



Forget me Nots

President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope that your gardens have flourished, you had a nice relaxing summer, and that you are now ready for a great Orinda Garden Club year. First, a warm welcome to our new members. We are so happy to have them join us, and we look forward to getting to know them well during the year. Next, and, as important, my heartfelt thanks to our members who worked diligently this summer to plan an excellent line up of programs and field trips for us to enjoy.

One of the most impressive things about the Orinda Garden Club is its members. We have nationally known and award winning flower arrangers, horticulturalists, conservationists and photographers. These amazing women are not only top in their fields, but generous in sharing their skills and knowledge with us. Our very own Gail Emmons and Janet Riley are in charge of the upcoming Flower Show at the GCA Annual meeting in San Francisco this April and I know it will be spectacular. You will have the opportunity to enter the Flower Show and will be warmly encouraged by our knowledgeable members. In any case, we will all be privileged to participate in the Annual Meeting and be part of something very special.

Another wonderful aspect of the Orinda Garden Club is its community service. I am so proud of our history and want to continue our good work, ever expanding our presence in Orinda. To that end, we have a very exciting community program on October 4th. Dr. Paul Cox will be here to screen the documentary about his groundbreaking work in the field of ethnomedicine, and, in particular, his search for a plant based cure for ALS, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. I heard Dr. Cox speak at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore last April. In his unassuming way, Dr. Cox communicated his passionate devotion to his work. His commitment to finding a cure and helping people was incredibly moving and inspiring.

We have some exciting changes coming to you this year as well. At the first meeting you will experience our new Virtual Clipboards that permit all event sign ups to be available before each meeting. You will have the opportunity to visit with the event chair and learn how to use our new system. All event sign ups will also be available on our website, in case you have to miss a meeting.

When I think back on each of the women who have served as president since I joined the Orinda Garden Club in 1999, I am in awe of, and challenged by their leadership, creativity, intelligence and generosity. Like the presidents before me I want the next two years to be educational, stimulating and rewarding for our members, and I am honored to be in this role.

Warmly,
Cathleen

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ORINDA GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS



Gina Barretta

Gina Barretta is an artist, having worked as a graphic designer, she now studies Botanical drawing with Catherine Watters. When she isn't painting or gardening, she is busy trying new recipes for her family and caring for her small menagerie of pets which include five noisy hens. She currently is helping out on the advisory board of the UC Botanical Garden.



Kathy Fernbacher

My husband, John and I have lived in Orinda for 30 years. We met at Cal and have been married for 37 years. We have 3 children, 2 sons-in-law a daughter-in-law and 2 grandchildren. I was in sales in my professional life. I have volunteered in many capacities over the years, including serving as President for St. Luke's Children's Hospital Auxiliary, EFO major donor chair and board member for 7 years and Miramonte Parent's Club President in 2006. More recently I volunteered at Next Steps Learning Center tutoring students in Oakland trying to get their GED's and served on the WestCoast Children's Clinic board, a non-profit mental health organization serving vulnerable youth in Alameda County. My hobbies are duplicate bridge, hiking, golf and gardening. I look forward to learning more about gardening and giving back to the community.



Shand Green

As a young lawyer in San Francisco, then a busy mother of 4 in Orinda, I always said, in my next life, I wanted to learn flower arranging. When I was growing up in Berkeley, there were always flowers in the house. My mother made sure there was a cutting garden in back of our home. My father put himself through Cal Berkeley working at the BARD flower shop on Telegraph Avenue, first delivering flowers and then arranging them. He certainly ordered special flowers for the family house on any important occasion. I have forever appreciated beautiful flower designs and artful gardens, even if not talented in those areas myself. So now I see my next life and learning flower arranging and much more - thank you Orinda Garden Club!

Activities I have enjoyed: Town & Country Club in SF, including 4 years as President; many years in Hill Branch for Children's Hospital Oakland, including Winter Ball Chair 2012; many many years in Junior League of Oakland East Bay and National Charity League Lamorinda, where I have met many of OGC's members in another life. My husband Bill in retirement has taken up painting in acrylics - his best by far are landscapes. I enjoy swimming, skiing, reading, lots of travel now that Bill is retired, and visiting our 4 grandchildren, with hopes of more to come.



Lori Huhn

I am a Bay Area native who has lived in Orinda for the last 25 years.

Both my husband and I went to UCLA where we met as freshman. We have just celebrated our 31st anniversary and I am happy to say that we are still like each other and are going strong. After graduation we stayed in Los Angeles and I had a career as an Entertainment Television publicist. I worked on three Academy Awards shows, Entertainment Tonight and for the CBS Television Network.

