

Forget-Me-Not's

Orinda Garden Club
May 2010

September General Meeting Thursday, September 23 10:00 Meeting/Fall Picnic at OCC Poolside "The Cork Oak Picture at Lake Cascade"

The Garden Club of America, as a part of its 100th birthday celebration, requested that all clubs initiate a tree project to commemorate this event. In the spring of 2009, OGC voted to restore the cork oaks (*Quercus suber*) along the shores of Lake Cascade.

OGC has a long history of involvement in the beautification of Lake Cascade. It was in 1945 that our club planted eight cork oaks. Again, in 1965, OGC planted other native and Mediterranean shrubs and trees.

Joan Andrews, who has been chairing the project, will speak to us — complete with photos, of course, about the progress of the Lake Cascade beautification and the history of the lake and its development. In addition, Joyce Nelson will give us a "bird's eye" view of the lake, informing us of the varieties of birds that call Lake Cascade home. This meeting will clarify, both past and present, our heritage with Lake Cascade.

A "picnic lunch" will be served poolside after the meeting — see insert for reservations. Following lunch the Cork Oak Committee will be at the lake to show members the progress thus far. Nath

President's Corner

Summer is over but the OGC new year is beginning! In Woodside, on September 28th & 29th, there will be a Zone XII Meeting for Club Presidents and a delegate from each of the 17 zone clubs to share information with one another. Carole Wolfman will be the OGC delegate and I, as President, will be presenting Orinda Garden Club's Conservation and Beautification efforts in Orinda, such as the cork oak restoration on the banks of Lake Cascade, the beautiful daffodil plantings on the highway 24 off-ramp, the maintenance of the triangle on Camino Sobrante, and the E-Waste drop-off in October which coincides with the Orinda Library Book Fair.



A joint meeting of all members of the five clubs in our area, Woodside-Atherton, Hillsborough, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Piedmont and Orinda, is planned for January 18th, hosted by Woodside-Atherton. The featured speaker is Mark Plotkin, who is an Ethnobotanist and is an expert on rainforest ecosystems. He created the Amazon Conservation Team to protect Amazonian rainforests. In 2001, Time magazine called him, "Environmental Hero for the Planet". In order to make this event available to all our members, Orinda Garden Club will provide a bus at no charge to our members. If everyone goes by bus, we can have our meeting on the bus.

Keep in mind that OGC members may have lunch at Orinda Country Club after our meetings. Call the Club for reservations 254-4313.

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CALENDAR

Bouquets

Monday, September 13
Lorene Quist's 10:00

Horticulture

Tuesday, October 19
Flora Grubb Tour

General Meeting/Picnic

Thursday, Sept. 23
OCC 10:00
October 28 OCC
Mini Bag Lunches

Beautification

Tuesday, Sept. 7
Tuesday, October 5
Pete's 9:30

Board Meetings

Tuesday, Oct 26
MJ Walburg 9:00

GHF Roses

Wed, Sept 8 Mon, Sept 20
Wed, Oct 6 Mon, Oct. 18,
Wed, Nov. 3 Mon, Nov. 15

FMN Deadline

Monday, September 27

Flower Arranging Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 30
St Stephens 9:30



BOUQUETS

Monday, September 13
10:00 Lorene Quist's

Here we go...

Welcome back to Bouquets! Please bring fresh cut flowers and greens. We look forward to seeing all of you and having a wonderful year making our bouquets. Lexie & Dena

HORTICULTURE

Tuesday, October 19 Flora Grubb Tour
9:00 OCC lower lot carpool

Root 66 The Road to Better Gardening

No meeting in September. Our October meeting will be a field trip to Flora Grubb Nursery in San Francisco for a guided tour and talk by Flora and her assistant. This is an amazing nursery with a wide variety of perfect plants, including succulents and palms. Flora Grubb also offers an unusual assortment of pots and accessories. Lunch will follow at the nursery catered by a local restaurant. Responses are essential. Please RSVP. Kirsten & Joyce

BEAUTIFICATION

Tuesday, Sept. 7 Peet's 9:30
Tuesday, October 5

Beautiful Orinda 2010-2011

To keep Orinda looking smart and pretty, we plan to meet the 1st Tuesday of the month, weather and holidays permitting. Meet in front of Peet's at 9:30 a.m. and we will fan out from there, to the off ramp, triangle, and crossroad planters. The September meeting will include adding succulents to crossroad containers and weeding the off ramp. Our estimate, if turn out is good, we can finish up between 11 & 11:30 latest. Watch your email for updates. Joyce & Gina

MINI BAG LUNCHEONS

Following the October 28 meeting

Sign up will be available at the September meeting. Hostesses and attendees are needed. Any questions, please call or email Nita

CONSERVATION

"Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."

