



# Orinda Garden Club

*Member of the Garden Club of America*

## FORGET-ME-NOTS



### *From Margie's Garden*

Never knew being in a cemetery could be so delightful. Last week a large group of us enjoyed our guided tour viewing all of the old roses and lovely plantings at the Sacramento Cemetery. This was followed by a delicious lunch at The Firehouse Restaurant.

We have had a busy and most eventful month. Lots of great info on "Bees with Mike Vigo".

Many members showed up to help with Partners for Plants and also there was a HUGE turn out to clean up the triangle on Earth Day. Mary Ellen mentioned that our group was reported as working the hardest!! Congratulations to everyone who stepped up to the plate!

Fondly,  
Margie

### Events at a Glance

Bouquets	May 9
Container Planting	May 10,
Board Meeting	May 19
Rose Pruning	May 24
General Meeting	May 26
Rose Pruning	June 14

### Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2016-2017 are now due!!  
New this year, you may pay online!  
[Click here to pay dues](#) for 2016-2017 now.

Dues remain the same as last year.  
Active dues: \$290, Associate/sustainer: \$170,  
New Member: \$410.

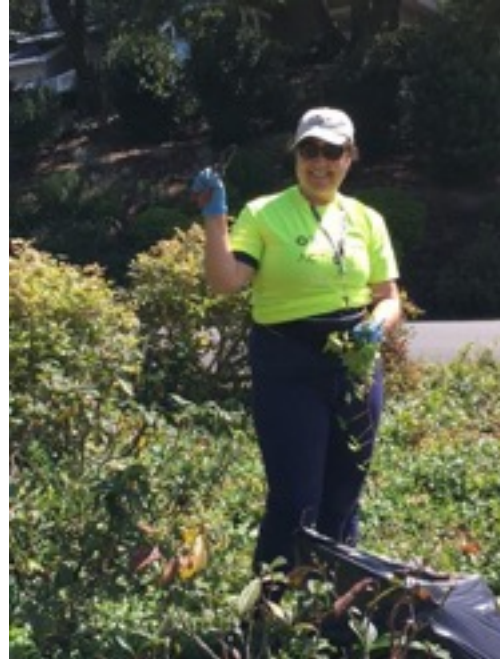
NOTE: you do NOT need to have a pay pal account! You may use any credit card.

You can still pay by check to OGC, mailed to Laura Sawczuk, 93 el Toyonal, Orinda, CA 94563.

Deadline for dues is May 31st!  
Please get your dues paid in a timely fashion.  
Your treasurer (& assistant) will be grateful!!

Don't hesitate to call with any questions.  
Laura 925-890-3655

# Orinda In Action



Thanks and kudos to our hardworking members who pitched in on Orinda In Action Day to help beautify our town!  
We concentrated our efforts on the Triangle Garden,  
and definitely improved its appearance!

Many thanks to Nita Roethe, Margie Murphy, Laurie Smith, Shari Bashin Sullivan, Ann Cinderey, Sue Anderson Berger, Linda Thompson, Louise Diracles, Margene Stahle, Deb Stephenson, Kathy French, Janet Riley, Sylvia Carter, Carole and Andy Amstutz, and Lisa Jorgens.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Schneider



Orinda Garden Club  
tours the  
Old Roses  
at Sacramento  
Cemetery



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# "Design With A Flair" Workshop

On April 26th, 18 ladies participated in a morning of creating wonderful designs using equisetum.



*Sign up no later than May 18th*

## **Spring Meeting and Picnic**

May 26, 2016

at Sue Andersen-Berger's Home  
76 Charles Hill Road

9:30 am Meet for shuttles: Pink Wall  
10:00 am Social and Coffee  
10:30 am Meeting  
11:45 am Picnic Box Luncheon

**Shuttle Required--NO PARKING AT SUE'S HOME**

**To make your Reservation:** Please fill out and deliver the order form below with your payment by May 18th. [Click here](#) to make your payment and reservation online.

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend meeting May 26th  
(Name)

Picnic Box Lunch \$20.

Vegetarian \_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_

Send form and check to: Julie O'Melveny  
326 La Espiral  
Orinda, CA 94563

## The National Affairs and Legislation Meeting 2/23-2/26/2016

To go to Washington, D.C. to attend the NAL is an awesome experience, inspiring and daunting as one becomes more familiar with the many issues related to environmental changes, threats, and opportunities. The issues involve large numbers, for example, the green industry in the U.S. is \$120 billion; if 100 million families turned off the water while brushing their teeth it would reduce costs by \$ 2.7 billion! The GCA has been involved in many of the issues we are still addressing, our focus on native plants began in 1913; advocating for national parks began in 1921.

An amazing program kept us going from early in the morning. The speakers expertise during the first day included forest management, botanical sciences, ocean acidification, and national and local energy policies. (A synopsis of the entire NAL program is in the GCA eNews, March 2016, vol. 7, issue 8).

Meeting on Capital Hill the second day, we were introduced to House Representatives and Senators from across the U.S. Congressman Garret Graves, R., La. was particularly knowledgeable as he had served for six years as a senior policy advisor on energy, environment, fisheries and disasters in La, The future protection of the coastlines in America, he suggested, still needs to be addressed with further research, vast financial expenditures, and appropriate legislation.

Our evening program at the Cosmos Club featured Mac Stone, Conservation Photographer. His "Everglades-America's Wetland" can be seen on TED talk, absolutely stunning and informative. The future of Florida's Everglades is precarious, if not addressed with an inclusive approach.

The last day we had the privilege of meeting with Senator Barbara Boxer, and the staff of Senator Diane Feinstein. Both have professional staff members focused on environmental issues and bills. The Senators support Measure AA, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) bill.

Linda and I were fortunate to meet with Congressman Mark DeSaulnier and his staff in the afternoon. He has a bill to expand the John Muir National Historic Site by 44 acres. He is also supporting Garamendi's House bill on water, the House version of Sen. Feinstein's bill in the Senate. We were delighted when he told us he would add his name to the list of sponsors of Measure AA following our request for his endorsement..

The NAL meeting cannot help but bring one hope, that so many people with so much knowledge and influence are working to change and improve the environmental issues that are so important to the health and well being of our nation and future generations. We both thank you for the privilege of attending the NAL meeting.

Linda Thompson, Kirsten Whitsett

## Orinda Garden Club Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Description
General Meeting	Apr 28, 2016	9:30am coffee 10:00am meeting	Mike Kabler from Oaktown Blooms @ Orinda Country Club
Bouquets	May 9, 2016	10:30am	Ruth Fortune's
Container Planting	May 10, 2016	10:00am	Orchard Nursery, back patio
Board Meeting	May 19, 2016	3:15 - 4:15pm	Shari Bashin Sullivan's
Rose Pruning	May 24, 2016	9:00am	Heather Farms
General Meeting	May 26, 2016	10:00am social/ 10:30 meeting	Sue Andersen Berger's
Rose Pruning	Jun 14, 2016	9:00am	Heather Farms
Incoming/outgoing Board meeting	Jun 16, 2016	10:00am social/ 10:30 meeting	TBD