

# 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.

**December, 2014**  
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## 2014-15 Officers:

### President:

**Marva Brandt**

### Vice President:

**Susan Buckles &**  
**Debra Watson**

### Treasurer:

**Helen Turley**

### Secretary:

**Michelle Wisler**

### Parliamentarian:

**Ginny Cline**



## THYME with Marva Brandt



I LOVE December! My birthday is early enough in the month that I never had to share it with Christmas. If I didn't receive what I wanted for my birthday, Christmas was coming. All in all, as a child, it was a very good month! And as an adult it is still wonderful because everyone is getting festive but not yet hassled. As a further bonus, the world puts up sparkling lights and decorates in the beginning of December. How nice is that? When I was young (and I can still remember those times!) my father took the day off work.

I could choose wherever I wanted to go, take a friend or just go with Mom and Dad. Such a treat! At the ripe age of 20, I had graduated from Cal and was married but the birthday events did not diffuse. My dad still took us out to dinner on or near my birthday. Of course, Special Me, I chose the restaurant, always in the City. After my dad passed away, my husband continued the "Dinner in San Francisco" tradition. Is it any wonder that I became "The Birthday Queen?" I graduated from "BirthDAY" to "Birthday Week." I am now thinking about "Birthday MONTH!" As many of you already know, Carol Kesey and I are "Birthday Twins!" On December 5<sup>th</sup>, she will be 97 and I will be 84. Look out world..... Here we come!

Christmas is such a wonderful holiday for me. I love our December luncheon and soon after that, I will take off for Lafayette to spend a few days with my teaching friend, Connie. She will take me to the airport and I'll fly to Southern California for my annual stay with Chrystine. (Of course there will be a birthday celebration there with two other December Birthday Almost-Relatives). This time I am staying an extra week because BIG things are happening down there. Chrystine has found love again and is getting married May third. Her date will be 5/3/15. What a neat date; extra special because my anniversary is 5/5/51. I like numbers: married on 5/5, one child born on 2/2, one born on 10/10 and then there is my "Mid-Kid," as she calls herself, born on 5/21.....

I hope your holidays are healthy, peaceful & bountiful.  
From me: Merry Christmas & a Very Happy New Year!

***The state of our heart  
is more important than  
the size of our gift.***



## SUNSHINE REPORT

by Ann Blue

Jerry Shaul -Thank You  
Michelle Wisler- Thinking of You



**Congratulations!  
Susan Buckles**

**Receives  
Penny Pines  
Certificate**



## OCTOBER TREASURY REPORT November 18, 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE CHECKING: \$8,463.53  
BEGINNING BALANCE SAVINGS: \$25.00

### RECEIVED:

Dues	60.00
Badges	6.00
Penny Pines	27.01
Awards	35.00
Visions of Beauty	41.00
Interest	.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>169.08</b>

### EXPENSES:

Mendo Lake Dues	189.00
CGCI Annual Dues	137.25
Scholarships	2,000.00
Visions of Beauty	87.49
Postage- Awards	5.80
Rent	425.00
Pak 'n Mail – Newsletter	26.96
Year Book	201.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,072.79</b>

ENDING BALANCE CHECKING: \$5,559.82  
ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS: \$25.00

*Respectfully Submitted by:  
Helen Turley, Treasurer*

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Please take note that the date was moved up a week to Kabatin Tuesday, As I am sure you all surmised, there will be no meeting on December 16th. Reminder to Kabatin Arrangers: please bring table centerpieces to the luncheon. We will be so festive!

Also, we are taking donations for the Lake County Family Resource Center.



**Riviera Hills Restaurant**  
**10200 Fairway Drive**  
**Kelseyville**

Off Soda Bay Road



## WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Time Change: 9:00am Bring: Clippers, Gloves, garbage bags or box to carry out left over greens for disposal

Bundles: 12 soup can size bundles per wreath clippings 9-10 inches in length

Greenery: It would be highly appreciated if you could scout around and see what you can find. I cannot remember the list from last year that Nancy sent out. Could you send that out if you can remember Nancy??? I know cypress was one, no Redwood. I will be getting cuttings from Gladdy, Kathy is bringing bay leaves, Joyce, Marva and I will bring Rosemary, Carolyn has some greens, Suzanne has berries.  
Coffee/tea provided.... Bring a snack to share You might want to bring a chair if you think you will need one

Directions: Debra's barn is easy to find. From Lakeport take 29 south to Highland Springs Road turn right at the light. (From Kelseyville take 29 north to Highland Springs Rd. and turn left.) There is a walnut orchard on the right...go about 100 yards. Turn right into driveway before the little house, gate will be open. A fence lines the driveway, barn is in the back.



