

Clayton Valley Garden Club

November Newsletter



Clayton Valley
Garden Club



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"Life begins the day you start your garden"

-Club Motto

Mission Statement

The Clayton Valley Garden Club was formed to bring together people in our area with a common interest in gardening and to develop that interest.

Garden Club Officers 2011

Nicole Hackett - **President**

Steve Lane - **Vice President**

Ted Meriam & Nancy Westman
VP Membership

Ingela Nielsen & Tami Pierce
VP Programs

Patty Remoy - **Secretary**

Dennis Kaump - **Treasurer**

Meetings

Meets the 2nd Wed. of the month
7pm to 9pm at Diamond Terrace
6401 Center St. Clayton, Ca 94517

Web Site:

www.claytonvalleygardenclub.org

**Meeting: November 9, 2011
7:00 @ Diamond Terrace**

Our speaker will be Penny Rose from Living Art.
Her topic is "All About Bonsai"

Our Thank You Holiday Greeting Card

We will be taking a group photo at the November meeting to use for our thank you holiday greeting card. It has been requested that we all dress up a bit for a nice picture.

Canned Food Drive

Nicole has arranged for a canned food pickup at 7:30 by the Boy Scouts during our November meeting. Please show compassion for those less fortunate by bringing items for the food barrel. Your donations help make a big difference for those in need. (See President's Mess)

Look at This!



LAVATERA BICOLOR

I put the cuttings in perlite on August 16, transferred the rooted cuttings to soil on August 29th, left for vacation the first week of September, returned home mid October and Vavoom! I have bloom'in plants! (for the CVGC Spring Plant Sale)



A Message from Our President Nicole Hackett



Dear Clayton Valley Garden Club Members,

SMILE!

Happy November! On the 9th we will be having our final CVGC membership meeting for the 2011 season. This is a very important meeting, and we need ALL our members to attend. We will be taking our group photo for our annual Happy New Year greeting card. These cards are mailed to this past year's speakers, Diamond Terrace, the Clayton Pioneer, members of the elected board with the Diablo Foot-hills District, and other friends of the club. Please make it happen, and attend this meeting. Also remember to look nice and bring your smile. Other important pieces of business for our membership meeting Wednesday will be our 2012 Election, 2012 Budget vote. If you would like to save a stamp, hand in your 2012 Membership Renewals and Questionnaires to Nancy Westman at the Welcome table.

Since the season of giving is upon us, the club decided at our October meeting to hold a can and dry food drive, during this Wednesday's membership meeting. I have made arrangements with some members of the Boy Scouts to drop by and pick up our donations. Please participate in this charitable event. The Scouts have requested that donations not to be stored in any glass containers, since they could break. Dried milk and baby formula/food is always needed. If you are planning on going through your pantry for your donations, watch for expiration dates, particularly with the dry food, such as pancake, or brownie mix. Don't feel like you have to limit your donation to one or two items, I would like the club to make a showing, so please give all that you can.

For those new to the CVGC, we do not have a formal membership meeting in December. Instead, we all get together and PARTY, members and their plus-one are invited. This year's End of the Year party will be taking place at JoAnn Casper's home in Clayton. Members need to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and what ever they like to drink. Each year we hold a gift exchange\swap. If you would like to participate, bring a gift valued at \$20, wrapped. This part of the evening is super fun, and full of laughs.

January is our dormant month in the Clayton Valley Garden Club. General membership meeting begin in February. Enjoy your time off, and I'll see you next year.

Nicole Hackett

Vote by e-mail
or
by paper ballot at the
Nov. 9 meeting.



(Please Help Out)



Come join the fun
At JoAnn's on the
14th of Dec.



DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 2011

Nov. 7-8 (Mon/Tue): Environmental Studies School (Course 4) San Mateo, Bay Ocean District;
Chairman: Shane Looper slooper@sbcglobal.net

Nov. 9 (Wed): Thank You Holiday Greeting Card Photo will be taken at the meeting - Dress up a little.

