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Modesto Garden Club, Inc.

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Be Our Guest

"Let's Get Buggy."



Live with
**Master Gardener
School Garden
Committee**

**Location:
Modesto Covenant Church
913 Floyd Ave, Modesto, CA**

**Hospitality - 10:00 am
General Meeting - 11:15 am
PROGRAM - Noon**

**This meeting
is free.**



Nancy Robinson, President

Is anyone else ready to start planting and working in the yard? I am. Between the fog and some rain I just haven't felt like being outside. Looking forward to spring. We have a bunch of activities coming up. The first thing is the Arbor Day Celebration. Please look for the flyer in this newsletter. I've invited many dignitaries. Dave will be planting a Valley Oak. This is something we do to continue our efforts for city beautification. I hope many of you will consider coming to see the tree get planted. The date is Friday, March 13. It will be at 10:00 on W. Orangeburg Avenue near our Centennial Garden and the tennis courts. Look for the pop-up. This is a free event open to the public.



Of course, our biggest event of the year, the Spring Garden Tour, is coming up quickly. Plans are falling into place nicely. Thank you, Lee and your committees, for all you are doing to make this event a success. The date is April 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Our next big event is the Plant Sale and Craft Faire. This will be Saturday, May 9 (the day before Mother's Day) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for the plant sale and the craft faire will go until 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in providing plants for the plant sale please contact Dave Provost.

See the flyer in this newsletter for the Out of Town Tour and the Hands On Workshop.

Don't forget to encourage friends and family to support our club with their donations.

Happy Gardening,

Nancy Robinson



Dave Provost, Vice President, Civic Affairs

Sitting here on President's Day, watching the rain come down. Wonderful, glorious rain, the lifeblood of our valley. Our first good rain storm in weeks. Rain is needed for both of my hobbies, gardening and fishing. The yard was looking a bit dry before today, but now all the flowers will be so happy. March is such a wonderful month, starts with the almond trees finishing the sea of white blossoms, and the daffodils and tulips with their spring show. By the end of the month we'll be planting tomatoes and petunias and other veggies and flowers for Summer.

Some reminders, downtown pot planting on May 2nd and Modesto Garden Clubs Plant sale and Craft faire ,May 9th. At April's general meeting, I will be asking for volunteers for both of those really fun days. And don't forget to give your list of plant donations for the sale to either Lydia Smith or myself at the meetings in March or April. I know Jeanette Robinson is getting a great lineup of craft vendors for that special, handmade gift for Mom. March is one of my favorite months, that transition to the warmth of Spring . Enjoy

Gerry Yockey, Director, Planters and Groomers

I am looking forward to spring and the end of all of the fog.

The girls have been braving the cold and rain doing everything they can to make the yard clean weed free.

I am so happy that our group has bonded together and support the garden club.

We decided to have some fun by having an indoor picnic for the Planters and Groomers group. The girls are all so generous and great cooks. Hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, chili beans, chips, and dessert what a feast.

If you think you want to join the fun just call me at 209-484-0359.

Gerry °

Editor: The Planters and Groomers group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Garden Club Office. They clean and maintain the Office grounds and generally have a good time being together. If you would like to participate, contact Gerry Yockey.

Dan Yockey, Vice President, Donations

You may ask yourself, “Why should I sign up to make a \$20 donation to our Garden Club?” Here’s a personal answer to that question. For many years, Gerry and I have donated our **Time** and **Talent** to support the many civic and community programs within the club. Now there is a simple way we can share our **Treasure** to support those same projects. We want to contribute so there is a steady stream of income in case there is an emergency or non-budgeted expenses. Our support is less than the cost of one takeout meal. We elected to donate \$20 per month, and you can too! The donations can be paused or stopped at any time if your situation changes. Just go to our club’s website and select the donate button.



Huge thank you to: **Barbara Page, Mary Ann Uyeno, Robin Velthoen, and Gerry Yockey.** These caring people are the first to jump on board the \$20 a month program!

Additionally, we are grateful to these wonderful folks that have made a contribution to our club this year: DeAnn Bauche, Susan McBee, Adria Murphy, and Dan & Marilyn Ricketts. Don’t hesitate, friends. **DO IT NOW!** Sign up today and keep our little garden fairy happy!

