

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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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



To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to hurt and a time to heal; A time to break down and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance. Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

We are now in the autumn season. October..... I love October. It is time for crisp, sunny days, cool evenings, and soon there will be fall colors. The

squirrels and the oak trees are dropping acorns on me. There have been years when you needed a hard hat to step out of my house. This year the cast is not so dangerous but you do have to watch where you walk or you will be rolling on acorns.

At the end of this wonderful month comes my least favorite holiday, Halloween. Some people love to be scared – I do not. Some people love grossed out Halloween costumes – I do not. As a teacher, it was a lost couple of days with costumes, parades, and too much sugar. Teachers are expected to participate and some plan ahead and really get into it. Or not!. The night before one Halloween I called my friend, Connie, to see if she had a costume. We each had a white sheet so we decided to cut eye holes in the sheets. Easy fix! She was teaching first grade and I had second. I lined up with her class and she lined up with mine. We brought the children in to each other's rooms and it took them almost an hour to figure it out.

The WORST Halloween ever:

When I retired, I immediately moved to Lake County and I missed children so I substituted at Kelseyville Primary. At that time there was a Spanish Speaking first grade. I had studied Latin and French but I am not too smart and I am willing. I subbed in this class for the two days before Halloween. The teacher (being smarter than I) decided to stay out for the holiday. Picture this: First graders that you don't really know, speaking very little English, in costume complete with masks. Oh my! We piled onto a bus and went to downtown Kelseyville for a parade. I had no clue as to which ones were my kids. Somehow I got there and back with the correct number of students. I don't know how.

***Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow;
it empties today of its strength.***

OCTOBER HOSTESSES:



Evy Escalante
Sharon Reeves
Leanne Harvey



WELCOME

Maureen Brasier
Vicky Maley

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Ann Blue

Ann Blue
Claire Grieve
Michelle Wisler
Sunny Czosnowski



Please note: **Nancy Benkelman** has graciously offered to cover 'Sunshine' while Ann is laid up. Please keep her informed if a club member should get a card.



Board Meeting

We are having the October board meeting the same day as the general meeting and all are welcome. We will start at 10:00. Please remember that, due to requests for shorter meetings, the chair reports will be in the newsletter unless we need a vote. If something must be on the agenda, please contact me by the Friday before the meeting. Let's try to accomplish as much as we can in board meetings.



CONGRADULATIONS to **Jo Jameson** for her Lake Co Fair entries. (missed her last month) !!!



Carol Kesey's Gardener for years stopped by Marva's house - he asked her to share with garden club and whoever else that he does pruning, yard cleanup, detail work. He has lived in Lake Co for years with his wife, Bonnie, a retired Lakeport school teacher - so some of you may know them.



Rich Tringali 263-4107
For information you can phone him.



If you planted trees over the summer or you have planted trees in September, be sure to write down the information on the Tree Chart. The Tree chart is available at meetings. If it doesn't get out, be sure to let Leanne Harvey or Sharon Reeves know, and they'll get it out of the closet so CLTTGC can get accurate counts. The club sends this information to the district and state organizations. Trees are good for the air we breathe, for shade and for peacefulness.

Leanne, Tree Chair



Think Plant sale! Yes, now is the time to pot up your extra plants so that they can adjust while the weather is still friendly. Hopefully by spring they will be ready to move into one gallon pots. Be sure to label them now because you can forget. I have a thriving plant in a one gallon pot and I have no clue what it is. I don't remember; but I cared enough to pot it...



Use fallen leaves and pine straw as organic mulch around shrubs & trees.

On September 18th we had a field trip to Judith Digg's Bio-Farm. It was "fun and educational" (quote Leanne Harvey) for all of us and went way beyond what we ever expected. Judith is a rare gem and her farm is a labor of love. I'm taking the liberty of quoting a few members who went. Their words say it all. "I loved everything about the tour and I am grateful to have found the store. I was particularly interested in Judith's education and how she applies it in living her life. The scope of what she does boggles the mind. She doesn't grow what I would consider traditional crops but would consider unique things" Helen Turley. "The garden tour was informative. I was fascinated with the broom corn...never thought how they might grow. I use flax seed and never saw it growing either. Shopping for really fresh fruit and vegetable in her



old farm house was great fun. I loved the check out experience. It was 'serve yourself' honor system.



Judith is a delight and obviously enjoys sharing her philosophy, knowledge, and experience. It's nice to know her market is open from sun up to sun down and you never know what you might find there" Diane Neilson. And to close, an apt quote from Nancy Benkelman,

"Judith was great...What a woman!" Yes indeed!

