

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

Tips Regarding Your Spring Gardens

May is here! Spring is the most beautiful time of year! After so much rain through the winter months, weeds are a big problem. Two techniques to conquer the weed problem are: Save all your cardboard and put it down and cover with chips. This will eliminate the weeds. Another trick is to use your newspapers underneath your chips or mulch. The weeds will not grow without sun.

When planning your vegetable garden, don't forget that the frost season is over in Lake County on May 15th. This is not a guarantee, and a surprise frost can appear unexpectedly well into June. Cover your newly planted vegetable gardens if the temperature goes below 32 degrees. Straw is also a technique you can use to cover tender, young plantings and protect them from cold nights in late spring. This also adds mulch to the garden area and keeps weeds to a minimum.

If you don't have a sprinkler system in place, you can use soaker hoses to water through the summer months. They are reasonably priced and can be arranged easily on the garden plot. If you have leaking or dripping hose bibs, purchase adapters and you can turn off the adapter and stop the leak. They are reasonably priced at the local hardware store.

Don't forget netting to protect your fruit trees and vegetable gardens from birds that will help themselves to the rewards of your efforts!

As far as gophers are concerned, good luck! The best defense is to plant in gopher baskets to protect roots. Planting in pots also work well to protect your flowers from the gophers. I have a plant in my garden that is a gopher plant. It is quite prolific, and it seems to work. Wherever it grows the gophers will stay away. I don't know the technical name of the "Gopher Plant" as my mother gave me the start and it is now all over the garden.

I hope some of these tips make your gardening experience more pleasurable! The good weather to come will be a welcome change!

Dana DiRicco



On March 2, 1903, the California poppy, *Eschscholzia californica*, became the official state flower of California. The plant's bright orange flowers are an unmatched symbol of the Golden State, perhaps viewed as a floral representation of the "fields of gold" sought during the gold rush. The California poppy is commonly seen blooming in the spring and summer along country roads and freeways throughout much of the state, making this plant a highly recognizable symbol of California. April 6 of each year is officially designated as California Poppy Day.

MAY HOSTESSES



Gladdy Bransford
Tammy Bransford
Mary Welsh
Barbara Swanson



CLTTGC Standing Rules (Added 4/18/2017)

12. Honorary Membership.

A. Qualifications:

An active member for five years or more.

A member becomes limited by age, illness, mobility, or other circumstances that prevents regular attendance.

B. Honorary Membership includes:

Lifetime free membership (dues) to CLTTGC.

CLTTGC will pay district dues to CGCI.

Monthly "Trellis Talk" Newsletter

Yearbook

Members name will be engraved on a plaque and placed at Hartley Cemetery Chapel upon member's death.



Thumbs Up to **Anne Blue** for researching and bringing this item to our attention.

CONGRATULATIONS:

**Jo Shaul receives
Honorary Membership status.**



**Garden
Therapy
with
Michelle**

MAIN MOTION: It is the 1st step to any parliamentary activity. It requires a *second*. It normally takes a majority vote, except when it has the effect of changing something already adopted (ie By-lays) or suspending a rule of order, in which case it requires two-thirds vote, perhaps with previous notice.

* Taken from "Robert's Rules of Order".

Submitted by **Nancy Benkelman, Parliamentarian.**

PLANT SALE

May 27-28 Kiwanis Memorial Day Craft Show
at Natural High, Main St, LKPT

PLANT SALE: Hi Garden Club Team,

I hope many of you are starting or have started plants for the upcoming plant sale. I am working on the particulars, and will let you know as soon as things are finalized. It is always a good idea to start plants early as just transplanted plants are less likely to do well and look nice. So go & plant what you are able to, garden friends. Some plants will be plants that are in your yard and can be happily transplanted this time of year. (Don't try redbuds or things that must be done in winter, like trees. People will get bad results. Call me if you have questions. Jim's phone 707 292-0534. I have found it works well to get 6 packs of vegetables / or flowers and plant what you want in your yard and put the rest in a larger size pot to sell.

This should be a fun project. I'll ask that you label what your plant is, as well as, what you want the price to be. Also: Respond by email to let me know who will be our planters and about how many plants you are donating to the sale. For those that don't have email, callers, please let them know about this email. I will send one more message out when date, time, and plant sale location is set. In that message, I will let you know when to drop off plants.

