

Forget-Me-Not's

Orinda Garden Club
April, 2011

OGC General Meeting April 28, 2011 Social 9:30 am Meeting 10:00 am



Michael Daigian, a 3rd generation floral designer with thirty years of experience, will create cutting edge floral designs for your visual pleasure. Michael is one of the Bay Area's leading floral designers. In addition to designing for social events, corporate events, weddings and San Francisco's top retailers, restaurants and hotels, when Hollywood comes to town they call on Michael Daigian. He designed sets for the movies Milk, Bicentennial Man, and What Dreams May Come among others. Michael's creative artistry has graced the likes of the Macy's Flower Show, the San Francisco International Film Festival and Bouquets to Art. Words used to describe his work are stunning, unique, eclectic, outrageous, sophisticated, refined, dramatic, modern.

a few pointers to use in your own creations for your home or for your entry into the next flower show.

Michael's designs will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. You just could be a winner! Nath & Nancy

This is a meeting not to be missed! You are sure to be entertained! You may even pick up

Join Marin Garden Club for lunch following the meeting. Look for more information on page three..

President's Message

Marin Garden Club (MGC) was recently admitted to membership in GCA. Orinda Garden Club has invited their members to attend our April meeting and join us for lunch.

OGC was contacted in September 2009, and asked to be a seconder for their admission. Hillsborough was the sponsor. Pat Winther, Jane Ryan, Merlon Williamson and I went to Ross to visit some of their members, visit a member's garden and have lunch. Pat and I went again in April 2010 to attend another luncheon along with the Zone XII Director, Kay Klunder; Zone Chairman, Betsy Bliss; and Admissions Zone Representative, Fran Neumann. We found MGC to have wonderful members and to be highly qualified. They were approved for GCA membership in October 2010 and will be welcomed at the April GCA Annual meeting in Indianapolis. MGC is the 200th club in GCA and the 18th club in Zone XII and will remain a probationary club for five years when there will be a vote to make them a full member.

To be considered for membership in GCA, a candidate club must have:

- A substantial record of accomplishments over a period of at least ten years which reflects the purpose of GCA
- A solid program which emphasizes horticulture and conservation
- An active involvement in the community in which the club is located
- A membership of at least 35
- Some members whose gardens have educational, horticultural, or landscape design value

Please plan on staying for lunch on April 24th to meet and welcome them to Zone XII and Orinda Garden Club. Heather

CALENDAR

Bouquets

Monday, April 11
Marie Krenz's
Monday, May 9
Dena Raffel's

Horticulture

Tuesday, April 19
Midge Zischke's

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 26
9:00 Coffee
9:30 Meeting
Margie Murphy's

Beautification

Tuesday, April 5th 9:30
Saturday, April 16 9:30
Off-Ramp

General Meeting

Thursday, April 28
OCC
MGC Lunch

Conservation

Monday, April 11

GHF Roses

Monday, April 18;
Wednesday, May 4;
Monday, May 16;
Wednesday, June 1

FMN Deadline

Tuesday, May 3

Visions

May 12 - 14, 2011
Carmel-by-the-Sea



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BEAUTIFICATION

Beautiful Orinda 2010-2011

Tuesday April 5 9:30
Saturday, April 16 9:30
Orinda in Action Day

Fluffing and weeding on Tuesday. Watch for an email to tell you where and what to bring.

ORINDA IN ACTION DAY -- Meet at Hwy 24 Off Ramp to spread mulch. We will have three or four strong bodies again to help us. Please watch your emails the week before each date for exact location. Joyce, Lisa & Gina

HORTICULTURE

Root 66 The Road to Better Gardening

April 19th at 10:00 at Midge Zischke's



Come and hear Carolyn Parker talk about and hopefully show some of her roses. Carolyn is a rosarian, an author, "Roses From A to Z", a designer and flower arranger who loves to use her garden roses for her arrangements. Many of you signed up at the last meeting but please let us know if there is any change in your plans. Kirsten and Joyce

March Wind

March wind is a jolly fellow;
He likes to joke and play.
He turns umbrellas inside out
And blows men's hats away.
He calls the pussy willows
And whispers in each ear,
"Wake up you lazy little seeds;
Don't you know that spring is here?"

CONSERVATION

Monday, April 11
9:00 OCC parking lot
Marin Sanitary Station Tour

Conservation Corner

"Use it up, Wear it out. Make it do, or do without!"

Join us for a trip to Marin Sanitary recycling transfer station. Remodeled in 1996 to accommodate the increasing volumes of source separated recyclables collected at the curbside, Marin Recycling reorganized to become solely a processing facility with the purpose of receiving large volumes of recyclable materials and transforming them in to quality market-ready end products. You'll find out what really happens to the brown can! We'll have lunch after and REALLY "talk trash". If you don't want us talking about you, join us! Tee hee!

