

# 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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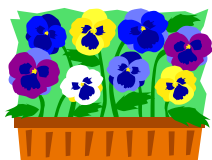
### Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul



## Pansies

Keep deadheading  
fall pansies and  
watch for blooms  
after the snow  
melts.



## Thyme with President Helen

As I pause to reflect on the Thanksgiving holidays of the past, I have so much gratitude for my family and holiday traditions.

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. I have so many fond memories of my mother preparing our Thanksgiving feast. She arose very early to get the turkey ready for the oven and then oh what wonderful smells we enjoyed throughout the day. Of course, it was always a fresh hen turkey because my mother said they had the fullest breast and were the juiciest. I didn't know about that but I knew they were always delicious.

My mother's main focus was preparing dinner so it was usually my job to set the table; and to this day, that is my favorite part of hosting any meal. I loved filling the cornucopia with fresh fruits and nuts to decorate the table often including some fresh cut mums from the garden. Thanksgiving was the only time we used my mother's beautiful Desert Rose dinnerware which was always carefully washed by hand after the meal and returned to the cupboard until next year and, oh yes, the "good" silver which was also saved for only very special occasions. Irma Bombeck would have had something to say about that!!!!

There were five of us in my family, but our Thanksgiving dinners always included people in the community who had no family or place to go to enjoy the holiday. There was always room for one more at my mother's table.

There is, however, one very special Thanksgiving that will always stand out for me and that is Thanksgiving, 1966, which is the day my only child was born—a beautiful 6 lb. 3 oz. baby girl named Janet Lynn. I was scheduled to bring the pies for dinner, which was tradition but I ended up bringing a new life into this world instead—ten days early. Of course, my mother, being the "mom" that she was, hurriedly baked the pies herself because no Thanksgiving dinner in her home would have been complete without them. After dinner, everyone came to the hospital to see the new addition to our family.

There have only been a few times over the years that Janet's birthday has fallen on Thanksgiving Day, and this year is one of them, which will make this Thanksgiving extra special for me. As traditions do, ours has changed over the years, but what hasn't changed is that the family still gathers and celebrates the holiday together and I still bring the pies!!

I hope that as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, you will take the time to pause and reflect on all the things for which you are grateful and maybe also take a moment to "walk down memory lane" yourself. I loved doing it. One of the things I'm grateful for this year is the opportunity to share my memories with you, my Garden Club family. *HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOURS.*



## DISASTER - 2011

by Jerry Shaul

Josephine, do you remember when 'we' decided to grow our vegetable garden in your ornamental garden in order to reduce our PG&E bill. You don't remember the 'we', but do remember it was 'my' decision. Well 'my' decision saved us about 10 dollars per month and made it necessary that we familiarize ourselves with the new Safeway store (where home grown vegetables are not). Of course 'our' experimental vegetable garden met with some success. The four tomato plants (Early Girl & Celebrity hybrids) that I planted in 5 gallon containers produced, instead of juicy tasty medium sized fruit, an abundance of "cherry like" tomatoes. Josephine, you know how I love Swiss chard with a splash of wine vinegar. Well, twelve healthy 4-inch nursery plants dispersed throughout your flower beds failed to rise to the occasion - not one lousy leaf. You'll find it hard to believe what I saw one early morning. There sat on a very non-



descript leaf (later identified as Swiss Chard) a family of earwigs. The little ones were clearly distressed while Mom and Dad just shook their heads while trying to console the youngsters. At that time a jack rabbit came along and you know how they love, Swiss chard. Low and behold he ate the earwigs and didn't touch the "chard" and how I look forward to those red sweet bell peppers. Four plants produced 3 sickly peppers - two never had a blossom. However Mr. Jack rabbit took a fancy to their leaves shortly before he succumbed to lead poisoning.

Josephine, next year I'd like to make amends by locating our vegetable garden where it is well protected from deer and rabbits. I'll double dig those raised beds, mix in kitchen waste compost and manure and water conservatively with drip emitters and soakers hoses and you can gather the fruits of our labor without having to "tip toe through the tulips."



### Cypress Canker

The causal fungus is most active during the rains of late winter and spring. Fungus spores are dispersed and infect the living bark and cambium, progressively killing tissue. This results in the death of branches, and sometimes the top of a tree, and in time the whole tree as the fungus invades new tissues. Usually, the first symptoms are pale green, then yellowing of affected portions of the tree, followed by death. Where the fungus has invaded the wood, a canker develops, followed by moderate to heavy resin flow around the canker. Diseased limbs can be pruned out. The whole limb should be removed and burned, chipped, or buried as branches left in a brush pile will liberate fungus spores for several years. Dead trees should be removed and destroyed (burned, buried, or chipped, and the wood composted). The principal hosts for cypress canker are Monterey cypress, Italian cypress, and several cypress hybrids — Leyland, Lusitania and Arizona cypress, plus Cupressocyparis bethamii, and C. macnabiana. Juniperus virginiana is also moderately susceptible. It is best not to replant new cypress immediately following the removal of diseased trees. (UCDavis recommended that we hold off on purchasing Italian Cypress or beware.

