

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.

June 2011

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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:

- Deadhead faded annual flowers to encourage re-bloom.
- Dig & divide crowded bulbs, like daffodils.
- Plant pumpkins, basil, green onions.

Thyme with President Linda

Another garden club year is soon coming to an end. For me, it's been a year filled with many new experiences. I feel blessed to be a part of this exceptionally wonderful group of men and women.

Thank you for always being there when I needed you. You made my job easy because of your dedication to the club and our traditional activities. Through the outstanding leadership of our chair - persons and the hard work of committee members, we were able to accomplish a lot and hopefully have a good time in the process. To all of our newer members, I hope you will soon get involved in committee work because it gives you the opportunity to get to know other members. It's also gratifying to see what can be accomplished when we work with others who share our same interests and goals. Just as this year has been a learning experience for me, I hope you have learned a few new things along the way as a result of being a member of our club. Think of the combined years of gardening experiences among our members who so willingly share their knowledge. How can we help but learn something new?

I'll pass the gavel on to Helen who already is in the process of planning for the year ahead. We are very fortunate to have her as our new president and she looks forward to and counts on your support.

And so, thank you again for a good year and for
"Growing Along with Us".



End of the Year Potluck and Installation of New Officers

When: Tuesday, June 21 (note change from yearbook) at 5 p.m.

Where: Riviera Heights Clubhouse
3040 Riviera Heights Drive, Kelseyville

**Please bring your own plate and silverware
and a salad or main dish or dessert.**

Beverages will be provided.



Penny Pines Chair,
Ann Blue
receives the
57th Penny Pines
Certificate.
Congratulations!



Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club was pleased to have naturalist photographer **Brad Barnwell** speak about birding at Rodman Slough and other areas around Lake County. As a thank you for his informative talk, he was presented with a Penny Pines Plantation which will help with the reforestation efforts in the Mendocino National Forest. Approximately 350 seedlings will be planted in his honor. Club members are looking forward to the fall publication of Brad's book about birds of Lake County.



Common Name: Angelonia

Hardiness Zone: 1 - 11 S / 1 - 11 W

Blooms In: June July August September

Exposure: Full Sun

Height: 14"+ Spacing: 12"

Often called "summer snapdragon," angelonia produces numerous snapdragon-like flowers that come in white, pink, lavender, or purple, depending on the cultivar. Angelonia also makes a good cut flower, lasting for a long time and producing a pleasant grape-soda scent. For best performance, plant angelonia in late spring in a spot that receives full sun and has moist, well-drained soil. Once established, these plants can be quite drought-tolerant, especially if the soil is rich in organic material and a layer of mulch has been added. The plant is not cold hardy. Fertilize the plants with a light, monthly application of a 10-5-10 fertilizer or similar mix, but be careful not to over fertilize or the plants will produce more leaves and less flowers.

Doris Ellsworth

CORRECTION: The title to Jerry's story last month was incorrect. It should have been 'God's Little Acre +1'. Thank you Jerry! We wait with anticipation each month to enjoy your creative talent.

LOST MONARCH

by Jerry Shaul

I was born and nourished in the shadow of greatness. It was in the brave new world where my livelihood depended entirely on the natural elements. My parent who was very old had reached its prime time for reproducing the species. It was a tradition that my parent construct a home for me and my siblings during the autumn season. Initially my siblings and I were kept from the outside world while we were given the necessary information to continue our lives in 'another world'. It was late autumn through early winter when a multitude of windows and doors opened and for the first time I felt light. I remember when a kind of dust entered my home which would change my life forever. Shortly thereafter heavy winds shook my home and try as I might I was forced to leave its security. I found that as a gifted flyer I could use the wind to carry me a good distance before coming to rest in a harsh new world. It was a cold and lonely winter night when the rains came and I was being buried in mud. Then after

what seemed like an eternity the cold rains ceased and the warmth of spring began. In the warmth and light of the sun accompanied by gentle showers very strange things began to happen. My body was swelling, my skin stretched until it popped, the food I had stored changed shape and reached for the sun, my 'feet' began to burrow into the mud. As I look back I understand that I was *on my way*. The first year in a bed of humus, rain and full sun I grew 18 inches. At age 15 I had begun to grow male and female 'buds' and cones capable of reproducing the species. When I reached 20 I had grown to 65 feet- not bad from the size of a tomato seed. But wait! Today after 1,800 years I stand 321 feet tall, am 26 feet in diameter and the volume of my body and limbs occupies 42,500 cubic feet.

