

Forget- Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 24

9:30 coffee 10:00 meeting OCC

Joint meeting with Piedmont GC

Debra Prinzing —

“Creating Backyard Destinations”

April 2008 Calendar

Bouquets

Monday, April 14

Lisa Jorgens's 10:00

Wagner Ranch Nature Area

Thursday, April 17 9:00

Wildlife Festival &

Bell Dedication 2:00

Sunday, April 20 1 - 4

Horticulture

Thursday, April 17 10:00

Katherine Greenberg's

Flower Arranging Workshop

Wednesday, April 2 9:30

St. Stephen's

General Meeting

Thursday, April 24 OCC

Joint meeting with Piedmont

GHF Roses

April 30, May 12, May 28,

June 9, June 25 9:00

FMN Deadline

Monday, April 28

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 9:45

Joyce Nelson's

note date change

Debra Prinzing comes to us from Southern California. She is on the board of *Pacific Horticulture* magazine with Isa Mary Ziegler. Her forthcoming book “Stylish Sheds and Elegant Hideaways” has just been published, and is based on several years of design ideas about architecture and interiors of garden sheds. She explores the many ways people are maximizing their small backyard structures, especially for pursuing their passions be it gardening, art, entertaining, meditation or play. If you are thinking about redesigning your backyard in reality or in your mind, I think you will enjoy this talk. Lani

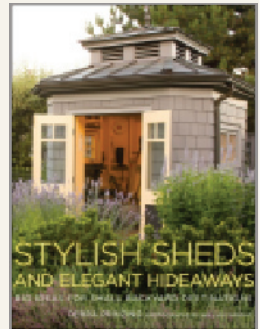
Presidents Corner

February's General Meeting was terrific. The conservation speaker, Alexis Strauss of the EPA, gave us much to think about and the library auditorium worked well as a sub for OCC. Thanks to Dona, Lani, Kris, Cathleen, Midge and Amy.

Last Thursday's Guest Day meeting was wonderful. The business meeting had good information on GCA/Founders Fund and Joyce's and Kirsten's excellent and thought provoking report on this year's NAL Washington meeting. But, Oh that Soho! Her eleven arrangements were absolutely beautiful – really sheer poetry. As Lani said, Soho makes it all look “ho so easy”. OGC is proud Soho is an honorary member.

This year's “Bouquets to Art” was a stunning success for OGC entrants Heather and Mari T., Gail, Diana K. and Phoebe. Approximately 40,000 people viewed the show at the de Young Museum.

On a personal note, the wildflowers in and around Joshua Tree National Park were/are glorious. And I hear the Anza Borrego area is even more spectacular. If you have an opportunity, GO see the biggest wildflower show in decades. Gina



WAGNER RANCH NATURE AREA

Thursday, April 17 9:00

Workday

Sunday, April 20 1 to 4

Wildlife Festival

Bell Dedication at 2:00

BOUQUETS

Monday, April 14 10:00

Lisa Jorgens's



OGC Bouquets committee's beautiful floral arrangements on their way to the patients at the county hospital

AUSTIN ROSES AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

Wednesday, April 30, Monday, May 12,

Wednesday, May 28, Monday,

June 9 and Wednesday, 25

SIGN UP NOW FOR SPRING ENGLISH ROSE PRUNING —

Our English roses at GHF are alive and healthy. Sign up now to help dead head. We will meet at 9 a.m. and with lots of volunteers we should be finished by 10:30 max. Email or call me and I'll put you on the list. When you come, bring your camera. We will have a rose photography exhibit at our September meeting which will be held at the Gardens. Give it a try. You'll have a ball! Joan

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

April 2, 9:30

St. Stephens Church

All you need to bring are clippers, scissors, and bowl to cut under water. Fee: \$35.00 should be sent to Phoebe ...

HORTICULTURE

Adopt the pace of nature;

her secret is patience.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thursday, April 17 10:00

Katherine Greenberg's garden
1232 Cambridge Drive, Lafayette

It gives us great pleasure to have a workshop with Katherine Greenberg in her garden in Lafayette. She has a beautiful garden with native California plants that thrive well and demonstrate a water-wise approach to gardening. Several native plant communities are represented, including oak woodland, chaparral, grassland, and redwood forest. She will discuss her garden which reflects the natural landscape of the valley and will pass out informational materials on which plants adapt to the gardens in the Bay Area. Please park on the street.

