

Forget-Me-Not's

Orinda Garden Club
September, 2011

Fall Picnic & General Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 10:30
OCC poolside \$20

Please send check made payable to OGC
by Thursday, September 15 to
Lynn Garrett, 128 Catherine Court, Orinda

Wear comfortable garden shoes.

Any questions call Rhonda Zakskorn.

Please refer to page three for more information regarding the meeting.

President's Message

"For the Days Dwindle Down to a Precious Few - September, November"...

Remember the beautiful music and words to "September Song?" They are about an ending, but for the Orinda Garden Club, September is about the beginning of what I know will be a busy, productive year. We will have the opportunity to become a "Genus Genius" in our gardens, to learn more about our environment, arrange spectacular flowers and beautify our community with wonderful friends.

While summer offers us a hiatus from meetings, it is a busy time for our hands on OGC members who have continued to beautify the City of Orinda, lovingly tended the roses at Heather Farms and battled the weeds at Cal Shakes Theatre.

Our Program and Horticulture chairs have spectacular speakers scheduled. Flower Arranging workshops will offer all of us a chance to add fresh beauty to our homes. Mini luncheons are planned in October and March and our guest day in November with florist/decorator extraordinaire, Ron Morgan, is not to be missed. Our joint club meeting in February with Piedmont Garden Club will be held at Orinda Country Club and feature "Wicked Bugs" author Amy Stewart.

So we begin anew — doing what we do in OGC but in a new or different way. I am truly honored to be your new president and look forward to working with all of you during the next two years.

Carole

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CALENDAR

Bouquets

Monday, Sept. 12
Lexie Corbitt's
Monday, October 10
Margie Murphy's
10:00

Horticulture

Tuesday, October 11
Casa de Sequos

Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 13
9:00 Coffee
9:30 Meeting
Carole Wolfman's

Beautification

Tuesday, October 4
9:30 Peets

General Meeting

Thursday, September 22
OCC pool 10:30

GHF Roses

Monday, Sept. 12
Wednesday, Sept. 28
9:00

FMN Deadline

Wednesday Sept. 28

Flower Arranging Workshop

Thursday, November 10
10:30
St Stephen's



BOUQUETS

Monday, September 12 - Lexie Corbitt's
October 10 - Margie Murphy's
Thank you, Tina Locke

BEAUTIFICATION

Beautiful Orinda 2010-2011
Tuesday, October 4th, 9:30 a.m.
Meet in front of Pete's

Should take no longer than an hour.
Crossroads Container Fluffing - 4 Orinda
Garden Clubs Joint Project.
Gina, Lisa, Laurie Smith

HORTICULTURE

Tuesday, October 11 10:00
Field trip to Casa de Sequos, Oakland
"Become a Genus Genius"

The Horticulture Committee has planned some great meetings this year. Our theme is "Become a Genus Genius" and we will touch on this at each meeting and we assure you it won't be boring!

Our first outing on October 11 will be a field trip to Casa de Sequos in Oakland (remember our rain out last year) and lunch following. Casa de Sequos is a lovely garden with an on site retail nursery. Dena, Nita and Joyce

GHF AUSTIN ROSES

*Sign Up Now For Austin
Rose Dead Heading*

Monday, September 12 9:00
Wednesday, September 28

Please rsvp to Isa Mary if you can join her on the 12th, Thank you...see you on the 28th.

*The Gardens
at Heather Farm*

Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, September 17 9:00 to noon
600 N.San Carlos, Walnut Creek
GHF members receive 10% discount
Plant list available at www.gardenshf.org

CONSERVATION

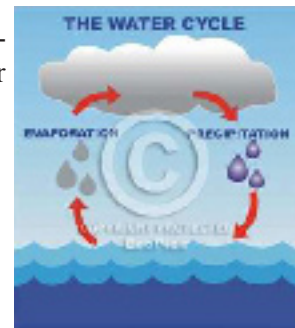
Every drop counts!

Before you were ten years old, you probably learned about the Earth's Water Cycle. But do you realize that the earth's water supply is fixed? Virtually no water has been added or lost since the days when dinosaurs roamed our planet! The water we rely on today has been continuously recycled and cleaned by natural processes throughout the ages.

Today we face a water crisis: underground water levels are declining, serious pollution, lakes and other water sources are disappearing. As the world's population increases, demands for water will skyrocket. One billion people do not have consistent access to drinking water and 2.5 billion lack sanitation.

How often do we really think about our water? Our lives here in Orinda are "easy". We depend upon water. We can get all that we need and want. We take it for granted. We need to become more responsible worldwide citizens. Now is the time to DO SOMETHING...

Let's renew our interest in our environment. Become educated on some of the major issues. Let's start "at home in our own backyards." Let's continue learning and implementing the recycling ideas we have been exposed to in the past several years. With the citizens of Orinda - both adults and children - let's work together to make our community more "Green" and create a community of sustainers rather than consumers. Let's enhance the future for our kids and grandkids - growing the next generation of environmental leaders... GO TEAM! Marty



FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 10 9:30
St Stephen's Parish Hall

Please mark your calendar to join us to create something special for your Autumn décor. We'll be doing something to make your Thanksgiving even more festive!

