



Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club
Member of Garden Club of America

May 2006



President's Corner

My first year as your president is nearly over. You all know the saying "time flies when you are having fun." And I have been having fun, but it would not have been possible without the wonderful contributions and efforts of our entire board. Everyone has done such fantastic jobs in their respective committees. Alice Mathew's statement about "a garden club is for growing" certainly describes our board in so many areas such as ability, knowledge, appreciation, conservation of natural resources, friendship, creative endeavors, community involvement, leadership and self-fulfillment. Thank you all for making this year such a great one. I look forward to working with you for our second year.

May will be busy with judging in Portland, the Carmel trip, the Annual Meeting in Denver, and our year-end picnic at Nath and Bill Schmicker's lovely home and garden where we will present some wonderful awards to four very deserving members. Don't miss our May meeting!

Hopefully, there will be a few hours here and there to spend in my own garden, either working in it or just enjoying whatever is growing or in bloom. All the rain and cool weather we have had hasn't seemed to hurt it, only slow it down a little, but, at last, the February iris is finally blooming, the tulips and daffodils actually lasted longer than usual, the crabapple is in bloom, and the dogwoods are finally showing white. It is such a treat for me and, I hope, for all of you, to be in the garden.

Joyce

CALENDAR

BOUQUETS

May 8 10:00

Carol Wolfman's

June 12 10:30

Jean Schommer's

BEAUTIFICATION

May 8 9:30

freeway off-ramp

WAGNER RANCH

May 10 1:00

work-day

HORTICULTURE

Carmel Trip

May 17 - 19

GENERAL MEETING

MAY PICNIC

May 25 10:30

BOARD MEETINGS

June 6 10:30

Diana Kennedy's

September 5 9:45

Joyce Nelson's

AUSTIN ROSES

Mon. May 15,

Wed. May 31,

Mon. June 12 &

Wed. June 28

CONSERVATION

Redwoods Trip

September 17 - 19

FORGET-ME-NOTS

DEADLINE

August 30

BEAUTIFICATION

Monday, May 8 9:30

Hwy 24 exit ramp



The daffodils are looking so pretty this year and we want to feed them now so they'll be prettier next year. We will dead head the spent blooms and do some weeding.

The daffodils have made all of us smile! Dona & Sylvia

Kudos to Dona & Sylvia and their

committee for a great job continuing to beautify an otherwise unattractive entrance to Orinda.

HORTICULTURE

Patty's Formula for Fertilizing (FFF)

2 cups balanced fertilizer

2 cups ironite

2 cups bulb booster or bonemeal

4 tablespoons Epsom salts

Mix thoroughly and apply to roses once in spring and once in mid summer. 1 cup for large rose and ½ for small.

NATH WELCOMES OGC

Our house, which we designed and built in 1983, sits on 3½ acres of which 2½ acres is hillside where "Mac" and "DJ", our two resident goats and hillside "gardeners" live. In 1983, the only sign of vegetation was the huge old tree in the the corner of the backyard.

The original footprint of the nearly acre of garden was designed by Kim Drobatz, a budding landscape architect at the time. Much of what you see today, however, must be credited to the creative artistry of Heidi Watson, who has been helping me embellish the garden for over 17 years.

Notice the antique climbing rose on the back fence, which was transplanted from another yard and is over 100 years old. In the herb garden is a unique celery leaf plant that was given to me by a Wisconsin farmer. A berry garden with strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries hides behind the living room veranda.

I once read that a house that is loved is never done. I think this applies to the garden as well — my garden is not done yet. Welcome OGC, come and enjoy my garden!

Nath

NATURE AREA AT WAGNER RANCH

Wednesday May 10 at 1:00pm.

Work Day

Please come and help out. Many thanks to the stalwarts who come every month, Suanne Inman, Midge Zischke, Diana Caldwell and Dana Taylor.

Lani

BOUQUETS

Monday, May 8 10:00 Carol Wolfman's

Monday, June 12 10:30 Jean Schommer's

The June meeting will be a potluck lunch.

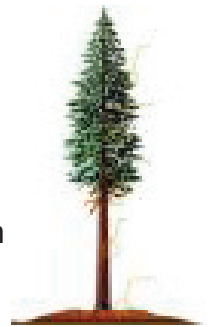
Lorene & Nita

CONSERVATION

September 17 - 19, 2006

Redwoods Trip

Check out *VIA*, the AAA magazine for May-June for a preview of some of the special places we will enjoy. If you haven't already signed up, call us ASAP so we can line up more reservations at the inns in Ferndale.



