



# Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club  
Member of Garden Club of America

September 2006

**REGULAR MEETING/PICNIC**  
**THURSDAY, SEPT 28 10:30**  
**MIDGE ZISCHKE'S**  
**Please carpool**

Our home and garden were designed in the 1930s by William Wurster and Thomas Church for Richard and Ruth Breuner. Mrs Breuner was a founder of the Orinda Garden Club and many in Orinda still call it the "Breuner Home" even though Peter and I have been here since 1967!

There are two treasures for us in the garden. One is the statue "Wildflower" from the 1915 Pan-Pacific exhibition, bought by my great grandfather. The other is a ceremonial Japanese stone brought by Peter's parents from Japan which has more stone underground than above!



We have loved this house and garden as have our four grown children and our grandchildren. Thank you, Breuners and welcome to 515 Miner Road!

## President's Letter

This past summer my family — Bob and I, three grandchildren, ages 13, 11, and 9 plus their parents — went to Alaska to experience some of its awesome beauty. We saw bears, black and brown, with cubs, humpback whales, hundreds of bald eagles, a huge pod of Orcas, both Dall's and Pacific white sided porpoises, harbor seals, lots of glaciers, and hot pools, incredible totem poles, and even a Gelato ice cream store. All set in the most beautiful scenery you could imagine — snow-covered mountains, lush rain forests and water all over. We spent a lot of time on ferries and boats going to and fro, but between the boat travel, we hiked, kayaked and even paddle-boated. All of the above plus friendly residents and no traffic, gave us a feeling that we were in a time warp of many years ago — a very refreshing experience. If any of you have not been to Alaska I urge you to go.

Back to today — OGC has a fun year ahead. Our capable board is planning a full year of activities. The program is already established: along with two picnics — fall at the Zischke's and spring at Bruns Amphitheatre — we'll celebrate OGC's 70th anniversary in conjunction with our May in-house flower show. A conservation trip in September, the Batmam in October, fabulous horticulture meetings, a jewelry making class, and other interesting activities will fill a busy year. Should be something for everyone — I look forward to seeing you, Joyce

## CALENDAR

### BOUQUETS

Monday, Sept 11th  
Jan Bristows 10:00

### WAGNER RANCH NATURE AREA

Sept. 13 9:00am

### GENERAL MEETING/ FALL PICNIC

Sept. 28 10:30  
Midge Zischke's

### CONSERVATION

Redwoods Tour  
Sept. 17

"Batmam Flies"  
October 19

### FLOWER /ARRANGING

Jewelry Class  
October 13 9:30

### HORTICULTURE

Potomac H<sub>2</sub>O Works  
Sept 21 10:00

### GHF AUSTIN ROSES

Wed, Sept 6, Wed, Sept 20,  
Mon, Oct 2, Wed, Oct 18 &  
Mon, Nov. 6

### BOARD MEETING

October 3  
Janet Riley's 9:45

### BOOK FAIR/PLANT SALE

Oct 7 Orinda Library  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

PRICING Oct. 6  
10:00 to noon

### FORGET-ME-NOTS DEADLINE

## HORTICULTURE

Fieldtrip to Potomac Water Works

September 21st: 10:00

Car pool from the OCC lower lot — 9:30

The horticulture program for this year is starting off with a trip to Potomac Waterworks in Oakland, a unique and delightful home and garden, owned by landscape architect Paul Cowley and his artist wife, Robin



Cowley. Paul specializes in water features, and in this peaceful and creative setting the combination of plants and water is extraordinary. Please call or e-mail me to make your reservation. Sue Ann Manners

## FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Jewelry Workshop OCC

“Magic of Nature”

Wednesday, October 11 9:30

Jewelry workshop and demonstration by Emily Lapham of Philadelphia, first place award winner at many GCA flower shows. Emily uses seed pods, leaves, etc. which she turns into beautiful jewelry before our eyes. The workshop is limited to 30 who sign-up on a first-come basis. Class fee will be \$30 to cover Emily's expenses (shared with Piedmont GC). Call me to enroll — Heather Dunne

## AUSTIN ROSES AT GHF

Wed, Sept 6, Wed, Sept 20, Mon, Oct 2, Wed, Oct 18 and Mon, Nov 6.

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. We really need help on Wednesday, Sept 6. 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 . . .

“BATMAM FLIES INTO ORINDA”

October, 19 OCC 4:30

OGC has a special Halloween treat for all when “Batmam” flies into Orinda! All are invited — your family & friends in the community; school age children — first grade and older only please.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Pat Winter, aka “Batmam” who will begin her program promptly at 5:00. We need to be seated in the darkened Orinda Room so her little “Perch Potatoes” can make their appearance at that time.

Pat will bring a variety of bats for viewing and will give a slide presentation and discuss the ecological importance of bats in tropical rain forests and farming areas. Those who have heard her speak know what a fascinating, enthusiastic and passionate naturalist she is. Pat will be happy to answer any questions you may have after her presentation.

Look for a sign up sheet at the September meeting. Space is limited to 120. All are invited to stay on for cocktails and dinner after the presentation. Please make your dinner reservations directly with the club as soon as possible.

Janet Pease & Nannie Montgomery

## REDWOODS TRIP

Sunday, Sept 17 – Tuesday, Sept 19

Ten OGC members and six Carmel GC will be traveling to enjoy the beautiful redwoods. We can fit in one more from OGC, and will be happy to start a waiting list! A great trip is planned — Call Jane Ryan if you would like to be included.



