Cook until onions are translucent. Add 1 T sugar. Turn heat up and cook until onions are golden brown.

Place carrots in glass bowl with 3 T water. Microwave carrots until tender, about 4-10 minutes. In large stock pot, combine squash, onions, carrots, garlic, honey, stock and spices. Bring to simmer and cook for about 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, chop bacon into 1-inch pieces and sauté. Add 3 T of bacon grease to the soup. Reserve the bacon pieces, or add to stock pot now.

When soup is done cooking, transfer soup to blender and puree (or use Braun stick hand held inserter) (Soup is best served the next day after the flavors marry)

Serve with sour cream and bacon pieces.

In my soup, I used 1 Cup of onions, no sage sprigs, and added one pint of Half and Half.

THANKS to Debbie Siemer, my good neighbor for this recipe.

TREE COUNT CHART:

Each time you plant a tree, please write it down on the tree chart. That will give us a count for the end of the year Tree Count.



Example:

Number: 4, Species: Western Redbuds // Number: 1 Species: Frost peach: Place: My backyard

- * Keeping track by month will ensure we don't forget any.
- * Education: Members can then ask other members about the trees that they have planted.

Last year CLTTGC planted 1325 trees. Isn't that amazing!!! Keep up the great work!

Leanne Harvey

"Blessed are those that can give without remembering and receive without forgetting"

Author Unknown

Succulents

For those members who were unable to attend the meeting and program in January, Rella suggested I pass on this information she provided on succulents:

Basic Culture
 Good drainage
 Generous watering but only when necessary
 Adequate light
 Good air circulation
 Rest period, when no fertilizing takes place, and the watering schedule is reduced
 Useful Tips and Care Guide
 There is a succulent for every location when the right plant is chosen for the right spot.
 Succulents are low maintenance, not 'no' maintenance.
 Confined to a pot, succulents generally need to be

watered once a week, except in high heat areas. Provide some protection from intense sunlight. Soil for good succulent growth should drain well by adding crushed lava, perlite, pumice or grit with most planting mixes. Use fertilizers of a low dosage rate (between 1/3 and ½ the standard) no more than once per month when plant is actively growing. Protect your succulents from snails, banana slugs, earwigs and hail. Many, but not all succulents are deer, goat, dog and rabbit resistant. Some succulents may tolerate high winds and fog as well as heat, snow and drought. Sedums and Sempervivums are hardy and adapt well to steep slopes and rocky walls due to their native mountainous habitat.



Woodsy Owl



Smokey Bear Contest



President Linda Waterstraat and Teacher Mrs Ackermann and the 3rd grade class.



Ms Guenther and President Linda Waterstraat and the students the 2nd grade class.



Green Thumbs Up



A SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER . . .

Submitted by Claire Grieve

Someone who is involved, whether as a chairman, on a committee, or just helping without being asked; someone who always donates with time, energy, or a cheerful attitude; someone who volunteers to make an opportunity drawing basket for every meeting to raise money for our newsletter; someone who as a worker or as a chairman hauls water to Millberry Park, shovels two 'mountains' of wood chips to create a pathway, or pulls weeds for hours at a time; someone who will agree to be Parliamentarian and even buy her own book to learn how to do a good job; someone who will offer to help a President on every single craft project or workshop; someone who will volunteer to be Vice President and hand select good programs for each meeting; someone who works at every single wreath making project; someone that always hosts a table at the Daffodil Tea and donates beautiful door prizes.



Well you get the idea – someone who is a very special gardener (who shares so many of her plants and seeds with others) and that special someone is our special member **Jo Douville**.

PS “And that someone never forgets to bring me a doggie cookie”, from Tucker.



New Members

**Dobush, Hans & Carol
Reeves, Sharon
Escalante, Evy**



February Sunshine Report:

... by Jo Douville

Joyce Porterfield—hip surgery
Suzanne Russell—knee injury.



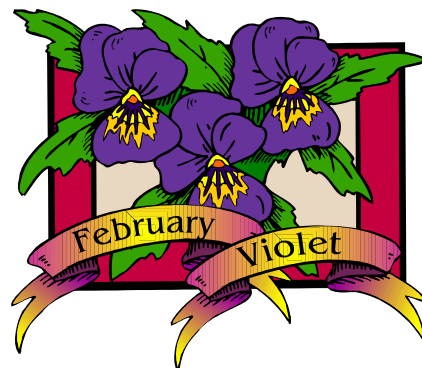
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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
2298 Hendricks Road
Lakeport, CA 95453

Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
(www.gardenclub.org)
National President: Renee Blaschke
- **Pacific Region**
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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

February 2011

- 1 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake***
- 3 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne***
- 5 10:00am (Sat Hartley Cemetery Work Party)***
- 6 2:00pm Roy Kesey at the Soper Reese***
- 7 Happy Birthday Reba Richardson!***
- 8 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers***
Theme: Hanging Design in Frame
10:00am, St John's Episcopal Church
- 10 10:00am Workshop-***
Valentine Bags
- 14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY !***
- 14 Happy Birthday Carmen Carpenter!***
- 15 11am Board Meeting***



15 Regular Club Meeting

***Hostesses: Linda Pyers, Suzanne Russell,
Carol Brabrook***

12:00pm Social Time

12:30pm Flower Roll Call

1:00pm Meeting

2:00pm Program: CHANGE TO YEARBOOK

***'National Garden Club Landscape
Design' lecture & slideshow by
Jane Graham & Nancy Bailey***

16 Happy Birthday Mary Ann Worth!

17 Happy Birthday Guthrie Worth!

21 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

26 Happy Birthday Jo Douville!

27 Happy Birthday Joelle Holford!

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