

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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Sep	Pears
Oct	Pumpkins
Nov	Persimmons
Dec.	Walnuts
Jan	Apples
Feb	Olives, Olive Oil
Mar	Honey
Apr	Grapes, Wine
May	Flowers
Jun	Strawberries

See us on Facebook



THYME WITH PRESIDENT DANA

November & December Newsletter

Well, the holidays are here already! With the fires and harvest the last two months have been very hectic, but all should now calm down and we will be back in order just in time to celebrate!!

November is the month to celebrate the Persimmon, and December welcomes a Lake County favorite, the "Royal" Walnut which is a signature crop for our area. I personally love persimmons. It is a type of fruit that is either loved or disliked! Many don't know what to do with the Persimmon, so I am going to share two recipe's with our club this month. I know many of you already have wonderful candied walnut recipes, and I would love to have one that is really exceptional!

The Persimmon Tree originated in the East. Japanese or Oriental Persimmons grows and fruits well in our zone here in Lake County. The trees can reach thirty feet tall and just as wide when mature. The persimmon tree is very handsome and needs very little care once established. Pruning to form the shape of the tree should be done when it is young. The tree has beautiful form and is most spectacular in the Fall with brilliant colored leaves of orange, yellow and red. Hachiya and Fuyu are the two most common varieties grown in this area. There are also Izu, Tamopan, Gasho (Giant Fuyu), & Chocolate. I have a small grove of Persimmon trees (10) and have all the varieties which are very interesting. The orchard is approximately 3 years old and is bearing well! This is truly a very rewarding tree to cultivate in your gardens.

Our glorious walnut trees originated in Southeast Europe and Southwest Asia. This is a very hardy tree and there are numerous varieties of walnuts in Lake County. This tree can be very large growing to sixty feet tall and just as wide. Most walnut trees are on Black Walnut root stock and English varieties are grafted on the root stock. The older variety is the Poe. It is found throughout Lake County. Newer varieties in favor are Franquette, Hartley, and Chandler. Carmelo is the giant walnut and can grow well in our area.

The walnut tree is very showy in the Fall when the leaves turn, exhibiting beautiful colors of yellow, orange, and browns. There is nothing more spectacular than a grove of old, mature, walnut trees and we are lucky to have many to admire!

May everyone have a wonderful, safe, and peaceful Holiday Season
fill with love an joy! Dana DiRicco



NOVEMBER HOSTESSES:

Jo Jameson

Suzanne Russell

Mary Secord



WELCOME

Marlene Melcher and Sheri & Chris Taylor.



TREASURER TRAINIE TO TAKE OVER
NEXT YEAR

TRELLIS TALK NEWSLETTER EDITOR
TO TAKE OVER THIS YEAR



Walnut and Sweet Potato Casserole Vicky Maley

- 2 eggs
- 3 cups of mashed sweet potatoes
- 1/2 stick of butter, melted
- 1/4 sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup milk

Mix above ingredients well using an electric hand mixer;
place into 2 quart casserole.

Then Mix:

- 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1/3 flour
 - 1/2 stick melted butter
- Spread this on top of potatoes.
1/3 cup of chopped roasted walnuts and sprinkle on top of potatoes.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.



Winter food for our feathered friends.

Spiced Persimmon Slab Pie

Dana DiRicco

- 375 Degrees, 40 to 50 Min.
- Zest of 2 Lemons
- 1/3 C Lemon Juice
- 1/4 C Cornstarch
- 2/3 C Granulated Sugar
- 2/3 C Light Brown Sugar
- 2 1/2 T Cinnamon
- 5 pounds firm-ripe, bright orange Fuyu Persimmons, Peeled, sliced into 1/3 inch thick wedges (2 1/2 Qts.)
- 2 T Coarse Sparkling Sugar

Pie Crust Pastry

- 4 C Flour
- 1 t Baking Powder
- 2 T Sugar
- 1/2 C Water
- 1 1/2 C Shortening (Crisco)
- 1 Egg
- 1 T Vinegar

Roll out bottom pie crust and put into pan and chill. Roll out top pie crust and put on cookie sheet and chill. Cut out decorative slits when chilled. Slide on top of pie & crimp edges.

Pie Filling

Combine Lemon Zest & Lemon Juice, Cornstarch, Granulated Sugar, Brown Sugar, and Cinnamon. Add Persimmons, stir and coat. Pour into pastry shell. Cover with top pastry and crimp. Lightly brush top of pie with water and sprinkle with Coarse Sparkling Sugar. Bake 45 to 50 minutes (until crust is golden, and filling is bubbling). Let cool 2 hours and serve.



MUM's Magic #10



Nov 2017













Garden Therapy with Michelle



Green Thumbs Up



Claire Grieve for adding even more fun to our MUM SHOW. She created this beautiful Magnolia Wreath and Irene Didescu won the drawing. Congratulations!



Happy Thanksgiving!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Betty Atwood will be presenting the *where and when*. Lovely event to spend time enjoying each other's company. More information coming. Hope to see you there!



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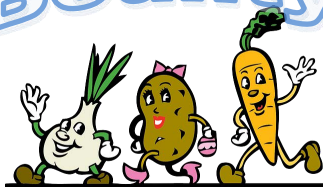


The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
2298 Hendricks Road in Lakeport

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: Kitty Loberg
Assistant Director: Ginabelle Smith

"Bounty of the County"



Forget-me-nots

November



3 'MUM'S MAGIC #10' Chrysanthemum Show

14 **LKRA** 'Duo Design-using Mums'
(Tues) 1:30pm, St Johns Episcopal Church
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport

18 **FIELD TRIP:** Guided Nature Walk,
Audubon Canyon Ranch

21 **MEETING**
12 NOON Social/Refreshment Time
12:30pm Program/ Speaker: **Jamie Chavelier**
of Bountiful Gardens-Collecting Seeds
1:00pm "Flower Roll Call"
1:30pm Business Meeting

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

