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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Chrysanthemum Accent Mirrors!!!

MONDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2026

9am – 12noon

At the MGC office.

We will be making beautiful Chrysanthemum Accent Mirrors!

It will be a 16 person class and will cost \$30.00 to be paid when you sign up!

The class will start at 9am and end at 12 noon!

Yummy snacks, hot coffee, and tea will be provided for you!

If anyone has extra buttons to donate to this project please call:

Carla Latimer @ 209-324-3549

NANCY ROBINSON, PRESIDENT

How does it get to be almost Christmas already? It feels like yesterday I was gardening in my shorts in the heat! The office will be closed most of the month of December, so if you need something please reach out to me. We have a couple of functions this month you don't want to miss. First of all, is the Private Home Tour at Debbi Perry's home on Thursday, December 4th. Details are in this newsletter. Next is the Elegant Holiday Luncheon Table Viewing on Wednesday, December 10th. Again, the details are in this newsletter. While the luncheon is sold out you can still come and look at all of the beautiful tables. We have 30 tables to view. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15. Also, the raffle items will be all set up. You can buy tickets for the raffle items for \$20 for 5 tickets or \$100 for 30 tickets. You will not want to miss this. If you aren't in the Holiday mood you will be after looking at all of these beautiful tables! Linda Pedego and Minnie Chappa have done another fabulous job putting this event together.

I want to thank Allison and Werner Kaiser for hosting the New to You Table last month. Thank you to Bob and Sharon Searls for showing them the ropes. Job well done!

Thank you also to Dee Godfrey (a brand-new member) for taking over the Newsletter.

Our website is updated thanks to Jatinder Mann.

Our downtown pots and Aileen Gallo Memorial Clock have been replanted. Thanks to all who helped plant the pots and Debbie and Bob Ford for overseeing the clock.

Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in January, if not before.
Happy Gardening, Nancy

DAVE PROVOST, VICE PRESIDENT CIVIC AFFAIRS AND PROJECTS

Hello, fellow gardeners. Fall is definitely here. Some nice storms brought welcome rain and snow to northern California. It's a great time to get projects done in the garden. There's still time to plant sweet pea and wildflower seeds. It's a great time to plant Spring blooming bulbs. If you have perennials that need dividing, now is the time. Then pot up your extras for our Plant Sale and Craft Faire on May 9, 2026.

Downtown pots were plant recently and so was the Flower Clock. When you're downtown, check them out. Pixie and the ladies who take care of the Senior Citizens Center have it looking great.

Our next big project is pruning of the Centennial Rose Garden on Saturday, January 24, 2026. I will be recruiting volunteers at the January general meeting. Happy Holidays and I'll see you at the Elegant Holiday Luncheon.

LEE LUNDIGRAN, VICE PRESIDENT FUNDRAISING

Circle the Date for the April 18, 2026 Spring Garden Tour

The Spring Garden Tour "takes a village" to organize and coordinate. We look forward to five unique gardens in 2026 for our members and the community to visit and enjoy. So what can you do? Help with the organization of this premier fundraising event. Volunteer to work on a team to complete one of the jobs. We are looking for steady workers to join teams to complete these jobs on schedule. If you haven't worked on the Spring Garden Tour team before - this is your opportunity to join in the fun! We will "hold your hand" all the way! If you have helped in the past, then welcome back!

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So what looks good to you? Just let me know and I'll get you in touch with the lead of that category. Some jobs focus on tour day while others are completed way in advance - so there's a spot for everyone.

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| ☼ Tickets | ☼ Publicity |
| ☼ Raffatunity | ☼ Photography |
| ☼ Refreshments | ☼ Hostess Thank-You Gifts |
| ☼ Docents | ☼ Logistics |

If you can volunteer your time call/text/email me: Lee Lundrigan, 209-303-0011 / Lundrigan@bigvalley.net



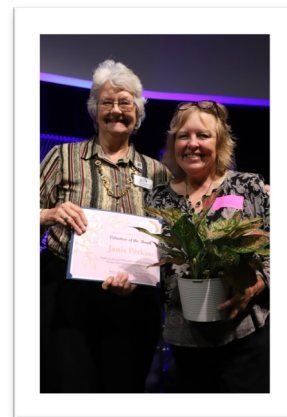
CARRIE LOSCHKE, THERAPEUTIC GARDENS

Hello Garden Club Members.

As a new member, I recently had the privilege of accepting the position of Director of Therapeutic Gardening. I hit the ground running in August contacting, scheduling and then planting at 4 of 7 assisted living facilities throughout Modesto and Salida. The response from the facilities was overwhelming and enthusiastic as the program had waned during the pandemic and beyond. The program is in transition as some of the free-standing planter boxes have deteriorated and are in need of replacement. Maybe you possess or know someone with carpentry skills? Perhaps you have a desire to work with seniors and bring them that touch of joy that gardening provides. We'd love for you to participate! Contact me or text 209-402-6278 for more info.



Janis Perkins



Thank you, Janis, for all of your hard work!

NEWS AND NOTES

🌻 At a recent meeting, the Board of Directors voted to change Standing Rule number eight under Finances. It will now read as follows (*new text in italics*):

- 8) Event Ticket Prices: Each person must hold a full price ticket for all Club events including all docents, helpers, and assistants with the following exceptions:
 - a) Special pricing for children under a designated age, seniors over a designated age, or other specified group must have prior approval of the Board of Directors.
 - b) *Complimentary tickets shall be determined by the Vice President for a specific event.*

This change shall be effective immediately.

🌻 Corresponding Secretary Louise Nelson is in need of unused greeting cards: Thank You, Happy Birthday, Condolences, blank cards, etcetera (please, no Christmas cards). Her contact information is in the Year Book.

🌻 Reminder: The General Meeting will not be held in December. Contact Nancy Robinson, President, if you need assistance.

🌻 It's almost time for annual rose pruning. There will be sign-ups at the January 8th General Meeting. The date for the pruning will be in late January.

🌻 Out-of-Town Tours are coming up in March and May. More information to follow.



"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine for the soul."

Luther Burbank

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November 13 General Meeting



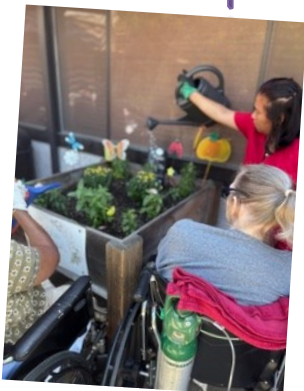
New Member Social



Budding Gardeners Downtown Pot Planting



Therapeutic Gardens



Michael Merritt





622 14th Street
Modesto, CA 95354

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 4 - Private Holiday Home Tour

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Cost \$10

Contact Evie Heron-Olds for location

December 6 - Out of Town Tour

Sacred Heart Home Tour

SOLD OUT

December 10 - Elegant Holiday Luncheon Table Viewing

Del Rio Country Club

801 Stewart Road, Modesto

1 pm – 7:00 pm

Cost \$15

December 11 – Elegant Holiday Luncheon

Del Rio Country Club

801 Stewart Road, Modesto

Viewing 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Seating: 12:00 noon

December 24 - Office Closed

January 8 - MGCI General Meeting

Modesto Covenant Church

913 Floyd Avenue, Modesto

Hospitality: 10:00 am – 11:15 am

Business Meeting: 11:15 am – 12 noon

Guest Speaker: 12 noon – 1:00 pm

Erin Aguilar, Landscape Design

January 19 - Hands-On Workshop

Chrysanthemum Mirrors

MGCI Office

9am - 12 noon

Cost: \$30 prepaid

April 18th - Annual Spring Garden Tour