



OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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American Orchid Society President, Susan Wedegaertner, Offers tips on Orchid Care in October

Susan is the current President of the American Orchid Society. She is a very talented lady; she speaks about orchid care and is an orchid show judge. While she has a variety of

orchids her favorites are Tolumnias and Rodrumnias for which she has received several awards. Susan continues to expand her collection of orchids.

Before retiring in 2010 Susan worked for Gallo Winery for 33 years in Creative Services.



Orchid display.

Learn And Grow: Seed Collecting & Saving For Flowers And Vegetables

Heide Aufdermaur a retired teacher and a 2019 graduate of the Stanislaus Master Gardening Program, will join us for the October Learn and Grow. She has been a member of the Riverbank Heirloom Garden Club since 2010.

Heide began growing Heirloom vegetables in 2010 in her neighbor's empty lot behind his house. She is still learning how to grow these vegetables and save the seeds for the coming year. Currently she has eight raised beds in her back yard, 4 x 8 where she grows most of her vegetables.

Heide says, "I enjoy growing my own vegetables, knowing they are not sprayed with pesticides."

During her talk you will learn about the two major types of seed Classification; how to save seeds using the Fermentation Method; saving seeds from plants with pods; and planting guides.

Heide will answer questions you may have, as time permits. Come join us.



President's Message

Living in Interesting Times

A poster I recently saw read, "May You Live in Interesting Times." I thought, "Are not all times interesting?" Well, yes. Different, but always interesting. Perhaps gardeners have an edge on living the interesting part to the fullest.

For something to be interesting, we need to engage it, notice it, take a closer look to examine it, admire or dislike it, talk about it and even share it. We do all of this with our gardening and flower arranging. We study it more deeply as we plant, nurture, water, even photograph lovely plants and gardens.

Can any of us imagine what a garden would be like if every plant was the same color, shape, texture and size? All that "sameness" would conjure little interest. It's the differences, the vibrancy and the new uses that capture us even in subtle ways.

So too, our garden club. We have members who bring different backgrounds, perspectives and talents. Our activities and outings draw us into new experiences. We are constantly learning, exploring and participating. And, in doing so, we make our lives and communities so much more *interesting*.

Yes, we *do* live in interesting times. I thank all of our members for your contributions to our garden club that make it so vibrant and welcoming.

Mary McNicholas



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **October 1 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.**
- **October 8 – Valley Lode Meeting, Seasons Event Center, Modesto**
- **October 8 – Multimedia, MGC Office 9:30 a.m.**
- **October 8 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.**
- **October 10 – MGCI General Meeting, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road; Hospitality: 10 a.m.–11:20 a.m.; Learn and Grow: 10:30 – 11:15 Heidi Aufdermaur, speaker; Meeting: 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Susan Wedgaertner, Speaker. Admission: \$10 Guest**
- **October 15 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.**
- **October 19 – Out of Town Tour, Monterey Bay Aquarium; bus departs from Park and Ride near J.C. Penney at 7:30 a.m.**
- **October 23 – Hands-on Workshop. Project: Personalized Garden Totem. Location: Club Office, 622 14th St., Modesto. Time: 10am – Noon**
- **October 22 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.**
- **October 31–MGC Board Meeting, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.**
- **November 5 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.**
- **November 12 – Multimedia, MGC Office 9:30 a.m.**
- **November 12 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.**
- **November 14 – MGCI General Meeting, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road; Hospitality: 10 a.m.–11:20 a.m.; Learn and Grow: 10:30 – 11:15; Meeting: 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**
- **December 2 – Elegant Holiday Table Viewing**
- **December 3 – Elegant Holiday Luncheon**
- **December 7 – Christmas Tour**
- **December 8 – Out of Town Tour – Grass Valley Christmas Festival**

**Welcome Back
for
Another Great MGC Year!**

Civic Affairs

By Dan Yockey

Summer is finally over and I hope everyone was able to accomplish all the projects and vacations they planned on doing. Our Civic projects did well this summer and we look forward to making all our fall changeovers starting this month.

We will start by planting the downtown pots on Saturday, October 26 starting at the office at 9 A.M. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the October meeting. We need your support; many hands make light work. We will also plant the hanging baskets at the office on a Wednesday, date to be determined. A sign-up sheet will follow the sign-up sheets for the pots.

As I write this article, we have received tentative approval for the flagpole and the moving of the Blue Star memorial to the flagpole location.

I am sure I will have good news at the October meeting. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Gardening

Dan Yockey

Christmas Tour

By Gerry Yockey

We all need to get in the mood for Christmas...myself included. Modesto Garden Club is having a Christmas tour December 7th.

