

OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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President's Message

This year seems to be moving so fast! Our recent Fall Gathering was a success. Thanks to Emily Ryslinge and her team for a job well done. I think all who were there enjoyed the evening.



It's important to read the entire newsletter each month. There is a lot of good information you may need to know. Have you been practicing using the QR code?

If you are not sure where you would like to volunteer, please call me and we will figure out the perfect place for you. Call me at 209-968-6556.

Happy Gardening, Nancy



Emma & Sarah Grover ~ October 12 Speakers by Bob Taylor

Suite 52 Living strives to bring beauty to Modesto and the surrounding region. This standout shop is owned and operated by sisters Sarah and Emma Grover who purchased the store and design studio in 2007. Originally started in 1991 under the name Portico Home & Garden, Suite 52 has withstood economic downturns emerging as a vibrant home décor staple for the Central Valley.

SUITE 52 LIVING

In 2016, Suite 52 had the opportunity to re-locate to a larger space in McHenry Village where they could expand their offerings including more space for their always popular Christmas display. With a constant evolution of products, they work to provide customers with the highest quality items that are both interesting and fun, while always providing the personal attention their customers have come to expect.

Emma says, "We are excited to do a little Christmas preview at your October meeting. Be ready for some of our favorite tips and tricks to make Thanksgiving and Christmas a little extra special".

Modesto Garden Club is delighted to host these talented sisters. Be sure to attend on the 12th. Socializing at 10:00 am, meeting at 11:15 Speaker at 12:00. See you there?



Organized: February 12, 1924
Federated: September 24, 1946
Incorporated: May 10, 1962

**A MEMBER OF
THESE
AFFILIATIONS:**



Centennial Project ~ by Dan Yockey

Our projects for the Centennial are moving forward. We have ordered 15 banners to be placed in the downtown area. They will replace the banners that say summer, etc.

The Centennial garden has finally shown progress. This last week we approved the MOU (memorandum of understanding). It now goes to a city committee for review and approval, then to the City Council for final approval. This is expected to be completed by December. Unfortunately we cannot proceed with the garden until then.

I am sending a packet of information to all Council members to help them understand the project. If you have personal contact with a Council member tell them about the club and what we do for the city.

The Centennial Committee has several types of donation areas we will explore. One is called "\$100 for 100 Years". At this month's meeting we will have cards you can give to potential sponsors. We can use them to ask for donations from businesses we have personal connections with. A dollar a year is not a big ask for all our club has done in the community over the years. Thanks for your help! ~ Dan



Did You Know? ~ by Jean Davis

Did you know the Modesto Garden Club supports local charity Stanislaus Wildlife Care Center in Hughson, California? For the past 40 years they have taken injured and orphaned native wild animals and care for them so they can be released back into their natural environment. They are a Non-Profit, all volunteer program with 32 volunteers (some part-time) taking care of approximately 2,300 wild animals and birds a year! Here is some advice for dealing with wildlife you may find injured or orphaned. **INJURED:** Put the animal in a cardboard box just large enough for it to stand. Keep it warm and quiet. Bring the animal in as soon as possible. The longer it goes without medical attention, the less likely it is to survive. **ORPHANED BABIES:** DO NOT feed the animal. The wrong diet or feeding method is fatal. Keep the animal warm and bring in as soon as possible.



Stanislaus Wildlife (SWCCenter@stanislauswildlife.org) is currently dealing with shore birds and other birds who have been infected with Avian botulism. The Tulare Lake has been dry until this year after rain. The water warms up and bacteria spreads, causing paralysis in birds. Exposure causes the birds to become paralyzed. Their best chance at survival is at the Stanislaus Wildlife Care Center. Thanks to our members we collected almost \$300 at our meeting in September. Thank you all for your compassionate hearts!



Civic Affairs ~ by Dan Yockey

Hello everyone! Fall is definitely here and you know that means planting the downtown pots. Save the date Saturday, October 21st. Sign up will be at the October meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to sign up text me at 209.661.6554

We still need someone to take over the clock. Take a minute and drive by it to see how Donna has done a great job planning and updating it.

Yours in gardening ~ Dan



Membership News and Tidbits ~ by Janis Perkins

The Club is a fun and an exciting place to be and it's our members that make this all happen. As of September 20, 2023, we have 341 members which includes the 7 new members that signed up at our September meeting. Welcome Newbies!

Yearbooks are available for any member that was not able to get one at the first meeting. You can come to the club office any Wednesday from 9:00 to noon, or we will have them available at our next meeting at the Membership table.

New Members Social is on Tuesday, October 24. If any member that missed the New Members Tea (as it was formerly named) wants to come, please contact me - Janis at 562-307-5954. Texting is always appreciated because I live in the country and phone messages will not always go through.

