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President's Message

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Another year is over and so many changes have occurred. Time just seems to fly by and I want to thank everyone who participated in Garden Club events this year. There was great fun at the Fall Gathering, and the Holiday Luncheon and Table Viewing. I know those who were able to participate saw just how talented our members are.

Our Holiday Home tour this year was a wonderful experience. It was successful even though the Weatherman was *right on* and provided us with a monsoon downpour! But the wind and rain didn't dampen the excitement of touring those beautiful homes.

The most important item I need to bring up again is the ***need to have a new Vice President of Fundraising***. Gerry and her committee have provided us with marvelous entertainment over the past few years but the time has come for Gerry to step back and allow new enthusiasm and expression of ideas. I want to remind you that this is not just a one person job but a committee who divides up the responsibilities, making the job easier. ***YOU CAN DO IT, JUST GIVE IT A TRY.***



Holiday Home Tour Wrap-up ~ Gerry Yockey

It has been such a pleasure to be chairmen of the Christmas tour! I got to meet and work with such wonderful home owners and their family. My gratitude goes to the following homeowners who made the tour possible... Teresa Seifert, Shirley and Jack Stewart, Tracie and Richard Burton and my daughter Becky and Ken Bopp. I can not thank them enough!

The Docents led by Patté Williams were out in full force. They were in the Christmas spirit even though it rained so hard that the streets were covered with water. The wind did not help either! It turned out to be a wonderful day because we all had such a fabulous experience.

I have to thank my committee for being there and doing the job. Mary Lou Rice, *Advertisement*, Judy Spencer, *Christmas tickets*, Mary Ann Uyeno, *Raffle*, Jean Davis and Deanne Clark, *Sale of Tickets*, and of course Dan Yockey, *Refreshments*. Once again, I have to mention Patté Williams for being the *Docent Leader*. With everyone's participation, we ended up raising \$6450.00 for our club.

Lets look forward the spring garden tour! January would be an ideal time to join the Fundraising committee and observe for next year. Call me!

Elegant Holiday Luncheon and Table Viewing December 2022

Linda Pedego (here with husband Steve) is Vice President of Activities and does an outstanding job of chairing the Elegant Holiday Luncheon. This year was no exception! To see more photos of the gorgeous and creative table settings.. be sure to attend our January 12th meeting. You won't believe your eyes folks!

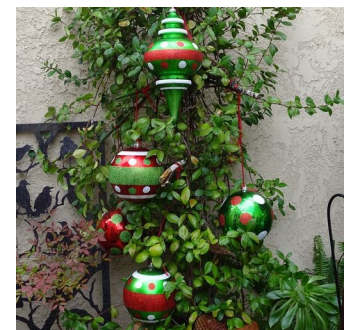
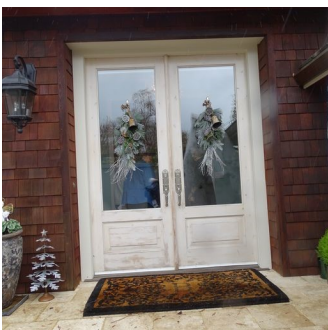
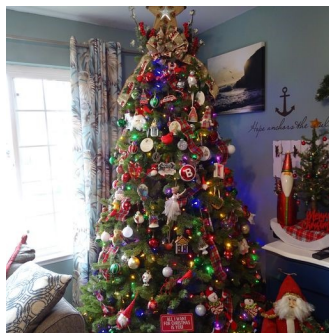


Thank you MGC's own Cindy Lou Who! Cindy Ott and team have been organizing our twice yearly Table Viewing and Luncheon Raffatunities for years! If you attend the viewing or the luncheon you know this to be true. If you don't.... you should! Plan to go next year everyone. You could be a lucky prize winner!!



*Happy Holiday
Holiday
Home Tour
December 2022*

Gerry Yockey (here with our President Dan Yockey and their daughter Beckey Bopp) is the retiring Vice President of Activities and does an outstanding job! If you and a friend (or friends) would like to try your hand at putting a new spin on what our club does for fundraising... Let Dan or someone on the board know. How grand would that be!?!





