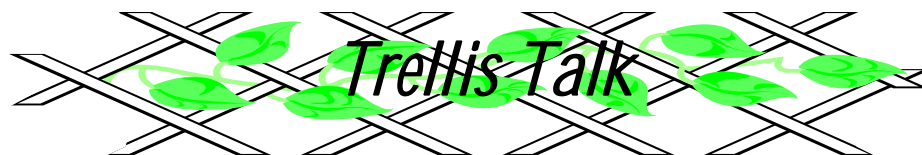


Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



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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Daffodils
Plant in fall
before
ground

freezes, to allow bulbs
time to establish and
develop roots before
winter arrives. Plant in a
sunny location in well-
drained soil enriched
with fertilizer.

Thyme with President Helen: April showers bring May flowers and that makes those of us who love to garden very happy. Based on our rainfall this year, I am personally hoping for lots of April showers not only for the plants but to fill up our beautiful lake.

April is the first full month of spring and is the time for renewal and growth. April is believed to take its name from the Latin word *aperire*, which means "to open". April is the month when blossoms open and new leaves appear on barren trees. The downside of the March rains and winds is that they wreak havoc on the newly opened blossoms. My almond and plum trees were covered with lovely blossoms one day and the next day all those beautiful petals were laying on my deck and all over the ground. Several times when I looked out the window, it looked like it was raining white petals. I keep reminding myself that I am NOT Mother Nature and I don't get to decide what the weather is "supposed" to do each season.

If you were lucky enough to be born in April, your flowers are the daisy and sweet pea and your birthstone is the diamond. My sister was born in April and I always envied her birthstone and thought it was so much better than mine—the lowly aquamarine.

As a child, one of the things I loved best about Easter was getting a new Easter outfit. The one I remember most was a yellow dotted-Swiss dress with white Mary Jane's with lacy white socks. Oh yes, and I got my first pair of gloves and a Easter bonnet, too. I'll bet you're not surprised that even then I loved clothes!!! Ladies, can you remember your favorite childhood Easter outfit? Guys, what you remember about Easter probably weren't the clothes; but if you were like my brother, it was the candy.

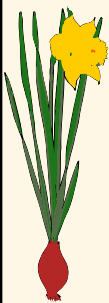
Of course, Easter represents a much deeper meaning than new clothes, dying Easter eggs, the Easter Bunny and candy. Whether you celebrate Easter as a religious holiday or not, it would be impossible not to be in awe of the Creator's hand in creating the abundance of new life that we enjoy in the spring—plants, animals, and even the colorful weeds that are popping up everywhere.

However you choose to celebrate this Easter season, my wish is that your heart will be filled with love and gratitude for your life and the beauty and bounty that surrounds and blesses our lives here in Lake County.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a **GREAT BIG THUMBS UP** to Linda Waterstraat and everyone who made the Daffodil Tea a delightful experience for those who attended. Virginia and all the guests at my table gave us a glowing review and were honored to be able to share tea, tidbits and talents with us. *Thank you all.*



MAGIC IN A BULB (Narcissus) Jerry Shaul



Treasured memories: sleeping "Naked Giants" standing in fields of green, hosts of golden daffodils with trumpets raised and spears in readiness heralding spring. Hundreds I see, some in groups and others stretched as serpents do. In a gentle breeze seemed to wave to me. Although most were clothed in yellow and green there were touches of orange, red, apricot, pink and cream. In wonderment I sought to understand how on this spot they had come to be. Near by ruins of an old farm house told the story. They had escaped its once kept yard and found their way to fertile ground. Beneath each "Naked Giant" humus and mulch they found. When finally bedded to their liking (4"-6") they

quickly outgrew their mother's tie. The bulb, so plain, from which this magic came can destroy so the gopher knows. Instead he moves it out of the way and thereby starts a healthy group some distance (8"-9") away. The "Naked Giant" in the time of spring allows the sun to warm the bed and shields against the heavy rain. But in the beginning where was this beauty born? Spain to Istanbul around the sea it loved I found--for millennia it has endured. From Rome to Britton and the New World it came. Like those before, I feel my duty to share these creatures of beauty. When summer sun has come and done its duty I'll return for clumps that have waned in beauty. Their faces, trumpets and spears withered after gathering magic. I'll put them to bed where best their miracle in Spring will show.



NATIVE PLANT WEEK

April 15 – 21 is Native Plant week. In last month's newsletter we asked that you start potting any California Natives that come up in your yard so they can be used at the Ely Stage Stop, our newest Civic Beautification Project. In honor of Native Plant Week, this is a good time to do it while we are still getting cold winter weather.



UPDATE ON CGCI PRESIDENT, JULIE'S, PROJECT:

With the success of the "Gently Worn Jewelry Sale" at Winter Board, this project has reached it first goal. A deposit has been sent to order the Riparian Plant Community sign at the Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden at Sonoma State University.

Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Report: by Denise M. Davis, CGCI Chairman
For the past 51 years, National Garden Clubs, Inc. has been sponsoring the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest in order to teach school age children the importance of fire prevention and to encourage personal responsibility for the environment.

This year, in California alone, more than 488 children participated by making and entering posters. This included 19 public schools, 3 private schools, 1 charter school, a Brownie troop and Cub Scout troop.

Eighteen garden clubs and one horticulture society were represented from 11 districts. This chairman received 193 posters which were judged by her local

fire department and a committee at the winter board meeting. The winners and the districts which represented the winners will be notified via letter in March with an invitation to attend the Youth Recognition Luncheon at the convention in June.

