

# 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:

### President:

Leanne Harvey

### Vice President:

Carol & Hans  
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### Treasurer:

Ginny Cline

### Secretary:

Helen Turley

### Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

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**Lake Ka-Ba-Tin**  
**Redbud Flower**  
**Arrangers'**  
**Theme:**  
**Reflective**



## Thyme with President Leanne: Exercise Your Passions with CLTTGC



Flora, Friends and Fun! Welcome to the 2012-13 Clear Lake Trowel and Garden Club Year! Are you ready for flora, friends and fun? *Join! Dig! Rake! Water! Share! Learn! Rejuvenate! Energize! Create! Focus! Exercise! Compassion! Caring! Friendships! Teamwork! Individualism! Bend! Trips! Speakers! Plantings! Cuttings! Starts! Stretch! Awards! Leadership! Herbs! Vegetables! Planning! Plots! Tea! Mums and Daffodils.*

Involvement in a Garden Club means something a little bit different for each individual club member, and therein lies the strength of our active Garden Club! As a group we have amazing abilities that allow us to reach out and accomplish both individual and group goals.

As we begin this new year, we will do things we have done before, things we have never done before, and things that will stretch us in new, different and positive ways. The year will keep us learning and active as we involve ourselves in learning more about plants for our individual enjoyment and for the benefit and beautification of our community. We will arrange flowers and put on a flower show that always delights our members and our community. We will give a scholarship. We will help youth groups and youth garden clubs. We will start a Kitchen Garden Club and make it work using individual talents of club members, and we will gear it to our interests. We will learn from our programs and field trips. We will support each other and our projects! Visiting and helping with our Civic Beautification Projects, the Adult Respite Care/Garden Therapy, our Fair Garden Plots, and our fund raising projects, wreath and plant sales, all return benefits to our community but also to ourselves and our club.

This year as we gain experience and knowledge, we will have more to share and more to make us content and happy in our lives!

Stretch and reach for another great year with CLTTGC.

## SEPTEMBER 18th MEETING

We are going to have a **mini-plant exchange for a mixer** so I would like everyone to bring a small plant, a succulent, a bulb, a rhizome, or some seeds to share in addition to your flower for flower role call. This should be at no cost to you, maybe something that pops up in your garden



like a lavender plant, a strawberry you need to thin, or some seeds from your sunflower or your foxglove. If you don't have something in your garden, let me know, and I'll bring extras. Some of us joined garden club because we are just starting gardens and really don't have anything to share yet. **NO WORRIES!** Some of us have established gardens, and we can bring more than one plant to share. (Hint!!) *Leanne*

## NEW 2012 OFFICERS



Parliamentarian-Jo Shaul; Ginny Cline-Treasurer; Helen Turley-Corresponding Secretary; Vice Presidents-Hans & Carol Dobusch; President-Leanne Harvey.



## SUNSHINE REPORT

by Marva Brandt



Thinking of you - Diane Neilson and Helen Turley Memorial for George Neilson is Sept15 at the Lakeport Elk's Lodge at 1pm.



**Dear Dahlia,**

**Q: What is a vertical garden?**

**A:** Lovely green plants with lots of texture and color variation actually grow vertically right up a wall to save space. Wooly pockets can be planted with succulents, ferns and bromeliads up a vertical wall.

*Has anyone tried one In Lake County?*



Dear Dahlia is a new feature. Look for the 'Dear Dahlia' decorated box to place your questions or email to Leanne at [LKHarvey@mchsi.com](mailto:LKHarvey@mchsi.com). Your question will be researched by a team and responses will appear in Trellis Talk.



**Mendo-Lake District Fall Meeting  
Oct 24th, Potter Valley Garden Club**

## FEATURED PLANT

Cannas give a tall burst of color to your garden. Their rhizomes are eaten by natives of Ecuador and Columbia. Their leaves are used in the thatching of their houses, to wrap food, and even to wrap newborn babies. The hard seeds can be used in jewelry making. Cannas can be a lovely addition to your garden. Really tall Cannas can be spotted at the Luther Burbank Gardens in Santa Rosa.

### Growing Tips:

Cannas like moist, fertile soil with lots of organic matter and sun.

They can also be planted in pots or even as a water plant.

Fertilize monthly with 10-10-10 fertilizer.

Mulch in winter to keep from freezing.

### Prune:

Deadhead spent flowers by breaking it off just below the dead bloom

Thin plants every 2-3 years by digging & dividing

### Propagate:

Rhizomes are easily propagated by cutting into pieces with 3 or 4 "eyes" each.

Seed germination is possible. The seeds are hard and like to be scratched or cut exposing the seed's white interior and depending what bee pollinated the seed, you might get a new look to your new Cannas. Plant seeds in early spring and keep moist.

### Winter care:

If your Lake County micro climate is really cold during the winter, you can dig them and store them inside, but most places in Lake County don't need that extra effort. Cannas do well and bloom beautifully from July until they frost if you fertilize them regularly.

*Flora, fun,& friends! Tips from the President*



The Nomination Committee needs members to help Mary Ann Worth. At the September meeting we will be electing two additional members per our bylaws. Please consider filling these positions.



