



# Forget Me Nots

Orinda Garden Club  
Member of Garden Club of America

September 2005



## General Meeting/Picnic

Thursday, September 22

Fall Picnic MJ Walburg's  
meeting 10:30 am

Welcome to our home! Al and I designed and built our home in a contemporary style 29 years ago. In 1999 a complete renovation took place indoors to create the ambiance of a Tuscan villa. To complement the indoor renovation, the gardens were

modified in a Mediterranean style including roses, perennials, lavender and citrus. The gardens feature a 300 year old oak, hollow and majestic. The original garden design was by Magic Gardens; it was later influenced by Bob Clark. My family, friends and I have enjoyed many nights on the deck relishing the view and privacy. I am looking forward to hosting Garden Club for the Fall Picnic. MJ

*(Please use the form on page three for your luncheon reservation).*

### President's Corner

*This past summer my family and I traveled to the Olympic National Park in Washington State. We hiked through the Hoh Rain Forest Hall of Mosses, built forts and sand castles on the beaches, watched many bald eagles and kayaked on the inland lakes. I couldn't help but think of our theme for the 2006 Annual Meeting in Denver: National Parks-National Treasures. What a treasure that park was! How fortunate we are to have access to so many of these wonderful parks.*

*I returned to Orinda refreshed and ready to tackle my first year as President of Orinda Garden Club. We have such a talented and dedicated group of members who will be chairing all the various committees and who have been busy getting the programs ready and planning horticulture meetings, flower arranging sessions, conservation ideas and all the other activities that make up this OGC.*

*I look forward to seeing all of you at the September 22nd picnic at the Walburg's lovely home where we will welcome our four new members.*

*Joyce*

## CALENDAR

### BOUQUETS

Monday, September 12  
Jan Bristow's 10:00

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10:30  
MJ Walburg's

### ORINDA LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

Saturday, October 1st

### BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 4 9:45  
at Joyce Nelson's

### BOUQUETS

Monday, October 10  
Mary Smith's 10:00

### FLOWER ARRANGING

October 13  
9:00 to noon  
St Stephen's

### HORTICULTURE

Thursday, October 20  
"Open Forum" 2:00  
Maxine Johnson's garden

*Forget Me Nots Deadline  
September 29, 2005*

## BOOK FAIR

**Saturday, October 1, 2005 10:00am-2:00pm**  
**Pricing — Friday September 30**  
**10:00am-noon Dena's**

We are looking forward once again to a fun and prosperous plant sale at the Orinda Library Book Fair. With your help we can ensure a grand success! Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase gardening and horticulture reference books for the Orinda Library.

We had two well attended propagation workshops over the summer. Thank you to all that either attended, brought plants, divided plants or are now caring for them at home. A special thanks to Maxine Johnson and Jackie Voigt for allowing us to use their lovely potting areas for the workshops. If you were unable to attend either of the workshops, there is still time to divide plants from your garden. Native plants and herbs sell especially well. As before, each active member is required to donate at least five (5) plants for the sale. If you are unable to make your plant donation, please send me a \$15 check made out to the OGC to me.



Please bring your five flourishing plants, labeled with either the common name or botanical name, to my house September 27-30. There will be a table to the right of the driveway for drop off, Sign your name on the clipboard when you deliver your plants.

I will be passing around sign up sheets for pricing the plants (this gives the members the opportunity to buy plants before the sale) and staffing the booth at the September meeting. Friday, September 30 10:00am-noon price plants at Dena's  
 Saturday October 1 — 8:00am-10:00am pick-up, deliver and set up plants at the library booth  
 10:00am-noon staff booth  
 noon to 2:00 staff booth and clean up

Questions? Call me: Dena Raffel, 254-4480,  
 107 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Thanks, Dena

## CONSERVATION WISDOM

Although it is still officially summer, it is time to remember to adjust sprinkler system timers to cut down on water usage. The days are getting shorter and the evenings cooler. Jane & MJ

## FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

**Wreath Making Workshop**  
**OCTOBER 13 9:00 to noon**  
**St Stephen's Church**

The cost will be \$40. Material to bring: gloves, cutting shears, scissors, wire cutters, towel, bag of scraps and glue gun if you own one. Heather and Gail

## HORTICULTURE PREVIEW

Working with a new idea, Horticulture will take a fresh direction. We have a large, wonderful, knowledgeable committee (names later). They are working in pairs to present monthly programs in gardens and with speakers. We plan to meet the Thursdays preceeding the General Meetings. Check your roster for the full year's program. So, if ever you have been horticulturally curious, we invite you to join us for this stimulating year. Kirsten and Isa Mary

## HORTICULTURE

**Thursday, October 20**  
**2:00 Maxine Johnson's garden**  
 OPEN FORUM or "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know" — Ask your gardening questions of Patrice Hanlon, Garden Director at the Gardens at Heather Farm.



