

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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**Marva Brandt &
Susan Buckles**

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Cabbage
always has a heart;
Green beans
string along.
You're such a
cute tomato,
Will you peas
to me belong?
You've been the apple
of my eye,
You know how much
I care;
So lettuce us
get together,
We'd make a
perfect pear. unk

DOWN TO EARTH with President Carol

In his play *AS YOU LIKE IT*, Shakespeare wrote the now oft-quoted lines: "All the world's a stage, and all the men and woman merely players: They have their exits and their entrances...." Because my life has been so connected with theatre this year, it's really difficult for me not to see life - as Shakespeare opined - as just a series of exits and entrances on one stage or another. And now that spring has arrived, I'm finding it easy to imagine my garden as a stage where marvelous and imaginative scenes are created in living color. In this metaphoric context, it's my role as a director to coax the best performance from all actors whenever they appear. Very few actors appear in all scenes, and those who do, merely have supporting roles, thus allowing those with more color, vibrancy, etc., to play lead parts. Some of my garden's performers are strictly background- upstage- while others are most often in the foreground - downstage, center.



Just like a musical prelude, some of my actors are featured early like primroses, Indian paintbrush, pansies, etc. Others like stately tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths make a first scene appearance; blooming a short while before departing in a timely fashion like well-mannered house guests.

The second scene in my garden is set with some stellar beauties like rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, and flowering trees, all of which give way to the large cast scenes, one right after another in captivating, colorful combinations like bebies of ballerinas - some with names too hard to spell. Perennials, annuals, shade lovers, sun worshipers, edible, poisonous, flowers, fruits, and vegetables vie for starring roles. Adding to their dazzling array are murmurings of water features, twittering of birds, clustering of bees, hovering of bejeweled butterflies, and sonorous chords of wind chimes. Truly, the stage is set.

Ah, but we've got to have that last element of drama - the conflict to be solved. So, let's add the scene stealers to our stage - (believe me, you've got'em in every performance) - the slugs, snails, gophers, moles, earwigs, ground squirrels, and irritating, itchy pests that only lizards love. Now we are really ready to let the show begin.

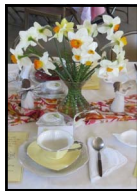
The totally great thing about the drama on the stage of our gardens is that at the end of the day, we can allow the night's darkness to pull the curtain on the act with complete confidence that - barring bad Bambies and stampeding elephants - the drama will continue to delight and amaze us the next day and the next throughout the entire season!

Happy spring, everyone! And may all your entrances to and from your garden stage bring you joy! **DON'T BREAK A LEG!**

APRIL HOSTESSES:



Mary Secord
Rena Clifton
Irene Didescu



**Please call Linda Pyers
if you can help host the
May meeting.**



Green Thumbs Up



To Leanne Harvey, Barbara Swanson, Carolyn Michaels, Susan Buckles who worked the 4-H Program, teaching the students about plant propagation and 'How to Make Cuttings'.



SUNSHINE REPORT by Nancy Benkelman

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Happy Birthday!



Suzanne Russell 4/14
Kathleen Steinberg 4/16
Heide Thomason 4/21



What would our gardens be like without the visitations and chirpings of birds?



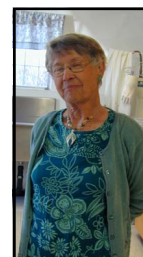
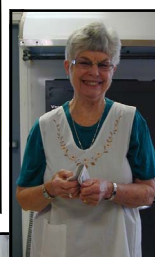
From the American goldfinch to the yellowhammer, all 50 states honor a specific bird as its official avian symbol. In fact, a total of 28 different birds are acknowledged in this special way, since various states have selected the same bird. Canada's provinces and territories, according to Karen Sutherland, add another 11 birds to the list of official species.

Even though the United State's national symbol- the bald eagle- was selected in 1782, it wasn't until 1926 that a state honored a feathered friend. Kentucky was the first when it selected the northern cardinal.

There are many reasons that a state might select a particular bird to represent it. Some are indigenous species, others may be in need of conservation efforts, and still others may simply be backyard favorites. Selecting endangered species as state symbols can serve to promote awareness about the problems the species face. Take, for instance, New York's choice of the bluebird in 1970 at a time when bluebird populations were rapidly declining due to loss of habitat. In several states, school children were given the opportunity to choose the state bird. Children in Alaska made their avian choice because of its hardiness in withstanding the extremely long, cold winters of the area. Feathers edge their feet and toes to form "snowshoes that make it possible for them to walk on snowdrifts without sinking.

