

# Forget-Me-Nots

Orinda Garden Club  
October, 2011

## Corkt-Ober-Fest

October 22, 2011  
5:30 pm

Orinda Country Club Tennis Center

Come and enjoy good friends, food, and  
cocktails while admiring the lovely cork oaks —  
\$30 per person

Please send check to Lynn Garrett by October 15



### President's Message

*"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October." - Nathaniel Hawthorne*

Did Hawthorne know how beautiful the month of October is in Orinda? As I gaze around my garden with tomatoes still producing, roses blooming with gusto and wonderful warm days without fog, I know we are truly blessed to live in this lovely community. What better way to celebrate October than by having our very own "**CorktOberFest!**". On October 22 we will gather at the Orinda Country Club Tennis Facility to socialize and view our Centennial Tree Project (the cork oaks) across Lake Cascade.

Enthusiastic OGC members Cathleen Sodos and Jane Wisner gathered a group during the summer to brainstorm alternative ideas to OGC's annual Holiday House Coffee and Social Evening. The two events planned for this year are the **CorktOberfest** in October and "**Wreaths Around Town**" in December, which will feature members gathering at the Orinda Country Club to decorate 50 – 75 wreaths. A holiday luncheon will follow the decorating. The wreaths will be placed in various Orinda stores, the Library and Convalescent Hospital.

September found me at the President's Council meeting in Tacoma, Washington with seventeen other Zone XII presidents and Zone XII GCA reps. Communication was the key word and at our meetings where we shared ideas and information about our individual clubs. What an impressive, dedicated group of women!  
*Enjoy October! Carole*

*Orinda Garden Club — Founded 1937 — Member Garden Club of America*

## CALENDAR

### Bouquets

Monday, October 10  
Jane Ryan's 10:00  
Monday, November 14  
Tina Locke's

### Beautification

Tuesday, October 4  
9:30 Peets  
Tuesday, November 1

### Horticulture

Tuesday, October 11  
Casa de Sequos  
Tuesday, November 8  
Joyce Nelson's

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 25  
9:00 Coffee  
9:30 Meeting  
Jane Ryan's  
Tuesday, November 15  
Jane Wiser's

### OGC CorktOber Fest

Saturday, October 22  
OCC Tennis Pavillion  
5:30

### General Meeting

Thursday, October 27  
OCC 10:00  
Mini-bag lunches

### FMN Deadline

Wednesday, November 2

### Flower Arranging

Workshop  
Thursday, November 10  
10:30  
St Stephen's

### "Wreaths around Town" Workshop & Luncheon

Friday, December 2  
OCC

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November 14, Tina Locke's  
10:00

## BEAUTIFICATION

*Beautiful Orinda 2010-2011*  
First Tuesday of the month!  
Tuesday, October 4th, 9:00 a.m.  
All meet at the Off-ramp

Beautify Orinda this month by helping to weed and pull the dead poppies. This will make our bulb planting that much easier a little later.

Should take no longer than 60-90 minutes. Bring shovel, rake, weeding tools, hand trimmers. After getting a start at the Off-ramp, some will split off to fluff the cross-roads containers for the Four Garden Clubs Joint Project. Lisa, Laurie & Gina

## HORTICULTURE

Tuesday, October 11 10:00  
Field trip to Casa de Sequos, Oakland  
Tuesday, November 8  
Bulb Barron Joyce Nelson's

*"Become a Genius Genius"*

If you are planning to attend the October 11 field trip, we need your lunch checks by October 5th. Cost is \$15 — make check out to Nita Roethe and send to her. Looking forward to seeing you! Nita, Dena & Joyce

## GHF AUSTIN ROSES

*Austin Rose Dead Heading*

The deer have been ravaging the roses so watch your email for dates and information regarding the OGC dead heading schedule. A new fence is in the planning stage.

## CONSERVATION

*Every drop counts!*

As you heard at our last general meeting, our world is facing a water crisis. The demand for water is increasing as the population increases. Today over 1 billion people do NOT have access to the water they need.



