

Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club
May, 2011

OGC Spring Picnic and Meeting DD Felton's 10:30

Welcome Home



The gardens at DD and Paul's home are very familiar to the Orinda Garden Club ladies. They were originally the gardens of Emily Stewart (another OGC member). Built in 1939, the house and gardens (Thomas Church design) were, and continue to be, a wonderful repose. They feature several sculptures from various artists (and school auctions). Come travel with The Ferryman, or sip with The Drinker; discover Mercury, or the Golden Gate Bridge. Know that the World is Your Oyster. Consider this your scavenger hunt. Come find them all! DD

President's Message

A Time to Reflect —

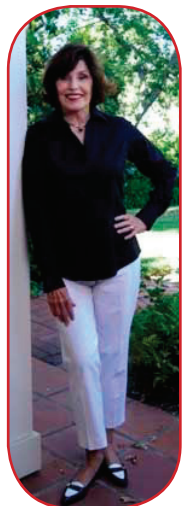
In preparing to write my last report, I looked back over the last two years, which, in turn, caused me to look back further where I found many bits of trivia.

- Did you know that Carole Wolfman will be the thirtieth Orinda Garden Club president?
- Did you know that Orinda Garden Club was formed forty-three years before affiliating with The Garden Club of America?
- Did you know that the Orinda Country Club has been the venue for Orinda Garden Club meetings for a minimum of fifty years?
- Did you know that Orinda Garden Club has in its current membership a member who joined fifty-six years ago?

These details made me realize that I am but a small cog in a much larger wheel. The garden club is more than one member or one president. It is an organization in which two plus two equals five, or six or one hundred. That sum is larger than its parts.

When Heather Dunne speaks not so many people listen, but when the Orinda Garden Club speaks there is authority and expertise attached to the statement. People are interested in what we say and that adds value to the membership. However, what adds more value is the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships with people of talent and character and worth.

Thank you for sharing all of those riches with me, Heather



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CALENDAR

Bouquets

Monday, May 9
Dena Raffel's
Monday, June 13
Jean Schommer's

Horticulture

Tuesday, May 17
Garden Tour

Board Meeting New/Old

Tuesday, May 24
10:30
Petra Michel-Newton's

Beautification

Tuesday, June 7
Peet's 9:30

General Meeting/ Spring Picnic

Thursday, May 28
DD Felton's 10:30

GHF Roses

Monday, May 16,
Monday, June 13,
Wednesday, June 29,
Monday, July 11,
Wednesday, July 27,
Monday, August 8
Wednesday, August 24

FMN Deadline

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Fall Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 13 9:00
Carole Wolfman's

Visions

May 12 - 14, 2011
Carmel-by-the-Sea



BOUQUETS

Monday, May 9

Dena Raffel's

Monday, June 13

The final Bouquets will be a luncheon at the home of Jean Schommer.

HORTICULTURE

Root 66 The Road to Better Gardening

Tuesday, May 17

Casa de Sequos tour

Carpool OCC 10:00

The final horticulture meeting will be a visit to a very special garden in the Oakland hills, Casa de Sequos. The tour will include a wide variety of stunning plants, a sweeping view of the bay, and an "on the premise" nursery where you can purchase most unusual plants. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and RSVP to Joyce by May 11th so we can order lunches for everyone. Kirsten & Joyce

BEAUTIFICATION

Tuesday, June 7 Peet's 9:30

Summer Activity

We will have a number of projects this summer. Spreading mulch and pulling weeds at the off ramp will be our #1 priority as well as weeding the triangle. Emails will be sent at least a few days in advance to remind you.



The four-club joint project at the crossroads will also continue through the summer on a monthly basis. Plan on adding new plants to the containers on June 7th. Again, emails will be sent to confirm. Thanks to all, Gina, Joyce & Lisa

CONSERVATION

Talking Trash



GHF AUSTIN ROSES

Summer Austin Rose Pruning

Monday, May 16, Monday, June 13,
Wednesday, June 29, Monday, July 11,
Wednesday, July 27, Monday, August 8
Wednesday, August 24

The schedule for this summer will be every other week alternate Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 The Gardens at Heather Farm. Please bring a kneeling pad, clippers, and weeders. We will need more sign ups for later in the summer and Kirsten Whitsett and Isa Mary Ziegler will be contacting you to fill those spots a little closer to the time. It is so helpful to have at least six to eight volunteers for each session so that the work moves more quickly. Thanks for all your help in the past and your support for GHF and our new chairs in the future. Joan

LAKE CASCADE

Diana Kennedy will be the new chair for the restoration at Lake Cascade. We will have a weed eating and clearing the end of May so that the understory will continue to be cared for this late Spring. Many thanks for all your support. Joan

OGC UPDATES

Membership

- OGC Welcomes Two New Members
Susan Romak — Sponsors: Laurie Smith, Linda Thompson
Betty Thompson — Sponsors: Cathleen Sodos, Lexie Corbitt
OGC thanks the Membership Committee: Ruth Fortune, Pam Goode, Janet Pease, Lorene Quist and Margie Murphy, Chair
- Resignation — Fran Swanson
- Leave of Absence (12 month) — Petra Michel-Newton

OGC Dues are Due!

Please send your dues check as soon as possible. OGC dues are late after May first. Sandy

New/Old Board Luncheon

Tuesday May 24 10:30
Petra Michel-Newton's

Sign ups for the vegetarian pot-luck luncheon are being handled by Lorene Quist and Lynn Garrett. You will be receiving an email reminding you of your item. Committee Chairs should bring their reports to the board meeting to pass on to new Chairs. Please bring one copy for the president as well.

Roster Up-date

Please change Charlotte Guppy's address to:
#3 Moraga Way, Orinda 94563

Visions

VISIONS 2011 Flower Show
CALIFORNIA ON THE CUTTING EDGE
MAY 13-14

Come One Come All To Carmel-by-the-Sea
Speaker tickets are available at the door. See you there!



Cut Specimen Class

Entries for this class should be brought in between 7:00 and 10: am on Thursday, May 12, to the Sunset Center. With our gardens bursting out with spring blooms, there should be plenty of things from which you can choose. Hope to see you then, flower specimen in hand. Joyce

A secret garden in Orinda,
a magnificent spread of
California native iris. Do
you know where it is???



SPRING PICNIC

Thursday, May 26 10:30
DD Felton's home

Name: _____

Please send check(\$20) made out to OGC to
Lynn Garrett - 128 Catherine Court by Monday, May 24



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

THE GARDENS AT HEATHER FARM

Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7 9 to noon

Wine & Roses Garden Party

Friday June 3 6 to 9 pm

Wine Tasting, Hors d'oeuvres, Live Jazz, Auction
call 947-1678 for reservations
and www.gardenshf.org for more information

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY

go to www.gardenconservancy.org

Bay Area Open Days

Self-guided tours of outstanding private gardens

May 7: San Francisco Peninsula

May 21: San Francisco

June 4: Marin County

Please refer to web page for dates of Open Days throughout the US

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