



## *October Forget me Nots*

### President's Message

Dear Members,

Our September meeting was so beautiful! Big thanks to Connie and Skip Leach for your warm hospitality. Another big thank you to Sugar and Anita, and their helpers, for making everything perfect for our meeting and lunch.

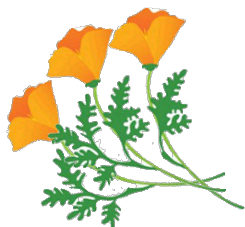
Indian Summer is one of my favorite times of year. With warm days, cool nights and beautiful lighting it's a perfect time for picture taking! I hope you will think about entering the practice photography show in November. Remember, our experts are here to help you.

I need your help for the October general meeting. We are going to have a program about . . . US! We all have great ideas about what things need to be done, how things should be done, which things are fun and which are a burden. We will use our time together to share these ideas and make sure garden club continues to be a meaningful experience for all members.

It would be helpful if you would reflect on what Orinda Garden Club means to you and what our future goals are so that we can readily share our thoughts and ideas at the meeting.

Warmly,

Cathleen



Please remember to sign up for the Annual Meeting Flower Show starting Oct 15th.  
It fills up fast so please mark your calendars!

Also please sign up for our OGC Photography Show no later than Oct 27.

### **General Meeting Attendance**

Did you know that we have an Excused Absence rule? In 2015, we adopted rules allowing for excused absences from general meetings in special circumstances. Those circumstances include but are not limited to medical condition of a member or her immediate family, death of an immediate family member, attendance at Garden Club of America meeting or other GCA commitment, jury duty or emergency work situation. You need to request an excused absence from the Executive Committee as soon as reasonably possible before or after the missed meeting.

To do this, call or write (email is fine) the President and the Corresponding Secretary.

Janet Riley, By-Laws

### **Botanical Arts Workshop**

As you know the GCA Annual Meeting in San Francisco @ the Embarcadero Hyatt Hotel is in late April 2018. The title is Wonders of the West.

I am the Class Consultant for Division IV, Botanical Arts. In case you aren't sure what this means, it is jewelry made out of dried plant material. In the Flower Show, there will be 3 Classes of 4 Entries.

They are as follows: Class 1, Wonders of Gold, Class 2, Wonders of Turquoise & Class 3, Wonders of Pearls.

Please check the schedule on line and read about Botanical Arts. It is a creative & challenging class. Finding the material is fun & once you have decided to enter just gather, collect materials & let them dry now. Be sure to carefully read what your class is requesting.

If interested in learning more, please come to Diana Kennedy's home on Tuesday, October 24 @ 10:00 a/m.

My address is 28 Fallen Leaf Terrace.

This will be a very informative meeting filled with good ideas that will entice you.

### **Orinda Garden Club Photography Show**

The Orinda Garden Club will be having a photography show at our November 16, 2017 meeting. Entries will be accepted from our club membership only. Schedule with information on Class themes, submission specifications, and deadlines will be available at our September meeting, and on our website soon. There will be a class for smart phone entries. Show off your photography talents, enter!

-Yoni Mayeri, Photography Chair

### **Save the Date**

December 1, 2017

Holiday Tea and Wreath prep for Wreaths Around Orinda

### **Stay overnight during the GCA Annual Meeting in April**

If you would like to spend a night or two or three in San Francisco, during the GCA Annual meeting next April, contact Dona Snow, (254-1982) who has rooms blocked at The Harbor Court Hotel, at a great rate of \$179 (less expensive than the rooms at the Hyatt) and is only a block away.

### **Roster Correction**

Please note correct spelling and email for Lisa Kovalik, lkovalik@yahoo.com

## September Meeting Highlights



Orinda Garden Club hosted its September meeting at Connie Leach's beautiful home and garden. The weather, decor and food were all perfect! It was a lovely day attended by active members, new members and associates.



Member sponsors introduced new members. We learned more about these talented ladies that we welcome to OGC.



Our talented and hard working committee for the GCA's annual meeting and flower show, The Wonders of the West updated us on exciting plans and how we can all get involved in the flower and photography shows.



Jane Wisner presents Midge Zischke with an award from the GCA for her 30 years of service with the Orinda Garden Club. Congratulations Midge!



Marlene Hallenberger and Ann Cinderey invited us to sign up for a docent led tour and viewing of the butterfly and blooms exhibit at the Conservatory of Flowers in San Francisco. We don't want to miss that!



## **Close to Home**

Orinda Garden Club  
Photography Show  
Orinda Country Club  
November 16, 2017

## **Photography Classes**

[Entry Card](#)

**Class 1**                      **Evocative Autumn**    **Color**

An image that evokes the feeling of autumn.

**Class 2**                      **Close-up**    **Color**

A close up image taken with a smart phone that highlights the bloom of a plant.

**Class 3**                      **Garden Patterns**    **Monochrome**

An image focused on patterns found in the garden. Plant material is optional.

