



Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club
Member of Garden Club of America

February 2007

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 22, 2007
Orinda Country Club
9:30am coffee, 10:00am meeting

RALPH OSTERLING

Why Garden?

Ralph Osterling will conduct an interactive discussion with us on the theory, practice, and psychology of gardening. He will begin with important updates including sudden oak death and will then discuss with us how all communication with the outdoors and the wild comes back to the garden. Please bring your questions and be part of a stimulating discussion with this knowledgeable and experienced arborist and forester. We are in for a treat! Bobbie & Pam



President's Corner

One of the fun things about being President is being able to write a monthly article on topics of my choice. This past year I have been keeping track (roughly) of the number of volunteer hours our club puts in on various community activities. Would you believe it is close to 700 hours? I added up Bouquets, rose garden, Wagner Ranch, the triangle and the off ramp, the plant sale for the library, plus Orinda clean-up day, and Shakespeare. None of that includes traveling time. Thank you all for your hard work.

I just finished doing two propagation classes for our newest members for the upcoming flower show and we are so fortunate to have such enthusiastic (and a little nervous!) women participating in this education exhibit for the public. We did many different species of zonal Pelargoniums and I know the public and all of you will enjoy seeing this. Wish us luck on the success of these cuttings!
Joyce

CALENDAR

BOUQUETS

February 12 10:00
Lisa Jorgens'

HORTICULTURE

February 15 2:00
Midge Zischke's

GENERAL MEETING

February 22 OCC

BOARD MEETINGS

Tues, March 6
Pat Winther's 9:45

FIESTA ! COMMITTEE

Tues, February 6
1:00 OCC

PHOTO WORKSHOP
Wed, February 28 2:00

FMN DEADLINE
February 28

*** FIESTA ! ***
Friday, May 4

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, February 15 2 pm

Midge Zischke's



What plans do you have for your garden this spring? Do they include adding a garden feature? While gathering pictures for the GCA's Archives of American Gardens, Jackie Voigt and Betsy Bingham have amassed a collection of pictures of garden features. It is often these features that put a

personal stamp on a garden. There are bird-baths, fountains, birdhouses, gates, pots, sculptures, statues, even rocks and more. Slides from twenty members' gardens will be shown at Jackie's home. Come see! Isa Mary

FLOWER SHOW

Tuesday, February 6 1:00 OCC
Fiesta! Committee meeting

Submit your entries now for the OGC *Fiesta!* flower show — flower arranging, horticulture and photography. All members should plan on participating one way or another. Call your class consultant to answer any questions you might have about your entry. Heather & Phoebe

FLOWER ARRANGERS ATTENTION:

Gail invites anyone who has questions concerning a *Fiesta!* flower show entry to call her for help. She is eager to help/mentor anyone who is having problems getting started with an idea, help with mechanics etc. New members are urged to call. "In House" shows are "user friendly" and your participation is needed.

FROM CONSERVATION . . .

Tuesday, May 22

Bay Area Ridge Trail Hike (Save the date)

The Conservation committee endeavors to inform the membership concerning the organizations receiving contributions from OGC, and will report on several of them over the next few months



SAVING THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH

The spotlight is on The Nature Conservancy, a nonprofit organization based in Arlington, Virginia. Their byline is: "Saving the Last Great Places on Earth". Web site is: nature.org. The emphasis of the Conservancy is on the threats to our oceans and seas from pollution, over-fishing and warming. Recent projects include working to save the coral reefs of the Florida Keys, buying trawlers and fishing permits from fisherman operating out of Morro Bay (putting them out of service to eliminate deepwater trawling, which destroys the habitat) and playing a key role in establishing a conservation society in the Micronesian nation of Palau, whose waters are regarded as one of the seven underwater wonders of the world.

The Nature Conservancy receives a **** (the highest rating from **Charity Navigator**, an organization that analyzes hundreds of charities for their effectiveness). MJ & Jane

PHOTO WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 28 2 pm
Suanne Inman's

**ENTER FIESTA'S PHOTO CLASSES
LEARN HOW AT THE ORINDA/PIEDMONT GC
PHOTO WORKSHOP AT SUANNE INMAN'S**

You take the picture. We'll show you how to enter. Open to all Orinda and Piedmont Garden Club members, Judging Program members Margy Pengelly, Mary Wood and Joan Andrews will give you hints on entering, preparing your photograph and tell you what the judges will be looking for. There will be plenty of information for novices and veteran photographers alike. Both clubs will be having flower shows in May. Our Photography Workshop will make entering easy. Joan

OGC UPDATES

MINI-LUNCHEONS:

Arrangements are being made for the March mini-luncheons. Please call Caroline Hayes or Patty Bryant if you wish to hostess or participate.