The Spring Garden Tour committee is looking forward to having the Modesto Garden Club members and friends come and enjoy and maybe get some ideas for decorating your home.

Please save the date. I am sooo excited!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tickets will go on sale at the october meeting. The price of the tickets will be \$20 dollars.



Pictured on the left, our new Vice President of Facilities Rose Kennedy, won the monthly door prize! Congratulations Rose!

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September Meeting and Vendors Fair Snapshots



It's the beginning of another year of Modesto Garden Club Activities.

Members can take part in travel, luncheons, garden tours and more! Anyone can join the fun & volunteer!

Education Update

By Cheryl Koff

It's time to plant the fall Therapeutic Gardens in the senior centers, schools will soon start planning the future gardens and the Modesto Garden Club meetings are filling calendars. It's time to "Keep Calm and Garden On" author unknown.

Please don't miss the educational speakers October 10 at the club meeting.

Seed Collecting & Saving will be featured during the Learn and Grow session, presented by Master Gardener Heidi Aufdermaur. Susan Wedegaertner will follow at the business meeting with a presentation about **Orchids**. Thank you to Bob Taylor and Beverly Schlegel for arranging our speakers every month.

The Lavender Library has recently purchased the following garden books: "**Ikebana Art of Arranging Flowers**" by Shozo Sato, "**Garden Lighting**" by James Davidson and "**Planting the Dry Shade Garden**" by Graham Rice. Books are available at the monthly Garden Club meetings and can be checked out. Stop by and take a look. There are lots of other books as well!

Pat Logan has been taking the new Stanislaus County Master Gardeners on tours of the schools with gardens. Letters have also gone out to staff that coordinate gardens at their schools to offer support and program information.

Fall planting will begin this month at the senior retirement centers. The Modesto Garden Club has planter boxes in 10 facilities that are supported by 11 volunteers. Unfortunately, we are losing one of our volunteers. Renate Glinkas has decided to "retire" from the Therapeutic Garden Program, but not from the club. I must admit it's a well-deserved retirement. Renata has been a volunteer at Riverbank Rehab Center for 18 years. Renata was always my reminder of what the Therapeutic Program was all about. The residents at this facility were so important to her; her visits; sharing time together; and perhaps, a little gardening. Thank you, Renate.



The Therapeutic Gardening Volunteer Crew.

Planters and Groomers

By Gerry Yockey

One thing I love about September is you don't have to do much in the garden. Just water and keep things trimmed. October is a different story. We prepare the ground and plant flowers for Spring. All the ladies and Gentlemen work very hard planting and weeding to prepare for winter.

We are getting a wee bit older, so bending is not always easy! Getting on the ground to plant the flowers is not always easy getting up. We are never disappointed on how the garden turns out. And of course, the Spring Garden tour is always on our mind. We would love to have more volunteers come and help. We really are a fun bunch....and we do get food.

Talking about food. Denniz and Brian Wistow invited all the volunteers over for lunch. We were so excited for they just bought a beautiful home on Magnolia. We came a few hours early and got to see the whole house from top to bottom! What a lovely lunch out on the patio and the weather could not have been better! We want to thank both Denniz and Brian for their warm hospitality! Thank you again....



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Elegant Holiday Luncheon

Elegant Holiday Luncheon Table Viewing

Monday, December 2 from 1 -7 p.m. • Del Rio Country Club, 901 Stewart Rd., Modesto
 Refreshments served

Viewing Tickets \$10 - On sale at November Meeting or at the door.
 An incredible opportunity to see the loveliest holiday table settings imaginable.

Elegant Holiday Luncheon & Table Viewing

Tuesday, December 3 from 10:30 a.m. – Lunch at 12 Noon
Luncheon and Viewing \$40 – On sale at the October Meeting



Edith Burchell, right, MGC Volunteer of the Month

Join Patté Behind the Scenes

***While visiting Monterey Bay Aquarium
 October 19, 2019***

Garden Club members and their guests are invited to enjoy a special day at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on October 19, 2019. Guests will go behind the scenes for a special tour that day as well as spend time viewing all the exhibits, daily shows and feedings. The cost is \$85 (non-refundable).

Meet the bus at Park & Ride in front of JC Penney at 7:30 am. Bus returns at 6:30 pm. Sign up now by mailing your check to the Modesto Garden Club office, 622 14th St., Modesto CA 95354, or sign up at the September 12th meeting. For more information, call Patté Williams, 209-505-3526.

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Guest _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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