

Forget-Me-Not's

Orinda Garden Club
November, 2011



GENERAL MEETING

November 17, 2011

OCC

Coffee: 9:30am, Meeting: 10:00am

Guest Day

Ron Morgan, Floral Designer

Ron Morgan is the most sought-after and well-recognized floral designer in the United States. Through his use of flowers, fruits, vegetables and unusual items, he transforms the ordinary into the exquisite, artfully arranging his striking materials into masterpieces. His tablescapes are legendary for their creativity, elegance and visual impact.

Over the course of his extensive career, he has designed window displays for Harrods and David Jones, opened retail floral and antique shops such as "Loot Antiques" in Lafayette and consulted as an interior designer. Ron has conducted flower arranging classes and, most importantly, become a highly sought-after speaker at garden club events.

Invite a guest and enjoy the extraordinary arrangements by this noted designer. Jan & M.J.

Invite your guests to stay for lunch following the meeting! OCC members and non-members, please call the OCC office to make reservations.

President's Message

A huge thank you to our co-chairs, Cathleen Sodos and Jane Wiser, and flower arranger Lexie Corbitt, for a spectacular "Corktober Fest." The weather and entertainment by our feathered friends in Lake Cascade made for a delightful evening and a terrific way to appreciate the OGC restoration of the cork oak trees for the GCA Centennial Tree Project.

Bulbs, bulbs and more bulbs! To continue our beautification of Orinda OGC planted bulbs in the triangle and the Hwy. 24 off ramp on November 1. And then again, more bulbs when the Horticulture committee will gather at Joyce Nelson's to plant in our own containers on November 8.

November brings a special guest day meeting with flower arranger extraordinaire, Ron Morgan, whose arrangements will then be raffled to eager winners.

December 2nd OGC will gather at Orinda Country Club under the direction of Cathleen and Jane to create beautiful wreaths to be displayed about town. Don't forget to invite your friends for a holiday luncheon to follow.

A busy time of year! Enjoy and may your turkey day be filled with football, good food and the warmth of family and friends. This issue of the FMN will be the last of 2011 — Happy Thanksgiving and the merriest of Christmas to all! Carole

CALENDAR

Bouquets

Monday, November 14
Tina Locke's
January 9 Lynn Garrett's

Beautification

Tuesday, December 6
9:30 Peets
Tuesday, January 3

Horticulture

Tuesday, November 8
Joyce Nelson's

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 15
9:00 Coffee
9:30 Meeting
Jane Wiser's
Tuesday, January 24
Pam Goode's

General Meeting

Thursday, November 17
OCC 10:00
Guest Day

Flower Arranging Workshop

Thursday, November 10
10:30 St Stephen's
Tuesday, February 21

"Wreaths around Town" Workshop & Luncheon

Friday, December 2
OCC

FMN Deadline

Wednesday, January 4

GHF Austin Roses

Monday, January 30
Wednesday, February 8
9:00

BOUQUETS

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BEAUTIFICATION

Beautiful Orinda 2010-2011

Tuesday, December 6th 9:30am
Meet in front of Peets
Crossroads Container Fluffing
4 Orinda Garden Clubs Joint Project

Thank You Bulb Baronesses!

Ann Cinderey, Sis Curtis, Gail Emmons, Judy Gray, Caroline Hayes, Tina Locke, Janet Pease, Susie Romak, Jane Ryan, Judy Shallat, Linda Thompson, Bobbie Wilson, Jane Wiser, Carole Wolfman, and Jane Zuercher worked hard at the Triangle, the Off Ramp, the Library and City Hall planting 1200 daffodils! This will be very appreciated come Spring! Gina, Lisa & Laurie

HORTICULTURE

Tuesday, November 8 10:00
Joyce Nelson's

Horticulture-Become a Genus Genius

Topic is bulbs. I have 200 paperwhite bulbs for sale (\$1 apiece) so bring a container without holes if you would like to learn how to "pickle" them. Container should be sturdy glass, preferably a 6" x 6" (approx) clear glass container. I will have polished rock but if you have your own, that's ok. I will also have bulbs from the BulbBaron. Most of his bulbs are 2/\$1. Parking is on the street or at the lower lot of OCC so carpooling is great.

Joyce, Nita & Dena

GHF AUSTIN ROSES

Ready for Roses - 2012

Monday, January 30
Wednesday, February 8 9:00

A large number of members are planning to gather at The Gardens at Heather Farm for the "Big Dormant Prune". You can add your name to the list by calling Kirsten or Isa Mary. This is a bracing experience, always lively and often educational and an expert will be on hand. See you there!

CONSERVATION

Where does our water go?