MEETINGS:

There were a number of complaints following the last meeting of people talking during the speaker's presentation. It would be appreciated by all if conversations could be avoided until the end of the program.

Thank you very much. Joyce

NOMINATING:

The nominating committee presents the following slate for membership approval at the February meeting:

President, Gina Field

Vice-president, Heather Dunne

Treasurer, Kathy French

Corresponding Secretary, Janet Riley

Recording Secretary, Carol Wolfman

Committee members: Jenifer Brunk, ch, Jane Zuercher, Carol Wolfman, Pat Winther

MEMBERSHIP:

• NEW MEMBERS

Membership chair, DD Felton is accepting new member proposals until March 15th..

• STATUS CHANGES

All changes of status must be submitted by March 1st.

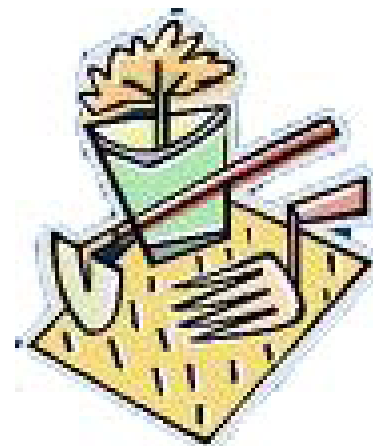
February in your Garden with Joyce

Let's take a February stroll through your garden — even with all the frost we have had there are garden chores that need to be done:

0 Freeze Damage — Wait on pruning deciduous plants damaged by the frost to see if they have survived. New growth will start at the bottom or leaf bud, etc. The slimy leaves of agapanthus can be removed and you can hope the bulbs survived. Grapevines, cane berries and fruit trees can be pruned but no fertilizing yet in case we have more frost. Azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons, forsythias and weigela should be pruned after bloom and not at this time. Ferns damaged by frost should be cut to their base. Most will come back. Wait on fuchsias. It is too early.

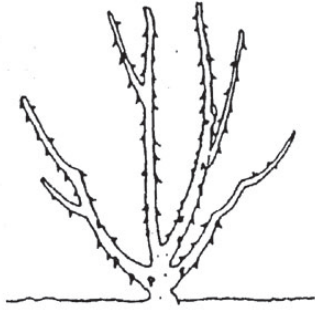
0 Roseoligy — You can plant bareroot roses and prune those in your garden. After pruning, hold off on fertilizing until you see the buds begin to swell. At that point the frost should be behind us and you can give the roses nitrogen. I plan to use alfalfa meal for the nitrogen. Later on you can use **Patty Bryant's Formula**. Dormant spray should be finished before flower and leaf buds swell. A non-toxic spray is Horticultural Oil, with which we have had great success. Add sulfur or copper for a fungicide.

0 Bulboligy — If you have blooming spring bulbs, begin to fertilize them as soon as the blooms begin to fade and while the foliage is still green. Let the foliage die down before removing it.



AUSTIN ROSES AT GHF

AUSTIN ROSES READY FOR SPRING BLOOM



Thanks to all the volunteers who pruned the Austins at the Gardens at Heather Farm. Twenty-five members gave their all to make them beautiful for Spring and some even

came more than once. It took us three sessions but I am happy to report the roses are all clipped and ready to grow. Our volunteers who came twice included Diana Caldwell, June Cunningham, Helen Richards, Susie Manners, Janet Riley and Sis Curtis. Also present were Margy Murphy, Diana Kennedy, Phoebe Kahl, Jean Rowe, Lisa Jorgens, Lani Schulte, Dena Raffel, Suanne Inman, Maxine Johnson, Midge Zischke, Dona Snow, Lorene Quist, Erin Holland, Dayna Taylor, Isa Mary Ziegler, Betty Lou Lange, Caroline Hayes and Lexie Corbitt. We thank you all. Joan

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

- ANTIQUE APPRAISAL EVENT
Sunday, February 25 1:00 - 5:00
- INTRODUCTION TO ORCHIDS
March 10 9:3 - 12:00
- CALIF NATIVE PLANTS/PERENNIALS
Susan Handijian & Patrice Hanlon
March 24

call GHF 947-1678 for reservation & more info
gardenshf.org

CAMELLIA SHOW

February 10-11
County Fair Bldg, 9th & Lincoln, SF

ORCHID FANTASIA

February 15-18 Fort Mason, SF

TULIP FESTIVAL, MT VIEW CEMETARY

(Oakland, off Piedmont Ave)
March 30 - April 1
Flower show & garden display.