## OGC CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Friday, December 8

Erin Holland's

Please think about which room you would like to decorate, maybe with a friend. We also need volunteers for the food committee. I will send a clip board around at the September meeting. If you want more information before the meeting please call Dayna.

## OGC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

**Judy Gray** was born and raised in Chicago and graduated from Evanston Township High School. She attended the University of Arizona, Tucson, majoring in Interior Design with a minor in Art, and graduated in 1965. She subsequently worked in Tucson as an interior designer for a period of years while her husband Russ attended grad school there.

She and Russ moved to Los Altos in 1969, and subsequently to Orinda in 1972, when Russ began teaching at Cal. Sons Matt and Ryan were both born in California.

During the eighties she worked at Art Ability in Orinda and Branching Out in Alamo, and then subsequently for twelve years as a floral designer at Impressions in Theater Square. She's participated in classes with Ron Morgan and Soho Sakai, among others.

Judy's interests include gardening, golf, horseback riding, tennis, bridge, travel, antiques, and art...and long walks on the beach.

**Lexie Corbitt:** I grew up in Westchester County, about an hour from New York City and went to the University of Denver receiving a masters in Special Education. I moved to San Francisco with some friends where I taught children with learning disabilities at a state residential school for seven years.

My husband Steve and I were married in 1980 and moved to the Oakland hills where our first child, Matthew, was born. We moved to Orinda in 1984, when I was pregnant with Lindsay, our second child and made it into our new house just two weeks before she was born. I wanted to see if I could add just a little more stress to the anxiety of moving. This model of planning was topped only by the birth of our third child, Christine, several years later — on Christmas Day!

Throughout the children's school years, I was active in the parents' clubs at Sleepy Hollow, OIS and Miramonte. I enjoy gardening, flower arranging, cooking and entertaining. The entertaining has slowed significantly since my husband started behaving like a guest at all our parties! Two of our children are out of college while our youngest will be a junior at Miramonte.

I am delighted to be a part of the Orinda Garden Club and look forward to learning from the pro's!

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### BIRDHAUS ENTRIES DUE NOW!

If you haven't already done so, will those who are entering the Bird Haus exhibit please bring your photo entries to Joan Andrews, Jean Rowe or Jackie Voigt now! The exhibit will be held on Sunday, Sept 10 at Theater Square and we need your pictures ahead of time to prepare the display. Please call or email us if you have any questions. You can submit an unlimited number of photos for the Bird Haus exhibit.

Our In House exhibit will be shown at our September meeting at Midge's and we can receive those photographs now through Sept 11. All instructions and information are available at our web site: [orindagardenclub.org/OGCPhotoShow.htm](http://orindagardenclub.org/OGCPhotoShow.htm). Joan

## BOOK FAIR/PLANT SALE

**October 7 10:00 to 2:00 Orinda Library**

**Pricing — October 6, 10:00 to noon**

Active members are required to donate a minimum of five plants for the sale or, if not, send a \$15.00 check made out to OGC to Caroline Hayes. Plants, labeled with the botanical or common name, may be brought to Betty Lou Lang's, 4 Vista del Mar, starting Oct. 2 through Oct.5. (Please place them in the patio inside the black gate on the left). All plants must be delivered before Oct. 6. From past experience, native plants and herbs sell well. I will pass a sign-up around at the meeting for help in pricing and staffing the booth or call me if you know you can participate. As always, pricing gives our members the chance to buy plants before the sale. Thanks for your help in making another successful plant sale — Caroline Hayes

## FALL PICNIC & MEETING

**MIDGE ZISCHKE'S 10:30**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **will attend the picnic**

**Enclosed is my check for \$15  
Make check out to OGC and send to  
Pam Wiley, 10 Tappan Court  
no later than September 20**

## OGC UPDATES:

**By-Laws:** Please note and read thoroughly the extra page describing the proposed by-law change which is to be voted on at the September meeting.

### “Bag Lunch”:

After the great success of our “Bag Lunch” last year, a repeat is planned following the October meeting. Hostesses who simply provide a table, drink and cookie are needed. Please sign-up at the upcoming meeting for this fun gathering. Thanks, Patty & Caroline

### Change in Status:

Daphne Bertero — associate  
Bev Bloodworth — active-non-resident  
Marian Handy — resigned  
Jeanette Howard — resigned  
Mary Pilara — sustaining  
Barbara Wise — resigned

### In Memorium

Our deepest sympathy to Sandy Denny on the loss of her husband, Charles who has always been very supportive of Sandy’s dedication to the California Redwoods and her other garden club activities.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ORINDA ART COUNCIL

#### *Bird Haus Auction and Gala*

Saturday, Sept 9, 6:30 to 10:30pm  
Orinda Community Center Sculpture Garden. Tickets (\$120 each) are available from the Orinda Arts Council. P.O.Box 121, Orinda

### THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

#### *Garden Tour & Fieldtrip to SEBASTOPOL*

SUNDAY, September 24 8:30am – 5pm  
\$65 GHF member/\$75 non-member  
Registration required by: September 15th  
Call 947-1678 or Jean Rowe for more info.  
*Visit 3 Garden Conservatory gardens, Emirisa nursery, lunch in Kendall/Jackson garden, transportation provided, space limited*

### GHF Plant Sale

Saturday, September 17  
9:00 to noon

### STRYBING

Sept 9 Monthly sale Call 415-661-3090  
Sept 14 Sale of trees, ferns and rhodies

### RUTH BANCROFT GARDEN

Oct 21 — lecture “The Influence of Mexico on Calif Gardens” call 561-7895 for more info

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