Submitted by Susan Buckles



DID YOU KNOW? by Members

WATER COONSERVATION Jerry Shaul

Outdoor water spigots mysteriously turned on at night! Were the kids next door harassing their grumpy old neighbor? Night vision goggles, patience and many sleepless nights would solve the problem. It was 3 a.m. when the rustling of leaves followed by a high pitched-birdlike chirpings allowed me to exercise my "High-Tech" zoom-in-lenses. There stood Mrs. Raccoon, hands on faucet, water running, "washing" the night's catch. Solution: Remove faucet handles and store in steel box secured by coon-proof lock.



Avoid pruning now. It may encourage the tender new growth that is subject to winter damage.



Green Thumbs Up



To **Linda Pyers** for the work she does on the Yearbook. Well that sounds a little conceited, but I do spend my precious summer time, and I do appreciate the Thanks I get. **However**, what you might not know is that President **Claire Grieve** created it and double checked each page, and every President since (**Jo Jameson, Linda Waterstraat, Helen Turley, Leanne Harvey, Carol Dobusch, and Marva Brandt**) have made great contributions, updated and verified that the information is correct, and personally designed the covers. So it is with great pride I thank you on behalf of all the contributors, especially the past and present President.

Also, each month for the Newsletter, each President contributes a great deal of the information that I print. We also try to get a variety of people to send in articles and thankfully many of you come through. I'm not going to name these people at this time, but each article helps tell our story.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Michelle Wisler

CLTTGC Minutes . . . September 16, 2014

From 12:00 to 12:35 we enjoyed social time with a light lunch provided by Hostesses, Diane Neilson, Helen Turley, and Patsy Butler.

At 12:35 President Marva Brandt opened the general Meeting and thanked the hostesses for a wonderful lunch and beautiful decorations.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ginny Cline, the Parliamentarian.

Membership—Evy Escalante gave a membership report. She reported 39 members in attendance. Patsy Butler is a new member. Michelle brought Charlotte Horn as a guest, Evy brought Vicky, and Suzanne brought Janice. Evy also passed out New Year Books to members.

Vice President Susan Buckles introduced Judith Diggs of Bio-Farms. She is located at 3050 Soda Bay Rd., Lakeport, Ca. Judith is from Swiss organic farming roots. She spoke about organic gardening and her Bio-farm. She has unique produce grown there. A field trip to her farm is scheduled on Sept. 18, 2014. She has unique fields of organic produce and beneficial insects. She also has a produce stand.

An inspirational message was given by June Dye called, "Words that hurt and Words that heal".

Flower roll call was called by Marva Brandt, which includes the Penny Pines Collection.

Marva Brandt called for a discussion on a vote for Katherine Lewis to be a Life-Time member. Nancy Benkelman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Yearbook corrections are to be made.

Claire Grieve let us know that Ann Blue and her husband were in a car accident. Ann Blue called to let us know that she couldn't be our Sunshine rep. Nancy Benkelman will cover for Ann.

Joyce Porterfield has a serious heart condition. She was worried about Penny Pines.

Gladdy Bransford and her daughter thanked us all for sending her cards and get well wishes. She was in a car accident.

Michelle Wisler, Recording Secretary, reported that the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of Aug. 28, 2014 were available for review.

The Treasurer's report was given by Helen Turley. Mary brought up discussion to vote on the budget. Linda Pyers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Marva Brandt sent a letter to Mark Brannigan, City of Lakeport Public Works Director, concerning the Library Park Rounds. Helen Turley moved to negate our efforts until we receive an answer. Leanne Harvey seconded the motion. Vote was taken and passed.

Awards were announced by Jo Shaul and passed to all members.

Club information will be set up at a table for sign ups.

Co-Vice Presidents, Susan Buckles and Debra Watson, told members that Christmas Wreaths can be made at Debra's barn. This is only for members.

Nominating committee: Barbara Swanson, Carol Dobusch, and Mary Secord.

