



Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Coffee 9:30 – meeting 10:00

Bill Toone

“Adventures in Conservation —
From Madagascar to California,
Global Problems with Local Solutions”



November 2008 Calendar

Bouquets

Monday, Nov. 10 10:00

Lorene Quist's

December 8 10:00

Orinda Community Center

January 12, 2009 10:00

Diana Caldwell's

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 11 9:45

Carole Wolfman's

General Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 20 10:00

OCC

Holiday party decorating

Thursday, Nov 13 2:00

Wednesday, Dec 10, 9:00

Thursday, Dec, 11, 9:00

Caldwell's

OGC Holiday Party

Friday, December 12

Caldwell home

FMN Deadline

Monday, Jan 5, 2009

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 13 9:45

DD Felton's

Bill Toone has a Master of Science Degree in Avian Sciences from the University of California at Davis. As a Conservation Program Specialist for the Zoological Society of San Diego, his conservation work has carried him to all corners of the planet, including Antarctica. More and more, Bill and many of his colleagues were worried by the apparent disconnect between quality of life for people and the health of their natural resources, so in 2003 with scientists and colleagues, Bill worked to establish ECOLIFE. After nearly 37 years with the Zoological Society, Bill resigned to take on full time responsibilities leading the ECOLIFE Foundation.

ECOLIFE FOUNDATION

A popular and sought-after speaker, he has made numerous television appearances including The Tonight Show, Good Morning America and The Today Show. Come and be wowed! Dona

Presidents Corner

It's Halloween morning and as I pick up my pen (actually put my fingers on the keyboard) to write a few words about upcoming events I look out the window and see glorious RAIN. And it is supposed to continue raining. Thank the good Lord.

I'd like to thank Lani and Dona for the superb October speaker, Frank Almeda, from the California Academy of Sciences. His presentation made us all want to visit the new academy. We are hoping and planning towards a private docent-led tour of the Academy sometime after the first of the year. Possibly with bus transportation to and from Orinda. If you are interested in a tour, would you give me a call or email.

Jane Ryan and Carole Wolfman are planning wonderful things for our Christmas Party at the Caldwell's home. It is truly going to be beautiful and fun. It is ALWAYS just the very best. See you all there.

This is the last newsletter for 2008. Even though it is only Halloween I want to wish all a most happy and bountiful Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas and mostly a healthy and peaceful New Year. A big hug to everyone. It's great being your president. Gina

BOUQUETS

Monday, November 10 at 10:00
Lorene Quist's home
December 8 1000
Orinda Community Center
January 12, 2009 10:00
Diana Caldwell's

MINI LUNCHES

Many thanks to the following mini bag lunch hostesses: DD Felton, Betsy Bingham, Joyce Nelson, Dena Raffel and Pat Winther. MJ
And many thanks MJ for your efforts in organizing a very enjoyable day for us all...ed

OGC HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, November 13 2:00
Decorator walk-thru
Caldwell's



Decorating schedule:

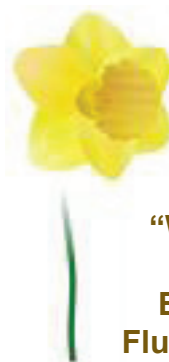
Wednesday, December 10, 9:00 - 4:00
Thursday, December, 11, 9:00 - noon
The following items are needed for decorating: Greens & berries, white lights, garland, lanterns ie. Coleman lanterns, brown/green electrical cords. Please mark all items with your name. Thanks, Carole & Jane

Morning coffee —

Volunteers are needed to bake cookies, make sandwiches and help in the kitchen for the morning coffee. If more information is needed, please call or email. Thanks Marlinda & Sally

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, Nov. 13 9:30
Bulbs, Bulbs, Bulbs
Diana Kennedy's



Little Cups of Gold

**"When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beside the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze...
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance."
W. Wordsworth**

It's time for us to get ready for a rewarding project — planting bulbs. Bulb Baron, Bill Welch, with his wealth of knowledge concerning the varieties of bulbs will give a lecture and have plenty of bulbs for sale. Joyce Nelson will also bring the beautiful paper white narcissus bulbs that look spectacular in our home at this time of the year. Diana & Susie

AUSTIN ROSES AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

Monday, Nov 10
9:00 — Finished no later than 10:30

OGC rose pruning at GHF is in full swing, and the schedule will continue until Thanksgiving. All are welcome! Please call or email Joan Andrews if you can help.

