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### Civic Affairs

*By Dan Yockey*

Hello everyone,

It has been a long summer and all of our Civic activities have been minimalized by all of the regulations and guidelines caused by the virus.

We have been keeping the pots watered and they have been reasonably blooming and showing good color, although they are starting to go to seed and we must remove them next month.

I want to announce to you our new Executive Director Downtown Improvement District Heidi Savage. She comes very experienced in Civic Promotion and I look forward to working with her on behalf of the Garden Club.

We have ordered flowers for the downtown pots and expect to plant them late October or early November. Look for the dates to sign up.

Yours in gardening  
Dan

### New Club Officers

I am happy to announce the following officers:

- **Co Vice Presidents Facilities: Mary McNicholas and Sharon Searls**
- **Vice President Membership: Nancy Robinson**
- **Director at Large: Judy Crisp**
- **Co-Director of Workshops: Karen Johnson and Nancy Robinson.**

We still need a Chairman for our General Meeting Raffatunity. Contact Gerry Yockey to sign up.

Thank you for your support  
Dan

### Planters and Groomers

*By Gerry Yockey*

OMG! What a Summer it has been. So many restrictions we have had to do.

I can't thank the Ladies enough for their support over the last months.

We have been coming to the office and working in the yard, even on the days when it was 90 degrees. And that is in the morning. Wearing masks and staying 6ft apart is not easy.

The following ladies I wish to thank for coming and making the Modesto Garden Club look wonderful are as follows: Pat Williams, Mary Helen Alonzo, Judy Silber, Jerry Frad, Mary McNicholas, Patsy Keller, Leah Meedom, Sharon Searls, Jean Seeley. Judy Crisp and Josephine Para also helped. Judy helped in the kitchen and Josephine who had surgery helped in the kitchen too.

Thank you all so much.

I personally want to thank all the girls who brought wonderful snacks for our break.

And I can't forget Dan Yockey. He has been my right hand.

Thanks everyone!!

## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

It has been over six months since that day when we found out that the Garden Club would change from the smooth, organized, and well-planned organization that we all know and love.

Each week we thought this will be over soon and we would be able to return to normal not knowing that we would be here in September still trying to put together activities and meetings that fall within the guidelines that seem to change at will.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our regular meeting in September. All of your Board of Directors and Committee Chairman are trying very hard to come up with Club Activities that fall within the States guidelines.

I look forward to seeing these announcements from them as they develop them, but I will let them announce the activities and dates as they finalize their plans.

Please all of you be safe and well

Yours in Gardening  
Dan



## *Over the Garden Gate*

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## Holiday Home Tour

*By Gerry Yockey*

The Christmas Tour is set for December 12th. I am looking forward to getting out of the house!!

The homes will be beautiful, and we will take all precautions mandated by the State and local government to make sure that you will be safe.

I want you to start thinking of being a docent. I will have sign-up sheets down the road. We plan to have the tour open to the general public this year.

It will be so much fun!!!!

## This and That

*By Mary Lou Rice*

We are attempting to start a new Garden Club year. It isn't easy with the pandemic and here at home the incessant smoke from the wildfires surrounding us. Several of our Garden Club friends have been active doing the work of the club all summer, in fact since that fateful day in March when daily life, as we were accustomed to, stopped.

Let's say Thank you to all of those folks who have been active throughout the past months, maintaining the project gardens that we have around town, and trying to get new projects inline for when we have a vaccine for Covid-19.

I expect that there will be pent up energy among all of you, our members, in the coming months and that participation in meetings, tours, and community projects will be over the top. Gerry and her crew are excited about the upcoming Christmas Tour, putting extraordinary energy into the gardens and the Club house at the Office. As we move into Spring, we will undoubtedly have some bus tours to exotic places when Patté Williams is able start planning locations and dates. We will have a Spring Garden Tour this year too and it's expected that the crowds will be huge, as one and all are excited to get out of the house and enjoy themselves.

If you haven't paid your 2020/2021 Membership dues please do so and you will be included in our Yearbook, which will be coming out in October this year. You can pay them by mail (622 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto, CA 95354) or on our website <https://www.modestogardenclub.org>

Keep safe, and healthy until we are able to meet again!

## Learn and Grow

*By Bev Schlegel*

The 2020-2021 Learn and Grow speakers scheduled have something for everyone.

Our October speaker will be Rho Yare, a Stanislaus County Master Gardener; she will discuss water saving tips for your garden plus recommend some flowers for your Fall landscape.

In November Lorena co-owner of Lorena's Edible Garden will speak about their November 13, 14, 15 Market at the Barn ( Near Escalon) and their December 20th year Christmas at the farm.

Other topics for the 2020-2021 include : Bees and Honey, Weeds in your Garden, Vegetable Gardening in Planter boxes, Easter Flower Arrangements, and Modesto Garden Club Care Facility Gardens. See more information and photos on each topic in the Garden Club newsletter.

STAY HEALTHY, SAFE,  
RESILIENT!

Beverly Schlegel, Learn and Grow coordinator

Remember  
the **Potted  
Flower  
Workshop?**

...It was supposed to be  
Spring Flowers?



It's now...  
*Autumn*  
**POTTED  
FLOWERS**

ONLY AVAILABLE  
to Members Who  
PAID FOR THE  
SPRING  
WORKSHOP

**We know you are going  
house-crazy so...**

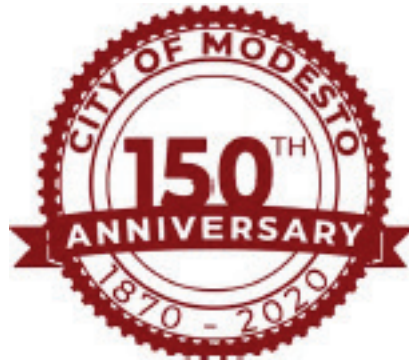
**Westurf** will set up the workshop for 8 participants at a time, outside under their arbor for a weekday in late September. You will still need to wear a facemask and apron. All members who have signed up and paid for the Springtime Workshop **WILL BE CALLED to select one of TWO DIFFERENT DAYS.** Date to be determined still.



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