Dee Godfrey, Newsletter Editor

This newsletter is for *you!* What would you like to see and read about? What’s happening at the district and state levels? Or member profiles? Sister club activities? Letters to the editor? Give me a call at **209-765-6390** or send an email to **newsrequest@modestogardenclub.org** with your ideas and suggestions. After all, the goal of the newsletter is to keep you informed and I welcome your input!



Spring Garden Tour

*Saturday, April 18, 2026
10 a.m. until 4 p.m.*

Modesto Garden Locations

Garden 1	6437 Covert Rd
Garden 2	4801 <u>Quinturn Lane</u>
Garden 3	1600 Pristine Court
Garden 4	1114 Brady Ave
Garden 5	622 14th Street



Purchase \$25 tickets at gardens on tour day or on line at:
ModestoGardenClub.org

Modesto Garden Club, Inc.

◆ WELCOME ◆ NEW MEMBERS

- **Dorris Buus** • **Wes Page**
- **Chery Hall** • **Tammy Jo Schoppet**
- **Pam Harmon** • **Ilene Threet**
- **Dana Jory**

In the spring,
at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt.
Margaret Alwood

Carla Latimer Hands-On Workshop Sea Glass Bird Picture Art!

We are making a change to our March workshop class. Instead of "Glass Plate Owls" yard art we will be making "Sea Glass Birds" picture art!

Date: March 23rd, 2026

Time: 9 to 11 am

Cost: \$30.00 pp

Don't miss this fun workshop!

Enjoy some yummy snacks and have a cup of coffee or tea too!

Sign up and pay at our March General Meeting.



Lee Lundigran, Vice President, Fundraising Spring Garden Tour!

Celebrating 94 Years Since Our First Spring Garden Tour

On Sat. April 18, 2026 the Modesto Garden Club, Inc. will host the annual Spring Garden Tour. The first Spring Garden Tour was 94 years ago in 1932 with three gardens. This year the club hosts five self-touring gardens on **Sat., April 18th from**

10am to 4pm. Complimentary **REFRESHMENTS** are served at the MGC garden number five and attendees can purchase tickets to win **RAFFATUNITY** items.

TICKETS: Tickets are \$25 and children 12 years and under are free. Packets of 10 tickets each are now available for members to sell. Return this packet as soon as all tickets are sold *or* you do not expect to sell any more. 2-hour docent shifts are available. Check in with Atlanta Jordan to volunteer..

DONATE RAFFATUNITY : Club members are welcome to donate Raffatunity items! Last year generous club members donated sets of antique china, art and quilts to name a few. Think about antique or brand new items you feel would sell well to support our club.

NEW THIS YEAR: Yard signs to publicize the tour are available for members to post and a team to place in high traffic areas. Check in with Publicity Lead - Sue Hudgens to help announce this annual event.

Call/ text/ email me with questions: Lee Lundrigan, 209-303-0011, Lundrigan127@gmail.com



Volunteer of the Month Linda Pedego



News and Notes

- ❖ A new Budding Gardeners group is forming primarily for new members or for “old” new members who want to be involved with a group. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 10am at the Modesto Garden Club Office, 622 14th Street, Modesto, If you’re interested in attending, please RSVP to Dee Godfrey (209) 765-6390 (text preferred but call is okay) or darilynng@outlook.com.
- ❖ Frantz Garden Center in Hickman is holding a Sip ‘n’ Stroll guided walking tour on March 19th at their facility, 12879 Riverview Road in Hickman, Please RSVP by March 16th to kristy@frantznurseries.com. Complimentary refreshments and a free #1 plant for attendees are offered.
- ❖ Arbor Day Celebration on March 13 at Roosevelt Park on W. Orangeburg Ave. left of the tennis court, near the Centennial Garden. Modesto Garden Club will be planting a Valley Oak tree and several dignitaries will be speaking.
- ❖ Modesto Garden Club is hosting a Plant Sale and Craft Faire on May 9th at the Modesto Covenant Church, 913 Floyd Ave, 10am – 4 pm, plant sale ends at 2pm. Free to the public, free parking.



