



Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club
Member of Garden Club of America

September 2007

SEPTEMBER MEETING TOUR & PICNIC

Thursday, September 27

Orinda City Office Community Room

9:30am coffee 10:00am Meeting (please note early start)



We have a great opportunity to go behind the scenes and meet the people who make Orinda work.

Speakers will be:

- Janet Keeter, City Manager
- Amy Worth
- Bill French, Police Chief

It should be a very interesting and informative meeting.

Please park once on Santa Maria Way or Altarinda Way and please carpool. Our picnic will be in the pavilion at the park so wear your walking shoes. We will ferry you back to your car after lunch if you need assistance. See you there. Lani and Dona

President's Corner

Hello and welcome back to garden club for what I know will be another stellar year. The Program, Horticulture and Conservation chairs have arranged wonderful and exciting speakers, trips and events. I am thrilled and proud to be your "new leader" and to work, enjoy and have fun with such an exceptional group of women.

There are a couple of specific things on my mind for the coming year —

- I would like to see all OGC members active and fully participating in club activities.*
- I hope OGC's commitment and involvement with Orinda and the immediate community will remain active and strong.*
- OGC has always had outstanding horticulture events and participation. Now is the time for us to become more knowledgeable and committed to conservation and all aspects of saving and sustaining not only our local gardens and wildlife, but the entire earth. "Act Locally and Think Globally" has never been more true.*

These are a few of my thoughts and wishes. What are yours? Call or e-mail me anytime. Gina

CALENDAR

BOUQUETS

Monday, September 10
10:00 Joyce Nelson's

WAGNER RANCH NATURE AREA

Thursday, Sept. 13 9:00

HORTICULTURE & CONSERVATION

Thursday, Sept. 20
9:30

MEETING & PICNIC

Thursday, Sept 27
Orinda City Office

AUSTIN ROSES AT GHF

Wednesday, Sept 5,
Monday, Sept. 17,
Wednesday, Oct 3,
Monday, Oct 15
Wednesday, Oct 31

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd —
Mayann Schou's

MEETING & BAG LUNCH

October 25

FMN DEADLINE

Sept 26

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, Sept. 20 9:30
Hort. & Conservation meeting
Susan Handjian

"And it never failed that during the dry years the people forgot all about the rich years, and during the wet years they lost all memory of the dry years. It was always that way." John Steinbeck, "East of Eden"

Let's conserve water and save up to 30% on our water bill. An expert EBMUD landscape specialist, Susan Handjian, will help us understand how to water our gardens efficiently and show us how to check our irrigation schedules and sprinkler systems. As you know, we should all be aware everyone needs to keep up with the latest water conservation techniques. Please RSVP to Diana, Susie, or Cathleen, Hort & Conservation chairs



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Thursday, Sept. 13 9:00

Work day in the Nature Area at Wagner Ranch
This is an opportunity for you to see this wonderful area in our own community. Toris will be on hand to inform and guide us. Diana

LIBRARY FLOWERS

Thanks to the following OGC members who generously provided flower bouquets at the Orinda Library: Carole Amstutz, Helen Richards, Diana Kennedy, Charlotte Guppy, Laurie Smith, Jane Zuercher, Janet Pease, Janet Cotter, Lisa Jorgens, Nath Schmicher, Ruth Fortune, Sandy Barnett, Nancy Dickmeyer — Margie

CONSERVATION . . .

"Greenie"

Recycling is good, but it's still a burden on the environment. Reduce & Reuse. Recycling can cut the flow of resources and reduce what goes to the dump by 20% to 30%, but it still requires transporting, grinding, purifying and processing. Reusing can cut all this even more. Use as many items as you practically can multiple times before disposing of them — and then recycle them. (The Conservation Committee will provide us with a green thought, a Greenie, each month in the FMN. Thanks to Cathleen et al)

AUSTIN ROSES AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

Wednesday, Sept 5, Monday, Sept. 17,
Wednesday, Oct. 3, Monday Oct. 15
Wednesday, Oct. 31

I want to thank all you volunteers who helped keep the Austin Roses blooming so nicely this summer at the GHF. I think it was one of the most beautiful summers in the Gardens. And, guess what? I have our Fall schedule all set and hope you will join us. Please email or call me and I will put you down for any date up to October 31. The routine is the same: arrive at 9, work till 10:30 (no later), bring gloves, clippers, a weeder....and a great big smile! Many thanks. Joan

MINI-LUNCHEONS

October 25

A mini "bag" luncheon is planned to follow the October meeting. Hostesses are needed. A sign-up will be at the September meeting for those wishing to participate, hostess and co-hostess. Thanks MJ



