



Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 23

OCC 9:30 coffee — 10:00 meeting

Guest Day

Neil Hunt, Floral Designer

April, 2009 Calendar

Deadhead Daffodils

Friday April 10
10:00

Crossroads Planting

Wednesday, April 8
9:30

Bouquets

Monday, April 13
Joyce Nelson's

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14
Diana Kennedy's 9:45

Orinda In Action Day

Saturday, April 18th
9:00 to 1:00

General Meeting

Thursday, April 23
OCC Guest Day

FMN Deadline

Thursday, April 30

Carmel Garden Tour

Thursday, May 14

Neil Hunt of the husband and wife team of HUNT LITTLEFIELD, San Francisco, is a floral designer who is a "sharp turn onto roads less traveled".

Neil has a background of carpentry and construction, a family history of landscape and horticulture dating back five generations and a combined 30 years of floral design experience. His goal is to draw on influences of nature, architecture, and aspects of life to create evocative experiences. Come travel those roads with Neil and thrill with his enormous creativity.



President's Corner

Jim and I just returned from our lovely run away to Palm Springs. It was quite warm with blue skies, abundant beautiful flowers and too many green lawns and golf courses abounding. And, oh, the monstrous amount of water that is used to keep it all green. So it was a real joy to come home to the fabulous daffodils at the off ramp requiring NO water.

OGC has received many favorable and appreciative comments from the community, so I am hoping that planting spring bulbs needing little water will become contagious. Wouldn't it be wonderful if other groups planted downtown and other freeway entrances and exits with thousands of bulbs? What a superb message of hope and renewal.

OGC will join three other Orinda garden clubs April 8th to replant eight large cement planters at the Crossroads using natives and drought tolerant plants. The city has agreed to water and we are hopeful that some of the merchants will also be involved.

OGC members will be involved with "Orinda In Action" day when we will be at the daff off ramp spreading lovely dark mulch. Hundreds of volunteers will be working around the city to improve its overall appearance. Music, balloons, (guess who) drinks, snacks will all be available. Come join in the fun and help your community at the same time.

Gina

BOUQUETS

Monday, April 13
Joyce Nelson's

"ORINDA IN ACTION"

Saturday, April 18 9:00 - 1:00
Off-ramp

Please join Gina and me in spreading mulch around the daffodils at the freeway entrance. If you can, please bring a shovel, rake, gloves and a husband or other helping hands. You may be able to park at Theater Square. Thank you, Sylvia

BEAUTIFICATION

Friday, April 10 10:00

It's time to dead head the daffs. This shouldn't take long. We have scheduled it for this Friday, the 10th, at 10am. Please let us know if you can help and don't forget your pruners and gloves. Thanks so much, Sylvia and Joyce

CONSERVATION

Thursday, April 16

Harley Farms Tour

9:15 promptly, car-pool from OCC lower lot



Harley Farms "A Sense of Place" and a True Working Farm

Please join OGC for a guided tour of Harley Farms in Pescadero, a family run and fully working cheese factory. A no-host lunch to follow at Duarte's restaurant, owned for four generations by that family, and featuring local favorite entrees. Try their classic artichoke and chili soups, as well as the great ambience.

Cost: \$20.00 for those members under 65
\$10.00 for those a little older!

Please send checks made out to Harley Farms to Kris Rawson. A few spaces are still available. Please contact Kris if interested.

HORTICULTURE

Just a Few Tips from Susie

- Feed! Feed! Feed! Fertilize your plants to support spring growth. Use Master's Formula 49 all purpose Plant Fertilizer.
- Give your lawn "a meal - not a snack" with Master Green Lawn Food.
- Set out snail bait. Use Sluggo the non toxic bait. Don't let these eating machines get a foothold on your garden.
- Prune Azaleas and Camellias into shape and feed with your favorite fertilizer and deep water.
- Take cutting from azaleas, succulents and geraniums. Use healthy non-blooming stems for the cuttings and root them in damp vermiculite. It helps dipping the cut end in a rooting hormone.