OGC PARTNERS WITH EFO

OGC members pictured with members of the Education Foundation of Orinda celebrated the successful Ewaste collection event. Cathleen Sodos, Amy Worth, Kris Rawson and Midge Zischke, all conservation chairs, spearheaded OGC's Ewaste collection last month which realized over \$700 donated to the EFO.





“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

Friday, December 12

Diana & Bernie Caldwell’s

Coffee 10:00 – 12:00

Shuttle service from Sr. Mark’s Methodist Church
451 Moraga Way beginning at 9:45am

Cocktail/Bufferet 6:00 – 9:00

Shuttle service from St. Mark’s Methodist Church
451 Moraga Way beginning at 5:45pm



“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

Reservation Form

Please send form with your check to Karin Carroll
651 Crossridge Court by December 6

Name _____

Coffee (limited to OGC member and 3 guests) @ \$9.00/person _____

Cocktail/Bufferet (OGC member and spouse/guest) \$80/person _____

CONSERVATION “Greenie”

Wine Cork Recycling

Many of us enjoy a nice bottle of wine on occasion. Have you ever thought of where the cork comes from or where the cork ends up? Cork stoppers are a natural, recyclable, renewable and biodegradable product. Even though corks are biodegradable, it is wise to recycle them. Recycled cork is not reused for cork stoppers but there are other possible applications. Yemm & Hart, a Missouri based green materials company, accepts corks and turns them into a useful, self sustaining product — cork flooring. They thus extend the useful life of a natural resource, and raise awareness of the cork oak tree and its ecosystem.



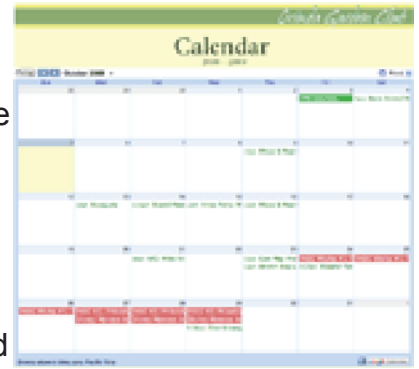
The Chestnut Hill Garden Club of Massachusetts has been participating in an experimental program with Yemm and Hart. Between 2004 and 2007, the company collected one and half tons of pure wine corks. With this, they can make 6750 sq. ft. of ¼” thick cork tile. The plan is to pay for the corks they receive in the future, as cork tile is sold. The Chestnut Hill GC has been collecting corks for about six months. Club members plan to increase their collection locations, have the corks recycled, and eventually make a profit in their endeavor. In the meantime, members are contributing to the sustainability of the planet.

This idea is from GCA’s Con Watch. Please let the Conservation Chairs know if you are interested in starting a program here in Orinda! Cathleen

OGC WEBSITE NEWS

OGC has a new calendar on our website which is designed to keep everyone “in the know” about OGC events. It would be great if all committee chairmen might take a peek at the calendar prior to scheduling their own meetings and events to avoid conflicts.

We’ve also included GCA events and other local horticultural events as well. More coming! Jean



OGC WEB SITE AND NEWSLETTER

Please refer to the OGC web site www.orindagardenclub.org for current meeting minutes, the newsletter and calendar of events. You are encouraged to receive the *Forget-Me-Nots* online to reduce consumption of paper and postage. Please inform Pam Wiley if you wish to do so. Thanks



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