WEB & EMAIL UPDATES — Remember, The *Forget-Me-Nots* is posted on the OGC web page each month along with the meeting minutes. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email rather than regular mail, please let the web master, Jean, know and you will receive a "heads up" email when it's posted. If you already receive it by email there is no need to sign up again. Don't forget the web page as a source of OGC activities and news. www.orindagardenclub.org

OGC UPDATES

OGC WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS:

Ann Cinderey was born and raised in Berkeley, and graduated from Presentation High School and U.C. Davis. Following graduation, Ann started her career in food communications with Ketchum Public Relations in San Francisco and Los Angeles. In 1988, she and her husband John were married and they moved from Pasadena to Oakland's Trestle Glen neighborhood. Their daughter, Megan, was born in 1990. The following year, Ann and John happily re-settled into their Sleepy Hollow home. Ann eventually adjusted her career to part-time and became active in the Parent's Association at Sleepy Hollow School, and more recently has devoted her volunteer time to the Lombardy Branch of Children's Hospital and Head-Royce School. The family takes yearly 'golf' vacations to favorite destinations, especially Hawaii. They also travel to England and Scotland where they enjoy visiting friends and family, playing golf, and discovering formal as well as country gardens. At home, Ann's interests are gardening, cooking, and the Oakland A's!

Lynn Whittington Garrett — I grew up in Stockton followed by a move to Reno where I attended high school and then graduated from UC Davis. Formerly I was Human Resources Manager for Emporium-Capwell. Presently my husband, Phil and I have three children, Tyler and Whitney, both 24 and Jack who is 11. I am active in Orinda schools, Santa Maria Church, OCC swim team and whatever sport Jack is playing. I do plant color in my garden and planted my first vegetable garden this year about which I am very proud. I have a huge learning curve with this group!

Lisa D'Amante Stefan — Upon graduating from Miramonte High School I attended Cal Berkeley where I spent far more time planning perennial gardens for my boyfriend's — now husband's — house than writing my history thesis. Married to lifelong Orinda resident Mark Stefan for 25 years, we have a son Nick and a daughter Jordan. I'm an OCC bridge marathon player, veteran book club member, golf player, peony enthusiast, black-eyed gerbera devotee and owner of two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. I have an all-white garden with 130 roses that take a multitude of weekends to prune in the late fall. I'm thrilled to be a new member of the Orinda Garden Club and looking forward to "working in the garden" with everyone in the coming years!

Pamela Stefan — I grew up in Orinda where I was fortunate to be surrounded by neighbors who were not only knowledgeable gardeners, but were anxious to pass their knowledge and love for gardening on to me! I attended UC Davis where I majored in Landscape Architecture and was a member of Tri Delta Sorority. After graduating, I worked as a landscape designer for two commercial landscape design firms. I eventually started my own residential landscape design business — Designs with Nature, from which I took a sabbatical in order to raise my family. I am married to Clint Stefan, also from Orinda, and we have two daughters, three cats, and a dog. I am currently active in: Hill Branch, of Children's Hospital, Orinda Valley Garden Club; and the Alumnae Chapter of Tri Delta, and of course all aspects of gardening. I am so looking forward to being an active member of Orinda Garden Club! ~ Pamela

Picnic in the Park

Please send your check to Karin Carroll 651 Crossridge Court

Name _____

Reservations @ \$16 per person

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Last year the OGC received an offer from Joseph Cleary, internationally acclaimed artist, to do a statue for the city of Orinda, via the Orinda Garden Club. There would be no money to Mr. Cleary or the City! The cost to OGC would be the foundry fee and installation charges for the bronze statue. This amount could be anywhere between \$5,000 & \$20,000 depending on the size. Joe and I discussed the possibility of a statue in the triangle, and the statue would not be huge! Would you like me to pursue this? What are your reactions? Please call or e-mail me with your thoughts. Joyce

MT. DIABLO NURSERY & GARDEN, formerly Harry's Nursery located on Mt. Diablo Blvd in Lafayette, is offering all OGC members a 10% discount on all purchases.

The Orinda Garden Club
Post Office Box 34
Orinda California 94563

COMMUNITY EVENTS

“FLORAL SCULPTURES”

Oakland Museum of California

Saturday, October 13, 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, October 14, noon to 5 pm.

Floral designs created by Soho Study Group members including Heather Dunne, Phoebe Kahl, Mari Tischenko, Diana Kennedy, Mary Smith & Gail Emmons will be displayed throughout the museum. For more information on the special demonstrations, call Gail

GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

Saturday, September 29 9 to noon

Plant Sale

Mediterranean plants from EBMUD book “Plants & Landscapes for Summer Dry Climates”

10% discount to GHF members