## KITCHEN GARDEN CLUB!

**New this year** will be a spin-off club (like the LKR flower Arrangers). Once a month on a Saturday anyone interested will meet to bake bread with herbs; exchange seeds/catalogs; learn to can, dry and freeze foods; cook with local produce in season - donations from pear farmers for example; experiment with raw food recipe; spices versus herbs; or 'Zucchini coming out my ears'; (possible suggests).



**Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am** Leanne will be hosting the **Kitchen Garden Club** organizational meeting and giving a fruit centerpiece demonstration. The meeting will take place in her home, so please RSVP.



## Green Thumbs Up



CLTTGC - Received the **Sweepstakes Award** for the highest number of awards-presented: first place yearbook, first place publicity book, backyard habitat, butterfly conservation and Smokey Bear



Our **GREEN THUMBS UP** goes to **Jo Shaul** for all the hard work she did in preparing the Books of Evidence, collecting the materials, making the copies of the plants and flowers submitted to the CGCI Award Committee. All year Jo encourages us to take the pictures and she will show us what to do next..



## 2012 PLANNING MEETING NOTES:

1. Minor changes to the Standing Rules and Bylaws. If you were able to make a copy of both (from Leanne's email), please bring them to the Sep meeting (this will save printing costs).
2. Regular meeting time changes.
  - 11AM- Executive Board meets –Officers and Chairs
  - 12 NOON - social time / refreshments
  - **12:30 Program**
  - 1 PM Flower Roll Call
  - 1:30 Business meeting
3. 'Kitchen Garden Club', is a new opportunity to get with other club members who want to exercise their passion for cooking, learning, etc.
4. Vote! Would you prefer to download Trellis Talk via our website? "We spent \$880 last year to print and mail the newsletter." Ginny Cline, Treasurer.
5. Looking for 'Garden Spotlight'. Share with us in a short article a feature in your yard that you created. Pictures of the before and after help us to visualize.



Planning Meeting-14 attended



**Library Park planter has a new look.** On July 22, President Helen T & Norb, Barbara S, Rena C, Nora G, Jo J recently attended the dedication of a statue commemorating a "Summer of Peace 2012" CLTTGC and Mary Secord were recognized for maintaining the planter as part of their Civic Beautification Projects.

Garden Club Members do amazingly wonderful things. To be sure we let others know how much we appreciate their efforts, please pass the ***"Did Anyone Tell You Today, You're Terrific!"*** badge.

RULES: The badge can be passed to up to 3 members during the meeting after the person with the badge has been recognized by the president. *A one sentence reason can be given for passing the badge.*

The person who has it at the end of each meeting is responsible to bring it back to the next meeting, and gets to enjoy it at their house for the month.

**Have Fun with this! Thanks for all you do!**



**Penny Pines Plantation Nominations:** If a member wants to submit a name for this honor, please submit it in writing and give it to the one of the officers. Be sure to include all the reasons the person should be considered.



**Plant Sale-** Saturday, May 11, 2013. Save all your pots so we can fill them with plants and flowers for the plant sale. Also save garden art and other garden related things you might be willing to sell. Start plants for the sale and for Ely Stage Stop early



**Christmas Wreath Order Form/Envelope will be available at September's Meeting.**



**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** Please email or snail mail me recipes, gardening tips, warnings, or anything pertinent to gardening that you

would like to share with club members. We would also like to continue with spotlighting features in your gardens. I will use what I can as room permits. Gardening question can be sent to DEAR DAHLIA a new TT feature. *thx lp*



**Green Thumbs Up**  
to Jerry Shaul  
to Helen Turley  
& to the Eli Stage Work Party



Phase One of our newest Civic Beautification project, the Eli Stage Stop & County Museum, is complete. Helen, Jerry and Hans coordinated with the Historical Society to place the great looking planter boxes (which Jerry built). Helen then got the work party together to planted marigolds and rosemary. Special thanks to Leanne for all her hard work

This is CLTTGC's newest Civic Beautification project, and it will benefit the community for many generations.

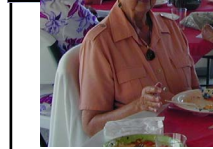


**Sept 18 Program: "Huegel Planting"-**  
Janice E. Hodges, Huegel Gardener  
Learn about this type of planting  
that saves water.





Year End  
Potluck &



Installation of  
2012 Officers





## Green Thumbs Up Fair Committee & helpers



*Lake Co is Pretty as a Picture - 3rd Place*



**Winners in prize money  
& in growing friendships**



The Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Club stepped up and created 2 ten by ten foot garden plots for the 2012 Lake County Fair. This is the first time that CLTTGC has attempted two garden plots and it was an amazing job! **Susan, Joyce, Barbara, Leanne, and Jo D** attended three summer sessions and got the infrastructure together and the plants started and watered all summer. What great ideas they came up with!! They had additional help from **Debra Watson, Suzanne Russell**. We to put this all together with help from all the members **Susan Buckles, Joyce**



**Summer's Biggest Blast-2nd Place**

**Porterfield, Jo Douville, Barbara Swanson, Sharon Reeves, Ginny Cline, Linda Pyers, Hans & Carol Dobusch, Debra Watson, Evy Escalante, Helen Turley, Linda Waterstraat and Leanne and Jim Harvey.** Our guest helpers **Russ Porterfield, Cameron Reeves, Jerry Buckles and Blair Brooks** were outstanding team members and contributed their time, talents, and ladder climbing feats! Mark Watson and Jim Aldrich loaned well cared for trees. We had fun and exercised our creativity!

