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Valley Lode District – Pacific Region

Lisa Taylor Talks About Water Features That Inspire at September Meeting

Lisa Taylor has spent the last twenty years designing and creating natural koi ponds and pond-less water features. She developed her love of water and lush landscapes while growing up in East Asia. This grew into a passion to transform back yards into peaceful sanctuaries where homeowners could spend time relaxing and enjoying time with family and friends. As the designer and co-owner of Inspirational Water Features, she and her partner Ken Frazier specialize in creating waterscapes that lure homeowners into taking time out of their busy day to enjoy the relaxing sound of water and the refreshing effects of nature. Her designs have been featured in Sunset Magazine's online blog and in their Western Garden Book.

And the Winner is...

Modesto Garden Club Wins CGCI Recognition

The Modesto Garden Club was recognized at the June 2019 California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) Convention with several prestigious awards. In fact, our club won the most awards of any club in California. In addition, our Valley Lode District (we are one of 18 clubs in the District) also won the most awards of any California District.

Congratulations to all who submitted applications for 2018-19 and won the following awards:

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD, Class VII – Clubs of 300+ Members: for receiving the highest number of CGCI award-winning entries during the 2018 Awards Year

BLUE RIBBON CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT from CGCI

SCHOOL GARDEN AWARD - #66A FIRST PLACE for creating and maintaining a garden area at school for growing flowers, or vegetables, or shrubs, or a combination, CGCI

SCHOOL GARDEN AWARD - YOUTH HORTICULTURE # 65 K-5 FIRST PLACE, CGCI, with \$20 prize

SCHOOL GARDEN AWARD - # 65 K-5 SECOND PLACE, CGCI

SCHOOL GARDEN AWARD - #65 K-6 THIRD PLACE, CGCI

YEARBOOK AWARD - #54 CLASS VII FIRST PLACE, CGCI, with \$50 prize

YEARBOOK – PUBLICATIONS AWARD - #3G FIRST PLACE, Pacific Region of Nation Garden Clubs

YEARBOOK AWARD YB-1(7) – FIRST PLACE, National Garden Clubs, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT in Recognition of their 70th Anniversary (1947-2017), National Garden Clubs, Inc.

It gives all of us great pride to see our efforts recognized and appreciated by others. Special thanks to Pat Logan, Director of Children's Education, and Karen Dyrseth, Yearbook Editor for 2018-19.



President's Message

A Garden Club is a "Grand Teacher"

As the summer wanes, we once again return to our Modesto Garden Club activities, anticipating the good times to come. We are fortunate to have a Club that is diverse and offers so many opportunities to learn many aspects of gardening. We are with friends that share our appreciation for the natural beauty around us. It is a special friendship with people who enjoy working passionately with Mother Nature as we steward her designs, beauty, fragrances and colorful array of plants.

Gardening takes a vision of what could be. It takes skills that practice truly makes perfect. It involves patience to watch and wait for nature to unfold its beauty and an abiding trust that the wait was worth it.

You are part of a Club that promotes and teaches the virtues and rewards of gardening. When we don't have dirt under our nails, we are ready to play! So check our Calendar for the many events in the months ahead.

"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust." – Gertrude Jekyll

Mary McNicholas



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 3 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.
- September 10 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.
- September 10 – Multimedia, MGC Office 9:30 a.m.
- September 12 – MGCI General Meeting, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road. Hospitality: 10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.; Vendor's Faire: 9:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.; Meeting: 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Speaker: Lisa Taylor of Inspirational Water Features. Admission: \$10 Guest
- September 17 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.
- September 24 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.
- September 26 – MGCI Board Meeting, MGC Office 9 a.m.
- October 8 – Valley Lode District Meeting, Season's Event Center, 945 McHenry Avenue, Modesto; Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Speaker: Jacquie Williams, Courtright of Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore; Topic: October in the Garden. Cost: \$35 per person; \$40 after 9/23/19.
- 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; Meeting: 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- October 23 – Hands On Workshop – Project: Personalized Garden Totem; Location: Club Office, 622 14th St., Modesto; Time: 10 a.m - Noon. Cost: \$45

Over the Garden Gate

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Garden of the Month

By Patté Williams

When I was young, I grew up in the ranch style production homes. All the gardens were 3 feet wide and the length of the house. But... My dream was always a cottage style home like Dan and Gerry Yockey's home, covered in endless flowers year-round. In my dream was always a white picket fence, twined with tons of red roses.

Unlike my dream, Dan and Gerry dance to a different beat of drums and their garden truly reflects them.

A beautiful wooden, grape stacked fence encloses their dream yard. In front of the fence are roses, hydrangeas and a mixture of colorful, English Cottage flowers beckoning visitors to the garden. As the gate opens, a stone pathway lined with several hundred inpatients

welcomes you into their private garden. Looking to the right of the garden you will spot an old bike, a basket of flowers hiding amid Nicotiana, Azaleas and Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow plants.

One of my favorite spots is the blue iron gazebo to your left with a water fountain in the middle of the gazebo. True to their dream, the fountain is surrounded by hanging flowers and plants.

A MUST, I mean a MUST is to discover the creatures of cement and clay hiding in among the ground cover and annuals. Gerry and Dan welcome you; if the gate is open step into the garden and take a few minutes to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

I must admit, I enjoy the porch, couch and cold drink with the people who love to garden "outside the box" like me.

Thank you, Dan and Gerry, for sharing your "cottage" garden with us.



