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November Speaker: Floral Designer ~ Susie Gillum

The daughter of an artist mother and talented father, Susie Gillum began doing flower designs at about age 16. Her mother had a wedding business and she would create a corsage or bouquet of flowers from the bridal bouquet for the bride to keep.

After graduating from college and nursing school, Susie began a family and did not work with flowers as often. Then upon marrying her dear husband, Mike, she was reintroduced floral design by entering the local county fair. Winning her first blue ribbon is something she will not forget. Susie was hooked.

Mike's entire family was active in floral design and his grandmother, Zoe Gillum, encouraged her to become a judge. Susie completed judging school and is now a master judge. Susie is active in several National Garden Clubs organizations and have served as past-president and board director of Chico Horticultural Society and the Feather River Judges Council. She is also a member of Bidwell Designers.

Susie takes great pleasure in demonstrating, exhibiting, judging and teaching floral designs of all types, although she particularly enjoys creative designing. This all-encompassing "hobby" has taken over her garage and provides continuous challenges and joys. Susie says, "Hopefully, I will be able to continue until even more old and gray than I am now".



Our House

Hello Everyone! I joined the MGC in 2017. It was the first thing I did after retiring, and I am so glad I did. Last year hearing Mary McNicholas announce several times they needed a VP of Facilities it pulled on my heart. I love to take care of things that need me, so looking after the garden club office building is just the right thing for me. You never know how much joy you can receive by volunteering!

There are so many ways to get involved and make new friends. If you haven't yet ventured to the downtown office, I want to invite you to visit. Lots of friendly people and a charming garden await you! Gerry Yockey and the Planters & Groomers do an awesome job keeping the garden beautiful and inspiring. Please come by and visit, every Wednesday from nine to noon, for coffee and conversation!

– Rose Kennedy

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

Viewing 10:30 a.m. – Lunch at 12 Noon

Luncheon and Viewing \$40 – Available at the November Meeting.

SOLD OUT

President's Message

"There is a time for every purpose under the heavens..." Ecclesiastes 3:1

The fall changes bring crisp air, different fragrances, bird migrations, an abundance of colors and reminders of the wondrous changes around us. It also reminds us that this is the special time for giving thanks to those close to us for being in our lives, for acquaintances we encounter often and even helpful, smiling strangers. We celebrate this on Thanksgiving Day and look forward to seeing family and friends, sharing recipes, and of course, delightful floral table settings.

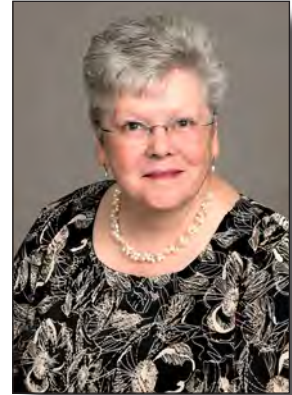
Modesto Garden Club is thankful for so much! To those who founded our organization and those who carried on and grew that legacy, we thank you for your vision, your enthusiastic volunteerism and continuing efforts. To our current and new members who continue this vibrancy and dedication, we thank you. For the fun activities, trips and friendships we are thankful. For the beautiful gardens, civic, school, therapeutic and home gardens, we are so thankful. Our ongoing gardening efforts inspire us, uplift us, and remind us of the natural, always unfolding beauty around us. It allows us to not just have blossoms in our homes and yards but in our souls as well!

Thinking of "blossoms" to uplift us, be sure to participate in our upcoming events: our General Meeting with topics on practical floral design and dealing with the good and bad garden insects. There is a workshop for creating a living Christmas terrarium. Plan ahead for our December events: Elegant Holiday Table Viewing and Luncheon, our local Holiday Home Tour and the Christmas Festival in Nevada City. Check the Calendar for dates and tickets.

I wish all of you, your families and friends a warm and memorable fall season and Thanksgiving celebration!

*"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy:
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." Anonymous*

Mary McNicholas



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **November 5 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9 a.m.**
- **November 12 – Multimedia, MGC Office, 9:30 a.m.**
- **November 12 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center, 9 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 a.m., Anne Schellman, Beneficial Insects; Meeting: 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Susi Gillum, Floral Design.**
- **November 18 – Workshop, Terrarium, MGC Office, 10 a.m.**
- **November 19 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9 a.m.**
- **November 21 – MGC Board Meeting, 9 a.m, City of Modesto Senior Center, corner of Scenic Ave. and Bodem Ave.**
- **November 26 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center, 9 a.m.**
- **December 2 – Elegant Holiday Luncheon Table Viewing, 1 – 7 p.m., Del Rio Country Club, 901 Stewart Rd., Modesto. Refreshments served.**
- **December 3 – Elegant Holiday Luncheon & Table Viewing: Viewing 10:30 a.m.; Lunch at 12 Noon, Del Rio Country Club, 901 Stewart Rd., Modesto.**
- **December 7 – Holiday Home Tour, 10 a.m.**
- **December 8 – Out of Town Tour, Victorian Christmas, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (depart from Park & Ride at the Vintage Faire Mall).**
- **December 10 – Multimedia, MGC Office 9:30 a.m.**
- **December 10 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center, 9 a.m.**

Civic Affairs

By Gerry Yockey

October is a very busy month for Civic Affairs. This is the time of year we changeover our projects to Spring planting.

On October 26th our group planted the 143 pots we maintain in downtown Modesto. I want to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard making the beautification of our streets a reality.

