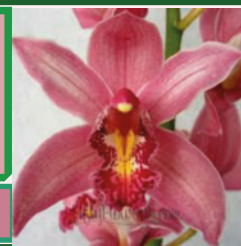




# The Bee

**Inverness Garden Club - January 2016**



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**Wed January 13**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Dance Palace**

**Exciting Program**  
 put on by the  
**Scholarship Com**  
 featuring  
**Ann Emanuels**  
**Jim Monson**  
**Adam Jennings, THS**  
**Linda Mornell**  
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## IGC Leadership Circle Message -New Years 2016

Seasons greetings from your Leadership Circle!  
 After a fabulous IGC Holiday Party and craft fair to round out the year, we're all taking a nice break with our loved ones; I imagine you are as well. We pause to remember those who can no longer be with us as well as those with whom we celebrate the holidays.

We have a couple of date changes coming up, so break out your new 2016 calendar and add these upcoming events. We will confirm times as we get closer to each event.

Wed, Jan 13 -1:00 pm: regular meeting, Scholarship presentation.

Friday, February 26: Presentation on bats - evening fundraiser for Dance Palace.

Wednesday March 9: regular meeting, speaker TBD.

Wednesday April 6: Primrose Tea. (Newly Re-Introduced!)

Saturday May 14: Garden Tour & Picnic at the home of member Suzi Katz.

## The Garden in January

January is a month for sitting by a fire while browsing gardening catalogs as the much-needed rain comes down...Check the suggestions below re some garden chores that you might want to consider doing now in preparation for spring:

- Cover frost susceptible plants or move them to a more sheltered position.
- Prune roses, deciduous fruit trees & ornamental shrubs.
- Remove dead, diseased & crossing branches
- Apply dormant spray to control pests in fruit trees
- Sanitation to remove mummified fruit and diseased wood, fruit and leaves from the ground
- Start perennial seeds indoors for spring planting.
- Check your fertilizers and other amendments for dates & labels.
- Plant garlic, onions, & potatoes for harvest in late summer.
- Bareroot roses, deciduous fruit trees & blueberries are available this month.

## Thoughts about Winter

"I prefer winter and Fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape--the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show." --Andrew Wyeth

"To see a hillside white with dogwood bloom is to know a particular ecstasy of beauty, but to walk the gray winter woods and find the buds which will resurrect that beauty in another May is to partake of continuity." --Hal Borland

"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy." --Anton Chekhov

"Winter is a season of recovery and preparation." --Paul Theroux

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home." --Edith Sitwell

"To shorten winter, borrow some money due in spring." --W.J. Vogel

## CPC Swag Party Creations



Members of the Community Projects Committee (CPC) gathered at Leslie Pederson's house on a stormy pre-Christmas morning to transform pine, cedar and redwood greens

from their respective yards into ribbon-and dried-flower-adorned holiday swag decorations. After a few hours of focused attention on selecting just the right greens and securing them with wire, then adding ribbons, flowers and cards, the group divided and tackled the list of deliveries.

Every non-profit organization that has an office in Pt Reyes was presented with a swag bearing the IGC greeting. Doors from the Dance Palace to Malt, Clam to KWMR, the Post Office to the senior center, soon sported festive holiday swags - another successful year in a long-running IGC holiday tradition.



## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS Jan Aston, Chair

The Scholarship committee will showcase its program at our next IGC meeting at 1:00 pm on January 13 at the Dance Palace. The program will give an in-depth overview of the Inverness Garden Club Scholarship Fund, its reasons for "being," what it wants to accomplish, and what it IS accomplishing as it supports college-bound West Marin students.

Tomales High students are an integral part of the program. We are happy to host Principal Adam Jennings as one of our speakers. Next, Jim Monson and Ann Emanuels, mentors for several years at Tomales High, will give us an inside view of how they go about the rewarding task of mentoring, an important adjunct to helping students achieve their educational goals. Finally, Linda Mornell, Summer Search Program founder, will talk about how her program provides for under-served students. Hopefully, if we can catch them, a couple of our student scholars will join us as well.

This is a wonderful opportunity for old and new members, and the public, to review an IGC program begun 62 years ago with one donation of \$250 by Scotty Mendoza to a deserving ranch employee. Thanks to our donors, it has grown exponentially over the years.

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Our big event each December, the Christmas Craft



Fair, once again afforded Scholarship the opportunity to share its labor of love: homemade jams. More than 200 jars of a wonderful variety of homemade jams were sold. This couldn't have happened without the talents of members and friends.

Susan Nelson issued A big THANK YOU to both jam

makers and booth staffers. The two new items -tea towels and poinsettias--that were added to the sales items this year proved to be hits as well. Parents and friends enjoyed pictures of our scholars gathered and displayed by Ann Boren. In short it was a rewarding event!



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS/NOTICES

### Administrative Circle - Judith Moore

We have 2 new members to add to the recently published 2015-16 IGC Directory.