Nov. 9 (Wed): Canned Food Drive - Bring your donation to the Garden club Meeting

Nov. 22 (Tue): 6 to 9pm Diamond Terrace - Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop

DECEMBER 2011

Dec. 9 (Fri): Noon to 8:00pm Clayton Historical Society's Christmas Home Tour (See pg 8)

Dec. 14 (Wed): CVGC Holiday Party, Joann Caspar's at 6:00pm

JANUARY 2012

Jan. 10-14 (Tue/Sat): California Native Plant Society 2012 Conservation Conference, Town and Country Resort, San Diego Visit www.cnps.org/2012 for more information

FEBRUARY 2012

Feb. 22 (Wed): Diablo Foothills District Meeting hosted by Blackhawk Bloomers at the Blackhawk Country Club with presentation by Robin Stockwell of Succulent Gardens in Castroville details to follow

APRIL 2012

April 16-24 (Mon/Tue): California Native Plant Week: Redding – Wildflower Field Trip at Horsetown Clear Creek; Bay Area – Going Native Garden Tour



Diablo Foothills District General Meeting on Oct. 27 at Lone Tree Golf Club

Julie West (L) at her first official visit as the new CGCI President. Jane Berger (R) our District Director



Bob Ehrhart, President of the No. Ca. Cammellia Society and our own JoAnn Caspar enjoying the luncheon



Refreshment Schedule



<u>DATE</u>	<u>SNACKS</u>	<u>BEVERAGES</u>
November 9	Who can help w/snacks? Tell Nicole you'll help	Dennis K.



Holiday Party & Gift Exchange
Everyone is Invited

This year our Holiday Party will be held at JoAnn Caspar's home in Clayton. Like we did last year, we will have a gift exchange. Remember our limit is \$20. Attendees will want to bring their favorite beverage to drink and an appetizer or dessert to share. Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 6:00pm

Our get-togethers are always so much fun and the Holiday Party is no exception! Those that have been will agree and those that haven't been, you should try it...I think you'll like it!

The party starts at 6:00pm.
See you all there!



HELP WANTED

Downtown Planters

We need help watering and tending the downtown planters.
If you would like to help out please contact Debbie Eistetter or Carin Kaplan.

Library Beds

Help needed to tend the Library Beds at the Clayton Community Library.
If you would like to help out, please contact Diana Bauer or Mary Ann Knets.

Diablo Foothills District News

By Rep: Linda Cruz

Antioch-Riverview Garden Club hosted the General DFD meeting October 27th at the Lone Tree Golf Club. It was a lovely setting and luncheon. The speaker was Dustin Strobel of Sloat Nursery in Danville who introduced the audience to various ferns.

CGCI President, Julie West, attended. She reminded our district garden club Presidents and Representatives that as members of the Diablo Foothills District and the California Garden Club, Inc. we are also members of the National Garden Club. She also reminded us that there are often reciprocities such as discounts on nursery purchases and entrances to museums and arboretums at no charge, example the U.C. Botanical Garden. Be sure to show your CGCI and/or garden club membership cards.



CGCI Mission Blue Project: Julie also spoke about the 5 year CGCI Project "Mission Blue" where the National Park Service is planting 3 different types of lupines in bay area grasslands to help the endangered Mission Blue butterfly. California only has 1% of its' native grassland habitat remaining. Donations are welcome; make checks payable to CGCI. Several clubs have donated to this project. For more information, photos, a fun coloring book, go to www.sfnps.org/mission_blues

The CGCI President's Project is a 2 year project where the goal is to raise funds for 3 interpretive educational signs (Riparian, Marsh/Wetland, and Oak Savannah) for the Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden at the Sonoma State University. The signs cost \$7500. For more information visit www.cagardenclubs.org

California State Parks: 70 of the 278 state parks will be closed starting this fall and will occur by July 2012. Check the park closure list under the newsroom tab at www.parks.ca.gov

Blue Ribbon Certificates: were handed out to clubs who scored enough points to qualify for the Blue Ribbon Club Award. Points are Awards went to Clayton Valley Garden Club, Antioch-Riverview GC, Diablo Women's GC; Discovery Bay GC, Walnut Creek GC, and to Pleasant Hill Garden & Study Club.