We are lucky to have two boys who ironically graduated from USC. A true house divided – 2 Bruins and 2 Trojans. I was fortunate to be able to stay home while they were in school and was very active in volunteering for their various activities at school and otherwise. It was my full time job and I definitely took it to heart.

Now that we are empty nesters, I am challenged to figure out what drives and inspires me. I am a volunteer with the organization Wardrobe for Opportunity where I am a stylist helping those who can not afford clothing for job interviews. It is truly a rewarding experience that always humbles me. I also am doing volunteer work with Crisis Text Line (my younger son works for them) and am trying to increase their public profile through the media.

I have taken up golf and bridge. Although still not great at either, I hope to improve as I practice! My husband and I love to travel and have been to most countries in Europe as well as Africa. We are planning to travel to Israel this spring and I have just begun to get together the details. I also love to garden and flower arrange and look forward to sharing that with my new friends in Garden Club.



Katie Korotzer

Katie Korotzer is married to Gary Korotzer and they have two boys, TJ (20, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps) and Nick (17, headed to University of the Pacific in Stockton in Fall 2017). Katie and Gary recently relocated to Orinda from Piedmont. They are excited about having a bigger yard with lots of beautiful oak trees and room for gardening, as well as a one level house.

Katie's mother and grandmother were members of their local garden clubs in Georgia. In her professional life, Katie was a corporate program planner for American Express before deciding to stay home and raise her boys.

Katie has held a number of high level volunteer leadership and fundraising positions on behalf of the Piedmont schools and currently serves as president of the Alameda/Piedmont/Oakland chapter of the Blue Star Moms. Katie is looking forward to making new friends through Orinda Garden Club and to creating a beautiful garden.



Bonnie Miller

I have lived in Orinda for 9 years. Hank, my husband of 14 years, and I have a 7 year old daughter who is going into 2nd grade at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School. I left my profession in the Commercial furniture business shortly after having Olivia and have been enjoying, the best job in life, motherhood, and a variety of hobbies and volunteering. I am a SoCal, beach raised, NorCal transplant who after marrying Hank, a passionate gardener, inspired me to embrace all things garden related. My fondest interest is in flower gardens and making arrangements although the reward of growing, finding creative uses for and eating our homegrown vegetables is also a keen luxury of living up here.



Mary Hogan Rotticci

I had the pleasure of growing up in Orinda and raising my four children here- Tommy, Jack, Mary Claire and Joey. I graduated from the University of Southern California. Years later, I earned a nursing degree and currently work at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco. My past affiliations include KKG sorority, NCL and Junior League. I enjoy being outdoors and spending time with my family.



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

Orinda Garden Club Calendar			
New Member Orientation	10am - 11:30am		Thursday, September 7, 2017
	326 La Espiral	Julie O'Melveny's home	
Bouquets	10:30am - 11:30am		Monday, September 11, 2017
	39 Martha Rd	@ Jane Ryan's Driver: Jane Wiser	
Rose Pruning	9am - 10am		Tuesday, September 12, 2017
	Heather Farm Park, 301 N San Carlos Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94598	Bring clippers and gloves	
Board Meeting	3:15pm - 4:15pm		Thursday, September 21, 2017
	326 La Espiral	@ Julie O'Melveny's	
General Meeting & Picnic	10am - 11am		Thursday, September 28, 2017
	27 La Noria	*Picnic @ Connie Leach's *10:00 EVENT SIGN UPS AND Social, 10:30 Meeting, 11:30 Picnic	
Bay Visions	TBA		Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Toxic Puzzle Screening with Dr. Paul Cox	7pm - 10pm		Wednesday, October 4, 2017
	Orinda Theatre, 4 Orinda Theatre Square		
Bouquets	10:30am - 11:30am		Monday, October 9, 2017
	15 Owl Hill Rd	@ Lorene Quist's Driver: Tina Locke	
Rose Pruning	9am - 10am		Wednesday, October 11, 2017
	Heather Farm Park, 301 N San Carlos Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94598	Bring clippers & gloves	
Hort: Harvest by Stefani Bittman	9:45am - 11:15am		Wednesday, October 18, 2017
	10 Lombardy Ln	@ Lisa Kovolik's Learn to create fun and unique items utilizing garden materials with the co-designer of the Sunset Test Gardens and featured writer in the NYT and SF Chronicle!	
Board Meeting	3:15pm - 4:30pm		Thursday, October 19, 2017
	653 Ironbark Circle Orinda, CA 94563	@ Chris Stoneberg's 3:15 Social 3:30 meeting	
Botanical Art Workshop	10am - 11am		Tuesday, October 24, 2017



Special Community Event

Documentary Screening and

Q&A with Dr. Paul Cox

October 4th, 7:00 p.m.

