



Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 26

OCC

Coffee 9:30 — meeting 10:00

Tom Ogren,

“How Puritanical or Botanical are You?”

February, 2009 Calendar

Photography

Thursday, February 12
Joan Andrews's 3:30

Carmel Beach Party Comm.

Tuesday, February 17
Ruth Fortune's 10:00

Horticulture

Thursday, February 19
U.C. Botanical Garden Tour

General Meeting

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Change in Membership

Status Deadline
March 1

FMN Deadline

Wednesday, March 4

Wagner Ranch

Friday, March 6
workday 9:30

Bouquets

Monday, March 9
Petra Newton's 10:00

Board Meetings

Tuesday, March 10
Joyce Nelson's 9:45

New Members Deadline

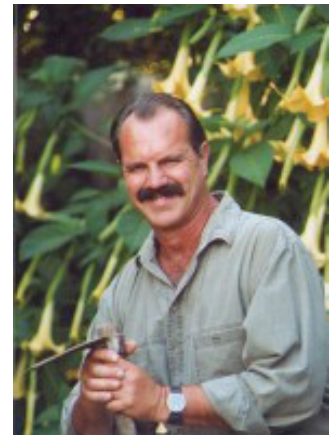
March 15

Orinda In Action Day

April 18th 9:00 to 1:00

**What is this world coming to?
During the 50's Americans
didn't talk about sex. Now we can
talk about safe sex in the garden
and how it will help alleviate our
allergies. Come hear Tom Ogren
enlighten us about the allergens in
our gardens as he exposes the the-
ory that “Safe Sex” in the garden is
good for us. This should be fun!**

Lani



Presidents Corner

I am at the keyboard again gazing out the window at the welcome rain. But am reminded of the beautiful sunshine and desert area of Tucson where I was two weeks ago at the Presidents' Council. Thirteen out of the seventeen zone clubs were represented including nine zone reps plus officers for a total of twenty-eight. I felt the meeting was most worthwhile as far as education, communication, sharing of ideas and discussion of common problems. A few facts that emerged: Portland is the largest club with 358 members; Diggers is the smallest with 47. Club dues range from \$100 to \$315.

Back home, last week I attended a luncheon for the new Orinda mayor, Sue Severson. She gave a “State of the City” address. An independent study group now rates Orinda roads as the “worst in the Bay Area”. The city has annual revenues of about \$11 million. Police operations take the most dollars, then Parks & Rec, Administrative Services etc. Public works, including roads, has been bumped up to 10%. The city is looking at different ways to raise and conserve money for road repair. There is hope of \$600,000 from the federal stimulus package. So let us hope and pray that the economy improves and rain POURS every other day for the next two months. Gina

BOUQUETS

Monday, March 9th

Petra Newton's home

PLEASE BRING MORE FLOWERS – (we were a bit short last meeting) Margie & Betty Lou

WAGNER RANCH

Friday, March 6 9:30

work-day

Mother Nature rained on her own parade for our last Wagner Ranch gardening day. I appreciate those who scheduled it on their dance cards and ended up with some free time, but will try again March 6th. All the tools are being sharpened, but please bring your own favorites as well.

Yours in gardening, Erin

PHOTOGRAPHY

Thursday, February 12 3:30

Joan Andrews'

"FOUR SEASONS IN THE GARDEN"

Our photography project for 2009 is open to all OGC members. The challenge is to photograph the same scene in your garden four times in the year: spring, summer, fall and winter. The challenge of a good composition is there for you to develop. We will have an exhibit of your work at the end of the year but you must exhibit all four seasons. If you are interested in testing your eye, your garden and your photographic skills, please contact Joan.

—
"Greenie"

Go Green for Valentine's Day

♥ For Chocolate go to globalexchange.org goodies from sustainable farms —

♥ For Flowers go to organicbouquet.com or a bouquet from your garden —

♥ For Cards go to pancakeandfranks.com recycled materials —

♥ For Love tell your family and friends how much you care —
Kris and Cathleen

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, February 19

9:00 carpool OCC lower lot
U.C. Botanical Garden Tour

"When the well's dry, we know the worth of water."

— Benjamin Franklin

One of our Horticulture and Conservation goals is to conserve water and EBMUD is expecting us to cut by 25%. Let's see what a Mediterranean garden can do for us as we tour the U.C. Botanical Garden.

Our docent tour begins promptly at 10:00. The docents are very knowledgeable concerning water conservation and are most willing to help us with our water problems in our gardens.

We are hoping for a good turn out since this is a very important topic for OGC. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.
Diana & Susie

AUSTIN ROSES AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

THE AUSTIN ROSES & GHF THANK YOU

We thank the twenty-seven ladies who pruned the Austin Roses at the Gardens for all their talent, toil and dedication — Carole Amstutz, Joan Andrews, Diana Caldwell, Lexie Corbitt, June Cunningham, Sis Curtis, Nancy Dickmeyer, Jan Formanek, Kathy French, Erin Grey, Suanne Inman, Lisa Jorgens, Margie Murphy, Julie O'Melveny, Janet Pease, Lorene Quist, Nita Roethe, Jean Rowe, Nath Schmicker, Judy Shallat, Cathleen Sodos, Dayna Taylor, Kirsten Whitsett, Pam Wiley, Jane Wisner, Rhonda Zakskorn, Midge Zischke. The roses will return the favor with spectacular blooms this Spring.