## ORINDA LIBRARY

The OGC was well represented at the library this summer with lovely floral arrangements from our member's gardens. Jean Schommer and Muffy York were in charge for the months of July and August. The following members did an outstanding job to make this a reality: Sandy Barnett, Jan Bristow, Janet Cotter, Ruth Fortune, Caroline Hayes, Phoebe Kahl, Diana Kennedy, Susie Manners and Donna Snow. Thanks to ALL of you! Margie M.

## OGC WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

**Julie O'Melveny** is married to Brian and has three children, She grew up in Diablo and moved to Orinda shortly after joining a medical practice in Berkeley in 1991. She enjoys the Orinda community immensely and finds it a great place to raise her children.

Julie enjoys many activities, including gardening, volunteering in her children's schools and community, travel, reading and skiing.

She is looking forward to being a member of the Orinda Garden Club and learning more about environmental issues, horticulture and flower arranging. Julie O'Melveny was sponsored by Judy Cortese and Betty Argabright



**Nancy Dickmeyer** was raised in Lafayette and went to Acalanes High School. She attended UCSB and Cal and taught English for twelve years both in Southern California and at Acalanes.

A very talented designer, Nancy went into the interior design business in 1985 and is still working in the field today. She also volunteers as a children's docent for the Museum of Modern Art and was the president of the Orinda Junior Garden Club. Nancy has three children and her hobbies are reading, golf, bridge and traveling.

**Betty Lou Lange** (better known as B.L.) She is a fabulous artist and paints beautifully. She LOVES to garden, is a wonderful cook and entertains in the most elegant fashion.

Betty Lou served on the No. Calif Tennis Board and was very involved in the Orinda Woman's Club where she co-chaired the Festival of Trees. She has two lovely daughters, and her husband, Doug, is an orthopedist at John Muir Hospital. Betty Lou Lange was sponsored by Margie Murphy & Patty Bryant

**Laurie Smith** and her husband Todd have lived in Orinda since 1989. With the third of her five children off to college and the youngest two in middle school, Laurie views this year as a chance to catch her breath and a time to try new things like the Orinda Garden Club. She is looking forward to learning about community beautification, floral design and horticulture.

Laurie volunteered at the St Stephen's preschool, and for 6 years designed and crafted a Sleepy Hollow class quilt for sale in the annual school auction. She was active in planning the school's Hacker Memorial Garden and the 3rd grade garden at the entrance to the school. Laurie Smith was sponsored by Janet Riley and DD Felton

### FALL MEETING/PICNIC RESERVATION

Thursday, September 22 10:30

MJ Walburg's

Enclosed is my luncheon reservation check in the amount of \$15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Please make check payable to OGC and send to  
Pam Wiley — 10 Tappan Court  
reservation deadline is september 19

## OGC UPDATES

### Roster

Please pick up your new roster at the Fall Picnic, Sept. 22, thanks Suanne Inman.

### In Memorium

Orinda Garden Club extends heartfelt sympathy to Karin Carroll on the death of her dear husband, Jim.

### Forget-Me-Nots

Since our Web Master, Jean Rowe is out of town for the month of September, the Forget-Me-Nots will not be posted on the OGC web-page and will be mailed to all members. If you prefer to receive future newsletters only by email, please notify me at [jlcjfc@pacbell.net](mailto:jlcjfc@pacbell.net)  
Thanks, June

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM FALL PLANT SALE & TOMATO TASTING

Saturday, September 17

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Featuring plants from the EBMUD book

“Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates”

GHF members receive a 10% discount

### GARDEN CONSERVANCY

#### “OPEN DAY”

Sepastapol, Sept. 18

[www.gardenconservancy.org/opensdays](http://www.gardenconservancy.org/opensdays)

for more information

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#### “GARDENS TO MATCH YOUR ARCHITECTURE”

Part II “California Modernism”

September 30

At the SF Presidio

call (415) 561-3999 for registration and more information

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