



Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club
Member of Garden Club of America

October 2005



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 27, 2005

"The California State Parks Foundation"

Featuring: Elizabeth Goldstein

9:30 coffee/ 10:00 meeting

Elizabeth is president of the California State Parks Foundation and comes to us with over twenty years of experience working specifically in support of parks and historic preservation. Prior to joining the Foundation she was general manager of the City and County of San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department and there initiated the \$400 million capital campaign that oversaw such projects as the rehabilitation of our beautiful Conservatory of Flowers and Harding Park Golf Course. She is talented in developing public/private partnerships with nonprofits such as the Strybing Arboretum Society. We hope you will join us to hear Elizabeth's enthusiasm and passion about the Foundation and the valuable work that it does!

Pam

President's Corner

Many thanks again to MJ Walburg for hosting the September picnic and meeting at her lovely garden. We were so lucky in having such a beautiful day. Thanks also go to Karin Carroll and her committee for the delicious lunch, to Suanne Inman for our roster, to Carole Wolfman and Janet Pease for their merchandise sales and to Gina Field for presenting our four new members: Nancy Dickmeyer, Betty Lou Lange, Julie O'Melveny and Laurie Smith.

The member survey questionnaires returned this May had many interesting suggestions. Speaker and program ideas were forwarded to the Program Committee and you will see or hear several of your ideas this coming year. The Horticulture Committee has already planned the year using several of the suggestions such as a regular time for the meetings, and what to do in the garden each month. Kirsten and Isa Mary may already have had their plans before the survey but these suggestions did show up on the survey. Some other comments were to do a sign in for roll call and we will certainly do that, especially when the speaker comes early. Shorter reports and fewer reports were also mentioned and again those reports that are in the newsletter probably don't need to be repeated. We received several very thoughtful suggestions which you may see in action this year. Should be fun!

Joyce

CALENDAR

BOUQUETS

Monday, October 10
Diana Caldwell's 10:00
November 14
Diana Kennedy's

FLOWER ARRANGING

"WREATH MAKING"
October 13 10 - 12
St Stephen's

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, October 20
"Open Forum" 2:00
Maxine Johnson's

WAGNER RANCH

October 25 1:00
"Work Day"

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BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 1 9:45
at Jane Ryan's

OGC CHRISTMAS PARTIES

December 2, 2005
Betty Argabright's

FORGET ME NOTS DEADLINE

October 28, 2005

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

“Wreath Making Workshop”

OCTOBER 13 10:00 to noon

St Stephen’s Church

The cost is \$40. Material to bring: gloves, cutting shears, scissors, wire cutters, towel, bag for your scraps and glue gun if you own one. If you have a special color ribbon or items that you would like to put on your wreath, be sure to bring them. Otherwise, we will have ribbon for you at the workshop.”

Heather and Gail

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, October 20

2:00



Maxine Johnson’s

OPEN FORUM or
“Everything You Ever
Wanted to Know” — Ask
your gardening questions
of Patrice Hanlon,
Garden Director at the
Gardens at Heather

Farm.

Isa Mary & Kirsten

Upcoming Hort Events:

The Garden Conservancy Oct. 15 & 22
“Gardens to Match Your Architecture”
Details: gardenconservancy.org

Regional Parks Botanic Garden
“Winterizing Your Native Garden”
Nov. 20th Call 820-1021 for more info

UC Botanical Garden
“A Global Palette of Plants for Inspired Winter
Gardening” Oct. 24
Details: botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

SF Botanical Gardens at Strybing
“Birding Walk” Oct. 6 8 am
sfbotanicalgarden.org

Gardens at Heather Farm
“Great Performers, Great Plants”
Oct. 22 9 - 12 am
EBMUD and Patrice Hanlon, GHF Garden Dr.
for more info: Gardenshf.org

Ruth Bancroft Gardens
“Fall Plant Sale” — Iris, cacti, succulents, aloes
& natives — Saturday, Oct. 8 9:30 - 2 pm

CONSERVATION NOTES

“Global Warming at a Glance”

from The Nature Conservancy

- In the 20th century the world’s average surface temperature rose by approximately one degree Fahrenheit, fastest rate in any period over the last 1,000 years.
- The combustion of fossil fuels, coal, natural gas and petroleum account for nearly three quarters of carbon dioxide emissions — primary global warming gas.
- Approximately one quarter of carbon dioxide is caused by de-forestation.
- Protection and restoration of forests may be able to offset up to 20% of the carbon dioxide emission over the next fifty years.
- Without significant reductions in green house gas emissions, more than 63% of the habitat types the *Conservancy* protects will be at high risk of disappearing in the next century.