Please email or phone if you will attend by Friday, April 11th. Diana and Susie

CONSERVATION

"Greenie"

Bee Season?

As you know there is a shortage of bees this year and we have a way for you to help! SF State Biology Associate Professor Gretchen LeBuhn is heading up the **Great Sunflower Project**. Lebuhn is undertaking a national survey on bee pollination and seeks volunteers who will grow sunflowers and record the numbers and kinds of bees they attract. She estimates this should take no more than 30 minutes twice a month. Those who sign up will receive a kit containing seeds, data forms and pertinent information. For more info go to www.greatsunflower.org or 415-847-1716. No procrastinating on pollinating — the plants should be flowering by **National Pollinators Week**, June 23-28. Cathleen



PHOTOGRAPHY

IT'S PICTURE TAKING TIME!

Sign up now for our photography exhibit at the May meeting. Grab your camera and start taking pictures. Deadline to receive entries is Monday, May 12.

Class I: A dramatic shot of one of the sculpture pieces currently on display in the library entry and sculpture garden

Class II: A photograph taken by OGC members of the Macro Photography Class offered on March 26 at the Tilden Botanic Garden. (a maximum of two photographs per student)

Class III: A landscape photograph taken by an OGC member of her garden

Deadline for enrollment: Monday, May 12

All entries should be delivered to Joan Andrews by Monday, May 19.

PHOTO EXHIBIT OF ENGLISH ROSES

You have all summer to photograph the English roses at Gardens at Heather Farm.

Class i a single flower

Class ii a close up of more than one bloom

Class iii a view of the rose garden

Deadline for enrollment: August 1

Entries to be delivered to Joan Andrews Monday, September 15th

Rules: Rules for May and September exhibits are posted on the OGC website at www.orindagardenclub.org

OGC UP-DATES

Congratulations in order for two OGC members: Evie Cranston has been appointed to a new GCA position, Vice-chairman, GCA National Judging Committee May 2008 -2010.

Joyce Nelson has accepted the position of Zone XII Representative on the GCA Founders Fund Committee for 2008-2010.

New OGC Officers —
Jean Rowe, Treasurer
Gray Hynes, Recording Secretary
Pam Wiley, Corresponding Secretary
Congratulation to all!

Members change of status:
From active to associate —
Dayna Taylor
Mary Smith
Mayann Schou
Diana Caldwell

Roster Change:
Evie Cranston
7501 E. Golden Eagle Circle
Golden Canyon, AZ 85218
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Change of date for May Board meeting to May 13 at Joyce Nelson's



Garden Calendar Diary

OGC Ways & Means Committee is working on a calendar diary to be published and sold to our members and friends. There will be photos of our gardens along with timely garden tips, recipes and floral arranging tidbits included in this fun project.

In the near future, watch for an email describing how you can get involved and are needed to enrich the diary. We all will be much needed participants ... thanks Ruth

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE LAFAYETTE ART GALLERY

“GARDEN PARTY” ART SHOW

at 50 Lafayette Circle April 8-12

Featuring floral designs by OGC members
(Phoebe, Mari, Heather and Gina) — This is a
Mini Bouquets to Art.

GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 19 9 - noon

GHF members 10% discount on purchases

Featuring Calif natives and plants from EBMUD
book

THE FRIENDS OF THE REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 19 10 to 3

Botanic Garden in Tilden Park.

WOODSIDE/ATHERTON GARDEN CLUB

PLANT SALE

April 26th from 10-2

Woodside library native garden, which is
behind the library. Featuring a special
focus on “pollinator friendly” plants.

LAFAYETTE GARDEN CLUB

GARDEN TOUR

Thursday, May 8 10 - 3:30

tickets \$25

Garden tour of six Lafayette gardens for
more info wendishive@hotmail.com
or Carole Amstutz

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA GC

FLOWER SHOW

Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17

two additional speakers

for more info www.sunsetcenter.org or
(831) 620-2048



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