

Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club
October 2009

OGC General Meeting October 22 OCC coffee 9:30 meeting 10:00 "How To Enter A Flower Show"



Get ready to learn all the techniques for a successful flower show entry. From photography and horticulture to flower arranging, we'll have all the answers. You will learn the specifics for photography from Marion Bottomley; Joyce Nelson and Isa Mary Ziegler will outline horticulture details and Phoebe Kahl and Diana Kennedy will provide helpful tips on flower arranging. Mini Bag luncheons will follow the meeting.

President's Corner -

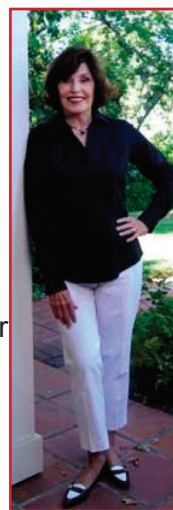
This is a great time to be a member of Orinda Garden Club. In 2002, we had a flower show, "Images of Orinda", and in 2007 we had "Fiesta", an in-club flower show. We are now preparing, jointly with Piedmont Garden Club, for a 2010 flower show, "In Concert" and in 2011 a five-club Major Show, "Visions".

At the upcoming meeting, Judy Harrold, Chairman of "Visions" and a member of Carmel-By-The-Sea Garden Club will give us a brief overview of the show and our role in it.

In the same theme, the meeting is titled, "How to Enter a Flower Show". Our own expert members will educate and entertain us. Marion Bottomley is coming from Carmel to show us her photography entries and what made them prize-winning. Phoebe Kahl and Diana Kennedy, skilled OGC flower arrangers, will demonstrate entering the flower arranging division. Isa Mary Ziegler and Joyce Nelson, our master horticulturists, will teach us how to groom our plant entries and present them in a show.

Each of these presenters is a certified judge in her field. They travel the country judging and meeting other GCA members. If any of you would like to participate in the judging program, please let me know. Visiting judges are treated very well by their host clubs. Not only is it educational, but it is also a lot of fun.

I am looking forward to this exciting meeting with all of you. Heather



CALENDAR

Bouquets

Mon., Oct. 12 10:00
Lisa Jorgens'

Horticulture

Thurs., October 15
Judy Shallat's 1:00

General Meeting/Picnic

Thurs., Oct. 22
OCC

Flowers Arranging Workshop

Thurs., Oct. 29 9:30
St Stephen's Church

GHF Austin Roses

Thurs., Oct. 29 at 12:00
Wed., Nov. 4 Mon. Nov. 16 9:00

Christmas Party Walk-through

Thurs., Oct. 29
12:00 Lisa Stefan's

FMN Deadline

Tues., Nov. 3

Board Meeting

Tues., Nov. 10
Pat Winther's 9:45

Conservation

Tues., Nov. 10
Pat Winther's

Godshalk Workshop

Thurs., Nov. 19
Santa Maria Church

November & January Meetings

Thurs., Nov. 19 OCC
Thurs., January 14 Carmel

OGC Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 11

Flower Show

March 3-5, 2010

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 29 9:30
at St. Stephen's Church

Join us to create a STRIKING autumn arrangement for your table or entryway. Please bring sharp flower arranging scissors, clippers, and a bowl to cut under water. Sign up by submitting the \$35 fee (by check to OGC). The deadline for enrolling is October 12th. If you have questions, please call Judy or Gail.

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, October 15 1:00

Judy Shallat's home

Hank Jenkins "Designing With and Growing Succulents"



Hank will show containers planted with succulents, discuss the care of these plants, and will have plants for purchase. Come and be thoroughly excited about some of his creations! He is very creative. If you have any plants to share or show please bring them. They do not

have to be succulents. Kirsten and Joyce

BOUQUETS

Monday, Oct., 12

Lisa Jorgens' 10:00

Bouquets extends an invitation to anyone not already in our group who would like to come. It's a wonderful group of women. We meet once a month and make "bouquets" for patients at the Veterans Hospital in Martinez. We begin at 10 and are finished by 11. Coffee and goodies are provided. We would love to see some new faces in the group! Additionally, if anyone would like to donate previously read magazines, the patients love them. Lexie and Dena

GHF AUSTIN ROSES

Mon, Oct 19, Wed. Nov 4 and Mon. Nov 16. 9:00

Thursday Oct. 29th at 12 noon

(after the Flower Arranging workshop)

Thanks to so many of you, the Austin Roses at The Gardens at Heather Farm are thriving. We now have the Fall months to staff and will be finished for the year. Please sign up. If we have five people at each session (twice a month) we can finish in an hour. Come with clippers and a weeder. Please email or call me and I will put you on the list! Thanks, Joan

CONSERVATION

Tuesday, November 10 11:30

Pat Winther's

BACK TO THE FUTURE

"Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."

Remember that your purchasing power is your VOTE. Are you unwittingly "voting" for things that are more harmful to our environment? Do you buy produce from our county or perhaps things from Chile? Here is a website that might help <http://guide.buylocalca.org/search-result.php>. When it comes to food, buying local has been the mantra of environmental groups for years. After all, it's pretty easy to conclude that transporting fruits and vegetables from one side of the globe to the other isn't very good for the planet. Now, a comprehensive new analysis of the true costs of the way we produce, purchase and consume food has found that while international transport of food does have an impact, when it comes to environmental damage, the big culprit is domestic transportation.

