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Orinda Garden Club hard at work now for future beauty



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From left, Orinda Garden Club members Gina Barretta, Sugar Filice, Katie Rittmann, Lisa Hallahan, Jane Wisner, Sue Anderson-Berger, Linda Thompson, and Jane Zuercher.

By Sora O'Doherty

Members of the Orinda Garden Club on Nov. 8 gathered to work on The Triangle, and plan another work day on the Highway 24 offramp. The group planted many bulbs and other plants to assure that the two properties will look their best come spring. Master Gardener Sue Andersen-Berger selected mostly white daffodils with some yellow ones, purple Chionodoxa (Glory of the Snow), Santa Barbara daisies, some variegated shrubs and grasses, and three native Philadelphus trees (mock orange), that will grow to about 6 feet tall with long, arching boughs of fragrant white flowers. Some taller bushes that had been obstructing visibility at the intersection of Orinda Way and Camino Sobrante were removed.

According to Wisner, originally, the piece of land known as "The Triangle" housed a real estate office, but it was considered a safety hazard given the proximity of the PG&E high voltage tower and was removed in the 1970s, when the Garden Club first began landscaping the plot. The Club's goal is to provide a bright and beautiful spot for all who travel through Orinda to enjoy, while maintaining safety. Present for the work day were Club President Jane Wisner, and members Gina Barretta, Sugar Filice, Katie Rittmann, Lisa Hallahan, Sue Anderson-Berger, Linda Thompson, Jane Zuercher and Julie Abramson.

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