

# 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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## 2016-17 Officers:

### President:

**Dana Benjamin**

### Vice President:

**Debra Watson**

### **Maureen Braiser**

### Treasurer:

**Nora Gerrard**

### Secretary:

**Kathy Steinberg**

### Parliamentarian:

**Nancy Benkelman**



See us on Facebook

## APRIL PLANTING:

Marigolds, vinca, nasturtiums, lobelia, petunias, impatiens, and begonias.



CONTROL: snails, slugs and earwigs. Hand removal in the evening / early morning is effective.

## THYME WITH PRESIDENT DANA

This month I thought it would be a good idea to discuss two topics in Landscape Design. Landscapes as a Learning Experience, and Parks, as we are going to Safari West on May 1, for our Garden Tour. There is considerable thought put into a Landscape that must meet the needs for public access and a learning experience.

Safari West was first developed in 1989 by Owners, Dr. Nancy Lang and Peter Lang. **The original purpose was to be an off-site breeding facility for exotic hoof stock and endangered species and to supply animals to zoos across the country.** Conservation of endangered species, which most animals at Safari West are, including two species that are extinct in the wild—the Addax and the Scimitar Horned Oryx, was paramount. Tours to the public were not the original purpose of the facility, but in 1995 it evolved to include tours to the public for educational purposes and increase revenues. In 1997 tents were then introduced along with a gourmet kitchen, to expand the Safari West experience to include an African camping experience and living with the exotic animals. Last year there were 30,000 school children who went to Safari West to experience the integrated educational experience. This is funded by the Non-profit Safari West Foundation, of which donations are appreciated.



Parks, playgrounds, and conservation areas are vital components to life today. They nurture the association between humans and the natural environment. Originally, such parks were built for the wealthy and were only available to nobility and titled classes. Occasionally, commoners were granted entrance for special occasions, but such parks did not exist for the common person. Eventually, the public park came into being.

Safari West is not a Public Park but is open to the Public for their enjoyment and education with the Zoological component to the facility.

Conservation systems, which are included in parks and public lands, exist at Safari West. Examples are the three ponds. The landscaping includes three biological filters to purify the water for the exhibits (Flamingo's, Lemur Island Moat & Coy Pond), using plant materials with their roots in the gravel filters to utilize waste products as nutrients and purification. Plantings are thematic, which is common practice in Parks, and public areas. Many of the plants are African and Australian in origin.

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## APRIL HOSTESSES



Mary Secord  
Nora Gerrard  
Rena Clifton  
Jo Jameson



Ann , Vicky, Kathleen, Linda P, and (Dana & Glen, Leanne & Jim-not pictured) enjoyed the company of three other Garden Clubs and all the wonderful exhibits on the tour.

## Garden Therapy with Michelle



Continued from Thyme

Walkways, benches and eating areas are an important element in the Landscape Design. You will notice that there are many secluded areas to sit and enjoy the animals on display. Paths are meandering to invite you to follow the unfolding visual experience of plants and animals. Handicap Accessibility has been retrofitted into the facility along with eating areas. Notice the bathrooms and dining room that includes the theme of Africa to enhance the overall experience of the site. Tent Platforms are all in African style and are placed in and near the animal habitats. The large walk-through Aviary is the largest west of the Mississippi. There are two of them on site. The smaller one is just for viewing. Safari West is the home of over 400 mammals and 600 species of birds and is an excellent example of an evolving operation that went from a private breeding facility to a Private Animal Park that is accessible to the public in general. Landscaping was added at a later time to enrich the overall experience of the facility and is a jewel of Sonoma County. **A travel magazine reported that Safari West was the most valued experience only second to Disneyland in California.** Peter Lang, the owner made a comment about this. "If I had known that this was going to be this successful, I would have taken it more seriously". I believe he did a wonderful job and I hope your experience with Zoological and Landscape Design at Safari West is great!

