



# Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club  
Member of Garden Club of America

September

## General Meeting & Picnic at Gina Field's Thursday, September 23, 2004 "A Farmers' Market Picnic"

Back by popular demand is the Farmers' Market Picnic with Tom and Mary Dohnke. This husband and wife team will share their story and news from "the field". We will once again be able to fill our bags with those amazing heirloom tomatoes, late harvest peaches, corn, pumpkins and more! What better way to herald the new season and our garden club year than in the delightful, warm, inviting gardens of Jim and Gina Field. Pick a special spot amidst the roses and hydrangea to enjoy a picnic lunch following the meeting. Remember to wear comfy shoes and perhaps a hat and shades and bring your own shopping bag — save a tree! There will be no parking available at Gina's so please meet at the church and catch the shuttle. See you on the 23rd!

Mari Tischenko

9:45 am: Shuttles will provide transportation from the lower lot of St. Stephen's

10:30 to 11:15: Business meeting

11:15-12:00 Presentations by Tom Dohnke followed by Farmers' Market

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Bag lunch picnic (see reservation form)

1:00 pm: Shuttles return to St. Stephen's

### President's Corner

Welcome back, everyone, and a special welcome to our six new members! I hope you will all take the opportunity to "meet and greet" them at the Farmers' Market Picnic, a not-to-be missed fall harvest event.

This year we will follow the GCA Horticulture theme of "Right Plant, Right Place." We are so lucky to live in one of the very few areas in the world that can truly be designated as a Mediterranean climate, and it is truly incumbent upon us to learn as much as possible about the plants that are best suited for our conditions. To that end, Mari has planned a wonderful schedule of programs to stimulate and educate all of us in the coming year, Suanne and Kathy will offer workshops that echo this theme, that you will all want to attend.

**CULTIVATE:** 1. to prepare and work (land) to raise crops. 2. To promote or improve growth by labor and attention, 3. to develop or improve education or training. 4. to promote growth or development of (an art, science, etc.) to foster. 5. to devote oneself to (an art or science, etc.) 6. to seek to promote or foster (friendship or love, etc.) 7. to seek acquaintance or friendship.....Webster's Dictionary

LET'S CULTIVATE!!!

Jenifer

## CALENDAR

### Bouquets

Monday, Sept 13  
10:00 at MJ's

### Horticulture

Wednesday, Sept. 15  
Berkeley Horticultural  
Nursery

### Wagner Ranch

Thursday, Sept. 19  
9:00 to 11:00

### General Meeting & Picnic

Thursday, Sept 23  
Gina Field's

### Conservation

September 24, 9:30  
Watershed Field Trip

### Book Fair

Saturday, Oct 2

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 5  
10:00  
Pat Winther's

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[www.orindagardenclub.org](http://www.orindagardenclub.org)

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

### Sandy Barnett

Sandy was raised in Portland, Oregon and attended the University of Oregon. She and her former husband, Jim, moved to Orinda in 1972 where she taught French for one year. Later she joined the staff of Orinda Books. She has a daughter, Jenny and enjoys gardening and walking. Her sponsors are: Ruth Fortune & Phoebe Kahl

### Lisa Jorgens (Mrs. Craig Jorgens)

Lisa hails from North Carolina where she attended Duke University. After living and working in New York City, the Jorgens moved to Orinda twelve years ago. They have two daughters ages 12 and 14. Lisa is an enthusiastic gardener, hiker and sailor. Her sponsors are: Carole Amstutz & Jane Zuercher

### Lorene Quist (Mrs. James Quist)

Raised in Yakima, Washington, Lorene attended Western Washington State University. She and Jim have two grown girls, Jennifer and Jamie. The Quists spent several years in Sydney, Australia before moving to Orinda twenty two years ago. Lorene enjoys tennis, bridge and gardening. Her sponsors are: Jackie Birdsong & Janet Pease

### Nita Roethe (Mrs. James Roethe)

Nita was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and graduated from the University of Wisconsin. Nita and Jim moved to Orinda in 1972. They have two daughters and a new granddaughter. Nita is an active golfer. Her sponsors are: Pam Goode & Sylvia Carter

### Catherine M. Watters (Mrs. Robert Watters)

Catherine originates from Paris, France moving to Davis, California as a teenager. She is a very talented botanical artist teaching at Filoli and conducting private classes attended by some OGC members. She has exhibited her works and has illustrated five books in both the United States and France. Catherine has two sons both attending UC Davis. Her sponsors are: Gina Field &

Toni Fauver

### Carole Wolfman (Mrs. Thomas Wolfman)

A native Californian, Carole graduated from San Jose State. Formerly living in Berkeley, the Wolfmans have raised three children and now have three granddaughters. Carole's sports interest has moved from tennis to golf.

## HORTICULTURE

**Wednesday, Sept. 15 1:30 pm**  
**Berkeley Horticultural Nursery**

Meet at Orinda Country Club lower parking lot at 1:00 pm to carpool or meet at Berkeley Hort, 1310 McGee Ave, Berkeley at 1:30.

There are a lot of great restaurants, nurseries, etc. in North Berkeley, if you want to make an afternoon of it. Those of you who wish to carpool can plan on being back in Orinda by about 3:30.