We also planted the nine pots in front of the Gallo Center. This is an additional project we took on early this Summer where we planted Zinnias and Purple Sage. I must say they were stunning. It was hard to pull them out and plant new, but we have to prepare for Spring.

The hanging baskets will be planted and placed on J Street in early November. Keep your eyes open for them.

The Flower Clock, Victims Garden, Senior Citizens Center, and the George Lucas Plaza are also being updated by our very capable and enthusiastic volunteers who have great ideas and want to make these projects amazing.

Board Member Opening

Our Director of Membership position is open. After many years of dedicated service as Member Director, Shirley LaBass has resigned. Shirley has made many contributions to our club and helped to make our organization what it is today. We thank her for her service!

This position can be held by one person or coordinated by two members as Co-Directors. We are looking for a volunteer(s) with computer experience to maintain our membership roster, print name badges for General Meetings and coordinate our New Member Teas. The Director/Co-Director of Membership is also on our Board of Directors, which meets monthly August through May or June. The Board makes plans and decisions to both guide our organization and remain fiscally prudent for our current and future needs. If you are interested, contact Mary McNicholas, President (209-544-6549), or Sheri McCoy, Vice President of Member Benefits (209-277-7898).



Over the Garden Gate

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October Meeting.
Above, left, Group Volunteers of the Month for help setting up the District Meeting; above, right, Kate shows off a book from the Lavendar Library.



October Meeting.
Above, members gather in the Telle Room; right, Raffatunity and plant sharing tables with Rose.



Holiday

TERRARIUM

Only 12 Openings!

NOVEMBER WORKSHOP
Monday, November 18th
10am–Noon • Club Office

Dress up your entry table, bath or kitchen counter with this living terrarium. Everything is included plus a lot of ho-ho-homemade fun!

Only \$30

QUESTIONS? Please CALL...
Karen Johnson — 360-271-6760



Modesto Garden Club Out-of-Town Tour Nevada City Victorian Christmas Sunday, December 8, 2019

Welcome in your Holiday Season with a Victorian Christmas. You will see and hear strolling minstrels dressed in Victorian clothes and smell roasted chestnuts. Your eyes will feast on an array of “Christmas” sweets, one of a kind crafts and of course...Santa will be there to hear your Christmas wishes!!

Plus, on our way to Nevada City, we will stop and shop 57th Street Antiques. There are stores totally decorated for Christmas and restaurants to enjoy coffee, tea and a bite to eat.

So, dress in layers, wear comfortable shoes and enjoy a great Christmas Day.

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2019

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(depart from Park & Ride at the Vintage Faire Mall)

Cost: \$45.00 NO REFUNDS

For more information, call Patté Williams at 505-3526.

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Amount paid _____ checks payable to Modesto Garden Club

Send to Modesto Garden Club, C/O Patte= Williams, 622 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354-2505



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Learn and Grow: Beneficial Insects in Your Garden

Curious to know the identity of the beneficial insects in your garden and landscape? Join UCCE Stanislaus County Master Gardener Coordinator Anne Schellman for a fun talk about helpful insects such as native bees, butterflies, bugs, predatory wasps, and spiders.

Anne worked for University of California for over 10 years. She has a keen interest in plants, animals, and nature.



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“Let it be Christmas Everywhere” Saturday, December 7th

By Gerry Yockey

I am looking forward to our Christmas tour this year. As you all know I have always loved the Christmas holiday. Everyone is so friendly and kind. I have chosen some really beautiful homes. Each home is very unique!

We will be touring Brian and Denniz’s home. They have moved to their dream home on Magnolia Ave. It has so many features and Denniz has always done such a creative job on anything she sets her mind on.

I have driven by Margaret and Jody’s house over the years and always wanted to see the inside of her house. We became friends over the years, and I had a chance to see the inside of her home and now you will too. It is a wonderful place and Jody has put so much work into the home.

My artist friend Gloria Bartels and her husband Verle have a home that I wish I had. It is an artist’s dream! She has painted many of the rooms with such whimsy!!! I know she will knock our socks off at Christmas.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the Christmas Tour. I will be selling the tickets at the November meeting. Tickets for the December 7th tour are only \$20 dollars.



Planters and Groomers

By Gerry Yockey

It has been quite a month. We pulled out the old flowers. It was hard at times because some of the flowers were starting to look pretty good. We just had to clean up the rose beds in the back yard and trim the bushes. Planting the flowers and fertilizing is the easy part. I always thought it was the best part of gardening, like icing on a cake.

Leah Meedom loves cutting the lawn and Mary Helen Alonzo loves trimming the lawn. Cheryl Koff was thinning one of the bushes. She has seen it done in a magazine and was copying the look. It turned out so nice. I say, “Good Job.” Josephine Parra and Jean Seeley worked in the front yard pulling flowers and planting. Pat Williams was busy trimming roses. Judy Crisp who has been at home recovering from her car accident was back at the office making coffee and catching up with the ladies and Gentlemen.

Dan Yockey has been working on the front window. It needed to be painted and sanded. We actually need a new window but that is another story.

After working sooo hard, we were invited to join Mary McNicholas at her lovely place for lunch. It was potluck. What a wonderful way to spend the afternoon. The food was wonderful, company great and we want to thank Mary for such a wonderful time. Thank you Again.

I must also thank Patsy Keller for her generous contribution to the Modesto Garden Club by donating garden supplies. We really do appreciate it. Thank you.