



Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club

GENERAL MEETING & PICNIC

Thursday, September 25 10:00
Gardens at Heather Farm— Gazebo
1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek
10:00 Meeting and speaker
12:00 Lunch

September 2008 Calendar

Bouquets

Monday, Sept. 8 10:00
Ruth Fortune's

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 9 9:45
Margie Murphy's

Horticulture/Conservation

Thursday, Sept 18 9:00
Diana Kennedy's

General Meeting/Picnic

Thursday, Sept. 25 10:00
MJ Walburg's

FMN Deadline

Friday, October 3

Book Fair

Saturday, October 4

Flower Arranging Workshop

Wednesday, October 29
St Stephens Church

October Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 14 9:45
Heather Dunne's

Come early and wander through the beautiful gardens. Patrice Hanlon, GHF Garden Director, will speak to us regarding sustainable practices in the rose garden. She will tell us how she grows the beautiful roses with no chemicals. Box lunches will be served at noon. Please use the order form.



Presidents Corner

Hello to all and welcome to fall and another great year of OGC programs and activities. Committee chairmen have planned terrific meetings, lectures, outings and hands-on workshops for our 2008-09 year. I truly hope that all members will fully participate in and enjoy all these outstanding opportunities. Remember that all OGC members are always welcome at the various committee planning sessions, board meetings, etc.

A special thank you to Pam Wiley and Gray Hynes (new Secretaries), Jean Rowe (Treasurer), Jane Ryan and Carole Wolfman (Christmas party co-chairs). They have taken on big jobs and we appreciate it — Gina

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Wednesday October 29 9:30 am
St. Stephens Church

Create a Fall and versatile table decoration that you can enjoy through the seasons. Price to be determined, all materials and container will be included—Sign up at meeting or call Phoebe or Mari or email

BOUQUETS

Monday, September 8 10:00
Ruth Fortune's

Despite a vehicle plowing into her NEW gate and part way into her kitchen, Ruth is still hosting Bouquets. Thanks Ruth, you are "over the top".

CONSERVATION "Greenie"

Save up to \$500 on your water bill over the next 10 years. Orinda Residents can visit City Hall with a recent water bill — or a picture ID showing an Orinda address — and receive water conservation supplies that EBMUD experts say can cut the average water use for a family by 30 percent. The supplies, free of charge, include shower heads, bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators, toilet leak-detecting dye tablets, toilet bags and garden hose nozzles. For further information call Michele Olsen at 253-4221 or visit www.ebmud.com and click on conserving and recycling for info on conservation rebates and supplies.



LIBRARY FLOWERS

Many thanks to the the following members who this past summer brought lovely flower arrangements or plants to the Orinda Library: Ruth Fortune, Nath Schmicker, Nannie Montgomery, Joyce Nelson,

Lexie Corbitt, Lorene Quist, Janet Cotter, Judy Gray, Pam Goode, Margie Murphy, Pam Wiley, Jan Bristow, and Dona Snow. Library staff and patrons alike very much appreciate our weekly

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, September 18

Horticulture and Conservation Committees

Susan Handjian, EBMUD

Diana Kennedy's 9:00

*"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."
East of Eden by John Steinbeck*

Since we are all aware of our water problems we felt hearing from someone with so much knowledge would be helpful to all of our members. Don't you agree? An expert EBMUD landscape specialist, Susan Handjian will encourage us to conserve on water, and will have all the answers for us on how to water our gardens efficiently.

RSVP Diana Kennedy or Susie Manners (Hort. Chairs) or Conservation Chair, Cathleen Sodos



ORINDA LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

On Saturday, October 4, we will be participating in the Orinda Book Fair. Our committees will have tables discussing conservation and horticulture. The new members will be selling their potted plants that they have nurtured for a few months and there will also be a few other items for sale. So please, come over to the Orinda Library and look for our stations. It will be educational and exciting for you to see what we have available.

AUSTIN ROSES AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

Wed, Sept 3, Mon Sept 15, Wed, Sept 24,

Wed, Oct 1, Mon, Oct 13, Wed. Oct 29

Monday, Nov 10

9:00 — Finished no later than 10:30

Our 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. Joan

OGC UP-DATES

OGC introduces five new members, Jane Wiser, Rhonda Zakstrom, Judy Shallat, Jan Formanek and Petra Michel Newton.

