

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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MENDING A LEAK-

ING VASE:

Coat the inside with a thick layer of paraffin and allow it to harden. The paraffin will last indefinitely and the vase will not leak.

Mary Ellen's BEST of helpful hints.

DOWN TO EARTH with President Carol

Pope John Paul II is quoted as having said, "Remember that the value of a man (person) is not measured by what he has, but by what he is." How easy it is to measure an acquaintance by the easily observable trappings of life like clothes, car, job, house, etc. It is only when we have a chance to look beyond those outward variables that we truly discover one another's inner fabric.



I wonder if many of you are as impressed by the members of our garden club as I am after hearing each one describing his/her talents and passions. I had absolutely no inkling of the depth of interests and capabilities of you all. I rather wish I had taken notes so that I could remember more details, but even without remembering particulars, I feel I know you all so much better! I'm even inspired to try to develop some new talents, and even though my meager efforts may produce rather disappointing results, I'll take courage by remembering the following quote by Henry Van Dyke:

*"Use what talents you possess-
The woods would be very silent
if no birds sang there except
those who sang the best."*

Another aspect that really struck me during our sharing of passions and talents was why your passion/talent was important to you. So many of you mentioned how your particular talent enriched the lives of others and/or how it provided you a sense of inner peace and strength to be a positive force throughout your day. As I watched and listened, I felt the calmness of acceptance and caring throughout the room, and I was certain- as someone once said - that no matter how old most of us get, we'll never lose our beauty---we'll just merely move it from our faces into our hearts. This February, this month of love, this Valentine's Day, I will think back and remember with happiness all of you beautiful people of our garden club.

"When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head."

Happy Valentine's Day!!

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FEBRUARY HOSTESSES:



**Michelle Wisler,
Carol Batho
Suzanne Russell**

NOTE: Please let Sue or Diane know if you can help host at the May meeting. Need a little help!



SUNSHINE REPORT by Nancy Benkelman

Pam Cochrane



Loving this little dish I bought at **Doris' Plants and Talents Table**. I placed flowers, but it could also be used for soap or candy.

Thanks Doris,
Love, Linda Pyers



Linda Waterstraat is once again collecting 'BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION'. These labels are on all kinds of products. Also, Linda is looking into another program called 'LABELS FOR EDUCATION' and will report back to us, if she will be collecting those as well. Thanks for your efforts, this really helps the schools.



Happy Birthday!

**Carmen Carpenter 2/14
Mary Ann Worth 2/16
Guthrie Worth 2/17
Jo Douville 2/26**

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To **Leanne Harvey** for putting together a 'proposed budget'. YEA! The club voted and accepted the budget with a few minor corrections.



What is "Love" anyway?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds. Here are some of their answers.

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired" Terri - age 4

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - age 7

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday." Noelle - age 7

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine - age 5

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

The most impressive definition of love was given by a four year old who's next door neighbor was an elderly man whose wife had recently died. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old man's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked the boy what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing. I just helped him cry".

SOW A FEATHERED GARDEN. by Ann Bys
Submitted By: Carol Dobusch



Sow a feathered garden;
Put out some grain and seed.
Your yard will fairly blossom
With birds that come to feed.

You'll have a winter garden
As bright as flowers in spring
A feathered, magic garden;
A garden that will sing.

Brown creeper, nuthatch, downy'
The chickadee and jay,
The cardinal and sparrow
Will blossom there each day.

The days will not be dreary,
Nor winter quite so long,
With a garden full of blossoms
That burst forth into song.



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To all of YOU who shared your talents
and passions. Very interesting and
aah inspiring!

WHO KNEW!



Believe it or Not!

In February we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Did you know that in George Washington's days, there were no cameras? One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs', therefore, painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression,
"Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

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Thanks to **Claire Grieve** and **Carol Dobusch** for setting up the Valentine Card Assembly. Clients of the Meals on Wheels in Lakeport will each receive a card & candy from CLTTGC. Fun project!



A huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered to serve on a committee for the Daffodil Tea.

The only opening we have is hostess for the extra table. I will set it up, but will be unable to serve the food.

So far we have six table hostesses, not including the extra table and kitchen crew table.

Please let me know if you plan on having a table this year. I need all hostesses to give me your guest list at the February meeting.

I appreciate all of your support.

Linda Waterstraat
Daffodil Tea Chair



Daffodil Tea News

If you're a coffee lover, the following tricks will add flavor to your day!

(Super Market Super Gardens, by Jerry Baker)

1. Some of the most beautiful flowering shrubs of all, like azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons, prefer their soil on the acidic side. A few edibles - including strawberries, blueberries, and potatoes - do too. So do those sourpusses in your yard a big favor: Pour cold coffee right on the soil around them. They'll love you for it, and they'll show it by delivering bushels of blooms, berries, and tasty tubers.

2. You know how coffee (or rather, the caffeine in it) gives you a big jolt of energy in the morning? Well, it can do just the same for any of the homemade insecticides that you may brew up. All you need to do is to substitute good old java for the water called for in the recipe!

