



OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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Kicking Off Our New Year Is Dave Provost September Speaker for Main Program and Learn and Grow



If you hang around Dave for just a while, you know he is very passionate and knowledgeable about most things to do with gardening. In short, Dave explains himself as being in the “green” industry for over 50 years. Cultivated from the start, his first high school job was working for the Garden Center in Manteca, California.

After a stint in the military, Dave worked for Zaiger Genetics, considered to be one of the giants of the fruit tree industry, in Modesto, while getting his college degree. After college, he was hired by the Manteca Unified School District in their landscaping department. Ambitiously five years later, he decided to start his own landscaping business.

In 1993, Dave went to work for Morris Nursery as part of their management team. They were quickly impressed with his plant knowledge, outgoingness, and leadership abilities. It was easy to offer him their lead manager position, a position which he held until 2018. Today, Dave is semi-retired at the nursery.

He is a Certified Nurseryman, a Landscape Contractor, and a Master Nurseryman. The horticulture industry truly lights him up, but he might simply put it, “I have a passion for plants, especially flowers.” Dave will be kicking off our first meeting for our new 2022-2023 season by heading up both Learn & Grow and our main Program. He will be sharing his expertise of fruit trees along with explaining to us how to be water wise.

Civic Affairs By Dan Yockey

Summer is almost over, and I am elated at the participation of our members who are taking charge of a number of our projects. I want to welcome the following volunteers:

- *Aileen Gallo Memorial Clock, Donna Masellis. Donna was the original person to take care of the clock.*

She is retiring and is looking forward to her involvement again.

- *Victims Garden, Evie Heron-Olds. After three years of Covid we are now back at the garden.*

Evie and her crew have done a remarkable job bringing the garden back to life. Stop by and have a look.

- *K street Parklet, Terri Gagon. This new project is growing and filling in.*

It's looking more like the Meadow that we envisioned when we began last year.

Thanks again to all of the Civic volunteers who make Modesto beautiful,

Dan

Presidents Message

I can't help but think the world is like a traffic signal.

*We start off with green and just when things
look up it turns to yellow and slow down.*

Then it goes to red, and we stop everything. Sound familiar?

That's the way the Garden Club has been for the last three years.

*This is the start of a new year and I want to announce some changes in our
general meeting for this year.*

*• We will be holding all of the meetings in the Telle Center. We will no
longer be using the Sanctuary for our meeting or speakers. We will have use of
the whole Telle facility, which has all the media systems we use as well as a stage.*

• We will not charge a guest fee for attending the meetings this year.

*We hope this will allow members to bring more potential members to our
meetings.*

Grab your neighbor and bring them along!

*This will be a year of transition for the club too. A number of our Vice
Presidents will be retiring this year and we must have new members to volunteer
for their positions.*

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

Yours in gardening,

Dan



Fall Gathering

*Modesto Garden Club invites you for a music filled evening of food, friends, and wine
in the garden at 1025 Magnolia Avenue,
at the home of Brian and Dennis Wistow
September 10, 2022 ~ 6:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm*

Music

Food

Dancing

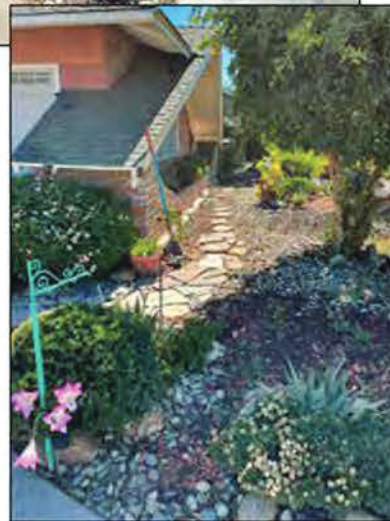
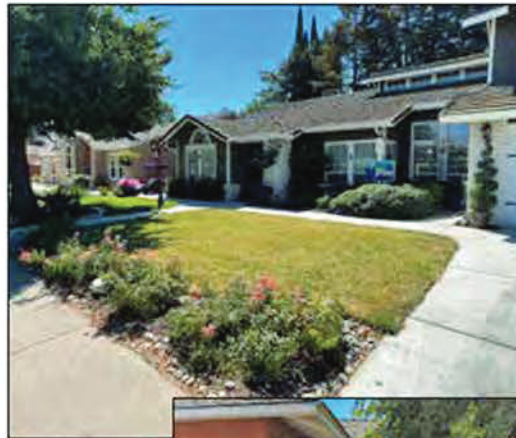
Tickets \$40

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AT THE GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8TH,
OR AT THE GARDEN CLUB OFFICE
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 209-529-7360**

*"By all these lovely tokens September days are here,
With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer."
- Helen Hunt Jackson*

Featured Gardens:

Lela Harrington was out scouring the streets of Modesto and found some lovely Featured Gardens, which were shared on Facebook.



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Summer Luncheon:

It was great to be back at Del Rio viewing the creative table decorations at the Summer Luncheon.







**MEET JANIS PERKINS
DIRECTOR OF LEARN & GROW**



Janis has gardening in her bloodline. In Nebraska, both grandparents and parents had small farms where they raised cumpsters and gladioli. Growing up on a third of an acre, not often associated with living in a suburb of the Los Angeles area, her mother taught her so many concepts in horticulture, which turned into her passion and love of the outdoors. It is truly hard to find her inside the house or on her phone.

She and her husband David relocated from southern California to Stanislaus County in December 2017, swapping city life for country. Unfamiliar with the area, Janis joined the garden club in 2018 to seek out help from the garden club and its members. Initially, on their new two acres, they planted an avocado tree, built a chicken coop and run, and designed a peaceful English garden. Last spring, they completed a potting shed/greenhouse.

Today's new project includes creating a hidden oasis off their creek.

Janis is very excited to be working alongside our veteran, Bob Taylor.

Together, their goal is to bring interesting, well-informed, and helpful speakers to our members.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

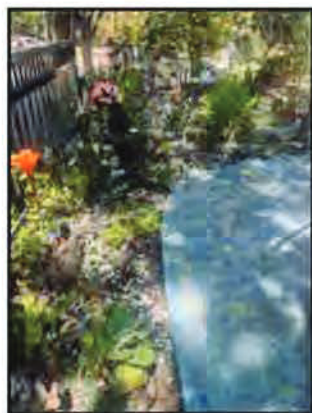
- *September 6 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.*
- *September 8 – MGCI General Meeting Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road*
- *Sign in: 10 a.m.–11:20 a.m. in the Tele Center*
- *Learn and Grow: 10:30 – 11:15 Dave Provost, speaker*
- *Meeting: 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Dave Provost*
- *September 10 – Fall Gathering, Buy your tickets Now!*
- *September 13 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.*
- *September 20 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.*
- *September 27 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.*
- *September 25 – MGC Board Meeting, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.*
- *October 13 – MGCI General Meeting Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road*



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Planters and Groomers
 By Gerry Yockey



Since we had been working on the Turlock Fair last month, we needed to get back and clean up the Modesto Garden Office. Lawns needed to be cut and flowers needed to be deadheaded.

The Marigolds are starting to go to seed, plus the snails are very vigorous!

Emily and Susie Ryslingle invited us over to their place for lunch after working in the garden, and I could hardly wait. They have such a beautiful patio. You can see La Loma Park from their patio. Emily is a beautiful artist. You have to see for yourself just how great she is! Food and company were wonderful, and her home was just beautiful. Thank you so much for sharing your home!

We have a new member join our group and her name is Sue Sheridan,

Welcome to the Planters and Groomers.