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April Speaker — Rhonda Allen, Educator, Master Gardener and California Naturalist

Rhonda Allen is an educator with a Master Gardener certificate since 2020. She also holds a California Naturalist certificate since 2017.

Rhonda's gardening experience is most noted as the developer of the La Loma Native Garden, which she started in 2016. Take a stroll through the La Loma Native Garden at 1805 Encina Avenue in Modesto. This two-acre area is ablaze with color right now, with many blooming wildflowers of different hues.

The garden has sections of interest, such as a children's play area, where a little lending library can be found and activities such as tic tac toe and hopscotch. Rustic wood benches are scattered along the path for rest and view stops. The city provided 32 valley oak trees which form the backbone of the garden along the path.

During the spring months there is much color to enjoy. Look for white poppies, yarrow, daisies, and mock orange in the white garden area.

Special Notice: We are sorry to announce the Bus Trip to San Francisco Home and Garden Show has been cancelled

Summer Luncheon

Annual Summer Luncheon and Table Viewing – The first since 2020!

We are busy working on the upcoming Annual Summer Luncheon and Table Viewing to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 and 2, at Del Rio Country Club.

Luncheon tickets will be available for purchase at the April 14 Garden Club general meeting. Ticket cost is \$40. They are in high demand and they go fast, so don't delay.

If you are not able to attend the luncheon but would still like to see the table settings, viewing time begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 1. Ticket cost is \$10 at the door which includes refreshments. The great thing about the viewing is the atmosphere. You get a chance to really see the tables without any time constraints. You also have time to visit with other members and friends. Of course, you get to enjoy those wonderful refreshments.

These events are always spectacular, so make sure you put this on your calendar!

President's Message

By Dan Yockey

Hi everyone;

Great weather and the masks are off, who could ask for more.

I want to thank the members who attended last month's general meeting, our attendance was double what we have had for the last few months. Both speakers were informative and interesting.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the homes on this year's Spring Garden Tour. I have to say if you attend the tour, you will be amazed at the work and effort the homeowners have put forth this year. All of the work has been done by the homeowners and is stunning. Don't miss it.

This part of my message is for our new members. Get to know how our Garden Club operates, become a docent on the tour. A docent not only represents the club but assures the homeowners that we are there to protect their property.

Call Patte Williams at 209-505-3526 and sign up now.

Thank you for your support,

Yours in gardening, Dan



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **April 5 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9:00 a.m.**
- **April 12 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center, 9:00 a.m.**
- **April 12 – Hands on Workshop, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **April 14 – MGCI General Meeting, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road, Modesto. Sign in: 10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.; Learn and Grow: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., Carolyn Pellegrini, Floral Design; Meeting: 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Speaker, Rhonda Allen, La Loma Native Garden Design**
- **April 19 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9:00 a.m.**
- **April 23 – Spring Garden Tour – Be a Docent**
- **April 26 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center, 9:00 a.m.**
- **April 28 – MGC Board Meeting, MGC Office, 9:00 a.m.**
- **May 3 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9:00 a.m.**
- **May 10 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center, 9:00 a.m.**
- **May 12 – MGCI General Meeting, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road, Sign in: 10 a.m.–11:20 a.m.; Learn and Grow: 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.; Meeting: 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**
- **May 17 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9:00 a.m.**
- **May 24 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center, 9:00 a.m.**
- **May 26 – MGC Board Meeting, MGC Office, 9:00 a.m.**
- **June 1 – Summer Luncheon Table Viewing – Buy your tickets NOW**
- **June 1 – Summer Luncheon – TICKETS GO FAST**
- **June 6 – Out of Town Tour – Bouquets to Art, De Young Museum**



March Meeting Snapshots



Loretta Carhart, seen here with President Dan Yockey, was our Volunteer of the Month.



Over the Garden Gate

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Garden of the Month



Volunteer to be a Docent

By Mary Lou Rice

The job of *meet, greet and welcome* is easy to perform. Put on your happy face and before you know it you will wonder where the time has gone; you will also be surprised to see how enjoyable the experience has been. You may even find yourself looking forward to the next opportunity to serve as a docent. It is the responsibility of each member to step up and put in two hours to make the Spring Garden Tour a success, this is your opportunity.

Stop by the Spring Garden Tour table at the general meeting on April 14th to sign up to docent at the tour on April 23rd or call the Garden Club Office, (209) 529-7360, and leave your name and phone number as a docent volunteer. *We will call you back!*

The Spring Garden Tour raises the money we need to pay for the Club's community projects. Our yearly dues, in general, are used for member services: the Yearbook, newsletters, meeting location and speakers and other member expenses.

Remember this is your Garden Club...Support it!

Spring Garden Tour



Saturday
April, 23, 2022
9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

*John Muir Park is located at
the center of this tour of five lovely gardens*

Tickets \$25

Available at the following locations

MODESTO: Marcy's Hallmark Shop, McHenry Village, McHenry Mansion Visitor Center and Gift Store, 924 15th Street
Paper Habit, Suite 52, McHenry Village, Westurf Nursery, 1612 Claus Road

ESCALON: P & L Concrete Products and Garden Center, 1900 Roosevelt Avenue

RIPON: Park Greenhouse, 12813 West Ripon Road. Thompson Building Materials and Nursery, 460 South Stockton Avenue

RIVERBANK: Morris Nursery, 1837 Patterson Road

TURLOCK: The Greenery Nursery and Garden Shop 742 E. Olive Avenue

ONLINE modestogardenclub.org

THE DAY OF THE TOUR at any of the homes on the tour or the Garden Club Office, 622 14th Street, Modesto



*Tour Proceeds support ongoing club projects
including ~ Scholarships, City beautification and Education*



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Colors of Spring – A Modesto Garden Club maintained “parklet” with daffodils in bloom, left; and one of the replanted Downtown Pots, also maintained by the Garden Club, above right.

Planters and Groomers

By Gerry Yockey

I want to take this opportunity to thank the ladies that work with me at the office and members of the garden club who delivered dinners for Dan and me.

Thank you all. I will not forget. And the many get well cards.

Getting back to the office garden. It rained the whole time we worked in the yard. Leah Meedom, Josephine Parra and

Martha Anaya who is a new member, planted flowers in our huge pot in the front yard. Leah and Dan took the pot apart because the water was not draining out properly.

They did get wet from the rain, but they looked happy!

Sharon Searls, Pat Williams, Mary McNicholas, Mary Helen Alonzo worked cleaning up in the back yard. Judy Crisp and Judy Silber help in the kitchen getting the food ready for our break. Thanks everyone for coming on a rainy day and having the yard look so beautiful!

Learn and Grow with Carolyn Pellegrini, Floral Design Teacher

Growing up in Modesto, I spent much of childhood outside in my yard or at our many parks. I spent time helping my dad with gardening and doing craft projects for school or Girl Scouts. These activities started the foundation for future endeavors. Floral Design classes at MJC provided me with formal training.

I am a retired elementary school teacher, currently teaching Floral Design for Turlock Adult School. I will be showing you some spring flower and plant projects that you can make with or for children.