We have two winners!!! Congratulations to two of the students who entered this contest. First grader, Jaeden Lagattuta, got an Honorable Mention and Fifth Grader, Nicabec Casido, got 2nd place. Both of these students have been invited to the Awards luncheon at Convention in June. Thank you Susan Buckles and Linda Waterstraat for the time and effort you put into making this happen. Helen









Green Thumbs Up

to Jerry Shaul and the team pictured here. I encourage you to take a drive and see the Chapel Grounds at Hartley Cemetery. The rosemary was trimmed, and leaves were raked and two types of rock was laid. The area looks nice and neat. Jerry gave us a lesson on how to place bender board and lay the black plastic with home-made pins that kept everything in place. The only thing missing would be a nice bench to sit on while thinking of a loved one or just enjoying the outdoors.



Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds?

Place a few slices of cucumber in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.



Green Thumbs Up



to Shirley Estrem for her contributions to our club. Shirley organizes the Mum show, helps when we host the District Meeting, and arranges the beautiful daffodil sprays for our Tea. She supplies table clothes, flower arrangements, and is a great encourager to others.

FYI: Shirley looked so cute coming to Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Flower Arrangers this month that I had to snap this picture. She is wearing a plastic bag on her head (because of the rain) and a big smile.

SUNSHINE LADY

Marva Brandt

Thinking of you, Mary Ann Worth

(Please let Marva know if someone needs a little sunshine)



CONGRADULATIONS

Heide Thomason
ARTIST & CLTTGC
Member. Heide entered her art work at the Art Gallery and sold five paintings.

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

*April is
National Garden
Club Month*

Linda Waterstraat is collecting BOX TOP\$ to help our schools get needed equipment. Now is the time to turn them in.



the difference
can make.

April 27 is National Arbor Day

Jo. Shaul, Chairman
Mary Secord, Assistant Chairman

AWARDS PROGRAM

Now is the time to be taking pictures for awards.

Class B: Five color photographs of flower arrangements made by a member (4x6).

Class A: Five color close-up photos of garden areas in member's gardens (4x6).

Class C: Five close-up photos of five different flowers (4x6).

Class D: Five close-up photos of five different fruits and/or vegetables (4x6).

Ten close-up photos of California native wildflowers (4x6).

G-10 Single photograph either 5x7 or 8x10. (Just one photo) this can be a member's own garden, or a photo of a cactus, or cacti. Or a photo of a named rose, or a flowering tree or shrub in bloom grown by applicant.

Please write the botanical names on the back of each picture.

If you have any questions call me at 263-5074 or email: josh@pacific.net

HUMMING BIRDS—Did you know?

- A Humming bird is the only bird known that can fly backwards.
- The average Humming bird weighs less than a penny.
- A Humming bird will feed at over 1,500 flowers in an average day.

CGCI NEWS

April 28 - 29, 2012, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Place TBA Event: Springtime in the Garden The Folsom Garden Cub will be holding it's 12th annual, "Springtime in the Garden" tour on Saturday & Sunday, April 28th & 29th, 2012. The time will be 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days. The cost is \$12.00 per person. A map and directions will be included in the ticket. This is our annual fundraiser for college scholarships and community projects. This is your opportunity to get plant and landscaping design ideas. A master gardener will be onsite. Be sure to tell your friends and bring your camera.

April 17-19, 2012 - Flower Show School, Course 4 - Sacramento

Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Location: Shepard Garden & Arts Center, Sacramento. Instructors: Sandra Joyce (Horticulture), Char Mutschler (Design). Chairman: Mary Arakelian. Registrar: Carolyn Flynn, 530-389-2549.



Green Thumbs Up

What a wonderful Daffodil Tea! Thanks to **Linda Waterstraat** everything was well organized. Just about every other club member was involved. Each table was a delight for the eyes. The kitchen crew kept the hot water coming and we all had plenty of tasty treats to eat. Each person was greeted as they arrived and some super gifts were given out. Special thanks to **Hans and Carol Dobusch**. The flowers—what about the flowers—oh so beautiful! The hall looked good when we left, thanks to the clean-up crew and others that helped. What a grand way to spend a rainy day!

Lake Ka-Ba-Tin
Flower Arrangers—
Ikabana

*Thank You for all the birthday
wishes I received and for my
special 'birthday muffin'.
Helen*



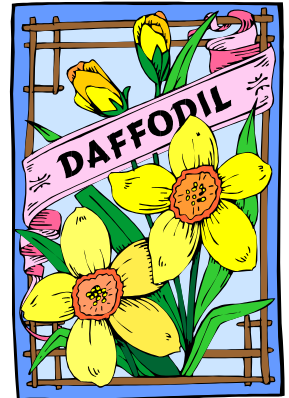
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- Mendo-Lake District Garden Club
(www.mendolakegardenclub.org)
District Director: Virginia Stranske



Every Year a New Beginning!



Forget-me-nots

APRIL 2012

- 3 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake
5 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
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- 10 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
Theme: Ikebana
10:00am (Tues), St John's Episcopal Church
11 *Happy Birthday Heather Brezine!*
14 *Happy Birthday Suzanne Russell!*
15 Redwood Valley—Spring Plant Sale
17 Regular Club Meeting

Hostesses: Rena C, Jo J, & Nora G.

11:00am Board Meeting

12:00pm Social Time

12:30pm Flower Roll Call

1:00pm Regular Club Meeting

2:00pm Program: 'Ikebana' by Barbara Swanson

20 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers— Ukiah

21 *Happy Birthday Heide Thomason!*

23 *Happy Birthday Rosa Hartzog!*

25 Mendo-Lake District— in Ukiah
Spring General Meeting

28 *Happy Birthday Jane Graham*

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