Suggested Books for Summer Reading:

Cities in the Wilderness: a New Vision of Land Use in America, Babbit, Bruce —(A new book by the former Gov. of Arizona and Secretary of the Interior, and a must read.) *I am happy to loan my copy, if someone is interested.*

Man and Nature, Marsh, George Perkins. (Originally published in 1864, Man and Nature had as big an impact on the 19th century conservation movement as Silent Spring by Rachel Carson had on the 20th. Perkins was convinced ancient civilizations declined through their abuse of their environment. His farm in Woodstock, VT is now run by the National Park Service.)



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Jane and MJ

OGC NEWS

2006-2007 New Members

Judy Gray sponsored by Heather Dunne & Dona Snow

Lexie Corbitt sponsored by Pam Wiley & Kris Rawson

The Membership Committee, (DD Felton, Phoebe Kahl, Cathleen Sodos, Midge Zischke and Janet Riley, chair.) selected two outstanding candidates for membership. After giving notice to all active members, the committee sent invitations for membership to the two candidates. We are delighted to report both candidates accepted! Lexie and Judy will be attending an orientation this spring organized by Gina Field and we will welcome them at the September meeting. Janet

June Board Meeting

June 6 10:30 am Diana Kennedy's Board meeting and year-end luncheon. Call Karin Carroll for food sign-up.

Flower Arrangers

Did you know that three of our members are busy seeing that flower arrangements are a part of several public places? Phoebe Kahl and Diana Kennedy are part of a team that does flower arrangements for the De Young Museum and the Legion of Honor. Margie Murphy has been responsible for coordinating with three garden clubs to provide arrangements weekly at the Orinda Library.

Roster Correction: Mary Smith's e-mail should be smithmsk@sbcglobal.net

BUSY OGC JUDGES

Joan Andrews, photography judge, Santa Barbara and Honolulu in April, & Seattle, June

Flower Arranging Judges:

Sally Chapman — Denver meeting

Gail Emmons — Atlanta's Southeastern Flower Show in February, and Philadelphia in March.

She will be giving a floral demonstration and workshop in Mendoza, Argentina for the Argentina annual meeting, and will do the floral arrangements at the Denver meeting.

Diana Kennedy — Philadelphia in March and Tacoma in April, and help at the Denver meeting

Evie Cranston — Philadelphia in March, and Honolulu in April. She is chairman of the flower show for the annual meeting in Denver.

Phoebe Kahl — Portland in May, and entering the Denver flower show and assisting with the meeting decorations.

Heather Dunne, clerk — Santa Barbara and Honolulu in April, Portland and the Denver meeting where she will be helping with decorations.

Horticulture Judges:

Bev Bloodworth — Santa Fe in June

Joyce Nelson — Portland in May

Isa Mary Zielger — Honolulu in April

Suanne Inman, clerk, — Honolulu in April

Phoebe

OGC DUES

Dues are due and will be late after May 10. Please send your check to Kathy French



MAY MEETING/PICNIC RESERVATION

Thursday, May 25 10:30

Nath Schmicker's

Enclosed is my luncheon reservation check in the amount of \$15

Name: _____

Please make check payable to OGC and send to
Pam Wiley, 10 Tappan Court
by May 20

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ruth Bancroft Garden Sculpture Show
May 11-14 10am to 4pm

Mother's Day Tea — Ruth Bancroft's
Private Garden
May 14 noon to 3pm

Diablo Valley College — Plant Sale
May 20 9-1pm

Gardens at Heather Farm
"Wine & Roses"
June 2 6 - 8pm

"Let Your Garden Go to Pots"
with Suzanne Arca
June 10 9:30-noon
call GHF 947-1678

or www.gardenshf.org for more info
on both events

"GARDEN SPACES IN PUBLIC PLACES"



An In-House Photography Show
General Meeting OGC
Thursday, September 28, 2006

Please note the Photography Show schedule and general rules are enclosed — For more information, call Joan Andrews or a committee member.

Plant Sale, featuring Perennials, at San Francisco Botanical Garden Society (Strybing)
June 10, 10am to 1pm

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