



OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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Valley Lode District – Pacific Region

November Speaker Lorina's Edible Garden Herbs for the Holidays

By Bev Schlegel

Lorina will share how all the work in the garden can pay off with a bounty of fragrant and delicious ideas for the holidays!

There are lots of fun crafts and recipes that you can use your herbs for. She will share ideas, using your common culinary herbs. It's all about looking festive with simple ideas.

It will be a fun way to start getting ready for the Holiday Season!

The November meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 12. Guidelines for the meeting are listed below. Please be sure to follow them.



November Meeting Guidelines

- Please wear Mask at all times
- Check in will begin at 9:00 am in front of the Sanctuary
- We are unable to use the Telle Center this month so all activities will be in front of the Sanctuary or inside Sanctuary.
- We cannot enter Sanctuary until 10:30 am. PLEASE, show your respect for the Church and do not attempt to enter earlier.
- General Meeting will begin at 11:45 and run until 1:30
- During General Meeting use social distancing guidelines.
- Yearbooks can be claimed at the meeting. If you have a friend who hasn't been able to pick up their Yearbook feel free to pick one up for them.
- Tickets for Holiday Home tour will be for sale in front of Sanctuary.
- There will be no food or Raffle at this meeting.

I hope I have covered most questions but feel free to ask me if you have any concerns.

Dan Yockey

President

President's Message

By Dan Yockey

Fellow Gardeners,

I never thought that the color red would mean so much. Red always means stop, wait or don't do it. When Purple went to Red and allowed the Garden Club to hold a meeting you cannot imagine how relieved I was to finally get back to some normalcy.

We will hold our November meeting on Thursday November 12 with check in starting at Nine O'clock in the main Sanctuary. We are unable to use the Event Center due to the use by the Church.

We will start selling tickets to the Holiday Home Tour this month and I urge you to support this very important fundraising event. Since there will be no Holiday Luncheon, I urge you purchase tickets to the Tour and give them to your friends who would normally be your guests.

I have seen preliminary plans for the homes on the tour and I am so excited to be a part of it. If you can remember when Keller's would bring in designers from San Francisco to decorate their store, *be prepared*, what you will see, and experience will be even more spectacular!

When you see an email from the Garden Club, please open it immediately as this is the method, we use to inform you of any changes or updated Club information.

See you at the meeting,

Yours in Gardening

Dan



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(Open Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-noon)

Workshops...

**Wild Flower Seed Bombs
Sign-ups will be in January
for a fun Workshop**

January 26, 2021

Two sessions of 8

**10 a.m. – Noon
or 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Cost \$15



Therapeutic Gardens

By Cheryl Koff

COVID did not stop us!

Jill Kuil, Therapeutic Gardener volunteer arranged a “drop off” to her facility in Salida, Hospitality House. Claudia Yopez, Activity Director was ready for us. The facility was celebrating a Halloween event, with plans to plant the following day. So many of the facilities are in COVID-19 lockdown but still wanting to plant for the fall. Thank you to Sheila Rose who joined me on this trip to Hospitality House.

Welcome to The Park, Modesto California.

The newest addition to the Modesto Garden Club Therapeutic Garden Facilities. The invitation was extended by Barbara Hayes, Modesto Garden Club member. Sheila Rose, Master Gardener join me on a trip to The Park to deliver flowers with a welcome. Thank you, Barbara, for making this happen.



Planters and Groomers

By Gerry Yockey

The Planters and Groomers have been so busy these last few weeks!

Not only have they helped out with the Garden Club Office, but they have helped out with the downtown pots! Talk about being busy!!

We have been getting the Garden Club office ready for the Christmas Tour. We planted five flats of Snapdragons and Pansies. We weeded and pulled out so many palm tree seedlings. They will never go away!

After we planted all the flowers, we were invited to Shirley Stewarts beautiful home for lunch. We ate in her lovely courtyard. So many flowers and greenery. The food was wonderful, and the company was great. Thank you, Shirley.

I want to thank the following people for their dedication in helping the Modesto Garden club out in so many ways.: Pat Williams, Joanne Meinhardt, Shirley Stewart, Josephine Para, Mary Helen Alonzo, Judy Crisp, Mary McNicholas, Patsy Keller, Leah Meedom, Sharon Searls, Cheryl Koff, Jean Seeley.

Thank you all for everything! If anyone wants to join us, please call me at 521-5619. There is plenty of room.

Civic Affairs

By Dan Yockey

Fall is finally here and it's our time to get busy with our many projects. **Senior Citizens Center** has been cleaned up and new fall flowers planted. We were able to get a replacement flag for one stolen. Thank you, Robert Stack from Parks and Recreation for your help in installing the flag. Thank you Pixie Kinser and her crew for making us look great.

