



# Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club

## GENERAL MEETING & MINI LUNCHEONS

Thursday, March 26

OCC Coffee 9:30 — meeting 10:00

Laurie Davies Adams

“Pollinators: Critical Forces in Gardening,  
Biodiversity and Agriculture “

March, 2009  
Calendar

### Horticulture

Wednesday, March 11 9:00

Diana Kennedy's

### New Members Deadline

March 15

### General Meeting

Thursday, March 26

OCC

Mini-Luncheons

### Flower Arranging Workshop

Wednesday, April 1 9:30

St Stephens

### FMN Deadline

Thursday, April 2

### Bouquets

Monday, April 13

Joyce Nelson's 10:00

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

Diana Kennedy's 9:45

### Conservation

Thursday, April 16

### Orinda In Action Day

April 18th 9:00 to 1:00

### OGC Carmel Tour

Thursday, May 14

Laurie Davies Adams is the Executive Director of the Pollinator Partnership. She established the world's largest collaborative body dedicated to pollinator conservation, **The North America Pollinator Protection Campaign**. The NAPPCC has formed partnerships with many influential government agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. As a result, over 1.5 billion acres of U.S. public and private land have begun to include pollinators in their land management actions. Ms Adams speaks internationally, nationally and will be here to speak to us!



### *Presidents Corner*

OGC has already had a successful wonderful year and we still have much to look forward to:

- \* Bouquets to Art — Viewing, enjoying and being very proud of all our very talented members Heather Dunne, Mari Tischenko, Gail Emmons, Diana Kennedy & Phoebe Kahl submitting arrangements.
- \* OGC joining with three Orinda garden clubs (Montolindo, Orinda Jr GC & Orinda Valley GC) clubs for the joint cross roads beautification project.
- \* OGC Carmel Beach Party and Garden Tour May 14-15. Ruth Fortune and her committee are working very hard, and very cleverly. And, weren't those invitations terrific!

These are only a few of the highlights of the next three months. Hope to see you participating and enjoying all these events.

## BOUQUETS

Monday, April 13 10:00

Joyce Nelson's home

## WAGNER RANCH

I just returned from a week long trip to Mexico with Bill Toone who spoke in November to OGC. The trip was incredible and a chance of a lifetime to witness billions of monarch butterflies. If you want to hear more about it, give me a shout or ask Joyce Nelson as her husband, Bob, went too. I think next year's trips will be booking up soon, so think about jumping in while you can.

Yours in gardening, Erin

## CONSERVATION

Thursday, April 16

Field Trip to Harley Farm

Join the Hort/Conservation Field trip to Harley Farm, a hidden sustainable farm and treasure in Pescadero, California. Lunch to follow at Duarte's Restaurant. Enjoy their famous artichoke soup

"Greenie"

The time approaches when we will begin planting our spring vegetable gardens. Consider purchasing your seeds from [www.seedsaversexchange.org](http://www.seedsaversexchange.org) the largest organization preserving heirloom seeds



in the United States. Heirloom is defined by Wikipedia as, "a cultivated variety that was grown during earlier periods in human history, but is not used in modern scale agriculture."

You are encouraged to save and share special seeds that grow in your gardens. "When people grow and save seeds, they join an ancient tradition as stewards, nurturing our diverse, fragile, genetic and cultural exchange." [www.ConservationWatch.org](http://www.ConservationWatch.org)

## FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 1 9:30

St Stephens

## HORTICULTURE

Wednesday, March 11 9:00

Diana Kennedy's

Barbara Tuffi, Camellias

*"In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous." Aristotle*

Horticulture and conservation chairs are thrilled to have the "Camellia Guru", Barbara Tuffi, give a lecture at Diana Kennedy's home. Barbara will present a PowerPoint presentation and bring a variety of spectacular camellias from her garden. This is an opportunity for all of us to learn and see all about the beautiful camellia. You'll be leaving without regret, we promise. In fact, when you leave to go home you might want to stop off at a local nursery to see their variety of camellias available. Please rsvp to Diana or Susie

