

Forget-Me-Not's

Orinda Garden Club
February 2010

FEBRUARY MEETING

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Coffee 9:30, business meeting 10:00 am
OCC

*"A Window into the World of
Classical Chinese Gardens"
with Daxin Liu*



With all the rain and dreary weather of January, I know we are looking forward to some beautiful spring gardens! Our February speaker, Daxin Liu from Fragrant Hill Design, will give you a wonderful window into the world of classical Chinese gardens. He will focus on the city of Suzhou and the design elements that are prevalent in their gardens. This will be a springboard to give you ways that you might adapt these concepts for your own gardens. We will all have the opportunity to learn something new. Nancy

P.S. Lunch after the meetings are open to all OGC members whether or not they belong to OCC. The cost is \$17, which includes tax and tip. The menu is chicken salad and papaya with coffee and iced tea. There will be no assigned tables, just open seating. This is a tradition we want to perpetuate. Call OCC at 254-4313 for reservations. Cancellations must be made a day in advance as it is a set menu. Heather

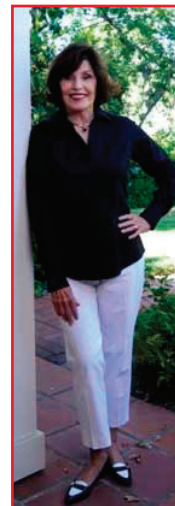
President's Corner -

People sometimes ask me, "What do you do in Orinda Garden Club?" The month of January had good examples of OGC activities:

- General Meeting in Carmel, presentation, "A Sense of Wonder", attending with Woodside Atherton, Hillsborough, Piedmont and Carmel-by-the-Sea garden clubs, lunch at La Playa Hotel and house and garden tour of Carmel
- Two horticulture meetings, OGC board meeting, Bouquets, a Flower Arranging Workshop
- Crossroads planting in the City of Orinda
- Two rose pruning sessions at the Gardens at Heather Farms

These events were well attended and well received by OGC members.

"In Concert", the OGC/PGC flower show March 3, 4, 5, to be held at OCC is ably chaired by Carole Wolfman and Dona Snow. Spaces are still available in both Horticulture and Floral categories. Please refer to your schedule to see where you might fit in. Last minute entries of cut specimens in Classes 7-10 of Horticulture are welcome. The Preview Party, March 4 features the Men's Challenge Class which is great entertainment during cocktails. Heather



CALENDAR

Bouquets

Monday, February 8 10:00
Betsy Bingham's

Beautification

March 2 9:30
April 6, May 4

Horticulture

Thursday, February 18
Joyce Nelson's 1:00

General Meeting

Thursday, February 25
9:30 & 10:00

Board Meetings

Tuesday, February 9
Gray Hynes'
Tuesday, March 9
Nancy Dickmeyer's
coffee 9:00, meeting 9:30

FMN Deadline

Thursday, March 4

Flower Show

March 3-5, 2010
Preview Party
March 4 6:00 - 8:30
Orinda Country Club

BOUQUETS

Monday, February 8

Betsy Bingham's 10:00

Monday, March 8

Petra Michel-Newton's

HORTICULTURE

Thursday, February 18 1:00

Joyce Nelson's



Root 66 The Road to Better Gardening

Come and learn all about grooming your entries for the upcoming Flower Show. Bring your plant, pot, and cut specimen questions. If you don't know the botanical name of your entry bring a sample and we will try to find out what it is.

Kirsten and Joyce

BEAUTIFICATION

March 2, 9:30

April 6, May 4

"Many hands make labor light"

The Community Affairs/Beautification Committee has set a regular monthly date on the first Tuesday of every month for working on OGC Orinda clean up and beautification projects. Hopefully it will not take more than an hour to an hour and a half each month and this will help with everyone's calendar. Various times and locations will be emailed each month. Come join us make Orinda even more lovely this spring. Any questions please contact Joyce or Gina.

FYI

Go Gail!

