



March 2011

***Piedmont Garden Club
General Meeting
Wednesday, March 16th, 2011
11:45 AM
Piedmont Community Center
Pam Pierce***

*Horticultural Columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle
“Golden Gate Gardening”*

Hostess in Charge: Linda Lei

Hostesses: Kathleen Addiego, Nancy Jacobs, Valerie Matzger, Laurie Morrison, Maryann Phelps, Lori Taylor, Michelle Winchester, Pam Cedercreutz, Judith Oken

Active and Sustaining Members: Please regret to Linda Lei by Friday, March 11th if you are *unable* to attend @ 510-428-1888 or email: Linda@leifamily.com

Associates: Please RSVP to Linda Lei by Friday, March 11th if you are *able* to attend @ 510-428-1888 or email: Linda@leifamily.com

CALENDAR:

Wednesday, March 2nd Photography Program with Randy Trimble in the Kettlewell Room at the Piedmont Community Church	9:00 AM Until Noon
Wednesday, March 2nd Carpool meets at Crocker Native Planting with Save the Bay at the MLK Shoreline	12:30 PM 1:00- 4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 2nd Smart Gardening Program at Havens Elementary School, Room 344	7:00- 8:30 PM
Tuesday, March 8th PBF Quarterly Meeting Provisional Orientation Regular Meeting @ Deborah Van Nest's home	3:30 PM 4:00 PM
Monday, March 14th Board of Directors Meeting @ Lori Taylor's home	9:30 AM
Wednesday, March 16th General Luncheon Meeting Piedmont Community Hall Pam Pierce, Columnist	11:45 AM
Wednesday, March 30 Conservation Meeting Cancelled	

Public Safety Dispatches

The City of Piedmont is excited to offer all Piedmont residents a new service called **Public Safety Dispatches**. Get real time information on public safety situations, power outages, street closures, etc. Register online to receive information directly from the Police and/or Fire Departments to any email address by going to: publicsafetydispatches@ci.piedmont.ca.us

Roots & Shoots

by President, Mary Lou Righellis



- ▶ Are you beginning to notice the buds and blooms in your garden? Our deciduous magnolia is giving a spectacular performance, culminating in full white flowers blooming lushly upon its graceful branches. Magnificent! What a joy! Spring is definitely in the air! The vision of this beautiful tree inspires me. It brings VISIONS 2011 clearly to my mind; the branches of its structure are beginning to flower with possibilities!
- ▶ Your attention and help are needed now for the success of our VISIONS 2011 flower show. Each of us must volunteer to contribute to help maximize the “bloom.” Opportunities abound!
- ▶ Saturday, May 13, 50 PGC volunteers are needed to staff VISIONS 2011. Shifts are 2 hours each, 8:00am-4:00pm, Sunset Center, Carmel. Contact Mary Ann Parachini at madpara@sbcglobal.net immediately with preferred time selections or sign-up at our March 16 meeting. Include your name and cell phone number.
- ▶ Saturday May 13, 4:00pm-6:00pm, a “clean-up” crew is needed. Husband helpers are enormously appreciated; you can even sign up as a team. Contact Mary Ann Parachini, as above.
- ▶ Speaker tickets need to be sold by PGC. Buy them individually or as a money-saving package. Invite family, friends and community. Inform groups, clubs and merchants. Contact Nancy Jacobs at nrjacobs2000@yahoo.com now or purchase at March 16 meeting. (Refer to speaker details, this Greensheet)
- ▶ Attend the Preview Party Thursday evening, May 12, Sunset Center, Carmel. Refer to email invitations sent February 23 from VISIONS 2011 to all PGC members; paper invitations, soon to be sent to non-email members.
- ▶ If you are not able to help during VISIONS 2011 as above, please contact Mary Ann Parachini and she will assign you an alternate task if workable. Your help is needed and expected. BTW: All volunteers will be wearing VISIONS 2011 aprons. You'll want to get yours! Details to follow.
- ▶ Above all, attend VISIONS 2011 Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13, 10:00am-4:00pm, Sunset Center, Carmel. Bring friends. Overnight in Carmel. Combine participation and vacation. Enjoy!
- ▶ Many thanks to the PGC members who recently made individual donations to VISIONS 2011. VISIONS continues looking for more “Angels” to contribute to underwriting.
- ▶ Visions 2011 will be a spectacular 5 Club GCA Flower Show: California on the Cutting Edge. Our roots are set and our shoots waiting to emerge. Entwining our efforts, we can make it happen!

Onward and upward,

- Mary Lou



Conservation

Native Planting with Save The Bay at MLK Shoreline

Wednesday, March 2nd 1– 4 PM

Meet at Crocker Park at 12:30 PM for carpool—Cancelled if Rain

Questions? Contact JuliaBurke94610@yahoo.com

**Susan Hill presenting.... SMART GARDENING:
Seven Sustainable Practices for Today & Beyond**

An Evening with Local Master Gardeners

Wednesday, March 2nd, 7 – 8:30 PM

Havens Elementary School - Science Room - 344

(2nd floor overlooking the Mulberry's parking lot - Enter through the Vista Ave. doors across from City Hall)

Space is limited so please RSVP: <https://sites.google.com/site/connectpiedmontgl/smart-gardening>

Wednesday, March 30th Conservation Talk / Meeting Cancelled

Conservation Tip:

To celebrate world forests and to raise awareness of conservation and sustainability in their management and development, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2011 the International Year of Forests.



Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsak has declared that “protecting the forests is a necessity not a luxury”. This comment illustrates the current change of emphasis for the U.S. Forest Service towards forests, the need for sustainable forestry and forest restoration. Along with the traditional function of providing timber, forests have the important functions of protecting diverse ecosystems and watersheds and providing recreational opportunities. It is now recognized that forests play a major role of mitigating CO2 through carbon capture. A recent USDA report declares that America’s forests are trapping and storing billions of tons of carbon pollution and that increased forest restoration has trapped CO2 emissions equivalent to taking 135 million cars off the highways.