This year the Conservation Committee will continue with the theme of practical suggestions/changes that we can make to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our everyday lives. These will not be major lifestyle changes but rather small tips for living green(er) with PETS, CLEANING, SHOPPING, MAKEUP & WASTE.

- Sept: The Ultimate Organic Food Quiz
- Oct: Green Pet IQ
- Nov: Green Kitchen
- Feb: Putting On A New Face

We are planning two field trips. What happens at a real Organic Farm? Ever wonder how that recycling process really works? Join us as we discover the answers together.

As a follow-up to each of our topics, look to this column to provide resources and recipes. Pamela & DD

GHF AUSTIN ROSES

Wed, Sept 8 Mon, Sept 20
Wed, Oct 6 Mon, Oct. 18,
Wed, Nov. 3 Mon, Nov. 15

Your help is needed to keep OGC roses at GHF beautiful. We will meet at 9:00 at GHF. Bring clippers and weeders. We will work for one hour. Contact me with the dates you are available. Thanks in advance, Joan

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 30
St Stephens Parish Hall 9:30

We're hoping you can join us to create a wonderful holiday arrangement at our workshop. It promises, as always, to be a fun and rewarding morning. The signups will be at the October meeting. Just sign up and submit your \$35 check made out to OGC. Space usually fills up by the end of the meeting — limited to 24 places. If you have any questions please call Judy or Gail. Looking forward to seeing you there!

OGC WELCOMES FIVE NEW MEMBERS

BARB BLUNDEN, an East Bay Area native, attended Oakland



Tech High School and graduated from Cal. I taught elementary school in Oakland, Lafayette, and Danville and I owned Dynamite Cookery, a catering business, for 14 years. I currently do calligraphy as a business and for fun. I have a daughter, Tricia, who is married to Nelson Singleton. Their son, Liam, will

have a baby sister by the time this article is printed.

My flower career started with a high school job at Berkeley Florist. I look forward to returning to the beauty of the garden and to a superb relationship with Orinda Garden Club.

TINA LOCKE was born in Middletown, Ohio and lived there



for most of my youth. I went to The Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Conn. for high school and Bennet College in Millbrook, New York for college. I worked at Citibank in New York City and married Peter Locke in 1977 and moved to Miami, Florida and then to Orinda in 1981. We have two daughters, Bailey and Christie who live and work in San

Francisco, and a yellow lab, Poppy. I like to play golf, swim, do Botanical painting, walk my dog, volunteer and entertain family and friends. My garden needs help and I hope to gain knowledge and expertise from my membership in OGC in order to help it as well as to make new friends. Thank you for this lovely opportunity.

MARTY DeJONGHE — I have been a Bay Area gal all my life — growing up in the Montclair area, graduating from Cal, and teaching in Orinda since 1962 until I retired from “pay & obligation”.

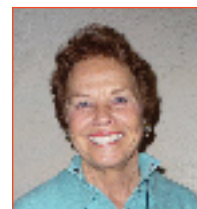


I LOVE teaching and being with kids! I continue going into schools and sharing all my favorite projects. Recently, I have completed a book for teachers and kids, “GOLD NUGGETS”, connecting math with the California Gold Rush.

My passions are many: family (hubby Tom, Big Kids Nicole, Mark and Sherry, and Grandkids Merrick and Darby), friends,

arts and crafts, photography, stained glass, being an environmentalist by teaching, and enjoying many activities and sports.

SHEILA WENDT grew up in Southern California, came north to attend Cal, fell in love with the Bay Area and never left after graduation. With teaching credential in hand, I thoroughly enjoyed the interesting challenge of creating order out of chaos with my third graders in Richmond. Then along came “retirement” with the arrival of our first child, a move to wonderful Orinda forty-eight years ago, and two more children. All three children attended Miramonte and I now have two of my eight grandchildren there as well



I love flowers, gardening, arranging and painting them and bridge, traveling, reading, Cal basketball and movies. A crazy, fun life!

ANITA HUGHES — my happy childhood years were spent in Orange county along with my parents and three sisters. After graduating from Mater Dei High School, I migrated to Berkeley to attend college. There met my husband Mike (who is Kathy French’s brother).