The OGC board has overwhelmingly approved a donation in the amount of \$1000 be given to WAFA USA in honor of Gail Emmons. WAFA, the World Association of Flower Arrangers is a non-profit non-partisan organization of floral art societies including thirty countries. The management of WAFA moves from country to country every three years and the United States is elected to serve as the host country for 2008-2011. To facilitate the operations of WAFA in the US, members of two national garden club organizations, The Garden Club of America and the National Garden Clubs Inc. have enthusiastically agreed to work together. During its tenure the host country among other things organizes an international flower show. OGC's Gail Emmons is chairman of the staging of this flower show, "This Glorious Earth", to be held in Boston, June 15-19, 2011. Over six-hundred exhibits from all over the world will be included. Gail has been putting in many hours planning the staging for this huge event. OGC is proud that she so beautifully represents our club locally and on the national and international scene. Phoebe

ROSTER CHANGES

Roster Corrections and Additions

p. 6 GCA Liaisons

Add: Zone XII Rep. - Centennial Committee, Evie Cranston

p. 30 Evie Cranston's e-mail: eviecranston@aol.com

p. 36 Julie O'Melveny's cell phone: 528-9724

p. 29 Pat Connolly — 19714 Sunshine Way, Bend
email: pgreen@bendbroadband.com

DONATIONS TO THE OGC BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In memory of Lani Schulte —

Gina & Jim Field (also for Ernie Voigt)

Dona & Steve Snow

Pat & John Winther

Betty & Dodie Hall

Merlon Williamson

Suanne & Grant Inman

Carole and Tom Wolfman

Kevin & Heather Dunne

*Flower, flower grow for me,
Become a flower from a seed,
Grow your roots and a stem,
Let the water come right in*

*Flower, flower you are true,
You make me happy when I am blue,
You became a flower from a seed,
You did all that just for me*

Olivia Taylor



OGC UP-DATES

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Deadline March 1st

If you are planning to change your OGC status, please send a letter of notification to Corresponding Secretary, Pam Wiley by March 1st. It's important that you refer to the Standing Rules for Change of Status.

PROPOSING NEW MEMBERS

Deadline March 15th

We might have several member openings — please carefully read the following information and refer to by-laws.

1. The new member must have time to actively participate in OGC activities.
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:

1. Do not discuss the proposal with your candidate.

2. Each candidate shall have two active members as sponsors and four letters of endorsement. First year members and members on leave of absence may not sponsor or write an endorsement letter.
3. No active member may sponsor more than one candidate, but she may write more than one endorsement letter.

I will bring forms to the February meeting or call and I will send you a form. Thanks, Margie, Membership Ch.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer at the February Board meeting. If the slate is approved, active members will be notified via email and voting will take place at the February 25th meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at that time. Any questions, call Heather or Gina.

Nominating Committee: Lexie Corbitt, Suanne Inman, Pam Wiley, Carole Wolfman, Gina Field, ch.

" IN CONCERT "

FLOWER SHOW
March 3-5, 2010
Orinda Country Club



Four weeks, one month, 28 days - however you count it, we're almost there.

Committee heads from Orinda and Piedmont have been working very hard and it promises to be a *spectacular* show.

Below please find the reservation form for the preview party. It's going to be a fabulous evening with

food stations, open bar, flowers galore and the mens' challenge to entertain. Each member must purchase one entry but we do hope you'll purchase another for your significant other or friend.

The flower show is open to the public, free of charge on Friday, March 5th from 10:00am to 4:00 pm. Please invite your family and friends to come and enjoy.

Carole and Dona



" IN CONCERT "

PREVIEW PARTY

March 4th, 6:00-8:30pm, Orinda Country Club



Name _____ # _____ reservations @ \$100 per person Total _____

Make check out to: Orinda Garden Club Flower Show — Mail to Anne Hetland 20 Redcoach Lane by February 25

PROCEDURES FOR VISITING GCA MEMBER GARDENS

At least four (4) weeks prior to taking a trip, a club member should telephone her club chair for the name, address, telephone number and email address of her Visiting Gardens Zone Representative.

The Zone Representative will give the club member the name of the Visiting Gardens Club Chair in the city that she will be visiting.



The club member then contacts the respective Club Chair and gives the dates of her visit. If there will be other people with the member there may be up to three non-GCA guests allowed and no more than nine (9) people in the total group, and she should tell the Club Chair at this time. Any larger group is up to the discretion of the Club Chair.

The Club Chair will set up a garden tour and arrange to contact the visiting member when she arrives.

Visitors need to be mindful of expecting to see GCA members' gardens during the holidays, special local events or local garden club fundraisers. The local club(s) may not be able to accommodate guests during these times.

When planning a visit to a country in which GCA has a Courtesy Club, requests to visit gardens should be made at least four (4) weeks ahead by contacting Ellen Kresse at GCA Headquarters.



Even though the Garden Club of Charleston is not a GCA club, there is a person to contact. Please contact Ellen Kresse at GCA Headquarters for this information.



The GCA Visiting Gardens Committee does not authorize using any Visiting Gardens privileges for professional purposes, i.e., for professional photography or for articles to be professionally published. Susie

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