Because of our reliance on fossil fuels for transportation needs, each of these stages has hidden costs. In fact, even if we buy local food, but all of us drive to the store to pick it up, there are increased hidden costs. So, does this mean big-box chains that sell in huge quantities may unintentionally help the environment by reducing the number of trips taken to purchase groceries? According to the research, that doesn't appear to be the case. Consumers are actually making more grocery shopping trips and driving greater distances to make them than they were twenty years ago — before the rise of the megamart. Another hidden cost of our food is taxpayer-funded government subsidies that prop up unsustainable agricultural practices. Switching to organic agriculture, the researchers conclude, would lead to big benefits in terms of overall costs to society. Of course, the benefits of organic agriculture in terms of environmental impact are greatly reduced if the food has to travel by road a great distance to reach the consumer. See you at the Farmers Market!

DD & Pamela

Jane Godshalk Holiday Floral Design Workshop

Thursday, November 19, 1:30

Santa Maria Catholic Church — Parish Hall
40 Santa Maria Way

Cost: \$50 includes container and flowers

Deadline for sign-up October 15 — space is limited

Make check payable to OGC and send to
Nath Schmicker, 129 Catherine Ct.

OGC UP-DATES

MINI BAG LUNCHEONS — OCTOBER 22

For those attending the mini bag luncheons, your hostess will contact you. Please respond to her if you are unable to attend.

Hostesses — If for any reason you are unable to host a group, please contact Mary Read. After Oct. 13 contact Jan Formanek. If possible please have a suggestion for your replacement. Nita

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

- New email address for Muffy York
<MARTHA_YORK@COMCAST.NET>
- Pat Connolly's address is 19714 Sunshine Way not 19471 as listed in the roster.

LUNCH AT OCC

OGC members and their guests are invited to make reservations and have lunch on the OCC terrace after the November 19th meeting. The menu choices are: Chicken Salad in Papaya, Beef Taco Salad, or Fish of the Day. The price is \$13.00 plus tax and tip, which rounds out to \$17. Iced tea and coffee is included. Non-OCC members must pay by check. Call OCC at 254-4313 for a reservation and at that time you will select which entree you would like. The last day to make reservations is November 14, while the deadline to cancel without a charge is November 17. Hope you can join us! Heather

CHRISTMAS PARTY

October 29 12:00

Walk-through

The Christmas Party will be held on December 11th at the home of Lisa and Mark Stefan. Look for the invitation in the next FMN. We still need more decorators and Santa's Helpers, so please email or call Pam Goode if you are able to help out. Our first walk-through will be on October 29th at 12 noon after the Flower Arranging Workshop. The Stefan's home is beautifully decorated and quite festive, so our decorating needs will be very low key and focused on floral arrangements. We need you to participate in this fun event! Thanks for your help. Please remember that the Christmas house decorations are a requirement for all new members and their sponsors.

IN CONCERT

Flower Show, March 3-5, 2010

Registrations open November 16th

Thank you for picking up your schedule at our September meeting and hopefully you have been able to read it and begin rehearsing in your head. Perhaps you are imaging a minuet, a jazz duo or planning a "Rocky Mountain High" rock garden? All will want to be part of "The Chorus" with your cut specimens.

Wondering how to begin composing your part of the concert? Your questions will be answered at our October general meeting with demonstrations on the way to enter a flower show.

Schedules will also be available at the October meeting. Do not hesitate to call any of the chairs with questions.

Dona & Carole

JANUARY MEETING

Thursday, January 14, 2010

The January meeting, which is a five-club meeting in Carmel, features Kaiulani Lee in a "A Sense of Wonder," a one-person play based on the life and works of Rachel Carson, "the patron saint of the environmental movement." "A Sense of Wonder" has played throughout the United States and around the world. Another program you won't want to miss! Look for a tear-off sign up with more details in the upcoming months. (This is a non-roll call meeting.)

Note: Both the November 19th and January 14th meetings are on dates different from the normal fourth Thursday meeting date. Mark your calendars!

TRANSPORTATION TO MEETINGS

Please call Mary Read at 283-3550 or email her at readspot@comcast.net if you want to carpool with other drivers to and from meetings on occasion or on a permanent basis. Mary will also pass around a clipboard at the meeting so you can sign up for a ride and /or volunteer to drive someone who is unable.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RUTH BANCROFT GARDEN

Fall Plant Sale: Saturday, October 10th
11 am to 3 pm

Australian Plants Seminar

Friday – Saturday, November 6 – 7

Dry Garden Horticultural Seminar: Finale to The Australians

Dish Gardening October 10, noon -1:30 p.m.

Presenter: Hank Jenkins

Come for our plant sale, stay for the workshop. In this fun and hands-on class, you will learn how to make beautiful and dynamic succulent dish gardens (price of workshop does not include cost of dish, which will be available for \$5-\$10)

Herb Walk October 17, 10 a.m. - noon

Presenter: Marina Storm

Ms. Storm, of the Ohlone Center for Herbal Studies, will discuss the herbal and medicinal properties of many of the plants in the Ruth Bancroft Garden.

GARDENS AT HEATHERS FARM

Harvest Celebration

Sponsored by the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust
& The Gardens at Heather Farm

Sunday, October 18 4 - 8pm

Join the feast of locally grown food and wine prepared by top Bay Area chefs. For more information call 947-1678 or go to www.gardenshf.org

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