Thanks a whole bunch for making this last minute sale a success. We do great things with the funds the club earns by your efforts!

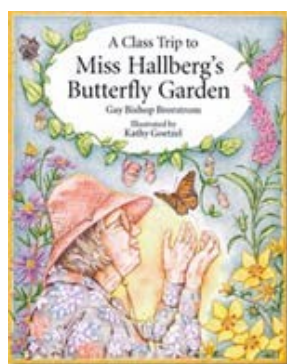
Flower and vegetable friends, **Leanne**



Thumbs-Up to **Leanne Harvey** for Chairing the Plant Sale



Apologies! Missed this fabulous table last time.



In 2003, when Sharon Thorne was our President, I was Birds/Butterfly Chair and invited Louise Hallberg to speak and show slides at our meeting. Our garden club also visited her Hallberg Butterfly Garden in Graton. Hallberg's mother planted a native Dutchman's Pipe in the 1920s.

The vine is the only plant the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly nests. Today more than 40 species are in her garden. She is one of American's leading lepidopterist. Louise created a nonprofit and over the years she personally greeted more than 35,000 people even into her 99th year. She died this year (2017) at an age of 100 years. The garden is located at 8687 Oak Grove Road, Sebastopol (For a tours/appointment, call 707 823-3420). Submitted by **Nancy Benkelman**

Open Gardens 2017

This summer we invite you to join us for our 20th annual Open Gardens Celebration. It's free and you don't need reservations, just come on out.

Sunday, June 25th, 2017

10 am to 4 pm

~Children's activities~

~Wildflower display~

~Walking tours~

~Bird and butterfly sightings~

~Plant, book, and craft sale~

LAKE KABATIN REDBUD ARRANGERS:

May assignment. "UNDERWATER DESIGN"
Creative Design having a part or parts, including some plant material, placed under water to create interest. Water magnifies everything seen through it.
Everyone is welcome to visit or participate by bringing their own interpretation

2017-18 NOMINATIONS:

New Officers: Dana said the present board is willing to serve another term if there are no other candidates. Nora Gerrard said she would be Treasurer again ONLY if she has someone step forward to be a "junior trainee" that will work with her and then be the Treasurer for the 2017/2018 term. We need someone to step forward and take on this responsibility. Officers will be voted on next meeting.

DISTRICT MEETING HOSTED BY CLTTGC. June 28th

Ely Stage Susan Buckles is coordinating this event and will have a signup sheet for helping with food and set-up at our next meeting. **Barbara Swanson** volunteered the **Lake Kabatin Redbud Arranger** to bring flower decorations.

DINNER AT THE TALLMAN FUND RAISER: August 20th
We need to sell 30 tickets at \$125 each. The club will get \$75 of that amount. Dana, Maureen and Debra have said they could sell 6 each. So...that leaves only 12 left to sell. Nancy Benkelman will take charge of tracking the remaining 12 tickets. We will re-address this fund raiser next meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP: The Committee has chosen a student in Upper Lake to receive \$1000 for 2016-2017.
Name withheld as it is a surprise.



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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

MAY 2017



- 9 **LKRA "Underwater Design".**
(Tues) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport
- 16 **Regular Club Meeting: Noon**
12:00 noon Social Time / Refreshments
12:30pm Program: Bob Smart on Succulents
1:00pm Flower Roll Call
1:30pm Business Meeting



27-28 Plant Sale—Kiwanis Memorial Day Craft
Fair, Natural High, Main St, Lkpt

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

*TELLIS TALK, EDITOR'S NOTE: I think it is time for
someone new to step forward and take over the
newsletter. I would be willing to help in any way I can.
Even though, I enjoy producing Trellis Talk, I believe it
needs a new perspective and a fresh look. So if you
have questions, contact me (Linda Pyers).
Another thought: If no one takes it over, maybe Trellis
Talk should only be published with the MUM Show
and Daffodil Tea pictures; or just a picture periodical.
(a lot of the information/changes are emailed, should
or could be on the web site, or are covered in the
minutes—each of which are good avenues to relay
information.)*

\$30 PER PERSON

\$37 PER COUPLE

Plus \$6.50 FOR EACH NAME TAG.

The deadline to pay dues is May 31st.