4 – day Cruise with Diablo Foothills District to Catalina Island includes tour of Wrigley's Botanical Garden, Ensenada, San Diego leaving Monday PM and returning Friday AM for approximately \$500. \$25 down will hold reservation with balance to be paid in January. Expected cruise date might be end of March or early May. Look for Flyer to be out soon.

8 – day Floriade Cruise with California Garden Clubs, Inc. to Holland April 13th Excerpt from flyer reads "About Floriade 2012 After ten years the gates of the spectacular theater of nature are due to open again! Floriade 2012 will take place in a stunning park in Venlo, the Netherlands." Email cmerkel@cruiseshipcenters.com or call Chris Merkel 877-651-7447

If you have questions regarding Diablo Foothills District ask your Club Rep, Linda Cruz.

Clayton Valley Garden Club Members...

Our very own Linda Karp, who won the Diablo Foothills District Award for Floral Arranger of the Year in 2010, will be holding a workshop in November. She has already held a very successful Easter workshop earlier this year.

THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP: On November 22 from 6 – 9 PM in the Diamond Terrace dining room Linda Karp will present a Fresh Floral Thanksgiving Centerpiece workshop. Sign up at the November 9th CVGC meeting or contact Linda Karp. The cost will be between \$25 - \$30 and must be prepaid in order to purchase fresh flowers and supplies. The designs using a pumpkin (a round container) will be similar to the one in this photo. The designs using a rectangle container will be lower in height and longer. Bring your container to the meeting if you want input from Linda about it.



Pumpkins will be available at the Clayton Valley Pumpkin Farm until Oct 31st. Attendees will need a fresh cleaned pumpkin approximately 21" to 27" in diameter, or a plastic pumpkin, or a round container. Linda will have round and rectangle plastic containers used for centerpieces available for those who need a container. Fresh Flowers, greens and floral foam will be supplied. Bring clean sharpened cutting shears.



CLAYTON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
NOMINEES FOR THE 2012 TERM

PRESIDENT: NICOLE HACKETT

VICE PRESIDENT: STEVE LANE

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: EUGENIA RAPASKY

PROGRAM & FIELD TRIP CO-CHAIRS: INGELA NIELSEN & LINDA KARP

TREASURER: DENNIS KAUMP

SECRETARY: SHEILA DRISCOLL

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE WILL BE E-MAILING BALLOTS FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING. VOTING BALLOTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE NOV. 9TH MEETING SHOULD YOU LIKE TO VOTE THEN. IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE AT THE MEETING, PLEASE ARRIVE **15 MINUTES EARLY**.



Clayton Historical Society's 2nd Annual Christmas Home Tour

Friday, December 9, 2011
Noon to 8:00 pm ~ Rain or Shine
\$20.00 per Person

Proceeds benefit The Clayton Historical Society ~ www.claytonhistory.org
The Clayton Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and your Christmas Home Tour Ticket donation is tax deductible



The self-guided tour begins at the Clayton Historical Society Museum at 6101 Main Street, Clayton and includes the Museum plus five beautifully decorated private homes in the Clayton area. This year's tour features an extensive quilt display at one of the homes.

For additional information please call 925-672-7680 or 925-672-5061
Or email museum@claytonhistory.org

*Tickets will **not** be mailed to you.*

Pick up your ticket(s) on Friday, December 9, 2011 at the Museum.

Allow 2 hours to tour all homes. Doors to homes will close at 8:00 pm



_____ Ticket(s) at \$20 each = \$_____ total Day of Event walk-ins welcome

Please return with payment to:

Clayton Historical Society, P.O. Box 94, Clayton, CA 94517

Name: _____

Please **Print** First and Last Name (*Tickets will be held at the Museum under above name*)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____