

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



THYME WITH PRESIDENT DANA

Thank You for a wonderful year serving the Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club. We did some really good work helping out our school programs with generous donations after the fire. We had fun with our lovely Christmas Party and the Daffodil Tea which were both



great successes. The Chrysanthemum show was delightful and I am looking forward to this year! We even got in a



couple of field trips to San Francisco and Safari West in Santa Rosa! All in all, I think we have a pretty nice Garden Club and we all need to commit to donating our time and



energy to keep it alive and healthy! We have the booth at the fair this August, which will require some imagination and a day of hard work to put it



together. The theme this year is, "Boots and Bling", which should be a lot of fun.

I am looking forward to serving another year as your president and I thank you for the privilege of doing the job! Next year's theme will be, "Bounty of the County", where we can focus on some product or crop each month that is grown in Lake County.



At our final meeting of the year, on June 20, 2017,
at 10940 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake,
starting at 5:00 p.m.



We will start to plan for the 2017-2018 calendar for Garden Club activities. Bring a favorite dish, and your ideas for Guest Speakers, and places we can visit to enhance our knowledge of Garden Plants, Landscaping, and fun! I will be providing drinks and cake for the celebration of induction of the new officers!

See you then! Dana DiRicco, President



Green Thumbs Up

2017-2018 OFFICERS:

President: Dana Benjamin
 Vice Presidents: Debra Watson-O'Dell
 Maureen Brasier
 Treasurers: Nora Gerrard
 Sue Stiles
 Secretary: Kathleen Steinberg
 Parliamentarian: Nancy Benkelman

CHAIRS: President Dana has asked the question:

If you are Chair of a committee or event,
 would you please remain in service
 for our 2017-2018 year?



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To Sue Stiles for volunteering to work with Nora as
 Treasurer/trainee. Another newer member jumping in
 to insure we have another successful year. Thanks!

Garden Therapy with Michelle



SCHOLARSHIP: The Committee has chosen a student in
 Upper Lake to receive \$1000 for 2016-2017 Year.



Susan presenting our
 Scholarship to Megan
 Franco of Upper Lake High
 School 3-17-2017.



*A life without dreams is like
 a garden without flowers!*

DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
 To paint a picture or write a letter,
 Bake a cake or plant a seed.
 Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
 With rivers to swim and mountains to climb.
 Music to hear and books to read,
 Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there,
 With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,
 A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
 This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
 Old age will come and it's not kind
 And when you go — and go you must —
 You, yourself, will make more dust.

FOREVER AND ANON
 Submitted by Helen Turley



Thank you **Tammy Bransford** for the picture of the four day old giraffe. Too cute!



Green Thumbs Up

To **Kathleen Steinberg** (the glue that kept us together this year). From the moment she joined the club, she hit the ground running, and is always available to get things moving along. I would like to thank her publicly for helping me with the information I needed to product all the 'Trellis Talk' newsletters this year. I have also seen her come to the aide of others.

Big THANKS Kathleen.



LAKE KABATIN REDBUD ARRANGERS:

June Assignment. "SPATIAL THRUST"
SPATIAL THRUST DESIGNS are designs with two parallel placements of like materials. The materials are used to define a vacant space creating a feeling of thrust.



DISTRICT MEETING HOSTED BY CLTTGC: JUNE 28th

Ely Stage Stop and Country Museum

Susan Buckles is coordinating this event. Signup sheet for helping with food and set-up were collected at our May meeting, but please call Susan if you didn't get to sign up. **Barbara Swanson** volunteered the **Lake Kabatin Redbud Arranger** to bring flower decorations. Their web site is fun and informative.

www.elystagestop.com.



WORKSHOP: FAIRGROUND PLANTING DAY



We will meet at the **main gate of the Fairgrounds at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, AUGUST 8, 2017**, to plant the plants we have been growing. Bring your garden gloves, a trowel and plants. It should not take us more than a couple of hours to get the job done.

For questions, call Barbara 262-0636.



THE TALLMAN DINNER FUNDRAISER: AUGUST 23, 2017

We need members to sell 30 tickets at \$125 each.

The club will get \$75 of that amount. Debra, Dana, Nora, Maureen, Evy, and Leanne have already committed to sell tickets. Ann and Dana will each donate a box of wine.



