



# Forget- Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club

## GENERAL MEETING & PICNIC

Thursday, May 22 10:30  
MJ Walburg's

### May 2008 Calendar

#### Wagner Ranch Nature Area

Thursday, May 8 9:00  
workday

#### Bouquets

Monday, May 12 10:00  
Lexie Corbitt's  
Monday, June 9 10:00  
Luncheon

#### Horticulture

Thursday, May 15 9:30  
Clematis tour

#### General Meeting/Picnic

Thursday, May 22 10:30  
MJ Walburg's

#### New Member Orientation

Tuesday, May 27 10:00  
Heather Dunne's

#### Board Meeting

##### Old & New Board

June 3rd - 10:30  
Gina Field's

#### FMN Deadline

Monday, August 28

#### Book Fair

Saturday, October 4

Welcome to our home built for us thirty-two years ago. Over the years quite a transformation has occurred in the interior and the garden as well. Challenged with multi-level topography, the garden has evolved into distinct sections anchored by an ancient oak tree. Our favorite activity is to enjoy the magnificent view from our deck with family & friends. I am looking forward to enjoying it with OGC at the picnic. MJ

OGC photographers will be displaying their photos taken throughout the year for your vote. Please fill out the tear-off on page three for your lunch reservation.

Dona & Lani

### *Presidents Corner*

*This is the last issue of FMN for the 2007-08 year. It has been a wonderful year for me and I hope for all of you. The general meeting programs have been exceptional, and the horticulture and conservation chairs have done a sensational job. OGC has made progress, though it has been just a bit trying to say the least, in working with the city and the community in general on beautification and environmental issues. We hope to continue that progress next year.*

*Thanks to the members who worked unstintingly to make OGC such an outstanding club. I was very proud of us at the Zone Meeting in Pasadena last week. I will be equally proud at the Annual Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia next week.*

*Kudos to June for all her hard work and such a fine job editing the Forget-Me-Nots. Again thanks to all members of OGC. You made me look and feel very good this year.*

Gina

## WAGNER RANCH NATURE AREA

Thursday, May 8 9:00  
workday

This will be our last regularly scheduled workday until fall, but I'm sure Toris would welcome any time you can spare during this summer. Diana

## BOUQUETS

Monday, May 12  
Lexie Corbitt's 10:00

## CONSERVATION

"Greenie"

Mothballs no longer!

When you are thinking about putting your beautiful winter sweaters away for summer, think about using herbs to keep the moths away! In addition avoiding nasty chemicals, your winter wool will smell good instead of bad when you bring them out of storage. For further information and other helpful eco-info, go to [thedailygreen.com](http://thedailygreen.com). Cathleen

## LIBRARY FLOWERS

Thanks to all who signed up for a specific week this summer to bring flowers to the library. We still have four unclaimed weeks: July 21 & 28 and August 11 & 18. If you would like to sign up for one of these dates, please call me or email me at



[jpzuercher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jpzuercher@sbcglobal.net).

I'll pass the sheet around again at the May meeting if there is a need. As I reported

briefly at the April meeting, Margie Murphy initiated this wonderful program a few years back whereby the four local garden clubs take turns during three-month stints providing weekly a simple flower arrangement and/or a plant in a container for the circulation and reference desks at the Orinda Library. I will send out reminders and pertinent information ahead of time for all who signed up. Thanks so much for participating!  
Jane

## HORTICULTURE

Thursday, May 15t  
Chalk Hill Clematis Garden  
OCC lower lot 9:30 to carpool

*"There is simply the clematis; it is perfect in every moment of its existence."*



Kaye Heafy of Chalk Hill Clematis Garden was our guest speaker last fall and we are thrilled to have a tour of her *Mary Toomey Clematis Garden* in Healdsburg. What could be better?

If you are interested, please e-mail us and let us know your boxed lunch selection. The cost is \$16.00 — send a check made out to Diana Kennedy by May 8th.

Baguette sandwiches choices are:

- Smoked Ham & Brie with Mendocino Mustard Butter
- Home-baked Turkey & Pickle with Chipotle Spread
- Roasted Eggplant, Red Peppers, Swiss cheese and artichoke, olive & caper spread

Wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes. It will take approximately an hour and half to drive to the garden, so please don't be late. Meet in the OCC lower parking lot at 9:00 and we'll car pool.  
Diana & Susie

## AUSTIN ROSES AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

May: Monday, 12 & Wednesday, 28

June: Monday, 9 & Wednesday, 25

July: Monday, 7 & Wednesday, 23

August: Monday, 4 & Wednesday, 20

September: Wednesday, 3 & Monday, 15

Roses In Summer — if you have some free time do email me to say what day you are coming. We need lots of help as well you know. As always we will meet at 9:00. See you there,

