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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.

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

Civic Affairs

By Dan Yockey

Just a reminder downtown pots are to be planted on Saturday, October 24. Meet at the Garden Club office at 9:00 a.m.

Call or text me at 661-6554 if you will be able to participate.

Yours in gardening,

Dan

Education

By Cheryl Koff

Welcome!

It's going to be an interesting 2020/2021 year for all of our members. Several of our educational programs are on hold. The children's education program and the therapeutic gardening projects are waiting to receive notice of re-opening.

I'm pleased to report that even though we are "shut down" several of our schools and senior assisted living facilities continue to support our programs. Speakers for our monthly meetings have been confirmed. The lavender library will be set up at our next general meeting. Also, as a reminder if you have any books from prior meetings you would like to return please do so at the Modesto Garden Club office on Wednesday mornings.

The garden club will continue to fund scholarships for the school year and the budding gardening program is ready to welcome both our new and old members who are interested.

President's Message

By Dan Yockey

I never thought the word adaptability would be used to describe how we would proceed in this ever-changing world.

It was with regret that I had to cancel the September and October meetings. I know everyone looks forward to getting back together after our Summer break but let us hope that the trend continues, and we are able to have our regular November meeting.

I have tried to keep everyone up to date with E-flashes and will continue this method whenever important events occur.

We are looking forward to the bus trip to Half Moon Bay, be assured that all precautions for your safety will be implemented.

Our Fundraising committee is working hard putting together an exciting and beautiful Christmas Tour December 12, 2020. Two homes and the Garden Club Office will be transformed into spectacular examples of the magic of the Holiday season



Over the Garden Gate

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Tickets go on sale November 1st. support the Garden Club by participating.

Now a little bit of irony. Went by the Senior Citizens Center this week and noticed that there was no flag on the pole. I called the office and they said someone had climbed up the pole, cut the rope, and stole the flag. Needless to say, I have ordered a new flag and it will be soon flying in the wind again.

Thank you everyone for your patience. I know we will look at this time of our lives and think WOW we made it.

Yours in Gardening,
Dan

Everett Elementary School Garden

By Pat Logan

Fifth Grade Everett Elementary School teacher Ann Kucera is going over and beyond what a regular classroom teacher does by infusing the school garden into her virtual curriculum.

At the beginning of March, many of the Everett 5th graders planted seeds in milk cartons and put their names on popsicle sticks to identify which plants belonged to them. After school was closed to students in March, Ms Kucera babysat the plants until they were stable enough to plant in the school garden. Ann took pictures of the plants as they matured and e-mailed the pictures to the students.

The lettuce the students asked Ms. Kucera to plant was so productive that parents dropped by the school

to pick up the bounty. If parents or students were unable to come to the school, Ms. Kucera drove to the parent's home and delivered the produce. Now that's a teacher who is committed to teaching her students how to garden.

Ann, with the assistance of retired teacher Janna Cervantes and art instructor Pilar De Aragon (who both volunteer at Everett) will be revitalizing the raised beds and surveying the students to see which vegetables they would like to plant this fall.

Kudos to Ann and her volunteers.



Modesto Garden Club
OUT-OF-TOWN TOUR
OCTOBER 22, 2020

Fish • Fresh Air • Food • Farm

Put on your blue jeans, sweatshirt and tennie shoes...
Ready, Set, Let's go!!

First Stop **Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.** We will explore the tidepool habitat where sea urchins, anemones, hermit crabs, starfish, fish and purple octopus thrive. The sky teams with sea gulls (LOL), storks and pelicans. Plus, tons of sand awaits your chair and your wiggling toes. **Relax, relax, relax...**

Second Stop **Half Moon Bay** for lunch, maybe a glass of wine with friends and laughter. Don't get too relaxed, we must keep moving.

Third Stop **Ouroboros Farms Aquaponic.** We will take an educational tour of the largest commercial aquaponic farm in the USA. They offer farm to table produce that many restaurants along the coast take advantage of. You can buy produce yourself from their produce market on-site.

Last, but not least... **Half Moon Bay Nursery!**





Cost: \$60.00 —No Refunds!
Time: 7:30am– 6:30pm
(This is a 54 person bus, but ONLY 30 person capacity)

Departure Location: Park & Ride in front of JC Penny's
For more information, call Patté Williams at (209) 505-3526

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Paid in Full

\$60.00

NO REFUNDS!!

Make checks payable to: Modesto Garden Club (Add check note: Half Moon Bay)

Send to: **Patté Williams**
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Modesto Garden Club

COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 12, 2020
9 am to 3 pm

Three homes magically transformed into a Decorators Showcase
of Holiday design for your viewing pleasure

Tickets \$25.00
Available in November
Online at modestogardenclub.org