## AUSTIN ROSES AT THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

TIME TO FEED YOUR ROSES

Now that you have pruned your roses and they are beginning to leaf out, apply alfalfa meal to invigorate growth. Available at most nurseries, alfalfa meal is a natural organic source of nutrients and will give your plants a much needed spring boost. Joan

## ACADEMY OF SCIENCE EXCURSION

Wednesday, June 10

The tour includes guided tour of the academy and bus transportation. We have 8 people to date who have signed up but need 15 for the group rate and 24 to fill a bus. If you are already a member of the Academy you may come and just pay for the bus provided we have 15 paying participants. The cost of the bus for 15 participants will be \$46/ person and \$30 for 24 participants. We are now going to open this trip up to non-garden club friends and husbands to see if we can fill the spaces. If we do not fill these places by March 13th the trip will be cancelled.

Please let Lani Schulte know ASAP if you wish to attend.

## GCA

### NAL MEETING, WASHINGTON DC

*Joyce Nelson and Midge Zischke recently represented OGC at the NAL sharing their thoughts.*

The NAL meeting in Washington DC was wonderful and wild! The new administration has energized everyone with a sense of purpose and a feeling of “can do”. While the major focus of our meeting was the environment, under it all was the need to connect with plans to stimulate the economy.

The main issues dealt with native plants and seeds, rescuing the ocean from increasing acidity, CO2, emission caps to lessen global warming, clean water, and alternate energy systems. We heard from GCA members, administrators, conservation people, legislators and senators — all with the same message “We must do this now”. The final day we visited our representatives and/or their aides. There is no question that GCA has a great deal of clout in Washington! Both of us have done this before, but this time there was a greater sense of urgency. Thank you very much for sending us. We had a ball!  
Joyce & Midge

### ROSTER CHANGES

Pat Connolly's new address:  
19714 Sunshine Way  
Bend, Oregon 97702  
ph. 541-647-2809

Jean Rowe's new address:  
539 Miner Road

A number of OGC members are flower show judges and busy attending GCA shows around the country. Here is a partial listing: Phoebe, judging in Philadelphia and Honolulu; Diana Kennedy, judging in Tacoma, entering in Honolulu; Heather Dunne, judging in Philadelphia and Honolulu as well as entering in Honolulu and Woodside Atherton; Evie Cranston, judging in Philadelphia, Houston, and Honolulu and giving a workshop in Pasadena. Gail Emmons is judging and entering in Honolulu and giving a workshop in Pasadena; Joan Andrews, judging in Honolulu and Woodside Atherton; Isa Mary, judging in Honolulu; Suanne, judging in Honolulu; Joyce Nelson, judging in Honolulu and Woodside Atherton plus entering in Woodside Atherton.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Bobbie Wilson is accepting new member applications until March 15. Please call her if you need an application form.

Changes in membership:

Anne Hetland, Nannie Montgomery, Jane Zuercher — active to associate

Bev Bloodworth — non-resident active to sustaining

Pat Connolly — associate to sustaining

**Thursday,  
May 14**

## CARMEL BEACH PARTY

Sand, Sea & Gardens

Includes Beach Area Homes & Gardens Tour • Box Lunch  
• Gallery Welcome • \$60 per person

Optional Historic Mission tour Friday, May 15 \$10  
Raffle

Limited tickets are available. Open for OGC members until March 12 after which tickets will also be available for guests and Carmel Garden Club members. Please respond to Ruth Fortune for tickets.



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.nativeplants.org) or 510-849-1627

### "BOUQUETS TO ART"

March 17-21

de Young Museum, SF

### 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

SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 18

for more info go to [gardenshf.org](http://gardenshf.org)

### U.C Botanical Garden

PLANT SALE

Every Thursday 10:30 to 1:30

Open to the public

Large cactus and succulents and an assortment of trees and shrubs

BOOK REVIEW WITH AUTHORS

Thursday, March 19 2:00-3:00

Join renowned garden designers Joe Eck and Wayne Winterrowd as they discuss their latest book, [Our Life in Gardens.](#)



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*Keep on Rain Dancing!!*