

APPENDIX



OUR CLUB EMBLEM

Of the thousands of plants which our great pioneer botanist, John Torrey, examined, analyzed, and classified, plants sent to him from explorers from all parts of North America, none interested him more than those which John C. Fremont so skillfully and painstakingly collected. Few people realize how much interest Fremont took in plant life wherever he went, or how great was his disappointment at the loss of much of his material through various mishaps on his hazardous travels. He has been described as “a daring adventurer, a brave soldier and ardent scientist.”

In reviewing Torrey’s *Plantae Fremontianae* which was published in April 1853, by the Smithsonian Institute, Asa Gray wrote: “Fremontia is perhaps the most remarkable addition which has been made to the flora of the United States in recent years.”

In a letter about his plans for publication, John Torrey wrote, “I have a fine new *Fremontia* from the last California collections of the enterprising traveler, John C. Fremont. It is a native of the California mountains - - a small tree close to the celebrated Hand Tree (*Cheirostemon*) of Mexico. Sprague has made a capital drawing of it.” He called Isaac Sprague “the well-known and unrivalled botanical artist” of his day.

How happy for us, then that our emblem was taken directly from the engraving of the original drawing which Sprague made from the actual specimen which Fremont brought back from California on his fourth expedition to the West. Philip Green, a local commercial artist, made the circle of lettering which was placed directly over the plate

in my copy of *Plantae Fremontianae* and photographed. The framed reproductions which are used at our club meetings were accurately and tastefully colored by Harriet Agard.

In Charles Frances Saunders, we read: “The mountain folk call it Slippery Elm, because of its mucilaginous bark. It is, however, too rare a tree to be made to shine by any reflected light, being the only species of a genus indigenous nowhere in the world outside California; and it is juster, I think, to call it by the name that John Torrey, its first botanical describer, gave it – *Fremontia Californica* – in honor of the Pathfinder who discovered it and whose indefatigable labors brought to light so much of California’s floral riches.”

Variety *Mexicana* is more commonly used in our gardens. It usually has a large leaf and the sepal glands are without hairs. The late Kate Sessions, eminent horticulturist and beloved member of the California Gardens, Inc., introduced the Mexican variety into our gardens from lower California.

William R. Van Dersal lists *Fremontia* [*Fremontodendron F. californicum*] as among the ten best native shrubs in all the United States for our gardens. Every Berkeley Garden Club member should have at least one specimen in her garden. It grows easily in well drained soil. Good drainage is a most necessary condition for this shrub which comes from the dry Chaparral belts in Central and Southern California. When conditions are right, it is a rapid grower and a profuse and spectacular bloomer. It is apetalous, the calyx alone giving it the lovely bright yellow and orange coloring. The *Sterculia* family, to which the *Fremontia* belongs, contains about 500 genera and 750 species almost all of which are found in the tropics. Some of the Kola bean (*Cola*) and Chocolate (*Theobroma*) are of commercial value. One Australian Bottle Tree (*Asterculia Diversifolia*) is planted sparingly in the Bay Region, but most of the introduced species grow best in Southern California. There is, however, a specimen of the Hand Tree of the Aztecs now growing in the Golden Gate Park Arboretum.

-*Mary J. Compton*

“As is the gardener, so is the garden.” -*Thomas Fuller*

BERKELEY GARDEN CLUB PENNY PINES CONTRIBUTIONS

Date	Honoring or Memorializing	Location of Plantation
Jan. 1956	To Penny Pines	Klamath N.F.
Apr. 1957	Reforestation Program	Klamath N.F.
Dec. 1958	M Melissa Berry	Klamath N.F.
June 1961	BGC	Klamath N.F.
Apr. 1962	M Alice Leonard	unknown
Dec. 1962	M Mrs. C. Gilbert	Eldorado N.F.
Dec. 1963	H Mary Compton	Stanislaus N.F.
Oct. 1964	M Mrs. L.Phelps	Stanislaus N.F.
June 1966	BGC	Stanislaus N.F.
June 1967	BGC	Stanislaus N.F.
Jan. 1968	M Harriet Agard	Stanislaus N.F.
Apr. 1969	M Mabel Templeton	Stanislaus N.F.
June 1970	M Harry Butterfield	Tahoe N.F.
1971	M Vesta Adams	Tahoe N.F.
Mar. 1972	H Anna Hohl	Tahoe N.F.
June 1973	H Mildred Winslow	Tahoe N.F.
Nov. 1973	M Helen Shaler	Mendocino N.F.
Jun. 1974	M Evelyn Clarke	Plumas N.F.
1974	M Henrietta Smith	Plumas N.F.
May 1975	M Frances Henderson	Plumas N.F.
June 1975	H Leonora Strohmaier	Eldorado N.F.
1975	M Robert Henderson	Shasta-Trinity N.F.
1975	H Lois Humphrey	Mendocino N.F.
Dec. 1978	M Judith McAbee	Tahoe N.F.
Apr. 1979	M Hazel Polster	Tahoe N.F.
Nov. 1980	BGC	Tahoe N.F.
Mar. 1981	BGC	Tahoe N.F.
Jan. 1982	M Eunice Meads	Tahoe N.F.
Mar. 1983	M Marian Rieger	Tahoe N.F.
May 1985	BGC	Klamath N.F.
Jul. 1986	M Florence Dix	Eldorado N.F.
Jul. 1986	H Lydia Betaque	Eldorado N.F.
Dec. 1986	M Josephine Cowell	Klamath N.F.