Publicity I need some help! It would be great if I could brainstorm with a couple of members on marketing. The goal is to bring awareness about the Club to the community of Modesto. If you have ideas and some personal time to spend helping to execute these plans, please contact me at 562-307-5954. Again, texting is always appreciated because I live in the country and phone messages will not always go through. Thanks - Janis

Budding Gardeners ~ by Janice Garcia

I'm looking for more wonderful ladies to join our Budding Gardeners groups! There are three lovely women currently wanting to form a group together, but need a few more members. As a new group, you can participate in lots of different activities together! You might enjoy planting pots, or decorating a table at the Elegant Luncheon. You might enjoy going to lunch or movies or shopping as a group. Perhaps you are interested in small day trips, or visiting nearby nurseries. The possibilities for friendship with like minded individuals is endless! Just call me at (209) 202.7881 and I will facilitate you getting started with your own Budding Gardeners group. I will also be at the New Members Social on Tuesday, October 24th at 1:00 pm to answer any questions. Come meet new people and join in on the FUN!

General Meeting Hospitality ~ by Sheri McCoy



We love seeing you on the second Thursday of the month for our general meetings! It's a tradition that members occasionally bring in an offering of favorite finger food or snack or sweet to share on our hospitality table. It's a great time to enjoy catching up with old and new friends while enjoying a beverage and a bite or two! You are encouraged to bring yummy treats when you can. If you have any questions for me, you can call (209) 277.7898. Thanks so much and I can't wait to see you on the 12th!



Save the Date

Beautiful Tables
set by our talented hosts and hostesses

Candy for the Eye

**Elegant Holiday
Luncheon & Table Viewing**

*Table Viewing ~ December 6, 2023
Luncheon ~ December 7, 2023*

Del Rio County Club
801 Stewart Road,
Modesto California



Planters and Groomers & Turlock Fair ~ by Gerry Yockey

Planters and Groomers enjoyed such a gorgeous morning recently. It had the feel of fall in the air. After working this summer when it was hot, hot hot... it was a pleasurable change!

After our gardening was done and tools put away, we went to Pat Williams home for lunch. The group of us included Martha Anaya Norma Barron, Judy Crisp, Ronnie Deleon, Mary McNicholas, Leah Meedom, Josie Parra, Shirley Stewart, Dan Yockey and me. It was a special treat for us lunching together. For having a smaller yard, Pat has a great variety of plants and flowers to enjoy. The food was wonderful and we thank you Pat. If you would like to join in on the fun please do! We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the office on 14th Street.



OAKDALE GARDEN CLUB'S AUTUMN GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tour 6 local gardens ~ Purchase \$25 tickets at:

Ace Hardware and A Touche of Flowers, Oakdale; Westurf Nursery, Modesto; Morris Nursery, Riverbank; Parks Greenhouse and Thompson's Nursery, Ripon; Rain Forest, Manteca; The Greenery, Turlock

For more info call (209 844-3243 or email oakdalecagardenclub@gmail.com



School Gardens ~ by Pat Logan



It is with great pleasure that I announce the Stanislaus County Master Gardeners have developed a School Garden Committee who are developing lesson plans to teach children to engage in gardening, learn where their food comes from, and become stewards of the land!

The committee is using multiple resources to develop lessons and activities with support of our Modesto Garden Club. Life Lab is one of their resources, as well as curriculum from various other

sources such as The Edible Schoolyard, Slow Food, Math in the Garden and more. As soon as this small but powerful committee finalizes plans there will be additional photos to post. Enslin Elementary's School Principal, Brandon Fromm, has graciously provided the following information about their school garden:

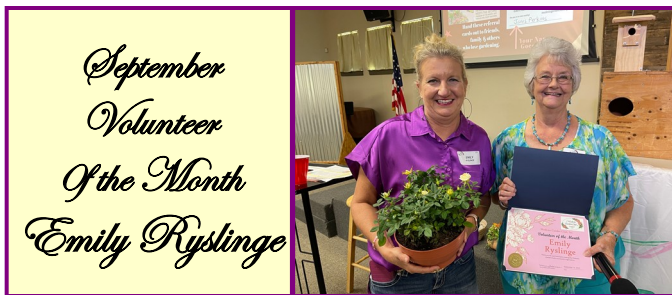
The Enslin school garden primarily serves 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students as well as the Enslin Boys and Girls Club members. Part of the funding for the school garden comes from Expanded Learning and some is provided by the Modesto Garden Club. The Enslin Garden Club advisors include Madeleine Lehtikainen and Cydney Casteel. The school gardens revitalization was on behalf of Pennie Kreifels, a beloved Enslin school employee. Only one year old, the renewed garden supports crops of pretty cut flowers, pumpkins, sunflowers, lettuce, peppers and tomatoes!

Modesto Garden Club continues to provide financial support for gardening tools, seeds and plants, while the Stanislaus County Master Gardeners will provide lessons to enrich the Enslin School academic program.





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<i>Dates to Remember</i>	
October 3 9:00 am	Planters and Groomers MGC Office 622 14th Street
October 9	Columbus Day
October 12 10:00 am	MGC General Meeting
October 17 9:00 am	Planters and Groomers MGC Office 622 14th Street
October 24 1:00 pm	New Members Social MGC Office 622 14th Street
October 26 8:30 a.m.	MGC Board Meeting Club Office - 622 14th St.
October 31	Halloween BOO!