The April meeting will include an education session about canned goods. "Can the Can", as it were. See you there! DD & Pamela



GHF AUSTIN ROSES

Monday, April 18; Wednesday, May 4;
Monday, May 16; Wednesday, June 1

Sign Up Now For Austin Rose Dead Heading

With all this rain the roses are growing and setting flower buds. We need your help. Come and join the group alternate Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 am Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive Walnut Creek. Please call or email me as I need a head count. If you've already signed up, many thanks, Joan



OGC UPDATES

Membership

Membership Status Changes:

Joan Andrews - Active to Associate

Patty Bryant - Resigned

Jean Schommer - Resigned

Elizabeth Williams - Resigned

Betsy Bingham - Leave of absence

Catherine Watters - Leave of absence

Mini-Luncheons

Mary and I would like to thank our hostesses and co-hostesses for their generous hospitality on March 24th following our general meeting. The following ladies were hostesses: Sandy Barnett, Lorene Quist, Pam Goode, Carole Wolfman, Ann Se-crow, and Mary Read. Our co-hostesses were Nancy Dickmeyer, Lexie Corbitt, Nita Roethe, Tina Locke, Linda Thompson, Laurie Smith and Ruth Fortune. Thank you all for opening your homes and inviting our members in for lunch. Nita

OGC Dues are Due!

Watch for a email letter regarding OGC dues to be arriving soon. Postal letters will be sent to those not receiving email. Dues are late after May first. Sandy

Roster Correction

Muffy York's email to: martha_york@comcast.net

Welcoming New GCA Members

Marin Garden Club will be attending the April meeting with Michael Daigian. Following the meeting join for lunch on the OCC terrace. A special salad of shrimp salad in a papaya and chicken salad in an avocado will be featured along with coffee or iced tea & cookies. The price is \$17, including tax. OCC members can put it on their club number and guests can pay with check at the table. Please make reservations for lunch by calling OCC (254-4313) or me or janeryan58@comcast.net
Jane

Orinda Sign - a Continuing Saga

The Orinda Sign is still looking for a home. Although the site of the Triangle was chosen, a petition against it was brought before the City Council and they are investigating other sites. One site could be in the garden in front of the Community Center and the other site could be the off-ramp where OGC grows daffodils. Caltrans approval is needed for the off-ramp location.
Heather

Visions

VISIONS 2011 Flower Show

CALIFORNIA ON THE CUTTING EDGE

MAY 13-14

COME ONE COME ALL TO CARMEL

Visions Updates:

Many thanks to our members:

- Suanne Inman, Janet Pease, Heather Dunne, Phoebe Kahl and Pam Goode for their generous donations to Visions.
- Margie & Kerry Murphy, Suanne & Grant Inman, and Bobbi & John Wilson for wine donations.



If you have not received the "evite" to the preview party contact Phoebe or Heather.

Tell your friends and family about this fabulous flower show and contact Pam Goode if you need tickets to the lectures.

Phoebe

VISIONS VOLUNTEERS

For those of you who were unable to attend the March general meeting, it was announced that we need more volunteers! Especially for Saturday morning – the 8:00 a.m. shift. This shift will not hinder your attendance at the speaker series! Not a morning person, no problem, there are plenty of later shifts available. If you are planning to be in Carmel and have not signed up to volunteer, please let me know. Many thanks to those of you who have already signed up and so many have offered double shifts; this is greatly appreciated.

I have a list of people who want to help but cannot attend. I will contact you as soon as we have jobs to do.

VISIONS APRONS

Volunteers are asked to wear the Visions apron (with a black top underneath). The apron is apple green with the Visions logo and costs \$10.00. If you would like an apron please contact me. Hopefully aprons will be delivered at the April meeting. Thank you very much, Cathleen

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

BOTANIC GARDEN PLANT SALES

Local botanic gardens have plant sales in the next two months.

- Ruth Bancroft Garden April 9th Plant Sale & garden reopens
Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Tilden Park Saturday, April 16 10:00 to 3:00
Gardens at Heather Farm Saturday, April 16 9:00 to noon
U.C. Botanic Garden (Members only) Friday, April 29 10:00 to 2:00
U.C. Botanic Garden (Public Sale) Saturday, April 30 10:00 to 2:00
S.F. Botanical Garden (Members only) Friday, May 6 5:00 to 8:00
S.F. Botanical Garden (Public Sale) Saturday, May 7 10:00 to 2:00

WAGNER RANCH 10TH ANNUAL WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

- Sunday, April 17 1:00 - 4:00
Columnist Gary Bogue • Music and Food
• Games and Activities from the Lindsay Wildlife Museum
• Arts and Crafts • Raptor Show
Visit www.fwrna.org

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY

go to www.gardenconservancy.org
to learn of the many interesting events offered this spring

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