



Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club
Member of Garden Club of America

October 2006

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 26, 2006
OCC — 9:30 coffee — 10:00 meeting

Kate Frey,
Sustainable Gardening

Our first program of the year is presented by Kate Frey who will show us possibilities for plantings to generate beauty while demonstrating appropriate horticultural techniques for our dry California climate and busy lifestyles.



At the Chelsea flower show in London, her gardens illustrating sustainability won a silver medal in 2003 and gold in 2005. Kate worked at the gardens at Fetzer Vineyards for almost 20 years. There she created an organic environment filled with color, exuberance, life and plenty of plants to taste and smell. Previous to Fetzer she worked for the California State Parks and Forestry.

Because we have had such positive feedback on Kate Frey from other garden clubs, we are very excited to have her for our first presentation of the year.

Bobbie & Pam

President's Letter

In the most recent publication of the Center for Plant Conservation, a statement in an article caught my attention by stating "One of our greatest assets is our National Parks System". The CPC and the NPS have implemented a five-year seed and data collection on park land where they hope to identify and collect seeds from imperiled plants. These seeds will then be used for reintroductions, if possible, or saved for genetic resources.

On our recent trip to the redwoods we were made aware of plant invasives with the loss of our native plants and the efforts of the NPS to remove the invasives and reintroduce our native plants, some of which are already on the imperiled list.

This trip was such a marvelous and educational trip I hope we can do it again sometime for more of our members.

Joyce

CALENDAR

BOOK FAIR

Oct 7 Orinda Library

BOUQUETS

Monday, Oct 9

Dayna Taylor's 10:00

FLOWER /ARRANGING

Jewelry Class

October 11 9:30

Autumn Topiary

November 15

CONSERVATION

"Batmam Flies"

October 19 OCC

HORTICULTURE

October 19

Joan Andrews' 10:00

CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Planning meeting

October 23 10:00

Erin Holland's

BEAUTIFICATION

October 23 9:00

GENERAL MEETING

October 26 OCC

"Bag" Lunch

WAGNER RANCH

NATURE AREA

October 30 9:00am

GHF AUSTIN ROSES

Oct 18 & Nov. 6

BOARD MEETING

November 7

Lani Schulte's 9:45

FORGET-ME-NOTS

DEADLINE

October 27

HORTICULTURE

WATER, WATER NOT EVERYWHERE

October 19 10:00 Joan Andrews'

Some of us have just paid our annual peak EBMUD water bill. Come gather ideas on reducing this bill and your water worries. You will see and learn the latest on water conservation. Tom Stewart of Urban Farmer will demonstrate the newest water saving techniques and equipment.

WAGNER RANCH NATURE AREA

October 30th - 9:00 am Work Day

Come and work with Toris. We hope to see you all there.

Midge

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Jewelry Workshop OCC

Wednesday, October 11 9:30

FALL FANTASY: AN AUTUMN TOPIARY ARRANGEMENT

Wednesday, November 15 10:00- 12:00
(9:30 coffee) St. Stephen's Church Hall

A great metal container, lots of flowers and your creativity will be the main ingredients of this workshop. Please register by November 10, so we can buy your flowers. Cost: \$40

Gail and Heather

AUSTIN ROSES AT GHF

Wed, Oct 18 and Mon, Nov 6. 9:00

Sign up now for fall dates for Austin rose pruning at the Gardens at Heather Farm. Please email or telephone me with the date you wish to come. Don't forget to bring your clippers, weeder and gloves. See you at 9 a.m. We should be through in about an hour. Many, many thanks for all you do. Joan Andrews

FROM CONSERVATION . . .

Thursday, October 18 5:00 OCC BATMAM AND HER PERCH POTATOES COME TO THE OGC

Pat Winter, aka Batmam, will be visiting the OGC. Her presentation will begin promptly at 5 pm. She will bring a variety of bats for viewing, and will give a short slide presentation addressing the ecological importance of bats in tropical rainforests, farming areas and backyards. Those who have heard Pat know what a fascinating, enthusiastic, and passionate naturalist she is. After the presentation, she will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Space is still available, so bring your family (first grade and older please) and friends to this entertaining and educational presentation.

