

# Forget-Me-Not's

Orinda Garden Club  
November, 2010



**November General Meeting**  
**November 18, 2010 OCC**  
**Coffee: 9:30am Meeting: 10:00am**  
**Guest Day**

## **Jun Pinon, Floral Designer**

Jun Pinon is one of the Bay Area's most celebrated floral designers whose style spans from clean and modern to romantic and flowing. His signature designs are enjoyed at the city's most notable society events (SF Opera and SF Ballet) and grace its top venues from luxury hotels (Ritz, Four Seasons, Campton Place) to top retail locations (Gump's) and fine homes. He gives interactive demonstrations for Williams Sonoma, the Pottery Barn, garden clubs and other organizations. Jun has been featured in O Magazine, Art in Bloom, the San Francisco Chronicle and KRON and other networks. The Chronicle said, "Jun has an eye for beauty with the ability to bluff." Others have said his "designs possess an unmistakable quality that commands attention." You won't want to miss this meeting! Bring a friend to see Jun's artistic skill and enjoy his humorous personality. You are sure to be entertained! Nath & Nancy

## **JANUARY 18TH — 5 CLUB MEETING WOODSIDE-ATHERTON**

Dr. Mark Plotkin Amazon Nature Conservancy

Stay tuned for more details. We will carpool to the meeting/lecture and then stay for lunch. Dr. Plotkin is a world renowned speaker! You won't want to miss this opportunity.



## *A Fa La La Christmas*

**Friday, December 10, 2010**

**At the home of Carole & Tom Wolfman**  
**236 Sundown Terrace**

**Coffee 10:00 – 12:00**

**Evening Party 6:00 — 9:00**

**Cocktails, Hearty Hors d'oeuvres, Small Plates**

**(Please use response form on page three)**



## CALENDAR

### Bouquets

Monday, November 8  
Carole Wolfman's  
Monday, December 13  
Community Center  
Monday, January 10

### Horticulture

Tuesday, November 9  
Joyce Nelson's 10:00  
Tuesday, January 11  
Suanne Inman's 10:00

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 16  
Pat Winther's 9:00

### General Meeting

Thursday, November 18  
Guest Day  
(please note date change)

### Xmas Party Meeting

Thursday, November 18  
2:30

### Beautification

Friday, November 19  
9:30 Off-ramp

### Flower Arranging Workshop

Tuesday, November 30  
St Stephens 9:30

### Xmas Parties

Friday, December 10

### FMN Deadline

Tuesday, January 2

### GHF Roses

Monday, January 24  
Wednesday, February 2



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## HORTICULTURE

### Root 66 The Road to Better Gardening

Tuesday, November 9th 10:00 am  
at Joyce Nelson's.

Forcing paperwhite bulbs with a little help from vodka — come and see how to plant and force Narcissus bulbs in water. Bring a container with no holes. Bulbs and rocks will be provided. Cost will be a dollar a bulb including the rocks. Extra bulbs will be available.

Please RSVP to Joyce or Kirsten

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 10 am  
Suanne Inman's

Come and hear Neal Richmond's talk, "Yes, It is a Daylily". Neal has been growing daylilies for over two decades and has been president of the NorCal Daylily group. He will bring tubers of daylilies if the weather is not too wet.

Kristen & Joyce

## BEAUTIFICATION

Friday, November 19 9:30 off-ramp

### Beautiful Orinda 2010-2011

Bulb planting HYW 24 Off Ramp  
Bring gloves, trowels, shovels, rakes, brooms.  
Wear old clothes and secure shoes. The bulb holes will be dug for us to fill.

Please watch OGC Updates for further beautifying events. Joyce, Lisa & Gina

## CONSERVATION

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

Conservation involves not only caring about how our natural resources are affected nationally, and globally, but also the choices that we make every day within our own households. What resource is more precious than our families, and their health? When we choose locally grown, preferably organic, produce, we are not only protecting our environment from a larger carbon footprint, but we are also helping to protect the health of our families. This is how our grandmothers shopped. They really didn't have a choice to do otherwise, but we can only benefit by "Going back to the future" in this way. We are so fortunate to live in an area where we have many opportunities to purchase good quality, and healthy, food to enjoy.

Why should we be concerned about pesticides? The growing consensus among scientists is that small doses of pesticides and other chemicals can cause lasting damage to human health. Scientists now know enough about the long-term consequences of ingesting these powerful chemicals to advise that we minimize our consumption of pesticides whenever possible.

### Dirty or (buy from organic grower)

Celery  
Peaches  
Strawberries  
Apples  
Blueberries  
Nectarines  
Bell Peppers  
Spinach  
Kale  
Cherries  
Potatoes  
Grapes (imported)

### Clean (less pesticides)

Onions  
Avocado  
Sweet corn  
Pineapple  
Sweet Peas  
Asparagus  
Cabbage  
Eggplant  
Cantaloupe  
Watermelon  
Grapefruit  
Sweet Potatoes

Bon Appetit, Pamela & DD

## KUDOS TO OGC

The City of Orinda presented "A Certificate of Appreciation" to the Orinda Garden Club for "their countless volunteer hours dedicated to beautifying the city of Orinda landscape as well as their generous donations of flowers to be enjoyed by all at the Orinda Library."

