



Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club
Member of Garden Club of America

April 2006

General Meeting

Annual Joint Meeting with Piedmont

April 20, 2006

9:30 Coffee/10:00 Meeting

10:30 Guest Speaker

“My Life In Other People’s Gardens”

Speaker: Steve Lorton

We are pleased to announce that the guest speaker for our joint meeting will be Steve Lorton, recently retired editor of *Sunset Magazine*. He’s been on staff with the Northwest Bureau of *Sunset* for 33 years, the last 23 of which he headed the bureau. He has published extensively in the four areas the magazine covers: travel, gardening, home and lifestyle, and food. Often referred to as *Sunset’s* Ambassador, Steve judges and lectures annually at garden shows throughout the northwest and the bay area. Of his many honors, the Senke School of Ikebana gave him its first and only honorary membership.

We hope you will be able to join us for a delightful hour with Steve Lorton as he takes us on a journey through the gardens he has visited.

Parking — when we have been guests of Piedmont at the Community Center, they were always gracious and reserved parking spaces for us. Let’s reciprocate and save upper parking at OCC for them.

Pam and Bobbie

CALENDAR

BOUQUETS

April 10 10:00
Mary Smith’s

WAGNER RANCH

April 12 9:00
work day

HORTICULTURE

April 13 2:00
Patty Bryant’s

GENERAL MEETING

April 20 OCC
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CONSERVATION

April 27
Salt Pond Tour

BOARD MEETING

MAY 2 9:45
Sylvia Carter’s

AUSTIN ROSES

Wed. May 3, Mon. May
15, Wed. May 31,
Mon. June 12 & Wed.
June 28

FORGET-ME-NOTS DEADLINE

April 26

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, April 13 2:00

Patty Bryant's

Picture a pot (or two) being planted before your eyes. Patty, our pot expert, will demonstrate as well as share her collection of permanent pots and topiaries. Phoebe will bring some new ideas of colors and color combinations. Come and enjoy all of this in Patty's beautiful garden.



Jane Zuercher's sheet of products and ideas (to begin your foray into Integrated Pest Management, IPM) will be available at the next general meeting.

Isa Mary & Kirsten

President's Corner

As you heard at the last meeting, Jane Ryan and I were delegates to the GCA National Affairs and Legislation meeting in Washington, DC. The dedication, energy and knowledge of these volunteer GCA members is truly remarkable. It is a huge undertaking to schedule all the meetings, lectures, trips to the Capitol, and visits to the legislators, along with arranging food and lodging for over 200 participants.

One of the speakers, among many, who impressed me was Bruce Babbitt, former Secretary of the Interior, who talked about Land Use Management. He stated that we will have 100 million more people in a short time and we need to have a land use plan. We cannot continue to degrade the environment, cut down our forests, build on every square inch of land and expect that we can go on like this forever. New policies are needed such as renewable energy, lowering greenhouse gases, awareness that global warming is happening, plus lots of other things. He has written a book on that subject and I am anxious to read it.

Now, I can hardly wait to get into my garden. I think my tulips have come and gone and not once did I sit outside to enjoy them. I will have to wait until the roses bloom!

Joyce

NATURE AREA AT WAGNER RANCH

Wednesday, April 12 9 am

Workday

We are getting ready for the Wildlife Festival celebration so please come and help.

WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

April 23 1-4

Wagner Ranch Nature Area

AUSTIN ROSES AT GHF

Wed. May 3, Mon. May 15, Wed. May 31,
Mon. June 12 and Wed, June 28.

DEADHEADING AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM — NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Spring has sprung and its time to get back to deadheading the Austin Roses at GHF. As in prior years, we will work every other week starting Wednesday, May 3 and will alternate between Wednesdays and Mondays at 9 a.m. Work will not go past 10:30. please sign up with joa via We need lots of helpers in May so please sign up via Email or phone to Joan Andrews. Bring gloves, clippers, bucket or ground cloth for cuttings, and wear long sleeves and good gardening shoes. Looking forward to hearing from you. Joan

CONSERVATION

Thursday, April 27 8:30

Salt Pond Restoration Tour

Meet MJ to carpool at 8:30 in the lower OCC parking lot. A no-host luncheon following the tour is planned. Please inform MJ if you will not be joining us for lunch.