Thank, thank you everyone for making the "Mums on Parade" such a beautiful success. So many did their part and added extra effort to make this one the best yet.

When I asked Leanne to do the welcome, I just crossed that off my list; but the results were a creative explosion of whatever I might have thought. Thanks Leanne, you certainly led the parade.

Then there was the early crew of the Buckles, Harvey and Porterfield team, spreading chairs and tables. Thanks for the early morning back work. It was ready in no time.

Also a sweet thanks to Heidi and her kitchen crew, and all the *goodie* bakers.

The arrangers each extended themselves to help fill in for those that could not make it. We surely missed you all and do hope things improve so you can be back among us.

The specimen table was well filled, in such a bum year; the Queen Mum was very impressed and happy to see them. Thanks to Leanne, Barbara, Linda P & Susan for bringing their flowers & also sharing flowers for us to make our arrangements. I, for one, was dipping into each bucket!!!!

Again, the arrangements were creative and beautiful. Barbara, Ann, Joyce, Nancy, Jo S, Marva, Evy, Susan, Linda P, Leslie, and new member Kathy Steinberg. There were 40 designs and 17 different styles. Now, that is a real show!!!!

Jo Shaul put in big time at the guest table recording 115; 77 guests and 38 members attending. The donations amounted to \$41.00. The quilt was also on display with tickets available.

One of the highlights of the show was the arrival of charter members Carmen Carpenter and Carol Kesey brought by their caregivers. I am sure they were each reflecting back to past shows and their participation. When Carol saw the first arrangement of Joyce's, Construction, she said, "Perfect balance and the color of the leaves just set it off." Another fun question and answer was at the back table with the arrangement, *What Goes Around*, Carol asked me, "Where did you get that?" (Referring to the contorted willow branch). Without hesitation I said, "In your garage!" We all had a good laugh!!! She gave it to me the first year of the show at the Yacht Club when we were arranging together.

Again, thanks for all the help, from beginning to the end of the big sweep. It's in the history book with a Best of Show. Shirley



## Mums on Parade



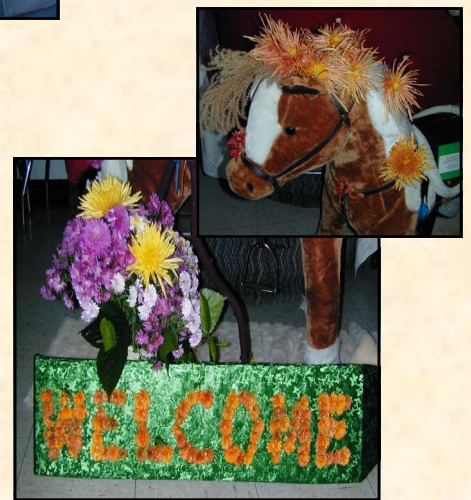














## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2014 CLTTGC

12:00-12:35 members enjoyed lunch & social time.

**President:** Marva Brandt opened the meeting at 12:35 PM by welcoming members, Mary Welsh & visitors. She thanked the hostesses Carol Dobusch, Heide Thomason, and Nancy Benkelman.

**Parliamentarian:** Ginny Cline, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Co-Vice President:** Susan Buckles introduced Kate Marianchild, author of the newly published Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants and Animals Among California's Oaks (Heyday, 2014) who presented a program on the "Miraculous Manzanita". The book was made available for purchase during the meeting. Susan passed around a sign-up list to sign up on Marianchild's email list for future lectures & walks.

**Penny Pines Chair:** Joyce Porterfield started the flower roll call and Penny Pines collection. Presentation of a Penny Pines Certificate was made to Susan Buckles who has been a very active member since 2009.

**Christmas Luncheon Chair:** We will be having our Christmas luncheon on December 9 at Riviera Hills Restaurant and Lounge beginning at 12:00 P.M. Monies were collected during the meeting for the Luncheon. Carpooling is encouraged. Barbara Swanson can take two people. Susan Buckles will send directions to the Riviera restaurant. Members of the Ka-Ba-Tin Arrangers are asked to bring table arrangements to the luncheon. During the Luncheon donations will be collected for the Family Resource Center (Women's Shelter). With the donations, Suzanne Russell and Linda Waterstraat will purchase items from the Women's Shelter's long list of needed items instead of landscape plants. The Shelter does not have a water system in place.

