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Civic Affairs

By Dan Yockey

When you receive this newsletter, the downtown pots will have been planted with multicolored and white Zinnias. I want to thank all of our volunteers who turned out on a beautiful Saturday morning to help make Modesto a beautiful place to live.

A special thanks to Leah Meedom, Bob Searls, and Gerry Yockey for their help in refilling the pots with 42 bags of new soil. They made it look easy.

As we proceed into Summer weather it looks like we will again have some restrictions on watering caused by another potential drought year.

We as a Garden Club have a duty to be an example to the community to be water wise and conserve whenever we can.

I know the subject will come up about watering the pots during a drought. Here is critical information I want to share with you so you can answer any questions that might come your way.

THE POTS ARE NOT WATERED WITH DRINKING WATER. WE USE RECLAIMED WATER FROM THE FIRE PLUGS DOWNTOWN .

Private Garden Tour
June 12, 2021
10:00 am to 4:00 pm



28800 River Road

Please join us for Coffee and Sweets in the morning or
Wine and sandwiches in the afternoon

For more information, please call Lela (209) 380-8050

We have an opening for a volunteer to head up the crew at the Victims Garden at the courthouse downtown. If you are interested contact me

Get involved, volunteer to be a part of our many Civic projects Check your handbook under Civic Affairs for a project that suits you.

Thanks again for your support.

Forget-Me-Not Spot

By, Louise Nelson

Sadly, we have lost a few of our members, Sympathy cards have been sent to the families of Joan Craig, Virginia Costa, Penney Binney, and Carol Shour.

Get Well cards have been sent to Mary Lou Rice, Patté Williams, Cheryl Koff, and Steve Pedego.

Please call me (209)577-2523 if you know of anyone that I can send a card to. This space is also for good news so let me know if you would like it to be printed in next month's Newsletter.

President's Message

By Dan Yockey

This pandemic driven year for the Club will soon be over.

I want to thank all of you who volunteered this year for our abbreviated projects and events.

We all look forward to a new year with regular meetings, tours, luncheons, etc. We certainly missed them.

Club dues can now be paid online, by mail or at the office on Wednesdays. Last year many of you did not renew and I am sure it was caused by the Virus. Rejoin this year and enjoy with us a normal and exciting Garden Club year.

It has been a pleasure being your President again this year. If you have any suggestions or comments, please forward them to me by email or phone. Both are in your Yearbook.

Yours in gardening
Dan Yockey



Volunteer of the Month

By Dan Yockey

This month I have selected someone who works behind the scenes doing so many things as Treasurer it would take a whole page to list them. She has been invaluable to the club making sure we follow all of the many rules and guidelines required as a non-profit organization.

I have selected her, not only as volunteer of the month, but also as volunteer of the YEAR
Congratulations NANCY SMITH You are a STAR

Over the Garden Gate

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Calendar of

Upcoming Events

Dues are Due

- **June 12 –Private Garden Tour, 2800 River Road, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- **August 1– Dues are delinquent**
- **August 26– Board Meeting, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.**

*Hoping you all
Have a Great Summer
-Mary Lou*



Almost a Return to Normal in May



Budding Gardeners

By: Ginger Ratto

These are smaller groups of Modesto Garden Club members who form a group and meet together. Each group is different, depending on the interests of the people in that particular group. A group might arrange to go to lunch monthly, enjoy trips to local and out of town nurseries, attend a play, or visit a museum.

If you are interested in becoming a member of a new group, contact me.

- **Ginger Ratto**
- **209-545-3243**
- **209-484-8485**

While the masks were still on, the Modesto Garden Club was able to meet in an “almost normal” setting. There was a guest speaker, a Learn and Grow and greetings among members who had not had this opportunity for an extended time during the pandemic.

As vaccinations pick up and the threat of spreading the virus diminishes, we look forward to a return to a full slate of activities beginning in September!

Editor's Note...I mistakenly left this out of the May Newsletter!

Spring Garden Tour Wrap Up

By Gerry Yockey

WOW.....!!!! I cannot be any happier than I am now! The Spring Garden tour turned out so wonderful. The weather was perfect and the happy ticket buyers were in such a good mood. The homeowners have been waiting for two years and their homes were everything I wanted them to be! Lots of flowers and beautiful interiors!!

