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Dave Provost Shares His Gardening Passion and Expertise at May Meeting

Most of us know him as “Dave at Morris Nursery”. He started his career in the green industry as a carryout boy at Garden Center in Manteca. According to Dave it was a great job through high school and college.

After a stint in the military, he went to work for Zaiger’s as assistant manager while taking some night classes. In 1977 he was recruited to open a new nursery in Manteca called Rainbow Gardens. The property was sold in 1980 and he went to work learning the landscape business. He got an offer to be the landscaper for Manteca schools. Then in 1986 he started his own landscape company. In 1993 his old friend Bill Morris asked him to come be a part of management for Morris Nursery. He was general manager from 1997 thru 2018 when he decided it was time to slow down to a part timer.

Dave is a California Certified Nurseryman, Licensed Landscape Contractor, Master Nurseryman, and most recently a UC Master Gardener which, unfortunately he had to resign due to family issues.

Dave says, “Gardening is one of my passions for more than 50 years and I enjoy passing that on to others.”



Editor’s Notes

By Mary Lou Rice

We are about to have our last meeting for the 2020/2021 MGC Year on May 13th. We have a few things we have to complete before the year’s end. Civic Affairs has a big planting coming up in a few weeks and could use all of your help.

Many hands make the job much easier, and it is a great way to get out, enjoy yourselves and serve the community. So, try joining the crew on May 22nd for a morning of gardening!

Please remember that dues are due May 1st and delinquent on July 31st. There is a membership form included in this *Over the Garden Gate*. If you have any corrections to your address, phone number, email or other information please be sure to include the form when you pay your dues. Don’t forget that you can update your garden club interests on this form.

Our Spring Garden Tour was a tremendous success. People took advantage of the wonderful weather and strolled up and down Magnolia Avenue greeting folks as they passed. They shared plant names and comments on the lovely displays at each of the homes. It was a Happening, for the community.

We have experienced an abbreviated garden club year with our social functions curtailed because of Covid 19, but the spirit of the club continues on. Think of the Spring Garden Tour 2021 as a springboard to a successful and rewarding 2021/22 Garden Club Year.

May Learn and Grow



Wellspring Charitable Gardens

President's Message

By Dan Yockey

When asked what is the best kept secret in Modesto?

Of course, the answer is the Modesto Garden Club.

On April 17th over eleven hundred people visited the homes and gardens on the Spring Garden Tour. Everyone was so happy to be out in the community sharing the wonderful weather and the five iconic homes on Magnolia Avenue.

I must thank everyone involved in the tour. They made the event one if not the best tours ever. All of this could not have happened without the leadership of our Vice President of Fundraising Gerry Yockey. Her tenacity over the last two years kept everyone focused on making the tour what it turned out to be.

Thank you, Mary McNicholas and Sharon Searls, for turning the Garden Club office into an enjoyable tribute to what our Club gives to the Community.

Marylou Rice said to me that she felt the Garden Tour was the start of the Garden Club year. Seeing everyone so happy to be out visiting friends and sharing the day certainly proved her to be correct.

Our last meeting for this Club year will be on May 13 and since most of us have had our shots I hope to see a large member turnout.

Yours in gardening,
Dan



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **May 1 – Dues are due**
- **May 4 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9 a.m.**
- **May 13 – 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, Wellspring Charitable Gardens; Meeting: 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m., David Provost**
- **May 18 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9 a.m.**
- **May 22 – Downtown Pot Planting, MGC Office, 9 a.m.**
- **May 27 – Board Meeting, MGC Office 9 a.m.**



One Fine Day Along Magnolia Avenue





Over 1,000 people enjoyed Modesto Garden Club's Spring Garden Tour. They strolled down Magnolia Avenue and visited the magnificent houses on the tour.

It was almost a return to "normal" that everyone had been longing for. This was truly the start of a new year for Modesto Garden Club!



Modesto Garden Club, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP



To apply for membership please complete all questions

To renew your membership:

1. Review your information in the current Yearbook.
2. Write your first and last names on this form.
3. Add to this form any changes or corrections to the current Yearbook information.
4. Turn in this form with your dues payment (\$40.00) at a General Meeting or mail form and a check to:
Modesto Garden Club, 622-14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354 or renew online at **modestogardenclub.org**
5. **Dues are due in May and late by the end of July.** To ensure inclusion in the upcoming Yearbook, return this form no later than July 31st.

Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal			
First Name <input type="checkbox"/>		Last Name	
Address/Street <i>New address (If renewing)</i>	City	State	Zip Code + 4
Primary Phone Number		Alternate Phone Number	
Email Address			
Birthday Month		Birth Day	
Automated Calls <input type="checkbox"/> Automated Calls from the Club are OK <input type="checkbox"/> No, I DO NOT WISH to receive automated calls			
Email Messages <input type="checkbox"/> Email messages from the Club are OK <input type="checkbox"/> No, I DO NOT WISH to receive email messages			
Newsletter Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Mail my newsletter (I have included my zip +4 above) <input type="checkbox"/> Email my newsletter			
I will pay my dues by: <input type="checkbox"/> Today w/check <input type="checkbox"/> Today w/cash <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing check to MGC office <input type="checkbox"/> Online			
I have corrected my address, email and all information on this form.			

I have special talents/skills I wish to share with the Modesto Garden

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design/Web | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon Table Setting | <input type="checkbox"/> MS Word or Excel Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting at Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafting and Leading Craft Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living Center Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding Homes for Garden Tour | <input type="checkbox"/> Researching Speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Other talents/skills</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting or Bookkeeping | |



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Planters and Groomers

By Gerry Yockey

The day finally came for the Spring Garden Tour. The ladies have been working in the yard since October. Getting the flowers planted and the grass fertilized. And of course, raking the leaves. They have been working so hard and I cannot thank them enough. Mary McNicholas and Sharon Searls worked very hard getting the office ready. They had wonderful displays on what we do for the community.

I also want to thank the ladies for being docents for the office. I can always count on them for help. I know I am thanking them a lot, but they deserve all the thanks I can give them.

Pat Williams, Joanne Meinhardt, Shirley Steward, Josephine Parra, Mary Helen Alonzo, Mary McNicholas, Sharon Searls, Leah Meedom, Cheryl Koff, Jean Seeley, and Judy Crisp, who does a very good job of making coffee in the morning. These are the ladies who I count on.....and of course Dan Yockey who puts up with me.

I hope I got everyone...If I missed anyone, I am sorry....

Civic Affairs

By Dan Yockey

It's that time of the year for the planting of the downtown pots. As usual I need at least 16 volunteers to plant the pots on Saturday May 22. If you wish to be one of them let me know or call the office and leave a message. We will start at 9:00 a.m. with lunch being served starting at 11:00 a.m.

Hope to see you there.

Volunteer of the Month

Our Volunteer of the Month of May is someone who is possibly the most dedicated to making the club a success. She is always available to take on any task where she feels she can help. Our volunteer for this month is PAT WILLIAMS. Congratulations Pat.