

# Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club  
January, 2011

## OGC General Meeting

5-Club Meeting—Woodside/Atherton

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

302 Portola Rd, Portola Valley

**Speaker: Dr. Mark Plotkin, Amazon Conservancy**

2011 is starting off with “a bang!” Woodside/Atherton Garden Club invited all five Bay Area garden clubs to hear Mark Plotkin of the Amazon Conservancy speak. This is a rare opportunity made possible because of a friendship between Dr. Plotkin and a member of Woodside/Atherton GC.

Here’s a little fact to whet your appetite. The Amazon, the second longest river in the world and arguably the longest, is crossed by no bridges. Why not? The bulk of the river flows through tropical rainforest, where there are few roads and even fewer cities. There is no need for crossings. The schedule for the day is as follows:



- 7:15 — Carpools meet at lower OCC parking lot.
- 9:00 — Coffee & refreshments @ Woodside Priory School
- 9:45 — Club meetings
- 11:00 — Program with Dr. Plotkin
- 12:15 — Lunch @ Portola Valley Town Center 765 Portola Rd (about ½ mile from the school)

**Note: Members signed up with Nancy Dickmeyer for the box lunch in November.**

### *President’s Message*

Happy New Year and Congratulations OGC! The Orinda Association has announced that Orinda Garden Club, along with Orinda Junior GC, Montelindo GC, Orinda Valley GC, will be receiving the 2010 William Penn Mott Jr. Environmental Award. This award is “in recognition of the decades of service provided by club members who beautify the community and their value in making landscaping decisions that are consistent with the environment.”

An Orindan, William Penn Mott presided over the National Park Service for four years. Most notably he worked on the conversion of the Presidio of San Francisco for use as a park. From 1946 to 1962, he served as superintendent of parks in Oakland and was general manager of the East Bay Regional Parks District from 1977 to 1985. He was also general manager of the East Bay Zoological Society and President of the California State Parks Foundation. Mr Mott was once described as “crusading” and “a dynamo reminiscent of Theodore Roosevelt.” He died in his Orinda home in 1992 at the age of 82.

The presentation will be at the Orinda Association’s Annual Awards Dinner on Sunday, January 30 at the Orinda Country Club at 6:00. The price is \$65 for the dinner, but Orinda Association members pay \$50. It would be nice to have a big number of our members at the dinner to show our appreciation for this honor. For tickets go to: [www.orindaassociation.org](http://www.orindaassociation.org) and click on “Online Payments” or call: 254-0800 for more information. Heather

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## CALENDAR

### Bouquets

Monday, January 10  
Lexie Corbitt's

### Horticulture

Tuesday, January 11  
Suanne Inman's 10:00

### Board Meeting

No January meeting

### General Meeting

Tuesday, January 18  
Woodside/Atherton  
(please note date change)

### GHF Roses

Wednesday, January 26  
Monday, January 31  
9:00 to 10:30

### Flower Arranging Workshop

Friday, March 25  
St Stephens 9:30

### William Penn Mott Award Dinner

Sunday, January 30  
OCC 6:00

### Beautification

Tuesday, February 1st  
9:30

### FMN Deadline

Tuesday, February 1st

### Visions

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



## BOUQUETS

Monday, January 10  
Lexie Corbitt's

## HORTICULTURE

*Root 66 The Road to Better Gardening*

Tuesday, January 11 10 am  
Suanne Inman's  
Day-lilies

Come and hear Neil Richmond talk about day-lilies. He is an expert on the subject and grows all kinds of wonderful, different day-lilies. He will have root stocks for sale unless it is too wet and cold to dig but come and see what is available and place your order if he is unable to bring any. Looking forward to seeing you.  
Kirsten and Joyce

## BEAUTIFICATION

*Beautiful Orinda 2010-2011*

Tuesday, Feb. 1st  
Peet's

No fluffing of the Four-club Crossroads planters in January. Next four club session tending the planters in February. In December white cyclamen was added to the containers. It adds a holiday and festive air to the big pots Gina, Joyce & Lisa



## ROSES AT GHF

Wednesday, January 26  
Monday, January 31  
9:00 tp 10:30

*It's time to prune the roses!*

We will be pruning the Austin Roses at GHF, and many helping hands are needed. Bring clippers, gloves, loppers and wear long sleeves and hardy shoes (it will probably be muddy). It would be great if you could email me to let me know you are coming. The roses, GHF and I will be eternally grateful.  
Joan

## FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Friday, March 25th  
St Stephens 9:30

**ALERT!**

The Flower Arranging workshop date has been changed to Friday, March 25th to allow for attendance at de Young Museum's Bouquets to Art. Come join us to create an inspiring breath-of-spring arrangement. Sign up by submitting your check to OGC for \$35 at the January or February general meeting. Come and join in the fun! Judy & Gail

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Coffee/Tea and Cocktail Party. It was a big success. The Christmas Floral Designers were creative and had it not been for our enthusiastic membership attending the parties they would not have been as special. Thank you to Carole & Tom Wolfman, they gave up so much of their time to have our OGC members use their home for the festivities. Thank you, Diana, Bobbie, Ruth & Jean, The Committee

## MEMORIAL

An Orinda Garden Club member since 1986, Jan Bristow passed away this last month. Jan was a loyal and contributing member of Bouquets, as well as the ever helpful hand and support for all of OGC events. A good friend and great member, she will be missed by us all. The memorial will be held at St Stephens Church January 22 at 11:00 am.

## OGC UPDATES

### *Shirley Meneice Horticulture Workshop,*

Birmingham, Alabama, October 2010

Three fun-filled days packed with horticulture classes, tours, workshops and food, all with a lot of southern hospitality, made for a wonderful meeting. The speakers were outstanding and covered a wide range of subjects including “Designing a Garden Like an Artist”, “Urban Trees: Myth and Reality”, and “Landscapes with a ‘There’ There”.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a tour of Louise Agee Wrinkle’s garden. The GCA has a Major Flower Show propagation award in her honor. Louise’s garden has a collection of hollies, azaleas and ranunculus, native crabapples and other plants all in a setting of a natural brook, a pit greenhouse, a turtle gate, a stone bridge, a millstone fountain and a series of paths, patios, cutting gardens, etc. Quite wonderful!

For more information about the meeting read the full report on our garden club website.

We both left with an understanding of why the people who live in Birmingham say “Birmingham is a well-kept secret and we want it to stay that way.” Thanks for sending us to this great meeting, Kirsten and Joyce

### *Membership*

#### **Important dates to keep in mind:**

**February** — Any change of status needs to be done this month and submitted to the corresponding secretary.

New member sponsor forms will be given out at the general meeting to anyone interested in proposing someone for OGC membership.

**March 1st** — Change of status deadline

**March 15** — Deadline for submitting new member proposal forms and letters from sponsors.

Thanks! Margie

### *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

#### **Visions 2011 Tickets for Speaker Series**

Tickets to attend the speaker series are available as follows:

- Friday, May 13 Charlotte Moss — 4:00 pm followed by a book signing/wine reception \$60
- Saturday, May 14 Rick Darke 9:00 am \$25
- Marie-Francoise Deprez 11:00 am \$40
- Package: All three lectures for \$100

The Ticket Order Form for Speakers must be completed in duplicate and sent to Pam Goode along with your payment. Tickets for each lecture you wish to attend will be distributed in April. Questions? Contact Pam Goode 254-4563



Joyce, Carole, Susie and Janet at the Triangle

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

**UC Botanical Garden Docent Training**

24 sessions from Jan. 10 through April 18  
Mondays & Thursdays, 1-4pm

For information, call the Volunteer Coordinator  
at 510-643-1924 or email [perry@berkeley.edu](mailto:perry@berkeley.edu)

**The California Academy Of Science**

Monday, January 10 at 8 pm  
Herbst Theatre, Civic Center, San Francisco

**presents**

KAIULANI LEE

“A SENSE OF WONDER”

Based On The Works Of Rachel Carson.  
Tickets are available from City Box Office  
415-392-4400 or visit [www.cityboxoffice.com](http://www.cityboxoffice.com)

**The Gardens at Heather Farm**

Antique Appraisal Event

Sunday, March 6

1:00 to 6:00

Call 947-1678 for more information

**The Garden Conservancy**

presents

British Garden Designer Dan Pearson on  
Insightful Garden-Making

Thursday, February 17, 2011 | 6:15 p.m.

Wine reception at 5:30 p.m.

The Walt Disney Family Museum, San Francisco

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