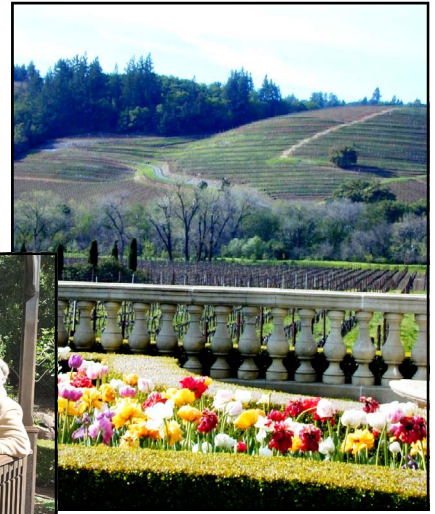
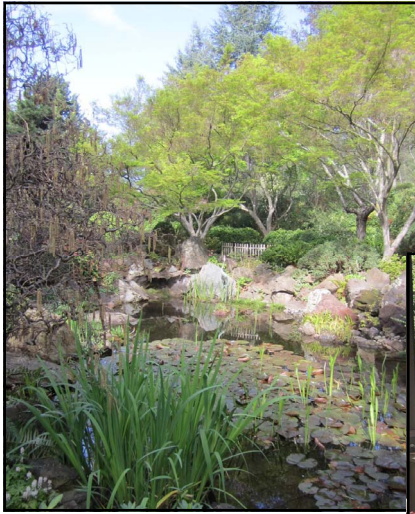
The blue hen chicken of Delaware is one of two chickens on the state bird list. Although it may seem a strange pick, there is a historical reason for its selection. As the story goes, the battling fierceness of Delaware soldiers during the Revolutionary War was compared to that of fighting blue hen chickens, a local strain of gamecocks. Another story describes a company of soldiers from Kent County, Delaware, who were nicknamed the "Blue Hen Chickens" because they actually brought their blue hens into battle.

Regardless of which story is more accurate, Delaware residents regard their state's bird very highly. In fact the mascot of the University of Delaware is a fighting blue hen. QUIZ ON pg 5



2014 Daffodil Tea





FIELD TRIP TO HEALDSBURG



The March field trips were a success! Only four of us made it to the Kids' Garden which was so interesting. It was like being in Sky Hoyt's Ag class. The children are very knowledgeable and Helen Finch is amazing. Check it out sometime.

Our trip to Healdsburg was delightful with perfect weather and the most gorgeous flowers, thousands of tulips at Ferrari Carano Winery. This place should be on everyone's "bucket list." The self guided walking tour through the peaceful gardens found all ten of us sitting in the gazebo absorbing the beauty around us. We also visited the gardens of Truett Hurst biodynamic Winery which was most interesting. And maybe, just maybe, someone tasted their wines.

We finished our day at Shed – the "cutting edge" garden restaurant where we celebrated Rena's birthday. Marva



Green Thumbs Up



The **Daffodil Tea** this year was an "**outstanding event**". Linda Waterstraat kept it classy and fun. Even Linda thought things went smoothly - of course we know that would not be possible without all the work and organization she goes through prior to this event. Thank YOU so much! Also, everyone did their part from cleaning, hosting, arranging, announcing, baking, crafting, greeting and smiling.

Well done CLTTGC!

Barbara and Shirley had a fascinating learning experience watching Marsha Heckman create her arrangements that were her impressions of five large paintings at the Santa Rosa Garden Club's Salute to "Bouquets to Art".

They wish to thank the club for sending them to this unique program.



GROWING VEGETABLE IN DIFFERENT CLIMATES

Uncle Jim's worm Farm Newsletter



Different types of vegetables will grow easier and faster depending on your environment.

There are four different categories that home-grown vegetables fall into: very hardy, hardy, tender and very tender. "Hardiness" is a term that indicates how well a vegetable tolerates cold. The hardiness of a plant tells you how far in advance of the "last frost" they can tolerate.

Very Hardy plants can be planted anywhere between 4-6 weeks prior to the last frost of the spring. Vegetables such as cabbage, peas and lettuce need to be planted in advance so they have time to mature before the weather gets too warm. A few other plants that can be planted prior to the last frost are asparagus, onions, broccoli, turnips and spinach.

Hardy plants are able to tolerate slight cold, and can survive maybe on frost of the season. This means they can generally be planted about 3 weeks prior to the last frost. A few examples of this type of plant are carrots, beets, radishes,

Tender vegetables need to be planted after the last frost of the season. These plants are slightly more temperamental than very hardy and hardy vegetables. Corn, peppers, (sweet & hot), melons and eggplant are all examples of tender vegetables. They are best grown in warmth, but not the dead heat of summer.