My name is "LOST MONARCH".
My family is Sequoia Sempervirons.





Green Thumbs Up

To all participants, but a special thanks to **Jo Douville and Leslie Jones** for their coordinated effort in our Plant Sale that profited our scholarship program. Doris had a presale and brought a truck load... There were gourd birdhouses and kits created by Jan, Claire and Linda W created lovely bouquets for Mother Day gifts..... Many members brought the plants, signs, vegetables, or worked shifts... Leanne, Jo & Jerry, Carol K, Jo D, Jo J, Ginny, June, Gladdy, Susan, Carmen, Rena, Shirley, Linda P, Sue, Nora, Pat, Joyce, Suzanne, Mary, Barbara, Helen...

WOW!!! What a success our plant sale was! \$1,123.75 seems to be the final count.

Thanks to everyone who brought plants and the various items for sale. Thank You to the large number of people who worked during the day. I won't list names – I might forget someone! Many thanks to Pam and Bill Held for delivery and pickup for their tables. It would have been a hassle and huge expense to rent tables. A huge thanks to our publicity chair, Claire Grieve, for the excellent coverage in all the Lake County papers.

I'm so proud of everyone in our Club.

Sincerely Jo D, Plant Sale Co-Chair

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

National Garden Club Week June 5-11, 2011



Proclamation

Whereas, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

Whereas, Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

Whereas, Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

Whereas, Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

Whereas, Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for many citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

Whereas, Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

Whereas, Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to serve others in the communities where they reside and work;

Now, Therefore **Be It Resolved that in an effort to acknowledge the importance of gardening and the enormous contributions of Gardeners, the National Garden Clubs, Inc designates the week of June 5-11, 2011 as National Garden Club Week.**

Renee D. Blaschke,
2009-2011 President, NGC, Inc.



I had a wonderful time at the convention in Rohnert Park. I met many friendly, knowledgeable people and confirmed my belief that gardeners are good people.

Right after registering, I went to the awards room and looked for our first place award. There it was—the publicity book Jo Shaul put together. Thanks to Claire Grieve for providing us with so much excellent press material and to Jo for putting it all together in such a well organized format. Hours of work went into making that possible. One woman was glancing through the book and said, “This is incredible!” I agreed.

Later on in the day I attended the Youth Luncheon honoring the children who won the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest. The Men’s Garden Club of Santa Rosa went all out on the table decorations. Balloons galore! And to keep the children occupied, they had red and green river rocks,

googlie eyes and markers so the kids could make their ‘beneficial bugs’. A woman went around to each table twisting balloons into animal shapes for them to take home.

Our winner, Jeffrey Smith, was thrilled to have his picture taken with Smokey who surprised everyone with a visit. The children were treated royally and had lots of fun. I’m sure they will remember the day for a long time to come.

Later that day Helen, Susan and I attended the McEvoy Olive Tree farm presentation which was interesting. It’s a beautiful farm in Petaluma offering various tours and activities. They have a variety of Tuscan olive trees available for sale.

Finally, that night I sat in on the installation of new state officers which was followed by a dessert and champagne reception. I had the opportunity to speak with Julie West, the newly elected CGCI President and also with Renee Blaschke, National GC President. They both give the word ‘dedicated’ a whole new meaning.

Just like Jeffrey, I left there feeling good and grateful for the experience. **Linda Waterstraat**

See Everyone Next Year

Woodsy Owl Poster Contest :

Honorable Mention
winner **Jeffrey Smith** receives his certificate and recognition at the CGCI Youth Recognition Luncheon at Convention in Rohnert Park on May 18th. Jeffrey attended with his Mom and Grandparents. Jeffrey is



a third grade student at Lakeport Elementary School.



Tree Count - 2011 to date: the CLTTGC and its members have planted 1155 trees to enhance our county and its environment. Two Bradford Pears purchased by the club will be planted at the Westside Park. They were originally slated to be planted in an area where two trees had died. When those trees started budding out and getting leaves, the location changed. The Bradford Pears will grace a newer area of the park with its newly installed irrigation system: the dog park. Community members and their pets will appreciate these trees for years to come. Dennis Rollins has assured us that the trees will have protection around them. We are waiting for mechanical help from the county to get these trees planted, and they are being well cared for in the meantime. As you drive to the park, it's on the right side of the street.