At the recent Zone meeting OGC's Evie Cranston was awarded the ZONE XII CREATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

"In deep appreciation for your outstanding contribution to GCA through your enthusiastic, creative and extraordinary leadership skills."

## OGC UPDATES

### President's Message On Visiting Gardens

Belonging to Orinda Garden Club and Garden Club of America offers many opportunities. One opportunity is to visit gardens in the United States as well as overseas. Susie Manners is our Visiting Gardens Chair and she is able to set up tours for you in cities that you are visiting.

Although I didn't enlist a visiting garden tour, I did get to see an Irish garden. In October, Kevin and I went with friends to Ireland. We had a family reunion with my Irish cousins, stayed in castles and cottages, and dined in pubs, 4-star manors, and homes of my Irish cousins. A highlight of the trip was to be invited to tea at the home of my cousin's friend, Ann Maloney, in Cork.



Every July, the "Gardens of Ireland Committee" travels through Ireland selecting, "The Best Garden in Ireland". Ann's flat two-acre estate was chosen as "The Best Garden in Ireland" a number of years ago.

Her garden is manicured and surrounded by an enormous rock wall. She has vignettes that house plantings featuring statues and urns from around the globe. Each setting felt like a secret garden.

Ann's garden still brings her much joy and, fortunately, she shares this joy with her friends and their relatives. We were so honored. Do avail yourself of this great opportunity. Heather

### Mini Bag Lunches

"Mary and I would like to extend a huge thank you to the hostesses for the Mini Bag Luncheons. These lovely ladies are: Ruth Fortune, Dena Raffel, Mary Read, Pam Wiley and Bobbie Wilson. Nita

### Membership

Although OGC has just welcomed five new members, Barb, Tina, Marty, Sheila and Anita, it's never too early to think about membership. This month's Guest Day meeting offers a great opportunity to bring any potential new members to the meeting so she can meet people and get a feeling for the club. A candidate for membership should not know that she is being proposed. It is confidential! Contact me if you have any questions, Margie

### Christmas Parties Planning

#### NEW MEMBERS/SPONSORS & CO-SPONSORS

Thursday, November 18

Carole Wolfman's 2:30

following Guest Day meeting & lunch

Questions, call Diana

### visions

Tuesday, January 11 8:00 am

Mark your calendars! Registration opens for Horticulture and Flower Arranging (for the five sponsoring club members) on January 11. Get your forms in on time to assure you of your choice. Forms are in the back of the schedule. Fax or email to Suanne Inman for Horticulture and Vickie Van Blois for Flower Arranging. Phoebe

### Memorials

OGC Beautification Memorials to date:

In memory of Bob Bingham: Pam Goode, Mayann Schou,

Jenifer Brunk, Heather Dunne, Gina Field

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### Roster Corrections

- Tina Locke's phone # is 283-9323
- Liz Williams's email [orindaliz@gmail.com](mailto:orindaliz@gmail.com)
- Jackie Voigt's new phone number for the next 3 months is 284-1373. Her new address is 311 Village View Court.

## Fa La La Christmas Party

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Coffee (limited to member & 3 guests) @ \$10.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cocktails/ Hearty Hors d'oeuvres/small plates  
(OGC member and one guest) @ \$80.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Reservations and checks to be sent by December 1st to:  
Karin Carroll, 651 Crossridge Court

### *What Everyone Needs to Know about GCA Trips*

- The GCA Committee plans trips 1 – 2 years in advance.
- Trip dates and destinations are announced three ways; by your Visiting Gardens Chair or Zone newsletter, on the GCA website, and in the GCA Bulletin and the newly created ENews.
- GCA members interested in the trip should send an email to [gcainterestlists@gmail.com](mailto:gcainterestlists@gmail.com) requesting to be added to the Interest List – Contact for the interest list is Iris Wagner, Vice Chairman/Interest Lists. Only emails will be accepted. Please state the trip in which you are interested. Each trip has a specific Interest List.
- One week prior to the release of the Trip Itinerary an Email Alert will be sent out to everyone on the Interest List advising them of the day that the itinerary will be released. Once the itinerary is released to those on the Interest List they have one week to respond before the itinerary is made available to the general GCA membership – Reservations are confirmed on a first come, first served basis determined by the postmark on your deposit envelope.

The following are the four trips planned for 2011:

March 14 – 26 Argentina's Old World Grandeur

May 22 – 27 Tally Ho! Gardens of the Virginia Hunt Country

June 20 – 30 Wonderful, Waterful Italy (second trip)

July 16 – 24 Wilderness Wonders of Alaska

No reservations are taken by fax or phone. If the trip is already filled, you may be placed on the waiting list. There is usually some attrition so you may still have an opportunity to go. Call me if you have questions, Susie

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