We need to take action NOW! Can you do YOUR part? The challenge is for each member to conserve a little more water this next month. • Of all the water coming into the house, 95% ends up down the drain! • What can you do? Here are some ideas:

- 1) After the last meeting, Muffy York mentioned that she puts a bowl under her sink faucet while she waits for the water to get hot. The cooler water is then used for other purposes, like flushing or watering plants.
- 2) We all know that we should turn off the water while brushing our teeth, but do you really do it?
- 3) Wash fruits and veggies in a sink or bowl filled with water (don't leave the water running.)
- 4) For a cool drink, keep a container of water in the refrigerator rather than running tap water.
- 5) Use the garbage disposal only when necessary. Consider composting food waste. You can use it for your garden or dispose of it in your green waste bin.
- 6) To use less water, but have a strong force to rinse off dishes, add an aerator to your faucet head. You can actually get one FREE from EB-MUD.
- 7) Take shorter showers. Remember, you will save about 70 gallons of water each month if you cut just one minute off your shower!

These ideas should seem easy for each of us to do. Can you make some of these tasks permanent ways to help you save water? At the next meeting you will be asked to record your conservation accomplishments. Marty

## GENERAL MEETING

October 27, 2011 OCC

Coffee: 9:30am Meeting: 10:00am

Saxon Holt, Photographer

“Good Garden Photography”

Full time garden photographer, published worldwide as an “assignment” photographer, Saxon Holt’s books & work focus on the relationship between the garden and the land. His latest book, **100 Herbs that Heal**, is in partnership with herbalist Tammie Hartung.

Come and enjoy the visual treat of great photographs and Saxon’s wit.

**Today’s meeting and talk will be followed by the mini-bag lunches.**

Jan & M.J.



### *Mini-Bag Luncheons*

If you were unable to sign up at the September meeting and would like to join us, please call Dona or Bobbie and we will place you at a member’s home after the October meeting. Remember to bring a bag lunch. The hostess will provide drinks and dessert. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with OGC members in a relaxed, unhurried setting.

### *Rosters*

Any corrections or changes to the OGC roster, please notify Jane Ryan.

Please note: The November general meeting is November 17th (3rd Thursday) not November 18th as noted.

### *Help Help Needed!*

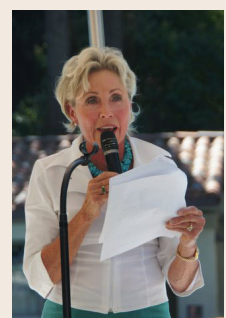


OGC just received a request for someone who could possibly create a small needlepoint ornament for the Christmas tree at GCA headquarters. The request came from Sally Broughton, our Zone XII rep. Please contact me for more details if you could help out, Thanks, Carole

### *Judges Workshops*

Did you know that GCA judges must remain up to date and current on the rules of flower show judging? OGC was well represented and involved at the recent workshops held in San Francisco. Judges Heather Dunne, Phoebe Kahl and Diana Kennedy were in charge of the Flower Arranging portion and organized featured speakers, exhibitors and arrangements for the lunches and special dinners. Joyce Nelson was the head of the horticulture division and Suanne Inman was treasurer for the workshops. Photography was represented by Joan Andrews. Also in attendance were Gail Emmons, Isa Mary Ziegler, Bev Bloodworth, Pamela Stefan and Carole Wolfman. Many areas of judging were discussed but of great interest to all was the topic of “how to make doing flower shows easier and less expensive.”

## OGC FALL PICNIC AT OCC POOLSIDE



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **OLIVE FESTIVAL**

**Wagner Ranch Nature Area**

**Sunday, October 2 1-4pm Special raptor show at 2:00**

**The festival will feature olives and olive oil tasting, local chefs demonstrating olive recipes, a silent auction and raffle, arts and crafts games and music by Orinda school children and more.**

## **GARDEN CONSERVANCY**

### **RUTH BANCROFT HORTICULTURAL SERIES:**

“Guts of the Garden” a full-day seminar — **“one-day tune up for gardeners and designers,”**

The second seminar in the 2011 Ruth Bancroft Horticultural Series

Cosponsored by Pacific Horticulture & the Gardens at Heather Farm in Walnut Creek,

Friday, October 14 9am to 5:30 Gardens at Heather Farm

Registration:

\$85 members Garden Conservancy, Ruth Bancroft Garden, and Gardens at Heather Farm

\$95 Pacific Horticulture subscribers

\$105 General admission

Fees include morning refreshments, buffet lunch, and wine reception

For more information and registration [www.gardenconservancy.org](http://www.gardenconservancy.org) or (925) 947-1678

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