### DICTIONARIES WANTED:

for Upper Lake Middle School.  
See  
Nancy Benkelman

### SUNSHINE LADY

Marva Brandt

#### Thinking of You


- ♥ Ginny Gunderson
- ♥ Susan Buckles



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## Mum's the Word' Chrysanthemum Show!

Sponsored by the Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers, this is a popular club event, open to the public. Friday, Nov 4th. The show runs from 1-5pm, at the Lakeport Yacht Club, 5th Street boat ramp. Refreshments will be served. Invite some guests and come & spend an enjoyable afternoon.



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



### SPOTLIGHT-GARDEN OF THE MONTH: Linda Waterstraat

I'm a "flatlander" at heart having spent the majority of my life in Illinois. When we moved to hilly Rivera Heights, gardening took on a whole new dimension! As you can see from the before picture, the slope is pretty severe and the soil is dense with tons of rock.

We decided to build terraces which allow me to walk on a flat surface. We added gypsum to the soil to loosen it up along with compost. We put in an irrigation system so each plant has its own emitter.

In the lowest tier I planted lavender- '*Grosso*' which seems to be the most cold tolerant and provides the most fragrant buds. The top tier is a silvery gray dwarf *Euryops pectinatus* 'Munchkin' which blooms with bright yellow daisy-like flowers for the spring. I cut them all down to the



most of the seasons, but heaviest in ground last February because they were damaged by the heavy, wet snow we had last winter. They are just starting to bloom again and will provide color all winter. I have Spanish lavender and yarrow growing in the circle around the flag pole. I love the blues and yellows when everything is in bloom. Up-

right rosemary flanks each side of the steps leading down to the bottom tier. Most importantly, all of these plants are deer resistant. Linda's

"Deer Diner" officially closed when those plants went into the ground!



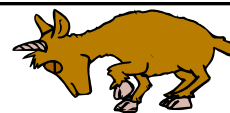
## Green Thumbs Up

To Linda Waterstraat for organizing two great field trips that were well attended. Jan 17th Program is cancelled. Linda W is looking for suggestions. Maybe (you) someone within the club will offer to do a craft/workshop.



It was a beautiful autumn morning at the Yerba Santa Goat Farm. Nineteen members were led on a tour of the farm by owner, Javier Salmon. We arrived just in time to see the goats led to pasture along with herd dog Toby, a friendly Great Pyrenees. We toured the milking room and the small room where the cheese is carefully made for sale at local farmers' markets and at Ferry Plaza in San Francisco.

At the end we were treated to samples of their delicious cheeses. B-a-a-a-h-h-h the way, I'm sure Javier was pleased with the quantity of cheese purchased by our members!



## Lasting Gift's

by Doris Ellsworth



This article is to impart an idea to give the gift of bulbs to children this year. It could be one lasting/long time affect on them.

All of us can look back at events that changed our lives and made us what we are today. Such an event occurred to me when I was 11 years old when my father made the decision that I was responsible enough and presented me with the deed to my grandparent's one-room house that they lived in while the big house and barns were being built. His only stipulation was that I was to treat it with whatever I believed would honor their memory.



About the same time, Dad allowed me to go hiking with him in San Gabriel Canyon. I soon found a yard cuttings dump area by gardeners by the river. Dad allowed me to investigate since I'd just begun a garden and to my delight, I eventually found lots of bulbs – big and small. I planted them right away, not even knowing what kind I was planting. They all came up that spring to my surprise, delight and beauty.

There is still time to plant these wonderful gifts of color in your yard, in pots, or a gift for a child. Such a reward for so little effort! I'm trying fritillaria meleagris, Ixia, allium schubertii, and freesias for the first time.



## Green Thumbs Up

to **Nora Gerrard and Rena Clifton** for their care and planting of new flowering plants. The Blue Star Memorial is one of our Civic Beautification Projects. The sign is in a small flower garden next to the Veterans' Building (next to the Museum in Lakeport).

**CLTTGC is proud to honor our veterans!**



Marilyn, the second grade teacher at Lakeport Elem. School who has worked with us on the Smokey the Bear project, has asked if we would

save Box Tops for Education labels for her. They are found on many products and make it possible for schools to get many needed items for the



classroom. They redeem them for cash and buy computers, etc. If you would be willing to snip these and save them, I will deliver them in December and then again in May. Linda W.

## Sign-up for the Christmas Luncheon:

Zino's Ristorante on Soda Bay Rd, Kelseyville.

December 15th (Thursday) at noon.

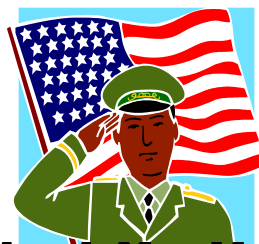
The cost is \$18+tip. Menu: Chicken Alfredo w/sm salad or Shrimp Salad.