**Bench Update:** Marva Brandt updated us on the purchase of the bench for Westside Park. The bench will cost \$625 plus \$250 freight, along with the Plaque costing \$180, totaling \$1055 plus tax of \$85. This amount would be over budget by \$139.40. If we wait for a later and cheaper freight date, it will cost \$100 less. Joyce Porterfield offered to pay any amount over \$1000 if it would help to facilitate an earlier delivery of the bench. After additional discussion, Leanne Harvey made the motion for the club to "pay anything over the budget to have the bench delivered earlier" rather than later. The motion was approved by the membership. Jerry Shaul volunteered to check other materials for the plaque – bronze vs aluminum.

**Thank You:** Marva thanked Jerry Shaul for his donation of a beautiful podium and microphone holder he hand-built for the club.

**Mum Show:** A "huge thank you" to Shirley for all of her

work. Thank you also to Heide for manning the kitchen and to all the volunteers who made this show a success. The arrangements were gorgeous. About 115 people attended. \$41 was collected in donations. Some quilt tickets were sold. Membership forms need to be made available during the event. There were several requests for plant sales. A recommendation for next year's show was to begin cuttings in the spring and have plants ready for sale during next year's show. Leanne reminded us that the plants would be too big.

**Nominating Committee:** In spite of contacting several members, Barbara Swanson has only been able to fill the secretarial position on the Executive Board for the 2015-2016 year. If a slate of officers cannot be presented by the February meeting, the Club will fold and cease to exist. Suggestions were made to: rotate positions; delegate responsibilities among the membership and for retiring officers to mentor new officers.

**Announcements:** Susan Buckles up-dated members about the upcoming field trips: November 20, Clearlake State Park Tree Walk has been cancelled due to staff shortage and locked gate at the Park; The November 24, Fort Bragg Botanical Gardens field trip has been cancelled. However, everyone is encouraged to visit on their own. Mushroom walks are scheduled every Monday throughout the month of December at the Gardens. December 7 will be the Gardens "Festival of Lights"... a wonderful event to see. Tuesday, December 2, there will be WREATH MAKING at Debra Watson's home. There will be a \$1 fee; bring about 12 bundles of greenery about 8-9 inches long and bow. In addition to the guest speaker, February's meeting will include making seed balls before the meeting as well as sharing seeds. A tour of the SF Botanical Gardens will be scheduled later during the year.

**Daffodils:** Jerry Shaul and a group of members planted 100 daffodil bulbs at the Ely Stage Stop. Linda Waterstraat donated a cute tea pot for someone to make an arrangement for the Daffodil Tea.

**Membership Update:** Susan Buckles reported that Michelle Wisler and her husband are recuperating from recent illnesses. It has been suggested that Club members could offer support by volunteering to deliver meals to them. Helen Turley noted the many members who volunteered. Susan will organize an on-line sign up schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicky Maley, Substitute Secretary

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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](http://www.gardenclub.org))
- **Pacific Region**  
([www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org))
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.californiagardenclubs.org](http://www.californiagardenclubs.org))
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakedistrict.org](http://www.mendolakedistrict.org))  
District Director: Rhea Pitchard

# Let's Bloom, Believe and Befriend!



## Forget-me-nots

DECEMBER 2014

- 2 WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP  
at Debra Watson's home. There will be a \$1 fee; bring about 12 bundles of greenery about 8-9 inches long and bow. (see page 2).
- 7 Mendocino Botanical Gardens will display their "Festival of Lights"... a wonderful event to see.
- 9 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON (see page 2)

**NO Regular Club Meeting**



### MASTER GARDENER WREATH WORKSHOP

If any of you miss our wreath making at Debra's on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, or you have a hankering to make an additional wreath, the Master Gardeners are having a wreath workshop **on December 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Ag Center from 2:00 to 4:00. Usually these workshops have a \$5.00 cost recovery charge. The details are not set in stone yet but you can call Nicole or Shirley at the office (263-6838) for further information. I plan to go check it out. *Marva*



### Green Thumbs Up



**Vicky Maley** volunteered to take the minutes at our November meeting. Vicky is a new member this year. Please give her a big thumbs up when you see her. We appreciate Vicky for stepping in for Michelle in her absents.

Deadline for newsletter is the fourth Tuesday of the month (The Tuesday following meeting date)