

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

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Jo Shaul

www.clttgc.org
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By Ann Blue

Thyme with President Leanne:



What does the Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club and making compost have in common? In making compost you bring together a variety of organic materials. In making a great garden club we bring together a variety of people with varied talents, energy and time challenges. In making compost you layer the green, dried and hot materials together to start the process going. In a club you layer officers, committee chairs, great workers, and new and experienced members together to get ideas and projects started. Both processes take time and patience. Both processes sometimes get a bit messy. Both processes have to have a little agitation and a little heat and inspiration to keep the process working. *The end product in both cases is better, healthier, fuller, richer and more fertile because of the interactions that have taken place.*

Thank you to the members who are willing to bring variety to our club, make heat, take time, be patient, and not be burned if it gets messy at times. A special thanks to members who are willing to agitate our club as needed all while not being daunted during the process. Without you we'd never get a slate of officers, get the Daffodil Tea organized, get the plant sale going, keep the wreath orders filled, provide speakers, get articles published or make our Civic Beautification areas come to beautiful fruition. THANK YOU ALL!

May your gardens bloom with the fullness of the knowledge you gain at garden club and the friends you share duties and projects with. Making compost and making our garden club do have much in common.

Exercise your passions: Flowers, Friends and Fun!

DAFFODIL TEA ALERT from Susan and Marva

Many thanks to the 18 workers and 13 table hostesses who are helping us. What a wonderful group of volunteers!

Please remember that ALL members need to bring at least one new door prize gift and two dozen little tea sandwiches or 2 dozen desserts (finger food.) We will see you at set up on Monday, March 18 from 10:00 to 1:00. For safety bring your silver and/or family heirlooms on Tuesday with your sandwiches or desserts.

"If you are planning to come to the tea and you need a seat, please let one of us know."

"If something changes and you have an extra seat at your table; please also let us know."



SUNSHINE REPORT

by Marva Brandt



Thinking of You -
Carmen Carpenter, Ginny Cline,
Roland and Doris Ellsworth,
Jo Jameson, and Linda Pyers

Rooting Geraniums



1. Take a healthy stem to get a better quality plant.
2. Cut a 4-6 inch stem at a 45 degree angle just below a node.
3. Remove the leaves around the bottom as well as any flowers or buds leaving only one or two on top so the new cutting can concentrate on growing roots.
4. Let the stems "harden" for a few hours.
5. Dip the slightly moistened stem in rooting hormone such as Schultz Take Root. Tap off any excess as too much is not a good thing!
6. Use a soil-less mixture such as sphagnum peat or perlite or a mixture of 2/3 sphagnum and 1/3 perlite. Be sure to moisten the mixture before you put it in the pot so it absorbs the water. Heide says warm water helps absorption.
7. Place cuttings in a Ziploc bag punctured with holes and place in a light room, but not direct sunlight. Lightly mist cuttings and make sure they don't dry out.
8. You'll know the plant has formed roots if you gently tug the stem and it resists! I've found this takes 4-6 weeks.
9. Transplant into a larger pot & watch it grow.



We have some amazing arrangers! Interested members may like to submit some of their beauties to National Garden Clubs, Inc. for a chance to be in the 2015 Visions of Beauty. www.gardenclub.org.

Vision of Beauty 2015
Deadline is August 1, 2013

Individuals may submit 5 entries with one background for each entry. Check the National website for all the details. Jan Warshauer (Chair).

Dear Dahlia,



Q: How do I get rid of voles? from Frustrated with their munching (Debbie Riley via Leslie Jones)

A: Dear Frustrated

Join the club! Voles, sometimes known as meadow mice, resemble mice but they have a stouter body, a shorter hairier tail, a slightly rounder head, smaller ears and eyes. Those little rodents cause us all to lose plants.

Management by habitat modification: You can reduce the area from which voles can invade gardens or landscaped areas by regularly mowing, spraying with herbicides, grazing, or tilling grassy areas along ditch banks, right-of-ways, or field edges adjacent to gardens. If feasible, weed-free strips can serve as buffers around areas requiring protection. The wider the cleared strip, the less apt voles will be to cross and become established in gardens. A minimum width of 15 feet is recommended, but even that can be ineffective when vole numbers are high. A 4-foot-diameter circle around the base of young trees or vines that is free of vegetation or a buffer strip 4 feet or more along a row of trees can reduce problems, because voles prefer not to feed in the open.