63RD ANNUAL CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF MODESTO CAMELLIA SHOW & SALE



**MARCH
21
2026**
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**MARCH
22
2026**
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Modesto Junior College West Campus
Mary Stuart Rogers Building

2201 Blue Gum Ave.
Modesto, Ca 95358

FREE CAMELLIA TALKS

CAMELLIA CARE SATURDAY AT 2:30PM
TEA & CAMELLIAS SUNDAY AT 11 AM
CAMELLIA CARE SUNDAY AT 2:30PM



CamelliaSocietyOfModesto.org

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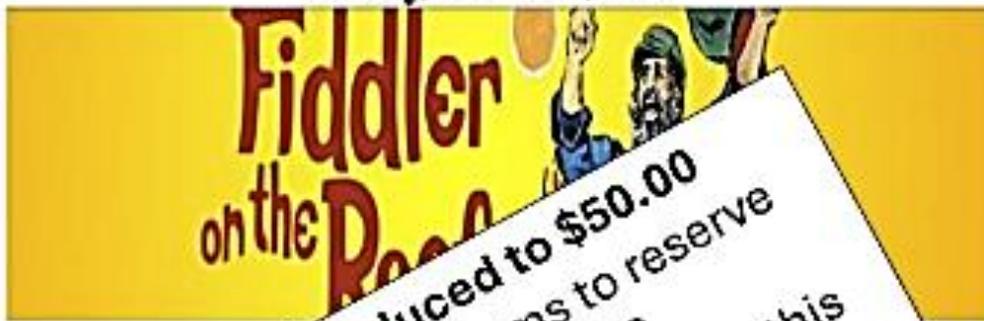
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Seats Available - Call NOW

**Modesto Garden Club
Out of Town Tour**
Sierra Repertory Theatre, Sonoma
Saturday, March 14th, 2026



Price reduced to \$50.00
Call Patté Williams to reserve
209-505-3526
Invite your friends to enjoy this
with you

Cost: _____
 Date/Time: _____
 Departure Time: _____

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

Amount Paid: _____ **NO REFUND!**

Make check payable to: Modesto Garden Club
 Patti Williams c/o Modesto Garden Club
 622 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354-2505

February 12 General Meeting



Late Bloomers



Raffatunity Table





**622 14th Street
Modesto CA 95354**

Coming Events

March 10 – Multimedia Team Meeting

Modesto Garden Club Office
622 14th Street, Modesto
9:30am – 11:30am

March 12 – General Meeting

Modesto Covenant Church
913 Floyd Avenue, Modesto
Hospitality: 10 am – 11:15 am
Business: 11:15 am – 12 noon
Speaker: 12 noon – 1:00 pm

*Pat Logan, Director, School Gardens Program
“Let’s Get Buggy!”*

March 13 – ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Roosevelt Park on W. Orangeburg Avenue, Modesto
Left of Tennis Court near Centennial Garden
10 am

March 13 – Spring Garden Tour Team Meeting

Modesto Garden Club Office
622 14th Street, Modesto
1 pm – 3 pm

March 14 – Out of Town Tour

Sierra Repertory Theater, Sonora
Contact Patté Williams
Fiddler on the Roof; \$82 \$50pp

March 16 – New Member Luncheon

Modesto Garden Club Office
622 14th Street, Modesto
12 pm

March 19 – Sip ‘n’ Stroll

Frantz Garden Center
12879 Riverview Road, Hickman
10 am
See “News and Notes” for RSVP

March 21-22 – Annual Camellia Show and Sale

Mary Stuart Rogers Learning Center
Modesto Junior College, West Campus
2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto
21st: 2pm – 5pm
22nd: 10am – 4pm

March 23 – Hands On Workshop

Modesto Garden Club Office
622 14th Street, Modesto
9 am – 11 am
Sea Glass Birds Art; \$30pp

March 26 – Modesto Garden Club Board Meeting

Modesto Garden Club Office
622 14th Street, Modesto
8:30am – 11am



April 18th Spring Garden Tour