1987	M Edlo Slusser	Eldorado N.F.
June 1988	H Erwin Strohmaier	Stanislaus N.F.
Oct. 1988	M Violet Warren	Eldorado N.F.
Oct. 1989	H Marjorie Deverel	Mendocino N.F.
June 1991	H Jean Brown	Tahoe N.F.
	H Robert Brown	Tahoe N.F.
June 1992	M Enid Reynolds	Stanislaus N.F.
Aug. 1992	M Rose Glavinovich	Stanislaus N.F.
Mar. 1993	M Doris Wadsworth	Sierra N.F.
Apr. 1993	M Nick Protopopoff	Eldorado N.F.
Apr. 1994	H Leonora Strohmaier	Mendocino N.F.
May 1994	H Roberta Ghertner	Mendocino N.F.
May 1995	H Evelyn Humphrey	Sierra N.F.
Apr. 1996	H Claudine Read	Eldorado N.F.
June 1996	H Jettye Fern Grant	Mendocino N.F.
June 1997	H Marian Reeve	Mendocino N.F.
Nov. 1997	M Hulda Weyeneth	Mendocino N.F.
Nov 1997	M Betty Davis	Mendocino N.F.
May 1998	H Rebecca Cason	Shasta-Trinity N.F.
Feb. 2000	H Gladys Pederson	Mendocino N.F.
June 2000	H Bess Girgich	Plumas N.F.
	H Janice Stewart	Plumas N.F.
Jan. 2001	H Marie Moynihan	Klamath N.F.
May 2001	H Betty Heath	Plumas N.F.
Apr. 2002	H Virginia Jenner	Lassen N.F.
Feb. 2003	H Mildred Bennett	Shasta-Trinity N.F.
June 2003	H BGC 70th Anniversary	Shasta-Trinity N.F.
May 2004	H Arlene Riasonovsky	Cleveland N.F.
Oct. 2004	H Nancy Baxter	Klamath N.F.
Feb. 2005	H Bill Read	Klamath N.F.
Apr. 2006	H Adrienne Sweet	Eldorado N.F.
June 2006	H Mary Hall	Eldorado N.F.
Sept. 2006	H Alison Zaremba	Shasta-Trinity N.F.
Nov. 2006	H Dee Plunkett	Eldorado N.F.
Apr. 2007	H Lorey Burns	Tahoe N.F.
June 2007	H BGC 75th Anniversary	Lake Tahoe Basin

BERKELEY GARDEN CLUB'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEMPERVIRENS FUND

The BGC has had a long-time association with the SEMPERVIRENS FUND. It came about as the result of its affiliation with California Garden Clubs, when it was asked to join the group effort to acquire a 15-acre redwood grove in Big Basin Redwood State Park. The club purchased its first standing tree in 1976. Now there are seven standing trees in the name of BGC and 18 as memorials or in honor of certain BGC individuals. In 1997 a donation of \$300 for the Sempervirens Fund Legacy Grove was made in memory of Leonora Strohmaier, a dedicated member since 1956.

Many small donations have been given to protect and enlarge that park in the Santa Cruz mountains. The total amount from BGC is \$7,928.00 to date (2007). The money has come from donations that members make in small amounts at monthly meetings for the Club's Sempervirens Fund.

At times special contributions are made by members to purchase standing trees in the name of departed friends. Those to whom standing trees have been dedicated are:

Marion Copley - 1977	Vivian Raab - 1987
Amparo Allen - 1987	Lucille Ajello - 1990
Mildred Winslow - 1978	Catherine Pigford - 1993
Helen Grady - 1978	Robert Brown - 1995
Helen Miller - 1978	Helen Johnson - 1997
Anna Hohl - 1980	May Lynch - 1982
Mae Roberts - 1984	Doris Foster - 1997
Pansy Canham - 1987	Roberta Ghertner - 2006
Claudine Read - 2006	

Standing trees in the name of BGC were dedicated in 1976, 1977, 1979, 1981 and to honor the Club's 50th, 70th, and 75th anniversaries (1982, 2002, and 2007, respectively).

BERKELEY GARDEN CLUB'S FLOWER SHOWS*

- 1948: Berkeleyana
- 1951: Garden Show at Hinkle Clubhouse
- 1964: Garden Show "Pageant of Arts & Flowers"
- 1969: Standard Flower Show
- 1969: "Berkeley Floral Vistas – Art Through Floral Medium"
- 1976: "A Star Spangled Flower Show"
- 1978: "The Play's the Thing: Drama in Flowers"
- 1981: "Gold is Where You Find It"
- 1983: "Flight"

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