Flower Clock has had hedges and shrubs trimmed and pruned. The plans are to plant the perimeter of the clock with White carpet roses. We are waiting for cooler and wet weather to plant. Watch for it later in the fall. Thank you, Elaine Greydanus and Michelle Christopherson for doing a great job.

Victims Garden is looking great. Plans are to Prune Roses and plant later in the fall. Thank you, Cheryl Romanov and your Wine and Roses Budding Gardener group for your efforts.

Briggsmore and College Rose Gardens are showing some Fall blooms and still look great. Thank you, Pat Williams, and your crew for supporting an important project.

Gallo Pots will be planted the first week of November.

George Lucas Plaza was planted in October and looks great. Thank you, Wes and Barbara Page for a beautiful job and for filling in for Linda and Steve Pedego.

Downtown Pots, our largest project, over 150 pots were cleaned and planted late in October. A special thanks to the volunteers who made a big day for us fun and rewarding.

Planters: Leah Meedom, Michelle Wright, Mitzi Styver, Shirley Stewart, Pat Williams, Marsha Waggoner, Denise Gruen, Bob Searls, Sharon Searls, Kathleen Holmburg, Ali Sholer,

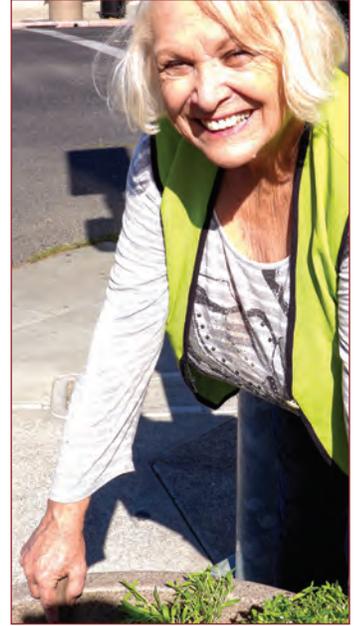
Amanda Taylor, Jean Seely, and Gerry Yockey. The Kitchen crew who came early and prepared lunch for us: Judy Crisp, Mary Helen Alonzo, and Josie Para.

Taking out dead flowers and clean pots, Pat Williams, Gerry Yockey, Leah Meedom, Bob Searls, and Sharon Searls.

Thank You all
Yours in Gardening
Dan



Replanting the Downtown Pots



*It takes a team of dedicated volunteers
to accomplish such a big task.
Thank you, everyone who turned out to help make
Downtown Modesto a beautiful place for everyone!*

Holiday Home Tour

It's time to get excited about the upcoming *Coming Home for Christmas* home tour.

We have three homes on this year's tour including one that was featured a few years ago on HGTV's, "What you get for your Money." This 2-bedroom bungalow is packed with Holiday Wow inside and out.

Several Designers will be turning the Garden Club Office into a Holiday Wonderland, featuring vignettes by each.

We are going to need docents for this event and hope that you will sign up to help.

Call Gerry Yockey at 209-521-5619 to sign up to be a docent. She'll be waiting for your call.

Sign-up sheets will circulate at the November Meeting. *Be sure to add your name.*

Masks will be required, and all Federal, State and Local Government recommendations and guidelines regarding Covid-19 will be adhered to.



A Garden Club Workshop in the Year of Covid




New to You Table

Remember last Christmas when you were taking down your Christmas ornaments and you thought, "I won't use these again, but they are too good to throw away." Well, bring them to our November Meeting and donate them to our New to You table. Bob Searls is looking forward to helping you get rid of them.



***Celebrate the Holidays
with Modesto Garden Club!***

Following the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Guidelines

Limited to 10 visitors inside at a time • Masks and Social Distancing Required

Garden Club members and their guests will visit

3 LAVISHLY DECORATED LOCATIONS

Saturday, December 12 • 9:00am until 3:00pm

Tickets \$25

Adults and Children over 12

Light refreshments will be available.

**LOCATIONS MAY BE VISITED IN ANY ORDER
TICKET SALES ARE LIMITED!**

All proceeds from this fundraising event will directly benefit Modesto Garden Club civic projects.



- ❄️ *Purchase tickets at Marcy's Hallmark, Morris Nursery,*
- ❄️ *P&L Concrete and Nursery, and Westurf Nursery*
- ❄️ *or*
- ❄️ *Purchase tickets online at modestogardenclub.org*
- ❄️ *or at the Modesto Garden Club office at 622 14th Street,*
Modesto, any Wednesday, 9am to noon

Please support this fun holiday event and purchase extra tickets for friends, family or co-workers. As always, you may call the Garden Club office at 529-7360 on any Wednesday from 9:00am to noon for more information. Tickets are non-refundable.



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