More information at this month's meeting.

## NORTH LAKE GARDEN CLUB

FIELD TRIP: Sign-ups for trip to San Francisco November 3rd, \$50.

Call Sharon Thorne 972-6025



**Thank You Vets!**

## CORRECTION:

Arrangers meet on Tues the 8th (not the 15th as reported in the Yearbook)



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## REMEMBER

*"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." unk*

## Bow Making Workshop!

November 10th, at 9am

At Barbara Swanson's

1273-20th Street, Lakeport



## Wreath Making Fund Raiser and Fun Raiser!

Set-up is Nov 29 @ 10AM Bachelor Valley Grange, 9355 Government Street, in Upper Lake.

Wreath Making starts Wednesday, Nov 30 – Dec 1 and 2 @ 8:00am.

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year! Thanks to all of you who have already signed up and a thank you in advance to all of you who went home and checked your calendars and who are ready to sign up at the next meeting (or you can call me!). When we all work together and volunteer our time, this is an amazing experience. We learn what plants will hold up well in the beautiful holiday wreaths. We work together with our old friends and make time to make new friends. You don't want to miss out on the fun so get ready to sign up! We still have many worker spots to fill.

## Please bring:

- A sack lunch with plenty to drink. We'll have coffee and hot water available
- Sharp Clippers/loppers
- Garden gloves/ latex gloves
- Needle nose pliers/ pliers/scissors

Please call or email Linda Pyers when you read this message with your sold wreath order count so we know how many wreaths we have left to sell. We want to reach our goal of 150. If you want to sell wreaths and didn't get your order forms, please contact Linda P at 262-5899, ([His\\_lamb@mchsi.com](mailto:His_lamb@mchsi.com)).

For other questions, please call Leanne Harvey - 263 -0850 or email me at [LKHHarvey@mchsi.com](mailto:LKHHarvey@mchsi.com).

Each member's participation is essential in order for this activity to continue.

Thanks for the help you can give.

## Project Mission Blue

Project Mission Blue is CGCI and the [Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's](#) project to increase lupine diversity by propagating and planting pathogen-resistant summer lupine and varied lupine. It is the hope to stabilize the Mission Blue Butterfly community during years of fungal outbreak and allow these populations to increase over the long term. Tax deductible donations for the Project Mission Blue should be made payable to "CGCI" and sent to Chairman [Shane Looper](#), 213 Carmelo Lane, South San Francisco, CA 94080.

## Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers— Low Table Centerpieces

**Needed: A horse trailer or any trailer needed for us to put greenery waste in. Let Leanne know if you have a trailer we can use! Thanks!**

You'll be getting your CGCI Membership cards at the next meeting. Use the website below to discover which nurseries, garden centers and gardens around the state offer a discount.  
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/discounts>



## Award Book Deadlines:

December 1st, 2011

January 10th, 2012

See Jo Shaul or Mary Secord

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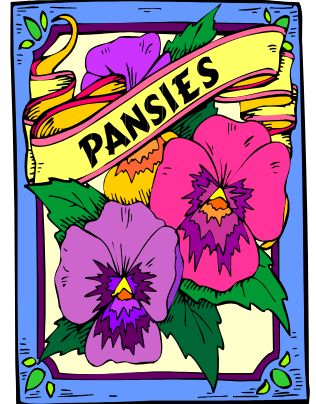
Return mail: Pres Helen Turley  
PO Box 1903, Lakeport, CA 95453-1903

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))  
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- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
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President: Julie West
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakegardenclub.org](http://www.mendolakegardenclub.org))  
District Director: Virginia Stranske

HOLLAND TRIP: CGCI is offering an eight day river cruise that will include both Keukenhoff for tulips and the Floriade. April 12 to April 20, 2012. The Floriade is a horticulture show in a park setting put on by Holland in ten year intervals. Contact Chris Merkel at 877-651-7447 to reserve your spot. Expedia Cruise Ship Centers.



*Every Year a New Beginning!*



## Forget-me-nots

*November 2011*

- 4 *Happy Birthday Thomas Welsh!*
- 4 Chrysanthemum Show, 'Mum's the Word'
- 7-8 Environmental Studies-San Mateo
- 8 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake
- 8 CORRECTION TO YEARBOOK  
Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
Theme: Low Table Centerpiece  
10:00am (Tues), St John's Episcopal Church
- 10 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
- 10 9:00am Bow Making Workshop  
at Barbara Swanson's house.
- 11 *Veterans' Day!*

18 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

### 15 Regular Club Meeting

Hostesses: Ginny G, Nancy B, Linda W

11:00am Board Meeting

12:00pm Social Time

12:30pm Flower Roll Call

1:00pm Regular Club Meeting

2:00pm Program: '*Holiday Floral Arrangements*', by Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers

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27 *Happy Birthday Carol Dobusch!*

29 10:00am Set-up for Wreath Workshop

30 Christmas Wreath Workshop begins.

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