The club members deserve accolades for this great effort! **Leanne Harvey**



Green Thumbs Up

to **Jo Shaul** for taking all of Claire's (Publicity Chair) articles and putting them together in such a well organized and attractive format which allowed us to win a First Place Award for the CGCI, Inc. awards program. Thank You!



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Scholarship Committee: Marva Brandt, Susan Buckles, and Leanne Harvey met on the Monday after the plant sale and seriously considered 11 applicants. We followed the requirements set by precedent to determine the two best applicants from the talented group of applicants. The committee members this year are all retired teachers and did an excellent job with this difficult but rewarding committee assignment. Reading the applications always gives the members a good feeling about the youth of today. The applicants are involved in community service, activities in and outside of school and demonstrate dedication to school and family. It is inspiring to read the accomplishments of these young people.

*Thanks to Joyce Porterfield
for sharing her yellow begonia.*

SUNSHINE ...by **Jo Douville**

Thinking of You card to:



Nancy Benkelman (Dad)
Ann Blue (Husband)
Carol Kesey

NEW MEMBER:

Heather Brezine

Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers:

On the second Tuesday of each month (except July & August) approximately 15 ladies meet together to share their own original floral art. These artists use plant materials in combination with other components in according to the Principles of Design. The theme each month might be 'Traditional' or 'Creative' design. **Barbara Swanson** has done a wonderful job of organizing and affording support to this subgroup of our garden club. She posts pictures on our web site www.clttgc.org (thanks to her son, **Peter**). **Shirley Estrem** is also a valuable asset with her knowledge of flower arranging. She creates beautiful cards with pictures of these amazing floral art displays. This month Barbara will be teaching one form of 'Ikebana'. Call her for the material list.



Green Thumbs Up

to **Carol Brabrook** for the years spent maintaining the Blue Star Memorial in Lakeport. The Civic Beautification site looks well cared for thanks to you.

We started the year with 62 members, and we have increased our numbers with 6 wonderful new members. We now have 68 members - as of the May meeting. **Be sure to get your 2011 dues to Rena. \$20 (\$26/couple) is such a bargain to get all the benefits of being a member of this great club.** *Leanne Harvey*

Lake County Fair: Sep 1st - Sep 4th, Thursday-Sunday.

Our garden club will "Make Some Magic" in our enchanted fairy garden exhibit. The basic idea (open to change) is a fairy tale that comes alive in the eyes of two small children sitting on a park bench. This is a fun theme but we will need some help!

WANTED: Ground cover- moss, bark, pine needles etc. (trays or pots for live cover); Live plants that will bloom in early September also herbs, ferns etc. These can be potted now to be ready for the fair; Interesting branches, Manzanita to look like trees, tree trunks ...hideaways; River rocks/ stones; Another child size doll; Small colorful fairies, butterflies; Help with set up/ take down'

Any other ideas you think might go with this theme would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you can help or are interested in coming to a meeting. We will pick up and return items lent. **Susan Buckles, (Chair), Suzanne Russell, Linda Leslie.**

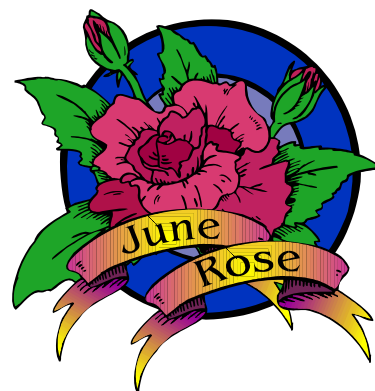
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Return mail: Pres Linda Waterstraat
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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
2298 Hendricks Road
Lakeport, CA 95453

Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
(www.gardenclub.org)
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

May 2011

4 Happy Birthday Dwight Holford!

*** 5-11 National Garden Club Week! ***

7 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake

8 Happy Birthday Leanne Harvey !

9 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
Note: date correction to Yearbook.

12 Happy Birthday Ginabelle Smith!

14 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
Theme: Ikebana
10:00am, St John's Episcopal Church

18 Happy Birthday June Beto!

21 Happy Birthday June Dye!

21 5pm Pot Luck Picnic &
Installation



17 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

23 Happy Birthday Donna Isley!

26 Happy Birthday Tammy Bransford!

26 Happy Birthday Jay Swanson!

Happy Birthday Summer Babies!



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

Ginny Cline's grand-
daughter, Brooke, is
off to bigger things -
grade school.

We will
miss you
Sweet Pea!