Conservation Reps Meet in Portland — Mt Hood or Bust! October 2 - 5

MJ Walburg and Jane Ryan will be attending the Zone XII Conservation Chairs Field trip to Portland, Mount Hood and Columbia River Gorge. A busy agenda is planned. Topics to be covered include various environmental issues, storm water management, western water wars, the Endangered Species Act, wetlands preservation, land use management and scenic area designations. We will be hearing about successful club conservation projects.



Jane & MJ

MINI LUNCHEON ALERT

We have planned two luncheons for this year. For those of you who have not signed up, please join us for the first ‘Bring Your Own’ mini luncheons to be held after the November 17 General Meeting in various members homes. Drinks and a goodie will be provided. Locations to be near the meeting and the purpose is “getting to know you”. Please call Patti Bryant or Caroline Hayes if you would like to be included.

ZONE XII GCA JUDGES WORKSHOP

The Zone XII Judges Workshop will be held at the Honolulu Hilton Hawaiian Village October 25 through 27th. Judges, prospectives and candidates will meet for this three day conference to hone their skills. Chaired by Zone Judging Chairman, Phyllis Lee, the meetings will open with welcoming remarks by Mrs. John A. Affleck, Chairman of the GCA Judging Committee. Wednesday will be devoted to all day sessions on horticulture and flower arranging. The program for the 27th will start with a photography workshop and conclude with a business meeting discussing judging ethics, flower shows for 06-07, judging assignments and a judges round table.



Among those attending from OGC are Flower Arranging Judges: Phoebe Kahl, Gail Emmons, Evie Cranston and Sally Chapman, FA Prospective, Diana Kennedy and FA candidates, Heather Dunne and Mari Tischenko; Horticulture will be represented by Judges Joan Andrews, Bev Bloodworth, Joyce Nelson and candidate Suanne Inman.

The workshop is required by all members in the Judging Program and is held every two years in selected club cities within the zone. Zone XII club members who are interested in joining the judging program in any of the three disciplines may also attend as observers and can contact our club representatives for further information. Our judging reps are Gail Emmons for Flower Arranging, Bev Bloodworth for Horticulture and Joan Andrews for Photography. Joan

GCA VISITING GARDENS

GCA New Zealand Garden Study Tour

The Visiting Gardens Committee has just announced their itinerary for the above trip. It begins in Auckland on February 9, 2006 and returns to Auckland on Feb. 24. The Auckland Garden Club is an affiliate member of the GCA and will host several visits of their members' gardens. For more information go to the GCA website. Only thirty participants can go and husbands are included.

The Philadelphia Flower Show

hosted by the Junior League of Philadelphia Sustainers on March 8-10, 2006. Mary Read will have the information.

WAGNER RANCH

October 25 1:00

Workday at the Greenhouse

OGC received great news that the Greenhouse at Wagner Ranch meets the city building code and does not need to be up-graded in order to meet classroom standards. There has been lots of activity up-grading paths and temporary bridges are in place. In the kitchen area, a new barbecue, sinks, and a fire pit are in the plans as is a shelter. Some beautiful new dining tables have been donated by the shop teacher. Hopefully, thanks to many community volunteers, the area will be ready for Indian Camp.

The maintenance area location discussion is still on the table because it is the most reasonable location for the school district financially. I urge you to consider the merits of both sides of this issue. The school board will make its decision at a meeting on October 10. Regardless of what happens, we will continue to do our monthly maintenance in this area. Come help the cause on October 25 at 1:00. Lani

FYI: MARIE KRENZ BYLINE IN SF CHRONICLE — This Saturday Home & Garden section lead article "A Life Lived Wright" was written by OGC member Marie Krenz. You all will remember the Buehler garden featured on our recent garden tour. The Orinda home is well known as one of a very few Bay Area homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright with the garden designed by the late Henry Matsutani.

OGC UPDATES

Newsletter

OGC web master will post the Forget-Me-Nots on the OGC web page each month. You can easily access the FMN by touching the appropriate button and downloading the pdf to print it out. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter solely by email, where it is in color, please let me know and I will remove your name from the mailing list. Thanks, June

Roster Changes/Corrections

Additional Associate Members are:

Daphne Bertero
Pat Connolly
Pauline Kaune

E-mail correction for Laurie Smith:
panbeav@comcast.net

Please let Suanne know if there are any additional changes/corrections for the OGC roster.

Rosters are available from Charlotte. She will have them for distribution at the upcoming board and general meetings. Associates and Sustainers will receive their roster by mail.

OGC CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Friday, December 2
at the home of Betty Argabright

Charlotte Guppy has agreed to be the overall chairman and her committee is working on the details for decorations and refreshments. Please call Charlotte if you would like to help.

THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM **Tenth Annual Teddy Bear Tea** **December 3 & 4., 2005**

Call 947-1678 for more info & reservations. If you have "engagement" cups gathering dust on your shelf, you might consider donating them to The Gardens for the tea. If so, call June Cunningham who will pick them up. The Gardens is a non-profit group, so any donation is deductible.



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