

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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2012-13 Officers:

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Leanne Harvey

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Carol & Hans
Dobusch

Treasurer:

Ginny Cline

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Helen Turley

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

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Thyme with President Leanne:



President's Welcome to the holiday season. Traveling in countries in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Europe, can be daunting but also thought provoking. We missed the taxi strike in Athens only because we had a pre-arranged bus. We missed the demonstrations in Cairo because we changed our itinerary. We were pulling out of Haifa when rockets were being fired by both sides in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. At times we felt like characters in an Indiana Jones movie - just side-stepping troubles at the last second.

I found that a common language among people does surround their flowers, plants and love of beautiful things. The Baha'i Gardens in Haifa, Israel are spectacular. The Blue Mosque in Istanbul with its flower-like embellishments of beauty are breathtaking. The Churches on the Greek Islands also have gorgeous flowers in the artwork.

My wish for the holiday season is that all people embrace their similarities and accept differences. Maybe the language of flowers could open the conversation?

Exercise your Passions: *Flora, Friends, and Fun!*

A common thread of humanity...



Christmas Wreath Making:

Set-up - December 4th.
10am

Work-Shifts - **Dec 5th-7th**
(Wed, Thur, Fri)
btw 8am-4:30pm

To Help: (call)

Greens-

Suzanne Russell

Refreshments-

Nancy Benkelman

Shift Work-

Leanne Harvey

Christmas Luncheon:

Tuesday, December 18th

Zino's Restaurant

6330 Soda Bay Rd
Kelseyville

Call Betty Atwood-Reyna
Deadline is Dec 11th

Cash donations will go to the
Women's Shelter

Dear Dahlia,

Q: Nancy Benkelman wants to know: "Do I need to winter my dahlias in Lake County?"



A: Dear Dahlia has never wintered her dahlias since it usually doesn't get that hard freeze where the ground is so hard you can't even dig in it. Gophers do like the most expensive dahlias so I suggest making or buying "cages to protect them. The harder dahlias do fine with no gopher protection...they just go for the pricey ones.



SUNSHINE REPORT
by Marva Brandt



Thanks to Carol Dobusch for sending cards out while Marva recovers.

**Thinking of You -
June Dye & Christina Basor**



REMINDER: Start transplanting California natives for the Ely Stage Stop and the plant sale. Plants need to be dormant and when it's nice and cold outside.. that's the time to make it happen. Jerry has already planted clumps of Winter Iris and some seeds. In the future, California Poppy will be planted.



MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT-Spring Meeting
A volunteer needed to chair this event that CLTTGC will be hosting on April, 2013.
Speak with Ginny C or Leanne for details.
Barbara S will mentor the chair for this event.



CGCI AWARD Deadlines:

All entries must be postmarked either
DECEMBER 1, 2012 or JANUARY 10, 2013 --
check the award description on line to find which postmark date applies to your entry or see Jo Shaul.

WELCOME

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Please update **Carol Batho's** new email
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Request made:

WHEN THERE IS A LOT OF SIDE
CONVERSATION AT OUR MEETINGS,
OTHERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HEAR -
PLEASE PASS A NOTE INSTEAD. thx



Erica Heather

Native to the, British Isles, Erica carnea, also known as heath or heather, is a low-growing shrub that will reach heights of about 12 inches at maturity. Spiky, pink, white or red blooms adorn the plant after the snow melts in late winter and early spring, lasting for several months. During the summer, the foliage is bright green. Three of the most common cultivars include King George, which sports bright crimson blooms, and Springwood White or Springwood Pink. Erica carnea will thrive with very little attention, and is hardy to USDA Hardiness Zones 5 to 8.

Erica carnea and Erica herbacea are two synonymous botanical names for spring heath, which is a species of low-growing shrub native to the mountains of central and southern Europe. Gardeners in mild areas include Erica carnea in landscaping as a ground cover or edging plant both for its ability to suppress weeds and its bright green foliage and dainty bell-shaped flowers. Erica carnea will grow reliably from both seeds and cuttings, but cuttings provide the most reliable results since they accurately reproduce the favorable traits of the parent plant. (info from the internet)





'Mums in Style'

was a very Stylish Show thanks to the help of so many. I am very glad for the help and participation of so many and our new members too. The creativity of the Kabatin Redbud Arrangers is right in Style this year. I received so many compliments from other arrangers on our theme and "production line".

The Specimen Table line up was in its glory too with several new growers. Great to see the results as you have picked up the trowel, done some digging and pinching. Growers included: **Ann Blue, Barbara Swanson, Carol Kesey, Leanne Harvey, Linda Pyers & Susan Buckles.**

The kitchen crew was again a delight for all, wow the cookies were so good and yum on many faces. Thanks for those that did the cider, I saw several gallons and on the chill of the wind it was perfect. Thanks again **Heidi**, I have given you the crown of the Kitchen Queen. You wear it with gracious Style.

Thanks too, **Jo Shaul** for setting up and manning the sign in table, also Mary for being her helper. You lovely ladies have been a Stylish Welcome for many years. If I was a 'judge', I would give each one of you blue ribbons. An arrangement is a fun expression of who we are.

"Styles" included: Abstract, Angular, Assemblage, Construction, Crescent, Duo, Hanging, Ikebana, In a Frame, Miniature, Panel, Parallel, Reflective, Transparency, Sculptural, Small Design, Spatial Thrust, Still Life, Structural, Synergistic, & Topiary. Now, were we not creative?