We married in 1972 and moved into our first home in Moraga. Ours son Michael was born in 1978 along with a move to Orinda. Jennifer followed in 1982. Most of my professional life was spent as a junior high school teacher and in real estate. I retired as a real estate agent in 2006. My husband owns a business in Southern California, so I divide my life between there and Orinda. My 93 year - old mother is my gardening inspiration — I took her to Orchard Nursery the other day and she wanted to buy everything. Obviously she still dreams of beautiful flowers surrounding her; I hope to follow that dream.

In Memoriam – Maddy Borden

Maddy Borden, a member of OGC since 1974, passed away this August at her beloved Orindawoods home and garden. Maddy was a devoted rosarian with a large collection of her favorites, usually pink. Her beautiful Miner Road home was included in the book “American Women’s Gardens”. A superb gardener, teacher and good friend, she will be missed. Your sympathy can be sent to her family c/o Joan Shea, 311 Village View Court, Orinda.

Fall Picnic

May 27 10:00
OCC Pool Area

Name: _____ \$20 box lunch

Please send check made out to OGC by
Tuesday, Sept. 21, to Lorene Quist 15 Owl Hill Road

VISIONS

DEADLINE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

Friday, October 1 noon

The schedule will be online in mid September. Please fill out and send your registration to Dianne Schilling gmail.com or mail it to her at 501 Portola Road #8028, Portola Valley, 94028. Registration will be open to other clubs in Zone 12 on October 15 and to all GCA members November 1. Please call Joan Andrews if you have any questions or wish to receive a copy of the classes and entry rules.

OGC AUCTION *Deja Vu*

CONSULTANTS — Please contact me with an update on your fun parties, walks, horse rides, dinners etc. The auction was a great success and it would be fun to share the results with OGC members. Please send photos too. Thanks, Ruth

COMMUNITY INFO

ORINDA 25th ANNIVERSARY

SILVER CELEBRATION

Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 4 to 7

Orinda Library Gallery

More information www.orindasilverball.com

SUBSCRIBE TO CITY EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

You can register online at www.cityoforinda.org and click on 'subscribe to email notifications'. You can sign up for community alerts or City Council meeting notices or both. Once you subscribe online, you will receive an email validation. Follow instructions to confirm your email address was added to the new electronic notification system.

RUTH BANCROFT GARDENS

Go to ruthbancroft.org for information on varied events at the gardens including photography, fruit, composting and other events.

GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

Plant Sale Saturday, September 18 9 to noon

Plant list available on website www.gardenshf.org

600 N San Carlos Dr, Walnut Creek

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OGC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Orinda Garden Club proudly presented the first scholarship checks to four deserving Merritt College students, Evan Green & Theresa Halula, and Suzanne Briley & Ko Tanahashi. Each student received a check for \$500 from OGC. The following gives a brief summary of their projects:

EVAN GREEN AND THERESA HALULA'S proposal includes initiating a sustainable composting program to demonstrate the value of composting organic waste on site and returning these nutrients to the soil, and to excite others to participate in soil conservation by using on site composting. The project goals include development of a process for an on site, student driven composting program that can be maintained year over year, with potential to expand to process all Merritt College landscape waste materials, including tree trimmings, grass clippings, weed debris and cafeteria's kitchen vegetable waste. It will also provide on site waste utilization to prevent waste materials generated at the site from being transported to landfill. Ultimately, Evan and Theresa will transform waste into high quality compost for department use and provide enough compost to serve department needs without the need to purchase compost from off site suppliers.



The second team is SUZANNE BRILEY AND KO TANAHASHI. They are returning students starting a second career and are avid environmental gardeners.

Suzanne and Ko are working on a project that will integrate the talents and knowledge of staff and students in the fields of both landscape design and permaculture. Under the guidance of Chris Gramm Landscape Architect and Permaculture Designer Christopher Shein, they will be designing an outdoor kitchen, patio, and eating area. This space will also serve as an outdoor workshop where students will be able to process the foods that are grown in the Merritt College Permaculture Garden.



This new space will be built sustainably using permaculture principles such as using local materials, reusing graywater and collecting rainwater, and planting for food and habitat. It will be used for class lunches within the department, and by clubs for special events. It will be a place where students can demonstrate sustainable building and showcase elements that have low environmental impact. Their aim is to create an inspiring and beautiful setting that will introduce people to alternative design methods.

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the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient.*

ORIGIN 1970s: blend of permanent and agriculture.)