Trees: Leanne Harvey

We need a Core Committee for the Garden Tour. This would involve contacting radio stations, save the date, submit flyers. Also Tickets and Poster design, keeping records, and acting as hostess. May 16, 2015 is the selected date. Volunteers: Carol Dobusch, Marva Brandt, Maureen, and Kathy S.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Helen Turley

Date: September 16, 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE

CHECKING: \$8,129.63

SAVINGS: \$25.00

RECEIVED:

Dues 60.00

Badges 26.00

Penny Pines .50

Interest .13

TOTAL Received \$86.63

EXPENSES:

Installation 172.46

Kitchen Supplies 19.23

Sunshine Stamps 19.60

Roberts Rules Book 10.88

Civic Beautification - Park 32.00

TOTAL Expenses \$254.17

ENDING BALANCE

CHECKING: \$8,463.53

SAVINGS: \$25.00

Update on Ann and Bob from Leanne

Another car did indeed smack their car and totaled it. Ann has 5 fractured ribs and the airbag also really hit her in the face. She is recovering well she says though she is on pain medication. Bob's hands were damaged, and he will be getting stitches out tomorrow. He is pretty much bruised all over. She is worried about him because of his underlying health issues. Her southern California daughter will be here another week helping. KC, her daughter that lives locally, is here and both are here helping.

Ann says she is doing fine, and it's the nights that are long. She is hoping to get a hospital bed, but right now she is propping herself up on the couch and as she says. "Nights are long."

I'm sure CLTTGC will keep in touch and help with driving them to the doctor's appointments as needed if KC has to be at work. Bob and Ann can't drive for at least a month. She says she will ask for help if she needs it. You know Ann, she never complains.

I also talked to Ann and she is very grateful for her ability to get around. She thanked Leanne for their luncheon soup. I asked what we could do for her and she said they are covered with family for food and transportation this week. She is taking it one week at a time. *Her daffodil bulbs have arrived and there is no rush but if the family does not get them planted, she will need help with that.* The story: An oncoming van on a twisty mountain road in Northern Washington lost control in gravel and creamed them! I heard 7 ribs - 5 on one side and 2 on the other. Marva



PLEASE NOTE: Yearbook corrections

Page 4: Michelle's phone number is 707 279-1440

Page 6: Irene's e-mail is didescudandi@mchsi.com

Page 7 Carol Michaels is Carolyn Michaels

Page 20: Redwood Arrangers have changed their meetings to the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be October 20th.

Page 21: at the bottom Strike "Jones \$1000" and Add: 2013-2014 Asia Jones - \$1000

FIELD TRIP: Thursday, Oct. 2nd: I'm excited about this field trip to the Ridgewood Ranch Gardens, home of Seabiscuit in Willits. We will leave at 9:00am From Mendo Lake Credit Union... first tour the gardens, bag lunch in a redwood grove and then see their farm school. Ellen Bartholomew who is our tour guide and director is dynamic on the phone. (This information is in the program info I sent you but now I have the time which is 10:00am at the ranch and we leave at 9:00am) Susan B



GARDEN THERAPY (Adult Respite Program)

Michelle Wiser, Chair

10:30am (First Thursday of each month)

First Lutheran Church

3863 Country Club Dr, Lucerne



Garden therapy and 2 happy seniors.



Green Thumbs Up



To **Nancy Benkelman** for taking over "Sunshine" for Ann

To **Carolyn Michaels** for taking over "Penny Pines" for Joyce



Cucumber Beetles are striped or spotted yellow with black markings that feed (eat holes in leaves) on emerging plant or defoliate older plants such as vine crops, including squash, pumpkins, melons, and cucumbers. Dust or spray with rotenone or carbaryl as they grow. Repeat as necessary. (Reader's Digest)



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

Let's Bloom, Believe and Befriend!



Forget-me-nots

OCTOBER 2014

- 2 Garden Therapy, Thur, 10:30am
Call **Michelle Wisler** for info
First Lutheran Church,
3863 Country Club Dr, Lucerne
- 2 FIELD TRIP: Ridgewood Ranch Gardens
9am Carpool at Mendo-Lake CU
10am Tour, bring a bag lunch
- 14 Lake Ka-ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
1:30 pm / Call **Barbara Swanson** for info
St John's Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
Theme: Mono Botanical-Stretch
- 19 Quarry Hill Botanical Gardens
Glen Ellen Medicinal Plant Walk
Guides: Peggy Schafer & Sean Fannin
Sun, 10am-12noon:8am carpool at Kits Corner
Admission \$10 + \$5 for tour

20 Redwood Arrangers– Ukiah (3rd Monday)

21 Regular Club Meeting

12:00 pm Social Time / Refreshments

12:30 pm Program: **'Wild Mushrooms'**

Speaker: **Eric Schramm**

Mushroom Expert; Owner of Mendocino

Mushroom; Author of The Mushroom Book

1:00 pm Flower Roll Call

1:30 pm Business Meeting

Liter bottle
Terrariums



Trellis Talk deadline is the 4th Tuesday of each
month (The Tuesday following meeting date)