Personalized

GARDEN TOTEM



\$45
per totem

October Workshop

Wednesday, October 23 • 10am–noon
at Modesto Garden Club Office

Give your garden a dramatic focal point with YOUR own copper-topped **personalized totem**. These totems sell for upwards of \$150 at garden centers, but I have digitally built my own artwork and am offering these totems at a real discount...at cost! The UV/water resistant vinyl surface on the art will hold up outdoors for years. And each totem will be **individually personalized** with your choice of wording. All you need to do is show up and apply the adhesive and apply your vinyl art to the fence post... with a little help!

CHOOSE 1 or ALL 3!

3 DESIGNS TO CHOOSE FROM

WORKSHOP FEE MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF SIGNUP

Sign up at
Sept. or Oct. General Meeting

Look for the Workshop Table
at the Vendor's Faire

Questions...Call Karen Johnson
360-271-760



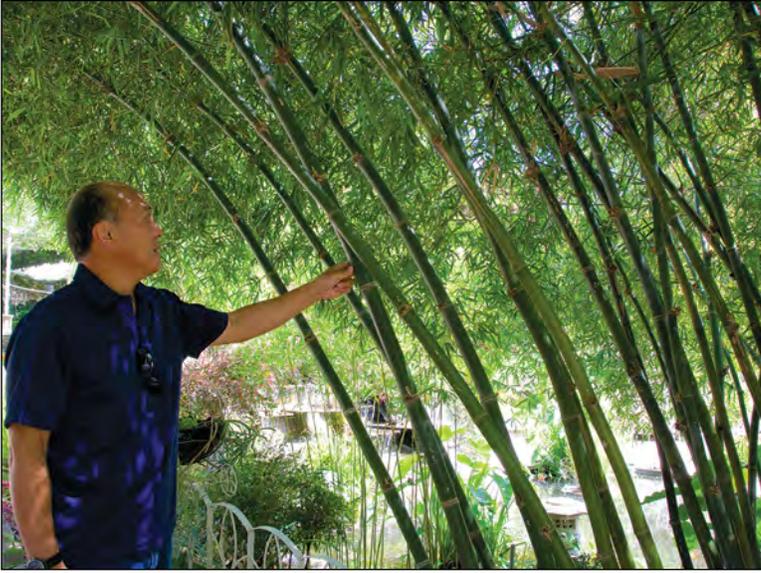




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Private Garden Tour





Building the Queen of Heart's Garden at the Stanislaus County Fair



Planters and Groomers

By Gerry Yockey

I am not telling you anything new...it has been a very hot summer and the forecast is still more heat. The flowers we planted at the office turned out terrible! Inpatients do not do well in the summer at the office. Plus, we put the water on manual and forgot to turn it back to automatic sprinkler. For a week we had no water at 100 degrees.

I have to say we really did have a good time this summer! We had lunch at Mary Lou Rice's home. And I gave them a thank you luncheon at my home. But the best part, we entered the Turlock Fair Floriculture contest! The theme this year was "Fantasy Garden".

Our theme was "Painting the Roses Red" We painted, planted flowers, and I copied the drawing from the book of Alice in Wonderland that showed the "Cards painting the roses" We think the project turned out pretty good.....But we came in third place. The Patterson Garden Club came in first. They did have a wonderful theme! Oh well, next year we will do better.

I want to thank the following Ladies and Gentlemen who helped with the project: Jerry Frad who helped Dan put the background up, Pat Williams, Josephine Parra. Mary Helen Alonzo, Mary McNicholas, Sharon Searls, Shirley Stewart also Shirley Millers husband Carl, who helped with tear down.

Judy Crisp would have been on my list, but she has had health problems. She has been missed by all of us and we hope to see her back soon!

CIVIC AFFAIRS

by Dan Yockey

Summer is almost over, and Civic Affairs has been busy taking care of our Garden club Projects.

- The Flower Clock is in transition and Elaine Greydanus and her crew have made remarkable progress removing old and overgrown shrubs and plants. She intends to give the Clock a whole new more colorful look for the future.
- Senior Citizens Center is just about finished with changes and are waiting for cooler weather to finish their project on the East side of the building. We are still waiting for final approval from the City to be able to install the flagpole. It seems the wheels of City Hall move very slow no matter the size of the project.
- George Lucas Plaza has a new crew taking care of the project. Linda and Steve Pedego and Barbara and Wes Page.
- Rose Gardens headed by Pat Williams were both beautiful in the Spring. The hot weather has taken its toll on the blooms, but they still look great.
- Downtown Pots have been beautiful all summer. We finally got the yellow center plants to grow taller than the rest giving the pots a vibrant, colorful look.
- Hanging Baskets last year were a disappointment due to die off in the Spring. Due to less budget this year we decided not to plant them again in the fall. We were looking forward to trying again this fall and expressed that wish to friends of the Garden Club. We were given a donation of \$1000.00 to be used to plant the baskets again this fall. Thank you so much for this kind gesture.
- Flowerpots in front of the Gallo Center have not been consistently planted for some time. I received a request from Lynn Dickerson asking if the Garden Club could take over the planting and maintaining of the 9 pots. I told her our budget for the year had already been approved and there were no extra funds available to plant the pots at this time. I suggested that if The Gallo Center could provide funding our group would be happy to support the project. She agreed and sent us a check for \$450.00 to make the

project a reality. Stop by and check them out and thank you Lynn for allowing the Garden Club another venue to keep Modesto beautiful.

Thank you, all the volunteers who work so hard the whole year, long. Without you, we could not do it.

Yours in Gardening,
Dan Yockey

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.

Vendors Faire...Come Prepared To Shop at Annual Event

This annual event will knock your sox off. Lots of vendors will be selling their wares from 9:30 a.m. until the start of our General Meeting on September 12.

Bring your shopping bags and wear your comfy shoes. See you there!

Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

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