



Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club
Member of Garden Club of America

November 2006

GENERAL MEETING & GUEST DAY

Thursday, November 16th
coffee 9:30 — meeting 10:00
Valerie Arelt

British-born flower arranger Valerie Arelt has been creating stunning floral ambience and arrangements for 40 years. Learning the fundamentals of floral design from watching her mother, an avid floral arranger, Valerie later attended the distinguished Constance Spry School of Flower Arranging in London. Her designs have been enjoyed by royalty, the rich and the rest of us. Now living in Napa, she has been a guest lecturer at garden clubs, flower shows, museums, benefit events and a popular performer at the Bouquets to Art in San Francisco.



You and your guest should get great ideas for your Thanksgiving table. Some of Valerie's fabulous arrangements will be raffled off at the finish of her presentation.
Pam & Bobbie

President's Letter

It was great to see the quality of the plants available at the recent plant sale for the Library Book Fair. Our members came through with well groomed and good looking plants. Bulbs in bags were also donated. Many thanks to Caroline Hayes, Sue Manners and Betty Lou Lange for chairing this event and thanks to all the members who helped with the set up, sale and clean up. Every year we question whether our return is worth the effort, but with no plant exchange at the GCA Annual Meeting, we need to hang on to any propagation we do. I would welcome suggestions for ways to introduce more propagation projects for OGC. Another plus for the library sale is our presence in the community.

Joyce

CALENDAR

HORTICULTURE

November 9 10:00
Joyce Nelson's

BOUQUETS

Monday, November 13
Diana Caldwell's 10:00
December 11 10:00
Orinda Community Center

FLOWER /ARRANGING

Autumn Topiary
November 15

GENERAL MEETING

November 16 OCC
Coffee 9:30 meeting 10:00
Guest Day

OGC CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Friday, December 8

GHF AUSTIN ROSES

Wednesday, Jan 24
Monday, Jan 29

BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2007 9:45
Karin Carroll's
(please note: 2nd Tuesday)

FORGET-ME-NOTS DEADLINE



HORTICULTURE

BULBS, BULBS, BULBS!

Thursday, November 9 10:00

Joyce Nelson's

Come and hear a bulb specialist talk about narcissus. There will be bulbs for sale. Polished rock and dirt will be available, but you need to bring your own pot. We will start inside to hear the speaker and then will go outside to pot up our paperwhites. I will have lots of bulbs.
Joyce

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

FALL FANTASY: AN AUTUMN

TOPIARY ARRANGEMENT

Wednesday, November 15 10:00- 12:00

(9:30 coffee) St. Stephen's Church Hall

Please bring clippers, a knife to cut oasis, wire cutters if you own them, a little towel, a bag for your scraps.....and, of course, your love of flowers and arranging!

Gail and Heather

FLOWER SHOW

IT'S PICTURE TAKING TIME!

This is a perfect time to get out and photograph grasses for our May Fiesta Flower Show. Check our website for the schedule and rules. We have three classes in photography and the subject matter is close at hand. Class I is Fiesta Brava: Flowers in an array of Fiesta colors (take some shots when you're visiting a flower mart). Class II is a scene in a patio garden (perhaps it's in your own backyard). Class III is the dramatic effect of light on ornamental grasses (go on our gcamerica web site and see some great examples in Diana Fish's article on grass in the Fall issue of the Real Dirt) "Ornamental grasses" can also include plants from the carex, restio and phormium families. If you have any questions let us know; we have the answers. Photography Committee: Joan Andrews, Jean Rowe and Jackie Voigt.

FROM CONSERVATION . . .

Last month a group of ten OGC members were joined by six Carmel GC members for a field trip to the redwoods in Northern California. What a wonderful trip, and highly recommended for all age levels. In these ancient forests live some of the world's largest trees, towering two hundred fifty feet or higher; some were over a thousand years old. Amidst this grandeur there is a serenity and peace that stirs the soul.

The ancient forests, many within our state parks, belong to all of us — they are our heritage and legacy. This year, in its budget request for fiscal 2007, the White House proposed cutting the park services budget by 5% or one hundred million dollars, with possible dire consequences for our national parks. It is worrisome that we seldom talk about nature anymore. The things that lift our spirits — old growth forests, clean rivers, the sighting of an eagle, quiet spaces — are intangible and ever so perishable.

MJ



GHF ROSES

JANUARY ROSE PRUNING

Wednesday, January 24 9:00 am

Monday, January 29 9:00 am



A sign up will be passed around at the November meeting. However, if you want to sign up early please email Joan Andrews with your desired date. This is a big job and we need all the help we can get. Please put the dates aside and join in the fun!

Joan

MINI-LUNCH

Thank you Sandy Barnett, Heather Dunne, Dena Raffel, Mayann Schou, Kirsten Whitsett and Pam Wiley for opening their homes and hosting our popular Mini “Bag” Luncheons. What fun we all had!
Patty and Caroline

FORGET-ME-NOTS

Email Janet Riley if you’d prefer to skip the mailman and receive your newsletter on line and in glorious color. bjriley@pacbell.net

BOOK FAIR PLANT SALE

Many thanks to Sue Manners as co-chairman and Betty Lou Lange for sharing her home for plant drop-off and pricing; to Lisa Jorgens, Isa Mary Ziegler, Kirsten Whitsett, Laurie Smith, Gray Hynes, Mayann Schou, Dayna Taylor, Carolyn Sheaff, Dena Raffel and Jean Schommer for pricing and staffing. A special thank you to Joyce Nelson for propagation, tending and pricing the plants. Your help was very much appreciated.

Caroline



“An Old-Fashioned Christmas”

Friday, December 8, 2006
Coffee & Member Cocktail Parties
Tom & Erin Holland's
Coffee 10:00 to 12:00
Cocktails/Buffer 6:00 to 9:00

“An Old-Fashioned Christmas”

*Reservation form — please send with your check to
Pam Wiley 10 Tappan Court by December 4.*

Name: _____

- _____ Coffee — up to two guests @ \$8.00 each, including OGC member
_____ Cocktails/buffet — @ \$60.00 per person (members and spouses only please)

OGC UPDATES

Rosters:

The rosters have been reprinted to fit in the binders. If you picked up yours at the September meeting, you will want a replacement. The ones sent by mail are the new version which will fit in your binder. I will bring replacement rosters to the November meeting, or call me to pick up your replacement.

Corrections:

page 4, Forget-Me-Nots — June Cunningham

page 20, Daphne Bertero — email correction:
dcberto@aol.com

page 23, Dolores Conti — email addition:
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page 30, Jeanne McCormick — email change:
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page 46, Contact info for Senator Feinstein
change SF address & phone to: One Post
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

UC BOTANICAL GARDENS

November 12 “Orchids” call 510-643-2755

UC BOTANICAL GARDEN

December 2

“Sick Plant Clinic” with Dr. Bob Raabe

FILOLI “Holiday Traditions “

November 24-December 2

650-364-8300 or www.filoli.org

THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARMS

November 18-19 Garden Field Journal Series
with Andie Thrans call 947-1678 for reservation

AUTUMN COLOR PALETTE — introduction
of the double primary color wheel which will be
applied by mixing those colors unique to fall:
creating luminous color studies within the pages
of our journal.

AUTUMN BOTANICALS — begin with tips
& techniques for sketching some of autumn's
delightful subjects.

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