I can't thank the docents enough for their help. It got a little crazy, but they hung in there. I can't forget that some docents did double duty....thank you for that...

I want to thank my committee for their help and support! It was a crazy year for them. I want to thank the following: Mary Lou Rice, Advertisement, Judy Spencer, Ticket write up, Mary Ann Uyeno and Karen Johnson. Raffle, Jean Davis, Ticket sells, Patté Williams, Docents, and of course Dan Yockey, Refreshments.

Our total income is \$33,147.00. We have one more vendor, but I could not wait. I needed to get this article in to the Newsletter.

Featured Garden(s) of the Month(s)

By Lela Harrington

First on my list is this home located at 720 Griswold at Virginia Avenue. The owner of this home carefully makes frequent changes to the front landscape. Sitting on a corner lot, the front sports a cute bridge and birdbath as well as a "Book Box" for sharing books. Note the "giving tree" nearby where visitors may leave gently used or new items for distribution.

Second on the list is 524 Lottie, off of West Morris between Sycamore and McHenry Avenue. This home has a cute cottage garden. The homeowner put a lot of thought and work into this adorable garden. Please take time to drive by this hidden gem.

Third on the list is located at 2112 Cheyenne. This garden has a wonderful sitting area out in front. The landscaping invites you to relax. This owner has *invited* all of you to pay a visit and enjoy a bit of relaxation in his garden.



720 Griswold at Virginia Ave.



*524 Lottie, off of
West Morris*



2112 Cheyenne.

Modesto Garden Club, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP



To apply for membership please complete all questions

To renew your membership:

1. Review your information in the current Yearbook.
2. Write your first and last names on this form.
3. Add to this form any changes or corrections to the current Yearbook information.
4. Turn in this form with your dues payment (\$40.00) at a General Meeting or mail form and a check to:
Modesto Garden Club, 622-14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354 or renew online at modestogardenclub.org
5. **Dues are due in May and late by the end of July.** To ensure inclusion in the upcoming Yearbook, return this form no later than July 31st.

Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal			
First Name <input type="checkbox"/>		Last Name	
Address/Street <i>New address (If renewing)</i>	City	State	Zip Code + 4
Primary Phone Number		Alternate Phone Number	
Email Address			
Birthday Month		Birth Day	
Automated Calls <input type="checkbox"/> Automated Calls from the Club are OK <input type="checkbox"/> No, I DO NOT WISH to receive automated calls			
Email Messages <input type="checkbox"/> Email messages from the Club are OK <input type="checkbox"/> No, I DO NOT WISH to receive email messages			
Newsletter Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Mail my newsletter (I have included my zip +4 above) <input type="checkbox"/> Email my newsletter			
I will pay my dues by: <input type="checkbox"/> Today w/check <input type="checkbox"/> Today w/cash <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing check to MGC office <input type="checkbox"/> Online			
I have corrected my address, email and all information on this form.			

I have special talents/skills I wish to share with the Modesto Garden

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design/Web | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon Table Setting | <input type="checkbox"/> MS Word or Excel Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting at Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafting and Leading Craft Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living Center Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding Homes for Garden Tour | <input type="checkbox"/> Researching Speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Other talents/skills</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting or Bookkeeping | |



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Judy Crisp shared this poem about Garden Club Membership

I BELONG TO A GARDEN CLUB BECAUSE

In the beginning I belonged because I dreamed of flowers
growing in the garden where I'd while away the hours.
And I belonged because a friend invited me along
and to the melody of life, it added one more song.
Then I belonged because the friends I met there were so fine
The wealth of love they had to give could only add to mine.
And I belonged because I felt I, too, had much to give,
and this exchange of thoughts and plans could help us all to live.
Now I belong because the world needs beauty, love and peace
and Garden Club helps fill this need, our tensions to release.
Each meeting of our local group, each gathering afar,
expands our wide horizon's view as we reach for our star.
Each one belongs to a Garden Club for reasons of their own,
and each one knows within their hearts they do not stand alone.
Since every flower that's ever shared adds beauty to the soul
and every friendship ever made makes love a sweeter goal.