CHILI RELLENO SQUARES (Yields 16 servings)

Submitted by Barbara Swanson

3 cups (12 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chilies, drained
2 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

Place half of the cheeses in a greased 8-in. square baking dish. Sprinkle with chilies and remaining cheeses. In a bowl, beat the eggs. Add the milk and flour: pour over cheese.

Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes or until set.

Cut into small squares.

Serve warm or room temperature.

Pineapple Tomato

Named for its shape, not flavor, the Pineapple tomato is a bi-color beefsteak tomato. Its outer ribbing is reminiscent of a pineapple's ribbed exterior. The tomato's size, too,



places it in the category of large tomatoes. Pineapple is valued for three standout qualities:

Beauty. Pineapple is a very pretty fruit, with a beautiful streaked red and yellow exterior and interior kaleidoscope swirl of red, pink, orange, and yellow. It is a colorful addition to salads and sandwiches.

Taste. Known for its excellent flavor particularly among bi-color tomatoes, Pineapple is mildly sweet with low acidity, somewhat fruity, and includes a hint of citrus. Its flavor improves towards end of season.

Size. Pineapple tomatoes range from one pound to often more than two pounds in size. One seed producer says, "You may be safer holding them in two hands, rather than one." Pineapple has become a valued slicing tomato. Fruit is meaty with few seeds. www.tomatodirt.com



SUCCULENTS: Bob Smart was May's Guest Speaker.



Mr. Smart shared his drought tolerant succulent with us. (Senecio are a wide and varied genus, most with succulent leaves and daisy like flowers, but there are some that are more like a garden perennial— Internet)



CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS:

- TREES: Aesculus californica
Garrya fremontii
Quercus sp
Cercis Occidentalis
- SHRUBS: Ceanothus sp
Ribes sp
Cercis occidentalis
Fremontodendron
Heteromeles arbutifolia
- PERENNIALS: Achillea sp
Zauschneria sp
Pentstemon sp

Success in gardening with natives is determined by how well you can recreate their natural environment. Lake County supports a unique family of native plants, which vary depending on soil, location, and localized climate. Some do best in rocky, well-drained soils and others will tolerate heavier, poorly drained clay soils.

Any question about this information can be directed to the Lake County Master Gardeners program.



PLANT SALE: So many workers and growers to say thank you to. We made \$631.50, if I counted correctly. With it being organized at the last minute, this was incredible.

Helpers: Nora Gerrard, Kathy Steinberg, Vicki and John Maley, Sue Stiles, Susan Buckles, Betty Attwood, Jim Harvey, Suzanne Russell, Joyce and Russ Porterfield, Ann Blue, Evy Escalante, (she provided lunch the second day).

Growers: So many people brought plants – We'll have them stand and be honored at the Installation as well as the helpers.

We also had many club members come to buy and support us. We had lots of good talks with booth visitors about the club and about growing plants in Lake County. One of the Smokey the Bear Art contest winners came by and was so happy to see our sign and that we were still a club. He had won the contest in elementary school and then gone into the CCC and helped with fire breaks in Sonoma County before landing a job at Safeway. So many educational and positive, emotional ripples we make with what we do!

BIG THANK YOU to the Kiwanis Club of Lakeport. They made the great location possible by their generous donation of a free booth. Thank you to members who ate the delicious 4-H pancake breakfast. Everyone wins when we all help and support each other.

Thanks for your help!!! We are a terrific club!

Leanne



DIY CLAY POTS



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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: Gary Bodensteiner
Assistant Director: Rhea Pitchard



Forget-me-nots



JUNE 2017

- 13 **LKRA "Spatial Thrust"**.
(Tues) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 20 **Year End Club Meeting: 5:00PM**
2017-18 Officer Installation / Potluck
10940 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake,
- 28 **DISTRICT MEETING: CLTTGC Hosting**
Ely Stage Stop & Country Museum
10am

AUGUST 2017

- 8 **FAIRGROUNDS PLANTING DAY: 9:30am**
- 23 **FUNDRAISER: TALLMAN DINNER**

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



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

The deadline to pay dues is now.
Your name will appear in Yearbook only if
your dues are current.