AUSTIN ROSES AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

Wednesday, April 29, Monday, May 4
Monday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 17 9:00

Spring rose pruning starts at the Gardens and will continue through October every other week alternating Wednesdays and Mondays. Please email or call me if you can make any of these days. I will alert you a week in advance as a reminder. Many thanks for your continued interest — the roses are most grateful! Joan

LIBRARY FLOWERS

Initiated by Marge Murphy several years ago, the library flower program whereby the four local garden clubs take turns during three summer months to provide a single flower arrangement and/or a plant in a container for the circulation and reference desks at the Orinda Library. Please sign up at the April meeting, thanks Jane

PHOTOGRAPHY

OGC

THE FOUR SEASONS PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

MINI-LUNCHEONS

Now's the time to photograph your garden in the spring. For those of you who haven't signed up, please consider it. It's really quite simple and in doing so you will learn a lot more about your garden and your camera. Pick several places in your garden that show change in the four seasons. Photograph them from the same place so that the pictures will show the same subjects. Spring started on March 21. Summer will begin on June 21, autumn begins on September 22 and winter on December 21. Document the four seasons. Think of the great record you will have for yourself and friends. Let me know if you have any questions. I have some garden photography tips that may be of some help. Enjoy! Joan

The March mini-luncheons were fabulous thanks to the following ten hostesses:

- June Cunningham & Pamela Stefan
- Nancy Dickmeyer & Margie Murphy
- Joyce Nelson & Bobbie Wilson
- Diana Kennedy & Lani Schulte
- Loreen Quist & Lynn Garrett

HUGS TO ALL, MJ

DUES

OGC dues are due as of May 10. Please look for a reminder on your email and if not an email user, you will receive a reminder via regular mail. Dues will include the GCA Centennial assessment of \$10. Thanks, Jean

GCA

GCA Horticulture -Conference: 2009 Shirley Meneice Workshop, September 19-21st Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill

IN MEMORIAM

Flower Shows:

- Honolulu April 17-19
- Woodside-Atherton, April 23-25
- Tacoma, May 15-16

Jeanne Angell an OGC member for many years, passed away this last week. Jeanne will long be remembered by members as a good natured participant of Orinda Garden Club activities and her gracious generosity in sharing her beautiful home. Services will be held at St Anselm's, Lafayette, on April 18, 2:00



*Swaying in the breeze,
petals as bright as the sun,
gentle daffodils*

*A
Little
Haiku*

*Sprouting in gardens,
daffodils, flowers of hope,
bring joy to people.*

by Ryan

*Daffodils blossom,
daffodils grow in the Spring,
I like daffodils*

*Pretty daffodils,
bring happiness to people,
sprouting in the Spring*

by Valynnica

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gardens at Heather Farm

SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 18

for more info go to gardenshf.org

The Garden Conservancy

& Flora Grubb Gardens

present

2009 GARDEN DESIGN TALKS

at Flora Grubb Gardens

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m.

TREES FOR ALL SEASONS

A talk and book signing by

Sean Hogan, *Cistus Design*

Ruth Bancroft Garden Horticultural Series

THE AUSTRALIANS, PART 1 & PART 2

May 15, and July 11 - 12

Workshops/Garden Visit talks

For more informatiton contact

ruthbancroftgarden.org

San Francisco Botanic Garden

PLANT SALE

May 1 Members only 5-8 pm

Public May 2 10 am-2 pm

UC Botanical Gardens

PLANT SALE

Saturday April 25, 9 am - 2 pm

Filoli

Thursday, May 7 - Sunday, May 10, 2009

FILOLI FLOWER SHOW,

where beautiful floral arrangements and magnificent table settings complement the splendor of the Filoli house and gardens.

filoli.org

Hillside Gardeners of Montclair

presents

UPS & DOWNS of HILLSIDE GARDENING

Saturday, April 18 11:00 - 4:00

Tour includes 8 gardens

Tickets (510) 530-1681 or HgmGardens@Gmail.com
(Tour includes Robin & Paul Cowley's wonderful "Potomic Waterworks")



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