Signups will be at the September General Meeting - your check for \$35 will hold your reservation. See you then.

Judy Shallat & Judy Gray

September Picnic & General Meeting

Beginning anew, OGC's September meeting brings promise of continuing education in areas of photography, floral design, conservation on a global level, horticulture and the political dichotomy of water vs. money.

As OGC begins a new year, we look forward to welcoming new members and new ideas, renewing friendships and gaining knowledge to be more responsible on a local and global level. Jan Formanek & M.J. Walburg

Mini-Bag Luncheons

Sign up to be guest or hostess for the October bag lunch at the September meeting. This is a great way to have garden club members in your garden and home after our October meeting. Hostesses need only provide drinks and simple dessert. Should you miss the signups and would like to attend please contact Dona Snow, or Bobbie Wilson by email.

Rosters

2011-2012 rosters will be available at the September meeting.

Lake Cascade

OGC's Centennial Tree Project will be showcased alongside other clubs' works at the GCA 2013 annual meeting in Philadelphia.

The OGC Tree Project 2013 is an asset to the community. We continue to be responsible for work being done by raising money to enhance Lake Cascade. Let's hope you have had a chance to see the positive results. If not I urge you to visit the area. I am sure you will be impressed.

My responsibility as the new chair is to continue our dedication to the project with the help & cooperation of our membership, Orinda Country Club, and the Orinda Community. The long range plan is to complete the remaining restoration around the lake. Diana Kennedy

OGC welcomes two new members

Susie Romak

A fourth generation Californian, Susie was born in Los Angeles and grew up in South Pasadena. She was fortunate to attend the local public schools, graduating from SPHS in 1980. After several visits to Northern California during her childhood, Susie fell in love with the lush green hills and set her sights on living here someday. Thrilled to be accepted to UC Davis, she enjoyed four years of higher education and sorority life with Alpha Phi, earning her BA in International Relations.



Shortly after college, Susie was introduced to her husband, Kevin, by mutual friends (and fellow Orinda Garden Club members!) Laurie Lowery and Lisa Stefan. Kevin and Susie will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary later this year, having lived in Orinda throughout their marriage. They have three daughters; Elisa (age 21), Natalie (19) and Christina (15).

Over the years, Susie has served the local community with the Junior League of Oakland/East Bay, Orinda Junior Women's Club, St. Luke's Hospital Junior Auxiliary, Del Rey Parents Club, and currently with National Charity League. Her hobbies include gardening, flower arranging, reading, travel, and training "Pippin", her Pomeranian puppy. She also enjoys skiing in Tahoe with her family, as well as swimming, tennis, and occasional golf at Orinda Country Club.

Susie is most eager to join in the activities with Orinda Garden Club and looks forward to meeting everyone!

Betty Thompson

My husband, Bill, and I have lived in Orinda for twenty years and have loved raising our three children here. We are about to become empty nesters, so the timing of joining the Orinda Garden Club is absolutely perfect for me. I have so much to learn about all aspects of gardening and flower arranging. I have never really explored my creative side, so I am looking forward to exploring that side in this next chapter of our lives. I cannot wait to be able to create flower arrangements using flowers from my own garden!



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ORINDA GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Orinda Garden Club is proud to have awarded two scholarships of \$1,000 each to two outstanding recipients from Merritt College in Oakland. At our May picnic we were charmed by **Clara Muggli**, who was awarded her check by outgoing president Heather Dunne.

At the meeting we learned that Clara began classes at Merritt in 2008 in order to train for a new career that would utilize her skills in gardening and interest in environmentalism. After completing the Basic Horticulture certificate, she began classes in Merritt's highly regarded Landscape Design series. Clara quickly discovered that landscape design "perfectly synthesized (my) interests in science, art, and ecological understanding. The skills I am gaining in this field build perfectly upon my undergraduate environmental studies major."

After finishing her degree at Merritt, Clara plans to become a licensed landscape architect. She wants to create gardens that "tie human infrastructure to the earth's natural cycles." Clara feels that "we must let gardens help us learn how to live on this threatened earth with care and grace."

Not able to attend the meeting was **Alyssa Erickson**, who is a full-time devoted student at Merritt pursuing a certificate as a Landscape Designer and Landscape Construction Specialist.

Alyssa has a background in product and furniture design but after a short time in the field, realized she was uncomfortable working in an environment of toxic, non-sustainable materials. This led her to study landscape design and hopes to create garden sanctuaries, "where people will feel transformed in the space surrounded by plants".

Recognized by her instructors as a talent, she was asked by the head of the landscape horticulture department to design and draw a new patio to go in the garden at the horticulture department. Alyssa has been working on the construction of the patio over the summer.

Her long term goals are to work with individuals and design firms that practice sustainable landscaping, and to be fully involved with urban and residential garden development applying sustainable principals to design. She also hopes to educate clients about the importance of sustainable gardening, of saving and redirecting water flow, using organic fertilizer, and planting natives.

We would like to plan a field trip to Merritt College this fall; Clara and Alyssa are happy to give us a tour.

Cathleen Sodos

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