Trapping and baiting can also be effective methods in controlling your vole problem. Voles carry human diseases so handle carefully. More information can be found at

www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/PN7439.HTML

Signed, Also frustrated Dahlia



Teriffic members

KITCHEN GARDEN CLUB

The Kitchen Garden Club made both a chicken soup and a vegetable bean soup. We soaked the beans, used dried herbs from our gardens & used some familiar & unfamiliar ingredients.



Ginny Cline & Sharon Reeves

Chicken Soup: Whole boned chicken, garlic, basil, rosemary, lavender, carrots, onion, great northern beans, barley, quinoa, red lentils, mushrooms, lemon and fava beans.

Vegetable Bean: Blacks beans, tomatoes, black-eyed peas, fava beans, garlic, onion, barley, red lentils, quinoa, mushroom, rosemary, basil, lavender, and lemon.

No Kitchen Garden Club for March, but their upcoming project, soon to be announced.



The Lake Ka Ba Tin Redbud Arrangers led by Barbara Swanson hosted a visit from the Redwood Arrangers. We shared our interpretations of 'Construction' flower arrangements - a Creative Design having strong architectural characteristics. The arrangements can be viewed on our web site. www.clttgc.org The Redwood Arrangers have invited us to visit them in Oct.



March Tips from the President

Decorating a cake? With the back of a spoon gently "paint" melted white or dark chocolate on the most textured side of camellia leaves. Pop them in the refrigerator for a few minutes and then gently peel the leaf off. Be sure to wash and dry the leaves before you begin.

Think outside the norm for outside pots to plant in. Supplies:

Take that old rusty Hibachi. Clean it up a bit, and then use coffee filter(s) to prevent the soil from falling through the air vents at the bottom. Add soil and plant a small herb garden. It can be moved inside the garage if we get a heavy freeze in Lake County.



WANTED: OFFICERS FOR 2013-14 CLUB YEAR!



2013 REDWOOD ARRANGERS SCHEDULE

- Mar 15 Design of Choice
(not to include decorative wood)
- Apr 19 Table Designs exhibition Type I or II
- May 17 Still Life
- Jun 21 None (Annual Picnic)
- Jul 19 Stretch
- Aug 16 Underwater
- Sep 20 Design of Choice Incorporating decorative wood
- Oct 18 Spatial Thrust - Vertical, Horizontal or Diagonal
Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Arrangers visiting
- Nov 15 Miniature or Small
- Dec 20 Christmas Luncheon

Submitted by Barbara Swanson

MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT-SPRING MEETING

Hosted by CLTTGC on April 24, 2013 at the
Scott's Valley Woman's Club House
2298 Hendricks Road, Lakeport, CA 95453

* 9:30 - 10:30 Sign-in and light morning refreshments - social time

*10:30 Business meeting

*12:30 luncheon - A delicious catered luncheon will be created by the Lower Lake High School Advanced Culinary Class

Quiche - bacon or vegetarian, green salad, fruit salad, and a yummy jelly roll made with Lake County pears will be served

Reservations and checks must be received by April 9th for the Luncheon.

Mail checks (\$15 each) to: Leanne Harvey, P.O. Box 824. Lakeport, CA 95453.

Indicate your preference for either vegetarian or bacon quiche. Those not indicating a preference will be served bacon quiche.

Please wear your CLTTGC name tag.



This is a cute ladybug idea that's painted on a round rock. (Carol and Hans had a big ladybug painted on a bowling ball.) Let me know if any of you crafters would have fun painting some for the district meeting. I'm hoping we can decorate with frogs and ladybugs for the April 24th district meeting.



Thanks, Leanne



REMINDER: UPCOMING PLANT SALE

Ginny Cline has strawberries that can be re-pot for you or for re-sale.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

Forms are available - Due back April 15th.

Lindee Jones sent a very nice thank you letter to the club with her almost straight "A" grades and her schedule for next semester.

The Arrangements are Works of Art!

There is a bus trip going to Bouquets to Art on March 23. It's at the de Young Museum. Over 100 floral designers make flower arrangements that complement works of art. The cost is \$65 or \$62 for seniors over 65, which includes the bus ride and admission to the event.

Sonoma County pick-ups.

See Ukiah Traveler, Ukiah for details. 707 367-4157 or www.traveleers.vvpwweb.com





Sonoma County Orchid Society
PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL SPRING SHOW AND SALE

"ORCHIDS IN SPRING"

March 30 - 31, 2013
Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm
Admission \$8.00

Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA
(Across from the Fairgrounds)
www.sonomaorchids.com





PLANT SALE: When you label plants, you might like to try attaching a recipe or something to "spice it up" and make it look like a nice gift. Do this only if it sounds like fun and you have plenty of time.