*A big welcome goes out to:*

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 \*Kate Powers - 1600 Old Rancheria Rd, Nicasio 94946; 415-302-7957; [kate@kate-powers.com](mailto:kate@kate-powers.com)

## Gardening New Year's Resolutions



1. Plant more native plants as a way to provide more habitat for my area's wildlife.

2. Reduce my environmental footprint by avoiding use of synthetic chemicals. Be greener &

follow the mantra of recycle, reuse, reduce.

3. Be more mindful of conserving water.

4. Take better care of my garden tools.

5. Select lower maintenance plants that attract pollinators; then plant the right plant in the right location so that plants thrive.

6. Grow edibles and share the harvest.

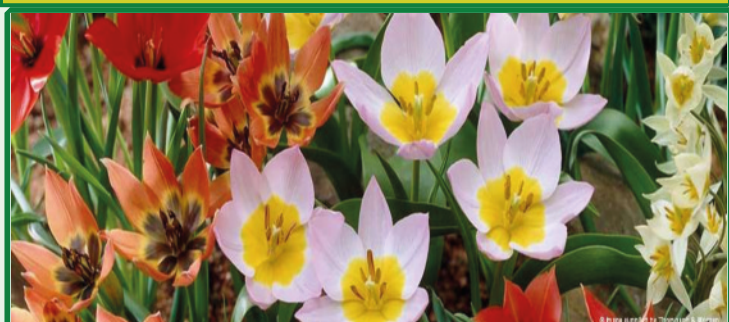
Compost, compost, compost & mulch, mulch, mulch - taking care of the soil is the key to a healthy garden.

8. Prune and feed plants responsibly.

9. Get to know the bugs/insects that frequent the garden, especially the beneficial ones.

10. Work smarter, not harder. Focus on the beauty of the garden, not the work it entails.

**Spring will be here soon!**



## Holiday Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch...was sweet indeed. Like the best of traditional holiday celebrations, it was a rich, beautiful and festive occasion. Helen Abe did an excellent job of moderating as the afternoon's activities progressed.

Talented keyboard musician Bert Crews of Tomales played the piano during our punch service and accompanied our models (Jennifer Griffin, Ann Emanuels, Astrid Hoffman, Cathy Nason, Susan Cerny, Cynthia



Harland, Katie Jay, Amy Fischer, Lisa Tornes, Heather Mickley, Lee Giammona, Wendy Friefield, Jan Aston, Susan Nelson, Martha Proctor and Kathryn Lino), as they paraded through the

Inverness Yacht Club clad in attractive outfits from local stores including Epicenter, Vita Collage, Cabaline, Bloom, Toby's, the Thrift Shop, Leona's & Susan Hayes Handwovens.

Kim Laboa's delicious lunch began with a toasted hazelnut salad and was followed by lemon thyme

roasted chicken served on wild mushroom rice pilaf.


Dessert was a special ice cream treat from locally-owned Fenton's Creamery of Oakland. Lunchers were royally served by our charming and able wait staff - Ted Abe, Terry Aleshire, Dick Aston, Ken Emanuels,

Barry Linder, Alan Proctor, John Tornes and Tony Torrance.

To conclude the program, we all joined hands in a wide circle of warm friendship to sing *Auld Lang Syne*. Thanks goes out to everyone who contributed to this festive occasion. Our Christmas lunch is the heart of our Club. If you missed it this year, plan on coming in 2016!



## JAN/FEB 2016 Calendar

<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>9:30 am - Scholarship Committee meeting at the home of Susan Nelson</b>
<b>Jan 13</b>	<b>1:00 pm - January General Meeting; Dance Palace Church Space, Program features the Scholarship Committee, Adam Jennings Principal of THS, Ann Emanuels &amp; Jim Monson as mentors</b>
<b>Jan -</b>	<b>CPC - no meeting in January</b>
<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Noon - Leadership Circle meeting</b>
	
<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>9:30am - Scholarship Committee Meeting at the home of Kathy Williams</b>
<b>Feb</b>	<b>CPC meeting -date to be determined</b>

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## Upcoming Seminars/Events

- \*Jan 9 -10:30am-12:30pm: Pruning Fruit Trees: Maintain Your Orchard. UC Sonoma Master Gardeners. Rincon Library, 6959 Montecito Blvd, Santa Rosa.
- \*Wed Jan 13, 7:30pm - "Winter Rose Pruning - How, When and What?" Paul Cullen & Richard Holtz, Speakers; San Rafael Corporate Center, 750 Lindaro Street, San Rafael.
- \*Thurs Jan 21 10am-3pm: Botanical drawing with Nina Antze. San Francisco Botanical Garden, 1199 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, SF 94122; Fee: \$90 non-members, \$75 members.
- \*Fri Jan 2 -10-11:30 am: The History of Florilegium. UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Registration required: 510- 664-9841, or [gardenprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:gardenprograms@berkeley.edu). Fee: \$15, \$10 member.
- \*Thurs Jan 28 -10-11:30: Restoration of the gardens at Alcatraz. UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Registration required: 510- 664-9841, or [gardenprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:gardenprograms@berkeley.edu). Free with garden admission.
- \*Sun Jan 31 -1:30 pm: Make & Take Workshop- Vertical Gardens. Kentfield Sloat - 700 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Kentfield. Register in advance: \$75 members, \$85 non-members.



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