Very tender vegetables are plants that need not only warm air, but also warm soil in order to really thrive and grow the way they need to. These types of plants are watermelon, pumpkins, jalapeno peppers, sweet potatoes, & okra.

If you are unsure of the frost dates, you can contact your County Extension office and they can give you the date. It is also a good idea to be aware of the temperatures in your area during the current season; meaning that if you are currently experiencing a very harsh winter, it might be a good idea to postpone your first planting by a week or two in order to potentially save your crops from freezing. However on the other hand, be aware if you are having a very mild winter and can plant crops a week or two early. Use your best judgment and your garden will grow successfully!

Submitted by Helen Turley

LAKESIDE ARTS GARDEN EVENT

April 12th, 11-4pm we will have a plant sale booth in Lucerne. **Betty Atwood, Carolyn Michaels and Debra Watson** have kindly offered to help with this. ***We will need more plants than what we have however.*** I'm hoping some of you have plant starts or plants you can donate. Even some flower arrangements would be nice. .

Please email/call me if you have something to offer or perhaps you'd want to work in the booth. Hope you can help us out...Susan



QUIZ: How many states' birds you can identify?

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Oregon | A California gull |
| 2. New Mexico | B Cactus wren |
| 3. Nevada | C Willow ptarmigan |
| 4. Washington | D Western meadowlark |
| 5. Utah | E American goldfinch |
| 6. Ohio | F Mountain bluebird |
| 7. Maryland | G Ruffed Grouse |
| 8. Alaska | H Cardinal |
| 9. Pennsylvania | I Road Runner |
| 10. Arizona | J Baltimore Oriole |

Answers can be found on BACK PAGE.



CGCI DISTRICT MEETING

HOSTED BY CLTTGC

Place: Eli Stage Stop and County Museum, Kelseyville (map attached)

Date: April 23 2014

Times: 9:30am Social/ Registration & Coffee Hour

10:00am Meeting

12:00pm Lunch:

Lunch: Bring Brown Bag

Cost: \$5.00 for morning snacks, beverages, and dessert after lunch

RSVP and checks payable to CLTTGC

Mail to: Jo Shaul by April 18, 2014

Program: Native Plants by Jerry Shaul and tour of the Eli Stage Stop & Museum

All club members and guests welcome with RSVP

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www.clttgc.org

Return mail: President Carol Dobusch

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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 in Lakeport

Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
(www.gardenclub.org)
National President: Linda Nelson
- **Pacific Region**
(www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org)
Director: Elaine Gunderson
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
(www.californiagardenclubs.org)
President: Rita Desilets
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.mendolakedistrict.org)
District Director: Rhea Pitchard

DUES ARE DUE!



CREATE, ENLIVEN, ELEVATE



Forget-me-nots

APRIL 2014

- 3 Garden Therapy, Thur, 10:30am
Call Michelle Wisler for info
First Lutheran Church,
3863 Country Club Dr, Lucerne
- 4 FIELD TRIP: Wildwood Farm/Nursery;
Cornerstone Sonoma Garden (Sonoma Co)
(Fri) **carpool** 8:30am
- 8 Lake Kaba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
1:30 pm / Call Barbara Swanson for info
St John's Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
Changed Theme: Mini & Small Arrangements
- 11 Board Meeting 2pm at Helen's Sun House.
- 12 Lakeside Arts Garden Event /Plant Sale
(Sat) 11am -4pm, Lucerne.

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

- 14 Willit's Garden Club, 12-3pm, Ridgewood Ranch (home of Sea Biscuit) garden...guided tour.
- 15 Garden Tour, Tues, 10am, Jo & Jerry's home.
- 15 Regular Meeting
12:00 Social Time / Refreshments
12:30 **Speaker: Jim Harrell, 'Garden Tools'**.
1:00 Flower Roll Call
1:30 Business Meeting
- 18 Garden Tour: Fri, 10am, Suzanne's Home.
- 18 Redwood Arrangers-- Ukiah
- 23 CGCI Dist Meeting - Hosted by CLTTGC, \$5.
Wed, 9:30am, Eli Stage Stop Museum.
Speaker: Jerry Shaul, 'Native Plants'.
- 26-27 Horticulture Happening 10am-4pm
Historic Red Barn & Tallman Hotel, UpLk

STATE BIRD QUIZ - ANSWERS:

1 - D 2 - I 3 - F 4 - E 5 - A
6 - H 7 - J 8 - C 9 - G 10 - B