3. Mosquitoes, those villainous vampires of the pest world will lay their eggs in any body of standing water --even standing puddles. While you may not be able to drain all of the micro-mini "ponds" in your yard, you can see to it that they don't turn into mosquito maternity wards. How? Just pour old, cold coffee into the water. (Of course, good fresh coffee will work just as well, but why waste it?) But forget the decaf stuff....it's the caffeine that does the trick. Scientists have discovered that when mosquito larvae are exposed to caffeine, they get so confused that they can't tell which way is up, and they drown!

4. After a long, damp, or even not-so-damp winter, even the best-kept shop or garden shed can start smelling a little musty. You can fix that in a hurry by grinding up some coffee beans very fine, pour the ground coffee onto a plate, and set it on your workbench or other surface for a day or two. Then breathe in the fresh air!

5. As all you container-gardeners know, when you water potted plants, you have to keep the flow going until it starts coming out of the holes in the bottom of the pot. But as that water runs out, it carries some of the valuable soil nutrients along with it. That's why it's crucial to keep up a regular feeding program.

Here's a meal that your container plants are sure to appreciate:

2 TBS of brewed black coffee
2 TBS of whiskey
1 tsp of fish emulsion
1/2 tsp of gelatin powder
1/2 tsp of baby shampoo
1/2 tsp of ammonia
1 gal. of water

Mix all ingredients in a watering can, and water your potted plants with the mixture to keep them happy, healthy, and full of flowers!

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Susan Buckles, Linda Waterstraat, Claire Grieve, Pat Hopper (former member) for the success of the Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Children's Program. **Marilynne G** (teacher) has been working with the children and getting them to make the wonderful posters, as well as getting them in on time. She came to the Jan meeting and shared the current posters and 'freebie' each participant would receive.

Applause, applause, applause to you Marilynne.




Coming soon a new Featured Plants/Flowers on our website. Tree Anemone (Carpentaria California)


Committee Chairpersons: contact **Helen Turley** (emails preferred) by the Friday preceding our General Meeting with any item you want placed on the agenda.

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To Susan B and Marva B on our January Program. What a delight to have the panel of **Carol Kesey, Katherine Lewis, Mary Secord, Jo Jameson, Jo and Jerry Shaul**, all sharing antidotes and personal stories of our Club's beginning. Hope you saw the wonderful displays with lots of information, programs, Yearbooks, pictures, etc.



WORKSHOP: Succulent Wreath

February 6th, 10am, Thursday.

We will meet at Susan Buckles home (see Yearbook for address). The charge for the workshop is approx. \$5.00 to reimburse Susan for the wreath frames and the moss. Succulents will be provided. But if you have succulents bring some you can share as better to have more. Cut them a couple of days before (2 to 3 inches) If you are not making a wreath bring a planting container, please bring well draining potting soil for it.

NOTE: Please call Susan **ASAP** if you did not sign-up and are planning on joining the group.



Second Annual Salute to Bouquets to Art!

Friday, March 7, 2 to 4 PM
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Drive, Santa Rosa



Santa Rosa Garden Club
presents

Marsha Heckman,
a de Young Museum
Bouquets to Art floral designer

Santa Rosa Garden Club salutes the de Young Museum's magnificent match-up of art and flowers, *Bouquets to Art*. Creating spectacular floral arrangements, 100 Bay Area designers pay tribute to and draw inspiration from art in the de Young's permanent collections.

Spend an afternoon getting creative inspiration as talented and entertaining floral designer Marsha Heckman prepares us for the exhibit by illustrating elements of the art that inspire her design as she creates floral tributes to the work of five Sonoma County artists. Bouquets will be auctioned immediately following the presentation.

The afternoon benefits Santa Rosa Garden Club's long standing scholarship program for Santa Rosa Junior College horticulture students. For more information call 707.537.6885 or email gardenclubevents@yahoo.com

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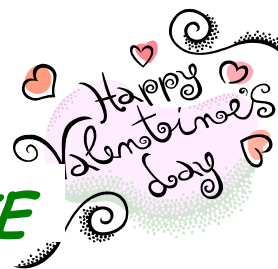
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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
2298 Hendricks Road in Lakeport

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(www.gardenclub.org)
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District Director: Rhea Pitchard



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Forget-me-nots

FEBRUARY 2014



- 6 Garden Therapy, Thur, 10:30
Call Michelle Wisler for info
First Lutheran Church,
3863 Country Club Dr, Lucerne
- 6 Succulent Wreath Workshop: Thur, 10am
Susan Buckles' Home
- 11 Lake Kaba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
Call Barbara Swanson for info
St John's Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
New time: 1:30pm
Theme: Single Flower Design

Xxx Field Trip: Kelseyville Lumber Nursery
On HOLD due to drought. TBA

14 Board Meeting 2pm at the Sun House.

Directions: north on Lakeshore Blvd
(out of town), turn left on Rainbow
Rd, right on Howard Ave, and then
left up lane marked Turley - address
is 2655 Howard Ave.

18 February Meeting

12:00 Social Time / Refreshments
12:30 Program. "Tools", Jim Held, MG
1:00 Flower Roll Call
1:30 Business Meeting

21 Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

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

NOTE: CLTTGC Board meetings are held on
the Friday preceding our club meeting. All
officers, committee chairs, and interested
parties are welcome to attend.