Arrangers included: **Ann Blue, Barbara Swanson, Claire Grieve, Evy Escalante, Jo Jameson, Jo Shaul, Joyce Porterfield, Leanne Harvey, Leslie Jones, Linda Pyers, Michelle Wisler, Nancy Benkelman, Sharon Reeves, Shirley Estrem, Susan Buckles & guest arranger Nona Carpenter.** That is sixteen creative

brains on display.

Thanks to the set up crew **Helen, Susan** and the **Reeves**, all the clean up crew ending with **Evy** on the broom handle.

Our "Flower Mum" is still glowing as she looks at the pictures of the show, so glad she could see them as well.

Pictures can be viewed on our website thanks to **Barbara & Peter (web master).**

From **Helen** opening the gate until **Nancy** helped slip the key back into the mail box – **WE DID IT again! Shirley**

Chrysanthemum Show results:

73 Guests, 34 members, totaling 107.

Gift donations = \$63.50

(to reduce Yacht Club rent).

Green Thumbs Up



To **Barbara Swanson** for hosting the *Bow Making Workshop* and members that gathered to make the bows for the Christmas Wreaths



I would like to extend a special invitation to you and your club members to visit us during the holidays. We are having our Workshop Sale all this week and on Sunday we will hold our Holiday Tea. For question call 468-7436.

WORKSHOP SALE

Tues-Thur (10am-3pm)

Fri (11am-1:30pm)

TEA: Noon-4pm

1203 West Clay St, Ukiah

Happy Holidays,
Rhea Pitchard
President, Ukiah Garden Club

December's Featured Plant Camellia

Camellias are beautiful both when they flower and when their shiny leaves radiate lovely cool feeling in your garden. I love using the leaves to make chocolate leaves for birthday cake decorations or other special events. (Paint on the melted chocolate, refrigerate, and then gently peel off the green leaf to get your perfect chocolate leaf.) Camellias are in the tea family and perfectly safe to use this way.



Growing Tips:

- In Lake County, Camellias need mostly shade, well drained acidic soil, that's high in organic matter.
 - Fertilize with a fertilizer for acid loving plants.
 - Wine and table grape compost is also very good for plants and easy to get in Lake County. Ask a home wine maker or a commercial winery to get some for your garden..
 - You can also add Epsom Salts (magnesium sulfate) to increase blooms size and make them more prolific.
 - Don't plant them too deep.
- If they get yellow leaves, you might have an iron deficient soil so add a fertilizer supplement made from pyrite and iron sulfate.

Prune:

- Prune right after plants finish their bloom as flowers for the next season actually form very early.
- They are easy to shape and can be bushy or tree-like with your careful pruning.
- Propagate:

- You can try cuttings from current season's growth in the summer and use Root Tone to start new plants. They also form seed pods that are beautiful and those seeds are often easy to grow, but depending on what bee fertilized it, you may get a plant that looks different than its mother. You can make more seed pods by taking pollen from a camellia plant you really like using a small paint brush, and fertilize the mother plant and you might get an even more wonderful plant to grow.

Winter care:

Rake under the camellia to get all fallen plant material away from the base as that left over camellia bloom can cause next year's flowers to drop off early.



Linda Waterstraat is collecting Box Tops for local schools - worth 10 cents each.



CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: **LIBRARY**
Barbara Swanson needs sedums to plant



Mendo-Lake District needs a person from our club to be on their Nominating Committee.



Passing on the links I promised:

- http://celake.ucdavis.edu/UAPTOP_-_Unmanaged_Apple_and_Pear_Tree_Outreach_Program/
- www.ipm.ucdavis.edu
- http://www.kare.ucanr.edu/programs/Web-based_GIS/Unmanaged_Apple_and_Pear_Tree_Outreach_Program/

With the first link alone, you'd get pretty much to every other bit of info through the menu on the left, but some things are a bit hidden, so I'm sending you the other 2 links as well.

In addition, we have more information on the fruit tree care that is not on these websites, as you well know.

For that, there is our help-line number 263 6838.



For anything related to UAPTOP, just leave a message for me.
Thank you!
Gabriele

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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
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- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
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- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.mendolakegardenclub.org)
District Director: Virginia Stranske



EXERCISE YOUR PASSIONS: FLORA, FRIENDS



Forget-me-nots

December 2012

- 2 Ukiah GC Tea & Workshop (see pg 7)
- 4 Garden Therapy-Lucerne (YB-pg17)
- 4 Wreath Set-up at 10am.
- 5-6-7 Christmas Wreath Workshop
8:00am -4:30pm / shift work
Bachelor Valley Grange
9355 Government St, Upper Lake
- 5 *Happy Birthday Marva Brandt!*
- 5 *Happy Birthday Carol Kesey!*
- 7 *Happy Birthday Gladdy Bransford!*
- 13 LC Master Gardeners Present- 4-5pm
Care & Maintenance of Garden Tools

Newsletter's deadline-4th Tues (1 week from meeting date).

14 *Happy Birthday Claire Grieve!*

18 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers

Centerpiece Arrangement for Christmas Luncheon

18 Christmas Luncheon, Zino's Restaurant

6330 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville

11:30am meet & greet

Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

No Regular Club Meeting

21 *Happy Birthday Diane Neilson!*

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



Terrific

HAPPY NEW YEAR