If you have the opportunity to stay at Safari West sometime, in one of the tent platforms, you will wake up in the morning to the sounds of Africa right in Sonoma County! It is an unforgettable experience and makes this facility truly a great success! Safari West has all the components required for a successful facility. It has the components of education, conservation, and is an overall wonderful experience of sounds, smells, sights, and activities that engages the human being!

The "Shopping Table" made \$53.50 at the February meeting. Thank YOU to the members who bring items and for members that buy them. All involved have been good at taking home the items that don't sell on the table. Leanne Harvey



# 2017 Daffodil Tea





I'd like to introduce you to **HOPE**, she got dressed up and attended our Daffodil Tea. Her 1st 3 or 4 years was in a puppy mill forcing her to produce puppies. My friend, Meredith, rescued her from the Animal Shelter. She was so thin, sickly, matted fur, etc, etc. - her body was worn out. After vet visits and several classes to be certified to do various things (to visit hospitals, etc) she is now a wonderful companion to the lady that rescued her. Well trained to even attend our garden club tea! (She was given the name Hope; she had hope that a human person would be kind to her). **By Claire Grieve**  
Certified therapy dog and Licensed service dog.



*Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts are the seeds, the harvest can either be flowers or weeds. I choose flowers.*

**Nancy Benkelman**

**Euphorbia plants** (*Euphorbia* spp.) also go by the easier to say, but less elegant, name of Spurge. They are a family of plants that may be grown as houseplants or occasionally outdoors. There are many varieties of Euphorbia plants, with fascinating forms that range from shrubs, herbs, or cactus-like specimens. Growing Euphorbias is easy and some are hardy in temperate climates. These are easy to start from seed and propagate from cuttings. Learn how to cultivate a Euphorbia plant that will start conversations and cause second looks.

Crown of thorns is recognizable by its spiky stems, and donkey spurge is aptly named with thick rope-like stems sprawling away from the plant. Poinsettias are a form of Euphorbia that is recognizable to almost everyone.

Most varieties of Euphorbia plants produce weird and unusual flowers. Gardeners should be cautious



when handling Spurge, as all varieties have a milky latex sap that can be irritating or even poisonous.

By Bonnie L. Grant

## LAKE KABATIN REDBUD ARRANGERS:

April 11th assignment. "Creative Line Mass".

Everyone is welcome to visit or participate by bringing their own interpretation of a *Creative Line Mass* arrangement.

**CREATIVE LINE-** a creative design in which line direction is dominant, characterized by an open silhouette, a minimum of plant materials or other components are used.

**CREATIVE LINE-MASS**-a creative design as in creative line (above) with the exception of additional plant material and components are included to add strength and depth to the design.

## Green Thumbs Up



To Kathleen (MC); Jo J, Rena, Carolyn, Diane (kitchen); Barbara, Irene, Jo J, Nancy, Lake Kabatin Redbud Arrangers; Evy (Greeter); Leanne (Ticket Sales); Dana and Raffle item Donors; June (Inspiration); Hostesses; Bakers; Susan Buckles (organizing); Clean-up crew; unnamed worker bees; and guests for a lovely Daffodil Tea.



### 2017 NOMINATIONS:

It's time to elect the following officers for the next club year (July 1st, 2017 through June 30th, 2018).

PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT / PROGRAM CHAIR  
TREASURER  
SECRETARY

It is also, time to pay dues for the 2017-2018 year. They are as follows:

\$30 PER PERSON  
\$37 PER COUPLE  
Plus \$6.50 FOR EACH NAME TAG.

The deadline to pay dues is May 31st.

## Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

www.clttgc.org

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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: Gary Bodensteiner  
Assistant Director: Rhea Pitchard



*forget-me-nots*

APRIL 2017



- 11 **LKRA "Creative Line Mass"**.  
(Tues) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 18 **Regular Club Meeting: Noon**  
12:00 noon Social Time / Refreshments  
12:30pm Program: Starr Garden with  
"Interesting Plants for Sale & How to Care  
for Them"  
1:00pm Flower Roll Call  
1:30pm Business Meeting

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

SPRING

**Safari West Field Trip**  
**May 1st**