Our theme this year will be "Right Plant, Right Place" and at Berkeley Hort, we will have a short talk about plants for our dry climate. Then we will have an opportunity to tour and shop at this wonderful nursery.  
Suanne

## CONSERVATION

**September 24, 9:30 am**  
**Watershed Field Trip**  
**Steve Abbors, EBMUD**

This field trip will be an overview of our Orinda watershed. Meet at OCC and carpool to park headquarters at San Pablo Dam launching entrance. Bring water & lunch if desired. Jean

## WAGNER RANCH

**Thursday, Sept. 19**  
**9:00 to 11:00**

Please come and help tidy up Wagner Ranch for the children, as school is back in session. Please respond to me so I can get a sense of the numbers. Thanks a million!  
Lani

## ORINDA BOOK FAIR

**Saturday October 2, 2004**  
**Orinda Library 10:00am-2:00pm**

We are looking forward once again to a fun and prosperous plant sale at the Orinda Library Book Fair. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase gardening and horticulture reference books for the Orinda Library.

I hope you all have begun digging up and dividing your plants for your donation. Native plants and herbs sell especially well. Each active member is required to donate five (5) plants for the sale. If you are not able to make your plant donation, please send a \$15 check made out to OGC to Dena Raffel.

Please bring your flourishing plants, labeled with either the common or botanical name, to Dena's house September 27-30. You can place the plants on the table inside the gate on the right. (My dog may bark or watch you, however, he will not approach you.) There will be a clipboard for you to sign when you deliver your plants.

I will be passing around sign-up sheets for pricing the plants (this gives the members the opportunity to buy plants early) and staffing the booth at the September meeting.

Friday October 1 — 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Price plants at Dena's

Saturday October 2 — 8:00-10:00

Deliver plants and set up at the Library

10:00-11:30 — Staff Booth

11:30-1:00 — Staff Booth

1:00-2:30 — Staff Booth and clean up Dena



*"I would love to follow  
Spring around the world!"*  
..... Toni

Memorial Service will be held Tuesday,  
September 21st at 2:00 pm at the Kennedy  
Grove near the San Pablo Reservoir.

## GCA MINUTE

As of 6/10/04 Piedmont Garden Club member Cherie Pettit's beautifully illustrated diary, "Time Of My Life" has raised over \$25,000 for the GCA Endowment Campaign!

Casey Trees has planted 1027 trees in Washington D.C. this past year.

Slides of 106 gardens were submitted to the Smithsonian Institution by the Garden History and Design Committee.

## PICNIC RESERVATION

Thursday, September 23



Please reserve a Shelby's bag lunch for \_\_\_\_\_

\$13.50 — Please make check payable to OGC and send to Gray Hynes, 18 La Vuelta by September 20th Thank you

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BOUQUETS

40 years, 400 meetings 45,600 bouquets

### **Pacific Horticulture**

#### **"Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies — Exploring California Style"**

Oct 8 - 10, 2004

Strybing Arboretum & Botanic  
Gardens, San Francisco

[pacifichorticulture.org/medskies/](http://pacifichorticulture.org/medskies/)  
for more information

### **Gardens at Heather Farm**

#### **"Spring Gardens of the South"**

tour Charleston, Savannah & more  
call GHF for more information

947-1678 [www.gardenshf.org](http://www.gardenshf.org)

#### **Plant Photography**

with Yulan Tong

(Author of "Lilies of the Field")

Sept 17 & 25

#### **Bonsai: "BYOT" (Bring your Own Tree)**

with Mike Baresi - Sunday Sept 19th  
(9:30am - Noon)

More info: (925)947-1678 or  
[www.gardenshf.org](http://www.gardenshf.org)

Bouquets, formerly known as the Flower Arranging Group (FAGS) is 40 years old this month! Bouquets was honored to have Mrs. Stanford Holmgren (Van) president of the OGC in 1964 attend our May meeting to tell the story of how this on-going community service project started.

The Orinda Garden Club was 25 years old in 1964. In 1963 When Van was the vice president and program chairman, she suggested that the club celebrate its 25th year in some special way. After several suggestions, arranging flowers for patients at the County Hospital won favor. Jean Gray and Louise Greathouse acted as the group's first chairmen. Ten people showed up at the first meeting. Among them were Sue McEneaney, Mary Smith's mother; Jean Gray, Pat Winther's mother; and Sarah Ferri, Jean Schommer's mother. Members brought glass vases from home, which quickly proved to be unwieldy so empty food cans were used instead. At first the cans were painted, but later contact paper became the decoration of choice. Flowers were provided by the members from their own gardens.

Not much has changed since 1964 except the name of the group. The arrangements are delivered to the hospital, where a most gracious staff of hospital volunteers greets the deliverer with smiles and appreciation of Bouquets efforts. Time and time again, a hospital volunteer will say that, for many patients, this is the first bouquet of fresh flowers he or she has ever received.

Happy Birthday to Bouquets and heartfelt thanks to all who arranged flowers in those 40 years. You have filled the patients' hospital rooms with beauty and given them reason to smile. What a good feeling to give happiness in such a simple and easy way.

Nath Schmicker

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