Consultant: Yoni Mayeri, [yoniy99@comcast.net](mailto:yoniy99@comcast.net), 925-998-6399

Introducing the  
**OGC Member Blog**



To supplement our club communication, we are starting a OGC member blog. This will be a great place for members to share gardening tips, upcoming events, fun garden photos, and other garden-related information. Members can post something to the blog and all other blog members will immediately see it. This will be totally private — no outsiders will be able to see or participate in the blog.

The blog is currently set up on Facebook. You will need a Facebook account to participate. If you don't already have a Facebook account, we can help you set one up. Please let us know on the enrollment form.

If you DO have a Facebook account, please provide your email information on the enrollment form. We will then send you an invitation - accept it, and you will be able to view or post items to the blog.

Happy Posting!

[OGC Blog Enrollment Form](#)

Jean Rowe  
Questions? Feel free to [email me](#)

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**Docent Tour of Conservatory of Flowers**

Tour will begin at 11:15 in the lobby of the Conservatory.

The tour will last 45 minutes and cover four of the five galleries.

An additional 15 minutes is recommended to view the Butterflies and Blooms exhibit, which is included with the admission ticket but not the tour.

Admission: \$8 for Adults, \$6 for Seniors, over 65, to be paid day of event.

Group limited to 30 people.

RSVP by October 30, 2017.

Carpools will leave OCC at 9:30 am promptly and return to OCC by 1:30 pm.

Thank you.

Marlene and Ann



OGC Calendar is now available on our website.  
[Click here](#) to view the Orinda Garden Club Calendar

Orinda Garden Club Calendar		
<b>Bay Visions</b>	<b>9:30am - 2:30pm</b>	<b>October 3, 2017</b>
Limited to first 20 members to send check to Laurie Smith.		Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda
<b>Fall Display Installation</b>	<b>9:30am - 10:30am</b>	<b>October 4, 2017</b>
Bring wire cutters if you have them!		meet at Rite Aid parking lot
<b>Toxic Puzzle with Dr. Paul Cox</b>	<b>7pm - 9pm</b>	<b>October 4, 2017</b>
Advance Registration Required		Orinda Theatre, 4 Orinda Theatre Square, Orinda
<b>Bouquets</b>	<b>10:30am - 11:30am</b>	<b>October 9, 2017</b>
@ Lorene Quist's		15 Owl Hill Rd, Orinda
<b>Rose Pruning</b>	<b>9am - 10am</b>	<b>October 11, 2017</b>
Bring clippers & gloves		Heather Farm Park, 301 N San Carlos Dr, Walnut Creek
<b>Hort: Harvest by Stefani Bittner</b>	<b>9:45am - 11:15am</b>	<b>October 18, 2017</b>
@ Lisa Kovolik's		10 Lombardy Ln, Orinda
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>3:15pm - 4:30pm</b>	<b>October 19, 2017</b>
@ Chris Stoneberg's		653 Ironbark Circle Orinda, CA 94563
<b>Botanical Art Workshop</b>	<b>10am - 11am</b>	<b>October 24, 2017</b>
@Diana Kennedy's home		28 Fallen Leaf Terrace, Orinda
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>9:30am - 11am</b>	<b>October 26, 2017</b>
9:30 Social		Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda
<b>Conservatory of Flowers Field Trip</b>	<b>9:30am - 2pm</b>	<b>November 3, 2017</b>
Docent led tour/Butterflies & Blooms special exhibit		Conservatory of Flowers, 100 John F Kennedy Dr, San Francisco
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>3:15pm - 4:45pm</b>	<b>November 9, 2017</b>
@ Sandra Holland's		21 Owl Hill Rd, Orinda
<b>Bouquets</b>	<b>10:30am - 11:30am</b>	<b>November 13, 2017</b>
@Carole Wolfman's		236 Sundown Terrace, Orinda
<b>Partners for Plants (P4P)</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>November 14, 2017</b>
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>9:30am - 12:30pm</b>	<b>November 16, 2017</b>
*Close to Home: In-House Photography Show		Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda



*Photo courtesy of Doug Steakley*

**Save the Date**  
**GCA Photography Study Group Workshop**

**Winter in Yosemite**  
**Doug Steakley Photography Tours and Expeditions**

[www.douglassteakley.com](http://www.douglassteakley.com)

*Winter 2018 – 2 workshops*  
*February 4-6 & February 6-8*  
*(Maximum 10 people per group)*

***Evening One***

Arrival, introductions and orientation followed by dinner at the nearby Mountain Room Restaurant. Stay at Yosemite View Lodge.

***Days Two and Three***

Morning, mid-day and afternoon evening field sessions.  
Post-processing and image review sessions will be included.

***Day Four***

Departure

Registration will open for the “Interest List” only at 4 PM Eastern Time on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. On September 6<sup>th</sup> the registration will go out to the general membership. For questions or to be placed on the Interest List, please email Eloise Carson @ [eloisecarson@me.com](mailto:eloisecarson@me.com). Yosemite is a spectacular location and winter will provide some wonderful photographic opportunities.