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Federated: September 24, 1946

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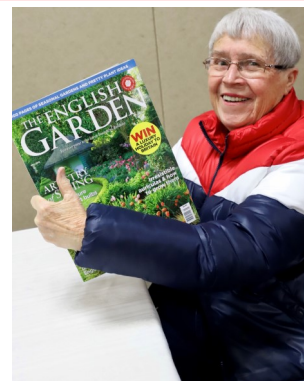


“Raised Container Gardening” January 12th Main Speaker - Dede Heisinger

Dede has been an avid gardener since her first experience planting radish seeds at age four! She quickly advanced to head gardener for her Kindergarten’s “Victory Garden” during the second World War. Dede has been a Modesto Garden Club Member since 1983 and is also a Past President.

Living on a five acre farm in later years, she opened “The Country Garden” nursery which specialized in herbs and fragrant geraniums. After years of gardening on hands and knees she started raised bed gardening with 18 raised beds. Eventually she moved to Turlock and downsized to a tiny garden with raised beds. She finds it interesting that as age increased... the height of her raised beds did too! “Sometimes you just have to be practical”.

Dede has grown just about everything you can think of in a raised bed, mostly vegetables. She says to go out and dig in the dirt is the best fun of all, watching with wonder as tiny seeds become beautiful plants... and oh so yummy!

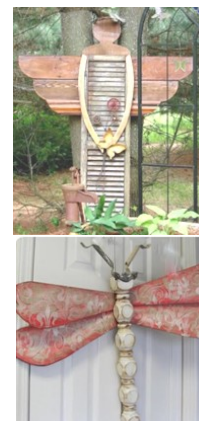


January Contest - “DIY Lawn Art”

CONTEST RULES:

1. ONLY one entry per member
2. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:30am. In the Telle Center on Thursday, January 12 th
3. YOUR LAWN ART ENTRY MUST BE CREATED: By making it from scratch Or taking any bought item and embellishing it
4. You can craft your Lawn Art with anything you feel suitable to create your vision.
5. Your Lawn Art entry can hang, sit on the floor or be placed on the table.
6. You need to be able to display your entry. If it is a hanging entry please contact Janis so we can figure a way to display it. 562-307-5954
7. Repurpose items and just use your imagination and have fun!

Ribbons for 1st – 2nd – and 3rd Place



“Gardening on a Dime” ~ Heidi Aufdermaur

Heidi recalls, “I remember as little girl, I knew I would be a gardener because my mom would always find me sitting on a dirt pile with mud all over my face, eating the dirt.” Presently, Heidi mentions in a typical day in her garden, you might still see her with dirt on her face. Early in the morning, it is a walk around the yard looking at everything that she wants to do, change or clean up. She might even grab some kale leaves from her vegetable garden and toss them to her beloved chickens.

Heidi is an heirloom vegetable gardener and herbalist. Year after year, she collects and dries her seeds and herbs and shares. Bringing her fresh fruits and vegetables to the table is a labor of love. Heidi cans her own tomato sauce, pumpkin puree, dill pickles and dilly beans. She grows tomatillos for green enchilada sauce and elderberries for syrup for medicinal benefits. “What else, all kinds of jams and jellies too?”

Heidi loves teaching and learning, which is why she became a Master Gardener. She found out there was a perfect place to combine her two passions. Heidi has given many talks at different Stanislaus County Libraries and at local garden clubs. Come enjoy her as our January speaker!





**Modesto Garden Club
Out of Town Tour
Elvis the Musical!!**

**Saturday
March 18th, 2023**

Did you ever wonder what the 50's/60's was really like from a musical perspective?
Then join us!!

The West Coast premiere of the OFFICIAL Elvis Presley bio-musical rocks the East Sonora Theatre. Explore the pivotal moments of Elvis' life through 40 years of his iconic songs.

Plus, lunch and/or shopping in downtown Sonora.

Cost: \$60.00 **NO REFUNDS!!**

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Departure Location: Park & Ride in front of JC Penney

For more information, call Patté Williams at 209. 505. 3526

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Amount Paid _____ ***NO REFUNDS!!***

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Dates to Remember

January 1	New Years Day!
January 3	Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.
January 12	<p>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 – Heidi Aufdermaur “Gardening on a Dime” Meeting: 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Speaker: Dede Heisinger — “Raised Bed Container Gardening” Wait till you see her marvelous creations!</p>
January 17	Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.
January 26	MCGI Board Meeting, MGC Office, 622 14th St., 9:00 a.m.