Make a MINT Mojito

1.25 oz rum

12 MINT leaves

1 teaspoon Sugar

1/2 oz lime juice

2 oz soda water or 7-Up



How to Mix *Glass: Rocks Glass

Place mint leaves in bottom of glass. Add crushed ice, rum, sugar, and lime juice, and muddle. Add soda water or 7-Up and garnish with mint leaves.

March's Featured Plant: Azalea

Azaleas give a burst of color to your garden during its blooming season. They grow easily on the coast and a trip in the spring is well worth the cost of gas. In Lake County, we have a tougher time growing them, but it's worth the extra effort.

Growing Tips: Azaleas and Rhododendrons are acid loving plants with shallow roots. They can be planted on a mound of rich, humus – filled soil. Plant on the east side of your house in most areas in Lake County. Do not plant too deep. They like plenty of mulch. Think about the floor of a redwood forest



Prune:

- They do not need pruning, but if you need to prune, do it right after they have finished blooming.
- Remove oldest stems every three years
- The smaller leafed azaleas do not tolerate pruning as well as the larger leafed plants tolerate it.

Propagate:

- Seeds can be sowed in pans of sandy peat moss and then covered with sphagnum moss.
- Cuttings of half-ripe wood, scratched at the stem and treated with growth hormone can produce a new plant. They are a bit tricky.
- For patient gardeners: If a stem is close to the ground, you can scratch the stem and bend it to the ground, treat it with root hormone. Then cover it with soil, and it should root right there and you can move it later.



Green Thumbs Up



To **Rena** and **Nora** for working the Respite Program in Clearlake for Jo J. They used repurposed individual coffee jars as vases and filled them with Manzanita, paper whites, narcissus and red carnations (donated by Flower's by Jackie - big THANKS for their contribution).

Green Thumbs Up



To **Linda Waterstraat** and the generosity of so **many club members**, we were able to once again provide items on the wish list of the Lake Family Resource Center shelter in Kelseyville.



They are receiving two heavy duty 100ft garden hoses, two cedar bird-houses and a variety of flower seed packets.



Passport

**4-H Fling & Expo 2013:
Fashion, Food, & Fun
Sat, Mar 23rd, 3-12**

**Kelseyville Presbyterian Church
Set-up 8-8:30pm**



Reminder: Please get your sample arrangements to Leanne by March 22 for the 4-H County-wide event

Green Thumbs Up



To the **everyone** that made or bought valentines for our 'Meals on Wheels' project. **Jo J, Linda W, Nora G, Marva B, Susan B, Ginny C, and Ann B** stuffed 160 bags full of those lovely cards.

NOTE: Easter Cards: Jo would like help from someone who can type and print out the script for the cards. Please call Jo (see Yearbook for #)



Thanks to Jane Jacobs who introduced us to Boogie Brew Compost Tea - a one stop organic solution for all of our gardening needs. For more information contact:

Boogie Brew Products
4130 S Moorland Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
707 992-5172
www.boogiebrew.com



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Return mail: Pres Leanne Harvey
PO Box 824, Lakeport, CA 95453-0824



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



EXERCISE YOUR PASSIONS: FLORA, FRIENDS



Forget-me-nots

March 2013

- 1 *Happy Birthday Ginny Cline!*
- 6 *Happy Birthday Evy Escalante!*
- 7 *Happy Birthday Mary Welsh!*
- 7 Garden Therapy-10:30am-Lucerne (YB-pg17)
- 8 *Happy Birthday Jerry Shaul!*
- 11 *Happy Birthday Roland Ellsworth*
- 12 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
10am St John's Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
Design Type of Choice-practice for
Daffodil Tea (YB-pg 16)
- 15 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

No Regular Club Meeting

- 18 10am-1pm Set-up for TEA
- 19 12 noon Daffodil TEA
Bachelor Valley Grange
9355 Government St, Upper Lake
- 20-24 SF Flower & Garden Show (pg 4)
- 20 *Happy Birthday Helen Turley!*
- 23 *Happy Birthday Rena Clifton!*
- 23 Bouquets to Art - de Young Museum (pg3)
- 26 *Happy Birthday Betty Atwood-Reyna!*
- 29 *Happy Birthday Pam Held!*
- 30-31 Sonoma County Orchid show/sale. (pg4)

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