REDWOODS TRIP

September 17 - 19

Call Jane to sign up for the Redwoods trip — we can take about 6 more OGC members.



OGC NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED!

Thursday, April 6 at 3:00

Joan Andrews' home

We will review the criteria for entering a GCA photography class and discuss the schedule for our in-house exhibit at our September meeting. We will also plan our participation with the Orinda Art Council photographing the bird houses scheduled to appear throughout Orinda this summer. We have some exciting assignments ahead and welcome all, newcomers and experienced photographers alike. If the date doesn't work for you, let me know and I will be glad to pass information on to you. Email or call me if you are interested and can come.

Joan

OGC CHANGES IN STATUS

Barbara Wise-Resignation

Ruth Thrans-Active to Associate

Mary Pilara-Active to Sustaining

Bev Bloodworth-Active to Active Non-Resident

IN MEMORIUM

Long time OGC member, Kay Ratcliff passed away last week in Santa Rosa — a fine gardener and good friend to many, she will be missed.

APRÉS MINI LUNCHEONS

Kudos to our mini-luncheon hostesses and co-hostesses:

Sylvia Carter/Pam Goode

June Cunningham /Jean Rowe

Dena Raffel/Julie O'Melveny

Pat Winther/Jackie Voigt

Dona Snow/Phoebe Kahl

Lorene Quist/Janet Pease

Heather Dunne/Charlotte Guppy

Many thanks to all of you for sharing your homes and delicious food for this ever popular event. We have heard a good time was had by all.

Patty and Caroline

And all our thanks to Caroline and Patty for a yeoman's job in organizing us for this opportunity to "get to know one another"...

WHAT DOES GCA DO FOR US?



In light of the increase in GCA dues, we ask "what does GCA do for us?"

- Every member receives six issues of the GCA Bulletin a year.
- OGC doesn't pay for insurance for events, flower shows or programs to which the public is invited. For a minimal cost, GCA covers us under their umbrella insurance policy.
- Visiting members' gardens where there is a GCA club across the country is a an enjoyable benefit and is very easy to arrange.
- Members have the opportunity to become an approved horticulture, flower arranging or photography judge through the GCA judging program.
- Attendance at GCA sponsored zone, annual and national meetings and workshops are great learning experiences where many lasting friendships can be formed.
- GCA allows member clubs to join as a group to visit and lobby legislators and other government officials in Washington DC.
- GCA national headquarters in New York city can be visited where members will be received by the friendly staff.
- Members of GCA clubs participate in selecting the recipients of The Founders' Fund. A past winner was the garden pavilion at the Gardens at Heather Farm.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WALNUT CREEK GC
Friday, April 7 1-4 pm
STANDARD FLOWER SHOW & TEA
The Gardens at Heather Farm

❖
ORINDA CLEAN-UP DAY
April 22

❖
HILLSBOROUGH GC
Garden Tour
April 26 10:30 to 3:30
for tickets, call 650-347-1831

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CARMEL BY-THE-SEA GC
Garden Tour with 4 homes
April 29
Call 831-626-8906 for tickets

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MORAGA JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB
Lamorinda Garden Tour
May 6 \$25 lunch \$10
Tickets at Moraga Hardware

PLANT SALES

BANCROFT GARDENS
April 8 9:30-2:00

CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURE SOCIETY
Sunday, April 9 11 - 3
Lakeside Garden Center

BOTANICAL GARDEN IN TILDEN PARK
April 15 10 to 3

WOODSIDE ATHERTON GC
Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Rd.
April 22, 10-2

GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM
April 22 9 - noon
10% discount for members of GHF

SF BOTANICAL AT STRYBING
April 22 10-1
Featuring Epiphyllum cultivars

MORNINGSUN HERB FARM
Open House & Plant Sale
May 13 10-5



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