Joan

## FYI

“Founded in 1913, the Garden Club of America has worked tirelessly over the years on behalf of plants, and is committed to preserving the worldwide system of biodiverse habitats and ecosystems that support them.” This sentence opens the foreword to the National Wildlife Federation’s “The Gardener’s Guide to Global Warming”. Stressing that each individual can help make a difference, the following suggestions are made:

1. Improve your energy efficiency: replace regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs; install outdoor automatic light timers; purchase solar-powered garden products.
2. Reduce the use of gasoline-powered yard tools
3. Reduce the threat of invasive species expansion
4. Incorporate a diversity of native plants into your landscape
5. Reduce water consumption: use mulch and drip irrigation; adjust your water schedule for early morning or late in the afternoon; practice xeriscaping
6. Compost kitchen and garden waste
7. Plant trees to absorb and store carbon dioxide

Larry Schweiger, President of the National Wildlife Federation, spoke at the NAL meeting and gave countless examples of the seriousness of the consequences of our on going climate change, i.e., one million square miles lost in the Arctic last year, leading to further acceleration of world temperatures; sloughing of ice in Greenland adding volume to world oceans; irreversible changes in plant zones leading to a complexity of problems, etc. While we need federal, state and local actions regarding energy and global warming, as conscientious gardeners we can begin to do our part in addressing this challenge.

Kirsten

## ROSE TIPS FROM HUNTINGTON GARDENS PROS:

- Fertilizer with Power Gro when 1st tiny bud appears in spring and again in July.
- Deadhead and remove growth on roses above a three leaf stem as well as customary five leaf stem. Seems to make no difference.

Gina

## OGC UP-DATES

### OGC WELCOMES FIVE NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome Jan Formanek, Rhonda Zaksorn, Judy Shallat, Jane Wisner and Petra Michel Newton, OGC’s new members at the May picnic.

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

#### May 27 10:00 Heather Dunne’s

It would be wonderful if both or one of committee chairs could attend this meeting. You will be asked to describe your job, its joys and rewards. Please let me know if you are coming. Heather

### OUR JUDGES ARE ON THE MOVE:

Evie Cranston and Phoebe Kahl judged in Flower Arranging at the Philadelphia Flower Show and Santa Barbara FS. Judging in Santa Fe were Gail Emmons, Phoebe Kahl and Joan Andrews (Photography), and Bev Bloodworth (passing for horticulture). Heather Dunne is entering flower arranging at the Carmel FS, and Joan Andrews in photography in Chicago. Other judges are looking forward to assignments for next year.

Phoebe

### WAYS & MEANS NEWS:

Enclosed in this issue you will find a unique questionnaire asking for your garden favorites and tidbits to be incorporated into the calendar the W&M committee is organizing. Photographers are visiting members’ gardens and your gardening input is essential to the project. Please add your thoughts on the questionnaire, any part of the questionnaire, blanks are ok, and send it to me.

Ruth

### BOOK FAIR: October 4

OGC will again be participating in the Book Fair — Library/Community Center Plaza. The Conservation and Horticulture Committees will be handing out environmental and horticultural information. There will be a propagation demonstration and some plants and bulbs for sale. There will be no plant requirement from the membership this year.

## Meeting and May Picnic

Thursday, May 22 10:30

MJ Walburg’s

OGC final meeting of the year to be held in MJ’s lovely garden. We will enjoy a delicious picnic lunch catered by Orinda’s own, Barbara LLeuwelyn.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check of \$18 to be sent to Kathy French  
40 La Vuelta by May 15th...



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### FILOLI

Flower Show

May 8 to 11

workshop — “Timeless Landscape Design”

Mary Palmer Dargan

May 14 and May 15 4:00 at Foothill College

### GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

workshop — “Create a Healthy Garden Naturally”

Saturday, May 31 9:00 to 12:30 pm FREE

for more info call 947-1687 or go to [www.gardenshf.org](http://www.gardenshf.org)

### SAN FRANCISCO BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Plant Sales** — May 2-3 Annual Spring Sale,

June 14 — Perennials, July 12 — Salvias & Shurbs

### RUTH BANCROFT GARDEN

**Mother’s Day Tea & Tours**

Sunday, May 11, Noon — Reservations required 944-9352

### GARDEN CONSERVANCY

**Open Days** — Peninsula: Saturday, May 17, 10-4:00, Marin County — Saturday, June 21, Sebastopol Area, Sunday July 27th

For more info call 888-842-2442 or [www.opendaysprogram.org](http://www.opendaysprogram.org)

### THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

invites you to

*Wine and Roses*

Friday, May 30 6:00 to 8:00 pm

wine, hors d’oeuvres, live jazz & roses

call 925-947-1678 for reservation or

[www.gardenshf.org](http://www.gardenshf.org)

*An evening not to be missed!*



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