

# 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

[www.clttgc.org](http://www.clttgc.org)

## SUGGESTIONS:

PLANT- living Christmas trees, bare root roses, gladioli, calendula, pansies, fruit trees & grapes, ornamental trees & shrubs.

## Thyme with President Linda

December was a productive and fun month for our club. Santa & his elves had nothing over **Pam Held** and the CLTTGC members who pitched in and made wreath making a successful and enjoyable project. We cleared \$2,372.24 which means we can award two one thousand dollar scholarships as well as add extra money to our bank account. None of that would be possible without your hard work. Thank you once again.

The Christmas luncheon at Zino's was delightful. **Betty Atwood-Reyna** planned for months and provided us with lovely, festive table favors. Thank you Betty for putting so much thought into making it a special day. As I looked out over the room and saw members laughing and enjoying themselves, I was again reminded of how fortunate I am to be a part of such a wonderful group. Your generosity is much appreciated as we collected \$345 to purchase items on the Lake Resource Center's wish list. In addition to that, some of you donated items which I delivered to the office right after the luncheon. The staff was thrilled and thanked us for supporting this worthy cause.

As we begin the new year, let's focus on those on-going garden club projects such as civic beautification, garden therapy and the Meals on Wheels workshop. I ask our Civic Beautification chairs if there is anything we can do to help maintain our projects? Do we need to organize work parties? Do you have ideas for a drought tolerant planting at the Lakeport Library? Jo Jameson's garden therapy is provided twice a month in Clearlake and Lucerne. See the yearbook for dates and locations. Contact Jo if you would like to assist her in this important effort. It's not too early to start thinking about the Meals on Wheels cards we make or write for the Senior Centers for Valentine's Day and then again in April. The first workshop will be held at Jo J's home on February 10th. Sign up sheets for the Daffodil Tea in March will be available at our January meeting. Hard to believe it's that time again! Can Spring be far away? So with all that said, there seems to be plenty of activity going on in our club-- something for everyone. There are plenty of opportunities to participate and make a difference.

I wish you a **HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**



"God made rainy days so gardeners could get the housework done." Unknown Author



11am Board Meeting

## New Meeting Place / New Time

Beginning with the January 11, 2011 meeting Lake Ka Ba Tin Redbud Arrangers will be meeting at St John's Episcopal Church, 190 N Forbes St., Lakeport in the Fellowship Hall. We will be meeting at 10 am so that some of the members who wish to also attend another meeting will be able to do so. The first assignment for 2011 is to do a Table Setting arrangement. Any questions - give Barbara Swanson a call. Come see what we create.



## Green Thumbs Up



To say the wreath-making project went like clockwork would be an understatement. Thank you, thank you, thank you **Pam Held** for stepping up to the plate once again and taking on the major fundraising project of the year for the CLTTGC. Pam's organizational and leadership skills were in evidence every step of the way from passing out sign-up sheets "way back when" to the final clean up on Friday. I arrived at 8:00 AM on Wednesday to a Grange hall that was completely set up and ready to go. I know several club members helped to make

this project a success and I will let Pam acknowledge them, but this is specifically a 'Green Thumbs Up' for Pam. I loved the way she announced, at 11:45, that a half-hour lunch break was coming up at noon and we all just naturally responded to her authority and clear direction. I can't speak for everyone who worked on this project, but I certainly had fun and enjoyed a real sense of accomplishment. I even looked forward to going back



at 8:00 AM on Thursday. There was definitely a spirit of "let's get this job done" evident throughout the process. Thank you, Pam, for making a project that would be daunting to many of us, look so easy. I heard these comments from many of the veteran wreath makers "things have never gone so smoothly" & "we have never been finished and cleaned up so early". We love you, Pam, for leading the team in another successful year of wreath making. What are you doing the first weekend of December next year????  
*Helen Turley*

Sharon Thorne, past Pres CLTTGC); GinaBell Smith (past Pres & current Mendo Lake Dist Director); Linda Waterstraat (current Pres CLTTGC); Maryanne Lucas (current CGCI Pres); Jo Shaul (past Pres CLTTGC); and Claire Grieve (past Pres CLTTGC) participated in the North Lake Garden Club's Garden/Craft Faire held in Nice.

Submitted by Claire Grieve



*I Love 'em!*

*by Jerry Shaul*

Josephine, remember those five cherry trees we inherited when we bought the home in Sunnyvale and how I ate myself sick--sick of cherries. Well now that we've moved back to wine country I'd like to try to eat myself sick of grapes. I've always loved grapes--next to cherries. I think that of the many varieties of table grapes we have I prefer the Tokays. However the Himrods, with their distinctive flavor, are seedless and much sweeter. Although not a wine grape they have, when dried, kept us in raisins for over 30 years. I know Josephine that you prefer the Perlette variety that is similar to Thompson seedless but better adaptable to our climate and they love to climb. Growing on arbors next to our home these beauties have protected us from the sun reducing temperatures in our home by as much as 20 degrees. Bye, bye PG&E. Being deciduous, these plants that provide shade during the summer months allow the sun to shine through our windows and heat our exterior walls during the winter season. Josephine, thank you for reminding me that these beautiful plants with tasty fruits provide you with grape vine wreaths and

leaves with beautiful form and hues of yellow, gold, bronze and red, with which you decorate your home during the holiday season. There is one more outstanding quality of the grape that almost escaped me. Do you remember when we planted 90 Zinfandel wine grape cuttings in the early 70's and how we nurtured them through the severe drought? For 35 years these vines have shown their gratitude by providing us with medicinal nectar from the gods. Well, you know this 'nectar' required fertilizing, cultivating, pruning, protecting, irrigating, picking, stemming, fermenting, pressing, decanting and bottling Wow! Josephine it makes me tired just thinking about it. And it took only a few effortless minutes to pick up 5 liters of Merlot at the grocery outlet at a cost of four dollars. Do you realize it took me about 40 hours of hard work to produce 20 liters of wine or 2 hours per liter? In other words I earned 40 cents per hour. Josephine, don't give me that look and please pour me another glass of wine. Don't forget to close the box spigot tightly.