Source: GCA [ConWatch](#)

PHOTOGRAPHY



Wednesday, March 2nd — 9:30 AM

Kettlewell Room at Piedmont Community Church

Randy Trimble, photographer and speaker extraordinaire, will be showing us his amazing photographs and explaining to us the 'how's and why's" of his digital photography. Please join us for this great presentation.

Contact: Cyndy Chiles 652-3536



Piedmont Beautification Foundation

Quarterly Meeting

*Tuesday, March 8th, 4:00 PM
Provisional Orientation at 3:30 PM
at the home of Deborah Van Nest
24 Caperton Avenue, Piedmont*

VISIONS 2011



The Visions Committee would appreciate any other 'Angel' donors in addition to the members who have already donated and the Club donation of \$1,000. Any help would be gratefully acknowledged. Members wishing to donate to Visions may send a check payable to Visions 2011, attn: Sarah Brown, Visions Treasurer, P.O. Box 3194, Carmel, CA 9392. Thank you!

Make your plans for our wonderful speaker opportunities: Charlotte Moss, Rick Darke, and Marie-Francoise Deprez. Note there are 3 separate prices or a bargain rate of \$100.00 for the entire series. And don't forget you can buy/sell tickets for family, friends, neighbors whom you would like to bring along –

Contact me, Nancy Jacobs, at (510)547-1097 or nrjacobs2000@yahoo.com

If you are interested in entering our show, please mail your entry form to Vickie Van Blois or email Vvanblois@sbcglobal.net

VISIONS FLOWER ARRANGING ENTRY AVAILABILITY UPDATE (as of 2/25/11)

Class 5 Eco-Action: 2 spaces available

Class 8 Celebrate! 1 spaces available

Membership



Change in Status:

Active to Sustaining Member:

Diane Bates

Cyndy Chiles

Sustaining to Associate Member (approved at February Board Meeting):

Pam Cocks

Timeline for Sponsoring New Members:

- **By March 14:** The sponsor is expected to meet with the Membership Committee to discuss the proposal.
 - **By March 21:** The membership Chair advises the sponsor whether the proposal is to proceed; if so, the sponsor is asked to secure letters of recommendation from three(3) seconders
 - **By April 4:** The sponsor and three (3) seconders each provide a written letter of recommendation to the Membership Chair.
 - **By April 11:** The Membership Committee meets to consider each candidate. The Membership Chair contacts the sponsor should there be additional questions regarding the candidate. An open vote on each candidate is taken by roll call. Each candidate must receive the unanimous approval of the Membership Committee in order to be invited to provisional membership. Any candidate considered but not accepted maybe proposed again.
 - **By April Board meeting:** The Membership Chair advises each sponsor of the outcome of her proposal.
 - **At the April Board meeting:** The Membership Chair announces the candidates for provisional membership.
 - **Immediately following the April regular meeting:** The Membership Chair delivers an invitation to each candidate for provisional membership, including an invitation to join the President, the Provisional Chair and the Membership Chair to discuss an overview of the obligations and privileges of membership. A copy of our By Laws and Policies & Procedures accompanies each invitation. Each candidate withholds her response to the invitation until after this meeting. If circumstances prevent her commitment at this time, acceptance of the invitation may be postponed for one year.
- At the September regular meeting:** each candidate who accepts the invitation to provisional membership is introduced to the membership.

Thanks!

Susan Herrick,

Membership Chairman



10th International Flower Show – *This Glorious Earth*

Dear GCA Club member,

While we know that most of you have probably heard about the 10th International Flower Show, *This Glorious Earth*, we, the Wafa Management Committee, are writing to gather the GCA membership together to embrace and promote this extraordinary event.

Admitted to Wafa in 1996 (in New Zealand), the USA has been elected to be the Host Country for 2008-2011. We have fulfilled the first part of the requirements:

- A highly successful 10-day Seminar of workshops, flower shows, cultural exchanges, and immersion in Americana; attended by 100 guests representing 25 countries.
- Publication of an American design book: Flower Arranging the American Way (available at www.wafausa.org along with our newest publication Leaf Manipulation)

The remaining major piece is the 10th International Flower Show. June 15 – 19, 2011: The Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, Massachusetts, will be the site for this innovative Flower Show. In addition to 600 competitive designs there will be 30 Honorary Arrangements each representing a Wafa country. The younger generation is included in a Youth Division.

Information about the Show as well as lectures, floral demonstrations, Preview Party, Gala Banquet and tours can be found on the www.wafausa.org website.

Our goals are to:

- Produce a world-class international flower show
- Promote international friendship and cultural exchange through the medium of flowers
- Showcase the City of Boston and by extension the entire United States to 40,000 visitors from as close as next door to as far away as other side of the world (including a great many from Pakistan and Japan, as well as the UK, Western Europe, Africa, Australia and South America.)

We all take great pride in our country: its heritage and values, its leadership in addressing issues that threaten our environment and the sustainability of natural resources, as well as our contribution to the art of flower arranging. This unique Show is our way of saying thank you!

Come to Boston and be dazzled! Enter the Show, volunteer; or simply come for a once-in-a-generation experience and to support *This Glorious Earth*.

Kind regards,

Ruth C. Crocker

Wafa USA President

Cambridge Plant and Garden Club

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Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

No minutes from the community meeting. Barbara Tuffli gave a presentation on "Camellias in Bay Area Gardens."

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Zovickian
PGC Recording Secretary



Camellia Expert Barbara Tuffli is Welcomed by Karen Barbieri