Born and raised in Pasadena, Jane Wiser developed an appreciation for lovely gardens. Her parents were avid gardeners and strict about chores, so Saturday mornings were devoted to pruning and dead-heading before play time. She studied Landscape Architecture at UC Berkeley, and worked as an apprentice under Henry Matsutani through college. Jane's husband, Chip shares her passion for gardening — from composting to vegetable and rose gardening. Jane is a member of the Happy Valley Garden Club, and a botanical art student of Catherine Watters. Much of her time has been devoted to Orinda schools as a member of the Educational Foundation of Orinda, and to the National Charity League. Her three children, too, have developed an intrinsic love of gardening and she looks forward to sharing new knowledge with her entire family through membership in the Orinda Garden Club.

Petra Michel received her Masters in Physics from the University of Bonn, Germany. During the—more scientific—decade(s) of her professional life, she was Director and Head of a Research Department for Integrated Circuit Design and Software Development at Siemens in Germany, taught Computer Sciences at the Universities of Munich and Passau, but also ventured deep into topics such as Astrology, Meditation and Reincarnation. At that time she also co-founded her first Publishing house in Germany. After moving to the US with her husband, they co-founded Bluestar Communications where she is currently President & CEO. In addition to raising her two daughters, she serves on the Board of Trustees of Cal Performances, the Advisory Council of the Lawrence Hall of Science,

Rhonda Zakskorn has lived in Orinda for twenty years with her husband, Charlie, daughter, Kathryn and son, Chad. She has been actively involved in her children's schools and philanthropic organizations throughout the Bay Area. A few of her favorite organizations locally have been the National Charity League, the Junior Garden Club of Orinda and Hill Branch of Children's Hospital Oakland. When there is time to spare, Rhonda enjoys skiing, hiking, gardening, golf and reading. She is extremely enthused to work with so many talented and inspirational ladies in the Orinda Garden Club.

Judy Shallat grew up in the Chicago area and moved to California with her husband in 1968. Rearing three children, working as an R.N. and serving on the Board of the Orinda Association were activities of earlier years. Her role as an art docent at the Oakland Museum of California for the past ten years and painting oil on canvas in her art studio are more current endeavors. She enjoys golf, bridge, working in her garden, getting away to the family ranch in Montana and caring for her grandchildren. Loving all things art, she looks forward to the Orinda Garden Club activities and experiencing art in nature.

Jan Formanek — Having been raised and educated in the midwest, I now have deep roots in California and call it "home". My husband, Rob, and I travelled to California in search of his internship after medical school then settling in Lamorinda. We have two grown children who reside and work in San Francisco. Currently, I work as a Nurse Educator for Contra Costa Community College. Over the years, I am blessed to have made many wonderful friendships, many of whom are members of OGC. I enjoy the manual labor and results of planting and gardening. In addition, my other avocations are tennis, bridge and reading. I look forward to learning, contributing and having fun with other OGC members.

Meeting and Fall Picnic
Thursday, September 25 10:00
Gardens at Heather Farm

Name: _____

Please enclose your check of \$20 to be sent to Kathy French
40 La Vuelta by September 20



MORE OGC NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHY

The schedule of Flower shows is listed on our GCA website and includes the show schedules for Fall and Spring. This is a great opportunity for photographers to enter shows throughout the country. The schedules include the photography classes, registration and entry forms and photography rules. Take a look and see if any of your photographs would be appropriate for entry. The GCA website is: www.gcamerica.org (use name: gcamember/Password: compost). Go to Members only; Committees, Flower Show, and then Upcoming Flower Shows. Scan down for shows and dates. Hit Schedule for complete copy. Call Joan Andrews if you have any questions and do let her know if you are interested in entering.

OGC AWARDS 2008

Judy Cortese —

Club Civic Improvement Commendation
Evie Cranston — Club Flower Arrangement
Award

Joyce Nelson — GCA Medal of Merit

OGC Honorary Memberships:

Ruth Bancroft & Dan McDonnell

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gardens at Heather Farm

Plant Sale

Saturday, September 13 9 am to noon
600 North San Carlos, WC
Unusual plants available, list on web page
10% discount to GHF members

www.gatrdenshf.org

ROSTER INFORMATION

We will be voting on new By-laws at the September meeting. Therefore, the rosters will not be printed and distributed until October. For any last minute changes, please call Suanne Inman before September 15th.

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.
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