All are invited to stay for cocktails and dinner immediately following, so make your reservations directly with the club as soon as possible. If you didn't sign up at the September meeting, please call or email Janet or Nannie and let them know that you'd like to attend.

BEAUTIFICATION

Monday, October 23 9:00 Triangle

We appreciate all who signed up to help with our upcoming workday at the triangle. We will give you a reminder call!

As Sylvia mentioned at the picnic, this is a beautification project into which we have invested quite a bit of money and many hours. We all need to take pride in and help maintain this area. Thank you to the lovely ladies that worked on September 25th and filled 15 bags of clippings: Lisa Jorgens, Caroline Hayes, Judy Cortese, Dena Raffel, DD Felton, and Jane Ryan. Dona and Sylvia

OGC UPDATES:



BY-LAWS PROPOSAL

The proposed By Laws change did not pass. A two thirds vote of the members present is required for any by laws change. Thanks to Anne Hetland and her committee for their time and effort in bringing this matter to the membership.

OGC MEMORIALS

"A Reminder"--- Please keep in mind that you may honor or remember some one by donating to the OGC Beautification Fund which helps beautify the community such as the triangle, the crossroads off ramp, and the nature area. Look for the handy donation form in your roster. Diana

THE SHIRLEY MENEICE HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP

October 14-17 at

Winterthur and Longwood Gardens

OGC will be represented by Isa Mary Ziegler and Joyce Nelson.

VISITING GARDENS



June 15 -29, 2007

GCA announces the itinerary for the GCA Cornwall and Wales Garden Study Tour. If you would like trip information please contact Mary Read.

OCTOBER "BAG" LUNCH

Following October 26 meeting

We will have our casual bag lunch — please call Caroline if you haven't yet signed up. You will be told where you are going to eat one week before the event. Bring a sandwich, and enjoy!

Caroline and Patty

OGC CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Planning Meeting — October 23 10:00

Erin Holland's

Our annual Christmas party will be December 8 at Erin's beautiful home. Please attend the planning meeting so you and a friend can choose a room to decorate. More details will follow. Dayna

GARDEN SPACES IN PUBLIC PLACES PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW — RESULTS

Class I - Orinda Scenes

1st — Suanne Inman, *Sunset on Orinda Hills*

2nd — Jackie Voigt *Orinda Library*

3rd — Joan Andrews *Entry Park on Camino Pablo*

Class II - Container Planting

1st — Jean Rowe *Theater Square -*

Impatiens in a container

2nd — Nath Schmicker *Theatre Square -*

Impatiens & Bench

3rd — Nath Schmicker *Pot in Theater Square*

Class III - Bird Houses

A: Scenes with Bird House

First — Jackie Voigt *Blowfish*

2nd — Joan Andrews *Shotgun House of Blues*

3rd — Joan Andrews *Blowfish*

B: Upside Down Bird House

1st — Joan Andrews

2nd — Jean Rowe

3rd — Kris Rawson

C: Close Ups

1st — Joan Andrews *Orinda Chapel*

2nd — Jackie Voigt *Shotgun House of Blues*

3rd — Jean Rowe *Bird Eye View*

Thirty Six Entries — Participants: Joan Andrews, Suanne Inman, Diana Kennedy, Chris Rawlins, Janet Riley, Jean Rowe, Nath Schmicker, Jackie Voigt — *Thanks to Joan Andrews and her committee, Jackie Voigt, Jean Rowe and for such an enriching event.*



Diana Kennedy considering her vote for her favorite photograph at OGC September picnic photography show

JOYCE'S GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

- This is the time of year to thatch, aerate and/or reseed lawns.
- Cool weather annuals can be planted now: pansies, snapdragons, Iceland poppies, schizanthus, primroses, primulas and calendulas (if you like them).
- Sweet peas can be sown in place.
- Check your sprinklers; the length of watering as well as the frequency can be shortened.
- Feed your roses with one last dose of fertilizer. They will bloom through October and November with that boost.
- Keep removing your spent fuchsia blossoms, fertilize and they will bloom until frost.
- 0-10-10 can be applied to azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias if you have not already done so.
- Chill your tulips for at least six weeks prior to planting.
- Narcissus should be kept in a cool place and planted late October.
- Cool weather vegetables can be planted later on this month.
- Let your begonia and dahlia tubers die down and lift before frost.



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