There are 31 miles of creeks that run through Orinda. The creeks on the northern side drain into San Pablo Creek Dam Reservoir. The creeks on the southern side drain into the Upper San Leandro Reservoir. Eventually all the water drains into our San Francisco Bay.



Nineteen miles of Orinda creeks are bordered by homes. Are you among the 800 homes located along this valuable property? How far is your home from a creek? These fragile waterways are the ultimate storm drains of the city carrying direct runoff from creekside property and runoff from the rest of the city's land areas. Creeks provide a habitat for wildlife and a host of aesthetic benefits. Our creeks are an irreplaceable natural resource.

Because most of Orinda creeks are located on private property, responsibility for the health of creeks and the survival of creek-dependent wildlife lies with each of us. Erosion of creek banks can be a constant problem and needs to be regularly checked using low cost native vegetation to stabilize banks.

Even if you do not live directly on the banks of a creek, controlling water runoff from your property is important. Impervious driveways, walkways and patios increase the amount of water that flows into the creek. Using materials where water can permeate the soil is better for the environment.

It will be interesting for OGC members to be able to visualize where water goes. In the near future a map of our area will be displayed at the general meeting. Members will be asked to identify her property on the map using a small punch pin noting the nearest Orinda creek flowing into the San Francisco Bay. Seeing is believing! OGC education about our water system will continue from there...

Marty

IN MEMORIAM

Joan McKnight, a member of OGC since 1973 and past president, has passed away. No services are planned but donations may be made to Guide Dogs for the Blind or a charity of your choice.

OGC TREE PROJECT 2012

Tuesday, November 8

Tree committee meeting

The Community Awareness & Fund Raiser for Lake Cascade's next segment will be in the Spring of 2012. This Tuesday, I will meet with the committee to discuss our goals. In January letters will be sent to various organizations explaining our project, articles will be submitted to newspapers, The Diablo Magazine & flyers to the neighbors that live around Lake Cascade notifying them of our ongoing tree project and the need to raise funds. I recently met with Orinda Country Club, Manager, Greg Davis & Bob Lopic, Director of Golf Course Maintenance & Grounds & they are thrilled with the project. We will continue to keep you posted, so please stay tuned.
Diana

MINI-BAG LUNCHEONS

We cannot think of a better way to have an autumn lunch than with fellow OGC members in four beautiful homes. We would like to thank our gracious hostesses Lexie Corbitt, Dena Raffel, Jane Ryan, and Sheila Wendt. Be sure to look for the information coming in January regarding the March mini luncheons. Bobbie & Dona

CORKTOBERFEST A SUCCESS!



We had a warm and glorious evening for our CorktOberfest and the party was festive and elegant thanks to Lexie Corbitt's beautiful table arrangements. If you were unable to attend, you missed great food, plentiful drinks and seeing OGC's vice president (DD Felton) in full Oom-pa-pa regalia, not to mention synchronized overhead fly-bys performed to perfection by local geese.



Special thanks to Orinda Country Club for making OGC feel so welcome and providing major help in keeping costs down. We admired the Cork Oaks across the lake and Joan Andrews's before and after photo display of the Cork Oak Project. Thanks to everyone who participated!
Jane & Cathleen



WREATHS AROUND TOWN ~ HELP SPREAD THE JOY ~

Wreath Decorating
Friday, December 2
10:00 OCC Board Room
Lunch
12:00 OCC Fairway Lounge



This year Orinda will be adorned with 60 festive wreaths, purchased from Boy Scout Troop 237 and decorated by OGC members. We need your help to decorate the wreaths on December 2nd at Orinda Country Club ~ please come and decorate and invite friends to join us for a casual lunch after our work is done.

Lunch will be \$17 per person and can be charged to OCC members' accounts or by non OCC members by cash or check that day. However, please call or email us if you are coming to decorate or lunch. It is essential that OCC knows how many to set up for. Thanks, Cathleen and Jane

F.Y.I.

Fearless Latin: A Gardeners's Introduction to Botanical Nomenclature



Published since 1994, in the Portland Garden Club's monthly member newsletter, "Fearless Latin" began as a series of articles designed to make botanical Latin approachable and useful to the average gardener.

At the urging of many fellow gardeners, most of these articles have been consolidated into this book.

Botanical Latin is the *lingua franca* of gardeners around the world and is an invaluable tool for everyone who appreciates plants and wants to know more about them.

Fearless Latin: A Gardener's Introduction to Botanical Nomenclature is an invitation to gardeners everywhere to learn to use this tool to their, and their gardens' advantage and a great Christmas gift to gardeners of all ages.

Sara is a lifelong gardener, a past president of the Portland Garden Club and an approved GCA horticulture judge. It is through the judging program that I have met her and admired her talents. Joan Andrews

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