Orinda Theater

Orinda Garden Club is hosting a screening of the cutting edge documentary about Dr. Paul Cox and his ground breaking work to find a plant based cure for "tangled brain disease" which includes Alzheimer's, ALS and Parkinson's.

Dr. Paul Allen Cox has dedicated his life to discovering new treatments for brain diseases by studying proven patterns of wellness and disease from indigenous people all over the world.

There are over 5 million Americans suffering from Alzheimer's. Chances are you know one and would like to help.

- How did these scientists, using non-traditional research, discover a cause and potential treatment of neurodegenerative diseases?
- How did they use indigenous plant medicine to make these discoveries?
- Can a naturally occurring dietary amino acid slow ALS or prevent Alzheimer's?
- Can blue-green algae blooms trigger neurodegenerative diseases like ALS and Alzheimer's?

Come and find out the answers to these questions and more. You will not be disappointed. This is an event that should not be missed!

Tickets will be available online, [click here](#)

Suggested donation: \$5 per person.

Congratulations to the Annual Award Recipients:

"Tea in the Garden" Garden Tour:

Club Horticulture Award:

Club Conservation Award:

Club Appreciation Award:

Years of service:

The Freeman Medal, special recognition,

Marlene Hallenberger and Louise Diracles

Sue Andersen-Berger

Linda Thompson and Kirsten Whitsitt

Janet Riley

Jenifer Brunk and Midge Zischke

Vanessa Crews for submitting California

Pipevine, (*Aristolochia californica*)



Congratulations to Yoni Mayeri

Recipient of the Creativity Award in 2017

GCA Flower Show hosted by Cherokee Garden Club

April 20, 2017

The class was called: Division III Photography Classes, Class 1 Twists & Turns, Monochrome - Water in the landscape taken with a smartphone. Manipulation allowed.



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

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 6th 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. Yosemite is a spectacular location and winter will provide some wonderful photographic opportunities.

Photography news

The September issue of Focus magazine as a downloadable PDF is on the GCA Website at: <https://www.gcamerica.org/uploads/filemanager/publicationsresource/FOCUS%20September%202017%20%20FINAL.pdf>. As Focus is available only to GCA Members, the link will require you to sign into the Members' Area. Check out page 14, which features a winning image with a smartphone by Yoni Mayeri.

Bay Visions Cruise aboard the USS Potomac

Join the Bay Visions cruise aboard the USS Potomac, Tuesday, October 3rd, leaving Oakland at 10:30 a.m. cruising to Treasure Island, Angel Island and Marin. It will then sail along the San Francisco shoreline, returning to Oakland by 1:30 p.m. A historical movie will be viewable at the dock in Oakland before or after the cruise. The price is \$65 per person and includes lunch. Guests are welcome.

Meet at OCC lower lot at 9:30 am to carpool to Jack London Square.

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

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.



Fall General Meeting and Luncheon
September 28, 2017
Connie Leach's Garden, 27 La Noria, Orinda
9:30 am shuttle pick up from OCC lower parking lot
10:00 am social and event sign up
10:30 am meeting
11:45 lunch in the garden

There is no parking at Connie Leach's, car shuttle is required.

To make your reservation for a buffet lunch:

[Click Here](#) to order a buffet lunch online (online charge will be \$23) or

please fill out and send the order form in with your payment of \$22 by Sept. 20th!

Response Card for September Meeting

_____ will attend the September 28th meeting
(name)

Yes, I would like a buffet lunch for \$22:

Send Form and check made out to OGC to: **Dona Snow**
10 Heather Lane
Orinda, CA
94563

To order your lunch online you will need to be logged into the members only area. If you do not have your login information, please contact
Jean Rowe (jeanrowe@comcast.net)

Don't miss the "Events" event before the General Meeting

Our hard working chairs have planned a dazzling array of field trips, parties, and workshops. Bring your calendar to the social portion of the General Meeting to learn more about upcoming events and how to sign up for them online. Not able to come to the meeting? We are introducing Virtual Clipboards so that you can sign up online and don't need to find the clipboard at the meetings.