We met for three sessions, put in over six hours, and shaped and pruned over two-hundred roses. Now that's dedication. Many, many thanks! Joan

OGC NEWS

ROSTER CHANGE

Evie Cranston's phone number should read:
480-288-1136

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Phoebe Kahl, Janet Cotter, Nannie Montgomery,
Dena Raffel, Joyce Nelson, ch

GCA

Founders Fund Projects

Offered here are brief synopses of GCA Founders Fund projects to be voted on by OGC members at the February meeting. Please refer to your Bulletin for a more detailed description of each project so that you can make a clear decision on which project you prefer. Thank you, Joyce

ZONE VII

RIVER LINKED: JUNKYARD TO PARK

Ashville, North Carolina

The reclaimed junkyard site will link two vibrant Ashville city parks to create an exciting greenway along the French Broad River.

ZONE VIII

RESTORATION OF A NATIVE FIELD HABITAT

West Palm Beach, Florida

Lower socio-economic children attending the first "green" school in our county will participate in reintroducing native wildflower and grasses to create a habitat for species indigenous to Florida.

ZONE XI

THE GATEWAY: OPENLANDS LAKESHORE PRESERVE

Lake County, Illinois

On the last mile of undeveloped Chicago's Lake Michigan shoreline, this project brings to life the history of glaciers and links it to today's issues of climate change and water quality.

GCA Bulletin

OGC has been fortunate to have a wide variety of activities represented in articles published in the Bulletin. The editors especially appreciate shorter stories under 400 words that include a variety of photos. Sometimes they'll even print a "caption article" with a photo and a few lines. Please consider sending me photos that you may have taken at any OGC event. Keep in mind the articles may not be published for 6-12 months. They often edit due to limited space and choose only one or two photos from the many that I send. Jane

OGC

MEMBERSHIP

Change in Membership Status Deadline March 1

If you are planning to change your OGC status, please send a notification letter to corresponding secretary, Pam Wiley, by March 1st. It is important to refer to the Standing Rules for Change of Status in our by-laws.

Proposing New Members Deadline March 15

If you are interested in proposing a new OGC member, please refer to the by-laws.

1. The new member must have time to actively participate in OGC.
2. She should have a genuine interest in gardening, flower arranging, horticulture and conservation.
3. She should be reliable and able to work well with groups.

To propose a prospective member there are a few steps that must be followed:

1. Do not discuss the proposal with your candidate. To avoid hurt feelings, the entire process is confidential.
2. Each candidate shall have two active members as equal sponsors and four letters of endorsement. No member on leave of absence may sponsor or write an endorsement letter. First year active members may not participate.
4. No active member may sponsor more than one candidate per year, but may write more than one endorsement.

Please call or email me for applications. I will be bringing forms to the February meeting as well. Membership Committee: Pat Winther, Margie Murphy, Nath Schmicker, Sylvia Carter, Bobbie Wilson, ch.

WAYS AND MEANS

SAVE THE DATE: Carmel Beach Party May 14 & 15

OGC members, remember to save the date for Carmel Beach Party on May 14 & 15. Details and invitations will be extended at February Meeting.

Carmel Beach Party committee meeting
Tuesday, February 17 10:00
Ruth Fortune's
RSVP to Ruth

FYI: After consideration of present economy and OGC's fiscal commitment to the project, the calendar project has been postponed. Although the project seemed like a multi-purposed winner, the reality of its economic goal didn't make sense, but I assure all that the extraordinary photos and vital information will be utilized in creative ways in the future. I want to thank all who participated in the project, especially Jackie Voigt, June Cunningham, Gray Hynes, Betsy Bingham, Joan Andrews, Cathleen Sodos, Nath Schmicker, Lisa Stefan, Heather Dunne, Jenifer Brunk, Gail Emmons and Gina Field. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated! Thanks, Ruth

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ORINDA IN ACTION DAY

April 18th 9:00 to 1:00

Sponsored by the City of Orinda and the Orinda Association, it is a wonderful opportunity to beautify and clean up Orinda. Many clubs and service organizations will be participating. If you would like to help that day (even for a few hours) or would like to suggest a specific area or project please contact me at sylcarter@sbcglobal.net

California Native Plant Society, Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden and Pacific Horticulture Magazine

Present

Their 2009 Spring Symposium:

GROWING NATIVES: CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA'S BEAUTY IN DRY TIMES

Saturday, March 28 Lafayette Community Center

Sunday, March 29. Regional Parks Botanic Garden & Private Gardens.

For registration and more information: www.nativeplants.org or 510-849-1627

"BOUQUETS TO ART"

March 17-21
de Young Museum, SF

Orinda Junior Garden Club invites you to attend their February meeting on February 12 at 9:30 at the Orinda Library, Garden Room. The speaker will be Glen Keator, who will discuss designing with California natives.

Kim Larsen, president

Dirt Daubers

invites you to a

FLORAL DEMONSTRATION BY JUN PINON

Thursday, March 19th, 2009

At the Golden Gate Yacht Club, One Yacht Road, SF
Demonstration — 10:30 Luncheon at noon

RSVP by sending a \$25 check for the demonstration, luncheon and raffle tickets made out to Cynthia McMillen, 523 Miner Road, Orinda. Reservation deadline is Friday, March 13th.

Gardens at Heather Farm APPRAISAL EVENT

Sunday, March 1
1540 Marchbanks Drive, WC

SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 18
for more info go to gardenshf.org

SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

San Mateo Event Center
March 18-22



Orinda Garden Club
Post Office Box 34
Orinda, CA. 94563



Keep on Rain Dancing!!