



May 2018 Forget me Nots

May President's Message

Wonders of the West, our magnificent flower show at the annual meeting was a tremendous success! I am bursting with pride and appreciation of our flower show committee headed by Janet Riley and Gail Emmons and to each and every volunteer – your time and effort made it all come together. My heartfelt thanks to all.

The annual meeting was also a big success and we should all be proud of Zone XII. The keynote speakers were stimulating. Later this month you will be able to access the speeches (on the GCA website) of Thomas Woltz, one of America's most renowned landscape architects, who is engaged in designing public parks around the country. And Jonathan Foley, executive director of the California Academy of Sciences, who is contributing to understanding changes in ecosystems, land use, and global food security. You won't be disappointed!

We have fun and interesting outings planned for you in May, and I hope to see you all at our May meeting and picnic at DD Felton's home in Piedmont. It is a perfect opportunity for us to get together and celebrate another wonderful year with our garden club friends.

Warmly, Cathleen

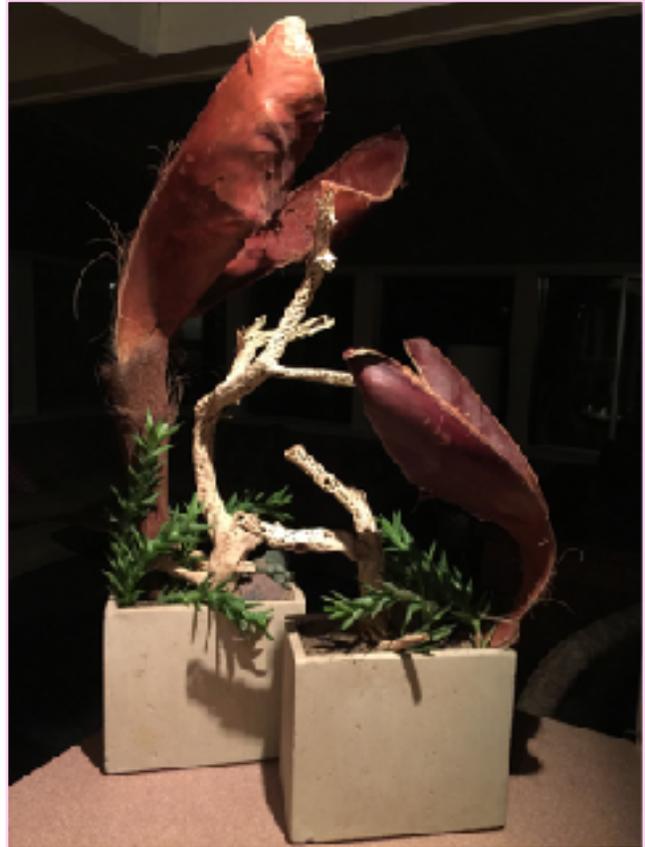
Fun with Finance says "it is dues time".

Think of all of the wonderful programs, median cleaning, learning and camaraderie we have had this year! Dues are a BARGAIN! You will note that dues have remained the same with no increase for three years. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to pay your dues. More information on website.

**GCA Annual Meeting
Wonders of the West
OGC Award Winners**



**Shari Bashin Sullivan
Floral Design**



Judy Shallat - Floral Design

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Nita Roethe - Hort



Pat Winther - Hort



Susan Berger - Hort



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**Laura Sawczuk and Dena Raffel
Botanical Arts**



Marion Bottomley Photography

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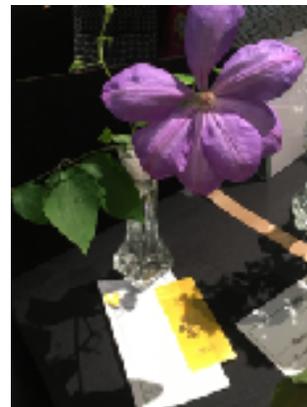
Cuts



**Susan Anderson Berger
rose**



Suanne Inman - rose



**Joyce Nelson flow-
ering stem**



**Suanne Inman
flowering branch**

**Another award winner
Isa Mary Ziegler - one flowering
stem (not pictured)**

History Corner by Louise Diracles

Now that the 2018 Garden Club of America Annual Meeting Flower Show is behind us, let's recognize that our members have been doing flower shows for many moons. Pictures here were supplied by Betsy Bingham from the May 26, 1993 Contra Costa Sun. The Flower Show was called 'Down to Earth' and 550 people came to see it. GCA Judges came from all over including Hawaii, Washington and California. Our members have long known how to put on a great flower show.



Daphne Bertero



Midge Zischke



Janice Legge



Quarryhill Botanical Garden Tour Glen Ellen

May 15, 2018

Carpool from OCC lower lot at 8:45 am

Tour will be an hour and a half followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

We are eternally grateful that the Quarryhill gardens were miraculously spared from the wine country fires. Quarryhill is a world famous garden, planted from seeds gathered in more than 20 expeditions to Asia and comprising one of the world's largest collections of Asian plants. These include Maples, Magnolias, Dogwoods, Lilies and Roses, many rare and endangered.

Quarryhill was founded 30 years ago on the site of two abandoned quarries, which have created ponds and streams among the gardens. The site has some hilly areas, so carts will be available for those who'd like to ride, ala OCC golf! To get a sneak peak, visit <http://www.quarryhillbg.org>. The plants in bloom are ever changing.

Tour fee is \$15. It should be fun and unique! Sign up on the Virtual Clipboard on the Weekly Updates or contact Lisa Jorgens or Linda Thompson.

Spring General Meeting and Picnic

Thursday, May 24, 2018

DD Felton's Garden, 9 Requa Place, Piedmont

10:00am Social
10:30am Meeting
11:45am Picnic

To make your Reservation for a Box Lunch: **CLICK HERE**

NOTE: 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)

Or

Fill out & send the card below along with your check BY MAY 14th

RESPONSE CARD FOR MAY MEETING

_____ will attend the May 24th Meeting
(name)

I would like a Box Lunch for \$23.00 _____

Send Card & Check (BY MAY 14TH) made out to: Dona Snow- 10 Heather Lane- Orinda 94563

Please email Sugar (sugarf@comcast.net) with the following response:

I'll help with the Set-up the day before at DD's: time to be determined:

Yes _____

I'll arrive at DD's by 9:00am the Morning of the Meeting to help:

Yes _____



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