



# OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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## Christmas Tour

*By Gerry Yockey*

WoW!! What a tour!! It has been a roller coaster!! I have to start off by saying how much I appreciate my committee and board members. They were behind me all the way. The Ladies who volunteer at the Garden Club office were there with me all the way.

I want to start off by thanking Denniz Wistow for making new curtains at the Garden Club office. Her work was just beautiful!

I also want to thank Patté Williams and her daughter, Martha Williams, who were in charge of the docents. Patté had an exceedingly difficult job and she followed through all the way. Thank you, Patté.

I want to thank all the docents who stepped up and did such a wonderful job. They were in such high spirits. There are so many names that come to mind but I don't have enough room to thank all the docents.

I do need to thank Dan Yockey for being there for me. It was not easy.

To the girls who helped at the office: they worked so hard and made such a difference. The office turned out beautifully. Thank you to the following designers: Pat Williams, Shirley Stewart, Josephine Para, Mary Helen Alonzo, Judy Crisp, Janis Perkins, Mary McNicholas, Leah Meedom, Sharon Searls, Cheryl Koff. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I do want to thank Judy Spencer for designing the tickets and Mary Lou Rice for advertising the tour. Also, Karen Johnson for the E-Blast.

I hope I have not forgotten anyone and if I did, I am sorry.

***All the hard work paid off and we made \$3,635.00.***



*A Christmas tree in one of the homes on the Modesto Christmas Tour is shown above. **More Photos are on Page 3.***

## President's Message

### *Happy New Year Garden Club Members*

I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during these stressful times. It seems like every time we are able to move forward with Club activities another change in procedures has come up causing activities to cancel. Some of these changes occurred so close to an event that it was difficult to contact everyone in time to keep everyone informed.

Here is the schedule as it stands now:

- General meetings in January and February have been canceled
- There are no workshops until further notice.
- The Board will meet in February to decide if a General Meeting is plausible for March depending on Covid-19 rules and on the success of the vaccine being administered to our age group. We are going to be extremely cautious in scheduling any large gathering of our members.
- We will publish a newsletter each month giving you updates on what we have learned. We are sending the printed newsletter to every member to make sure everyone is informed. Some members do not open their emails in a timely manner, so we want to be sure everyone gets the information.



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- If you have been receiving the newsletter on-line you will continue to do so.
- I have been using e-flashes and e-mails to give you up to the minute information so please open them as soon as you receive it.
- We have no answer at this time on information for Spring Garden Tour or Summer Luncheon. Look for updates from Gerry Yockey and Linda Pedego.

If you need any information or answers to questions, please feel free to call me at 661-6554. Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours in gardening,  
Dan



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## **Civic Affairs**

*By Dan Yockey*

Good news everyone it is only two months till Spring.

Downtown pots have been planted with alyssum and calendulas and are starting to show color and growth. Gallo pots were planted with pansies of different color in each pot. They should soon show beautiful color. Right now, not a lot is being done in our other gardens because of our budget but we hope to be able to plant for the Summer. The ones that need a lot of hands-on participation are the two rose gardens that need to be pruned in January. Look for the date from Pat Williams.

Many hands make light work this is outside work and social distancing can easily observed.

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## **Planters and Groomers**

*By Gerry Yockey*

It has been such a year! The Ladies have been there for me in keeping the Modesto Garden office beautiful. Planting flowers for Spring Garden Tour. We have had so many projects including the Christmas tour. The decisions we have had to make have not been easy.

The ladies have been working very hard getting the Modesto Garden Club ready for the Spring Garden Tour. The flowers are planted, and the bushes are trimmed. It has been an amazing year! So many things are happening!

The Ladies worked on the Christmas tour!! So many wonderful ideas. So talented.

We are looking forward to better days. May Spring be so much better!!!!