## THE LAST WORD in CONTAINER GARDENING by Linda W

Just like any artistic endeavor, color, texture and arrangement all play an important part in the final visual appeal of your *masterpiece*. The artistry of container gardening lies in the way you arrange and combine all of your materials—not just the plants themselves, but the container and the site you choose for it. The plants and containers need to enhance each other. Think about the backdrop for where you will place the container. Sensitive color coordination is a key factor in creating those containers which will produce the “WOW!” factor.

Here are some suggestions for combinations of plants and containers:

### Purple foliage-

Ruby chard or purple leafed sweet basil surrounded by purplish-red petunias in a terracotta pot

This combination looks good in a wooden trough- Purple leafed cabbage, dwarf French marigolds (*Tagetes 'Paprika'*) and scarlet flowered nasturtiums (*'Empress of India'*) This is one of my favorites!

*Heuchera micrantha var. diversifolia 'Purple Palace'* placed in a taller, dark ceramic pot

### Flame Red Flowers-

Red zonal pelargoniums, red and yellow nasturtiums. red verbena mixed with variegated ivies

For partial shade- Place a hart's tongue fern in the center of a terracotta window box slightly to the back, surround it with red New Guinea impatiens and add 'Variegated Mintleaf'

### White and Silver Plantings-

(These plantings really look good in the pale light of a summer's evening)

Combine white geraniums white marguerites, white trailing verbena, trailing *Bacopa* and *Senecio Cineraria*, 'Silver Dust' (I know this as "Dusty Miller")

White petunias, white lobelia and *Helichrysum* in a hanging basket by an outdoor dining table.

### Yellow-

Try this for a hanging basket- Combine yellow Lantana (two variegated and one green-leaved, *Bidens ferulifolia* and yellow African Marigolds.

Yellow Calendula can be mixed with parsley.

Yellow marguerites (pinch out the growing tips to encourage bushy growth) yellow snapdragons, and *Helichrysum*. Add some lime green *Nicotiana*

The possibilities are endless! (As I discovered while writing this).

There are container plantings for every season and purpose.



'Welcome to  
the Wonderful World  
of Succulents'

January Program by  
Rella of Simply Succulent

## TREE COUNT FOR 2010

2	Chandler Walnut
975	Forest seedlings
1	Apple, Honey crisp
100	Oak
3	Chestnuts
172	Japanese Maples
1	Small Maple
6	Pistache
1	Dollar Eucalyptus
1	Mimosa
18	Olive
7	Pine
18	Cedar
1	Katalpa
1	Colorado Blue Spruce
7	Laurel / Bay
3	Pod type (?)
3	Peach
1	Fig
1	Cumquat
2	Weeping Willow
<u>1</u>	Almond

1325 Submitted by Leanne Harvey

CLTTGC honors  
Vets with wreaths  
at the Blue Star  
Memorial & the  
Vietnam Memo-  
rial located at the



Lake County  
Museum in  
Lakeport.

By Claire Grieve

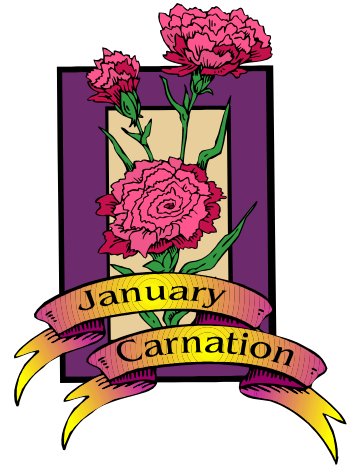
## Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

Return mail: Pres Linda Waterstraat  
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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](http://www.gardenclub.org))  
National President: Renee Blaschke
- **Pacific Region**  
SandraFord@cableone.net  
Director: Sandy Ford
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org](http://www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org))  
President: Maryanne Lucas
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.MendoLakeDistrict.org](http://www.MendoLakeDistrict.org))  
District Director: GinaBelle Smith



## Grow Along With Us!



## Forget-me-nots

*January 2011*

**Happy 'BLOOMING' New Year!**

- 4 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake
- 6 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
- 11 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
Theme: Table Setting Arrangements  
\* **New location** – St John's Church on Forbes  
\* **New time** – 10:00am
- 18 11am Board Meeting
- 18 Regular Club Meeting  
Hostesses: Ann Blue, Suzanne Russell, Jo Shaul  
12:00pm Social Time  
12:30pm Flower Roll Call  
1:00pm Meeting  
2:00pm Program: Rella of Simply Succulent  
'Welcome to the Wonderful World of Succulents'

- 19 *Happy Birthday Ann Blue!*
- 21 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers– Ukiah
- 26 Mendo-Lake District – Winter General Mtg:  
Ukiah Garden Clubhouse.

Sign-up for Daffodil Tea.  
Seeking next Monthly Yard Award recipient.

**Happy (belated) 66th Anniversary  
to Jerry & Jo Shaul!**

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