Summer's Biggest Blast – Fair theme: "Growing Winners for the Fair." We made a vegetable/flower garden growing things that might be entered in the fair. For "Summer's Biggest Blast! Growing Fair Winner's", Susan, team leader, decided to add an element to our display that would educate the fair patrons so we showed different growing techniques and ideas: Growing in Straw, Herbs/flowers in a Rock Garden, potted plants and creative container planting (ie wheelbarrow), composting.

And... Lake County Is Pretty as a Picture so... Joyce, team leader, completely "wowed" the planning team by painting Mount Konocti with Clear Lake in the foreground on a backdrop and had it hanging in her garage at our second meeting. Russ Porterfield built a 10 by 6 "picture frame," and the team launched! We dug our very own "Clear Lake" and planted California Natives and other plants as well as having beautiful flowers and ground covers that grow in our lovely Lake County by a picnic cloth on the shore of the "lake" with a picnic basket and table settings with a lovely plant centerpiece to finish off our display. We even included mosquito fish from Vector Con-



## Green Thumbs Up

to our Scholarship Committee. **Leanne Harvey, Susan Buckles, Joyce Porterfield and Marva Brandt** presented Lindee Jones with a \$1000 Scholarship at our year end/installation potluck (June 2012).



*Plant a seed of friendship  
Reap a bouquet of happiness*

Kaufman



## Green Thumbs Up



To the **Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers** for the table decorations at several of our events during the year. Special thanks to Shirley for making the flower spreads at the Tea and to Barbara for demonstrating Ikebana at our club meeting. You both continually stretch our learning and give us great tips. **THANK YOU!**

## Deer We Have a Problem Jerry Shaul



The problem stems from the idea of ownership. Your basic needs have never been restricted by boundaries until we humans established ownership of land whose boundaries are not always physically defined. When Josephine and I bought this old 20 acre run-down walnut orchard defined by segments of a rusty conglomeration of "depression" fencing we were pleased to see the deer coming from the surrounding black oaks, live oaks, manzanita and other chaparral to browse on the walnuts. A beautiful sight to behold! We built our home which included landscaping with traditional exotic plants. We planted a small vineyard and family orchard. Although we did have sense enough to protect the vegetable garden with a 6 ft. wire fence we left most plantings unprotected. In over 40 years I've only witnessed one deer jump the 6 ft fence when being threatened. After it became apparent that protecting our landscape would require fencing the entire perimeter of our 2 acres we decided on "see through" wire with steel posts. A green and brown paint pattern made the posts blend into the wooded background. Privacy fences were constructed of weathered pickets. It has been interesting to see a doe crawl under a fence bottom rail 10 inches off the ground and jump through rails spaced 11 inches apart. A 6 ft. board (openings less than 6 inches) or wire mesh fence seems to be only effective protection against deer. I've tried blood meal, mountain lion and human urine, all night talk show radio, scare crows and oleander tea--none of it works. It does help to eliminate those deer food favorites that inspire a hungry deer to jump a 6 ft fence. Some of these include: apples, roses, grape vines, flowering exotics and most fruit tree leaves. Some plants that do not appeal to deer are: oleanders, most indigenous natives and most conifers. I've found that wild animals take harassment very lightly and come back for more over and over again. I'm afraid the only solution is "fence me in from the wide open spaces". Josephine, don't complain unless you have a better solution!



## Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

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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: Shirley S Nicolai
- **Pacific Region**  
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Director: Debbie Hinchey
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org](http://www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org))  
President: Julie West
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakegardenclub.org](http://www.mendolakegardenclub.org))  
District Director: Virginia Stranske



## EXERCISE YOUR PASSIONS: FLORA, FRIENDS



## Forget-me-nots

September 2012

- 1 Happy Birthday Doris Ellsworth!
- 8 Happy Birthday Jan Kespohl!
- 10 Potter Valley Meeting and House Tour
- 11 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
Theme: Reflective Design  
10:00am (Tues), St John's Episcopal Church
- 12 Happy Birthday Michelle Wisler!
- 15 Kitchen Garden Club Saturday, 1pm  
Meeting at Leanne Harvey's home.



### 18 Garden Club Meeting

11am Board Meeting  
12noon Social time/Refreshments  
12:30pm Program-Huegel Planting  
1:00pm Flower Roll Call  
1:30pm Business Meeting

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

***Congratulations to Members that entered the Fair with exhibits & floral arrangements. Some of the names I saw were Joyce Porterfield, June Dye, Claire Grieve, Linda Pyers, Barbara Swanson, Michelle Wisler, Marva Brandt, Jo Shaul, and Carmen Carpen-***