



OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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Veronica Sandow ~ May 9 Speaker

by Bob Taylor

Veronica Sandow had been rehabilitating wildlife since 2009, when she finally reached the Stanislaus Wildlife Care Center's minimum age for volunteering! The SWCC takes in over 2,300 patients every year, ranging from over 250 different species, and relies on volunteers to help care for every patient.

Sandow threw all caution, along with any potential for a social life, to the wind and now holds the only full-time paid position within the organization as their Animal Care Manager!

Join us for our last meeting of the year on Thursday, May 9th, when Veronica's topic will be "Wildlife Rehabilitation in Your Community".



Modesto Garden Club Annual

Summer Luncheon

and

Table Viewing



Table Viewing: Wednesday, June 12, 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Luncheon: Thursday, June 13 Viewing, 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Luncheon Served, NOON

DEL RIO COUNTRY CLUB ~ 801 STEWART ROAD

Luncheon tickets are \$50 and will go fast
Purchase at the General Meeting, May 9 or from any table hostess.

Viewing Tickets are \$10 at the door. Treat yourself and a friend!

Always a fun event, the Table Viewing, is YOUR chance to see the tables at your leisure and socialize with friends with drink and snack! For more information contact Linda Pedego.



Organized: February 12, 1924
Federated: September 24, 1946
Incorporated: May 10, 1962

**A MEMBER OF
THESE
AFFILIATIONS:**



President's Message ~ by Nancy Robinson

We've had a busy month and May will be just as busy. By the time you receive this newsletter our annual Spring Garden Tour will be history. I want to thank Lee Lundrigan for all her hard work in putting on this important event. Everyone on all of the committees put their heart into making this a successful event. It takes a village to put an event together like this. Thank you to everyone.



Betty Cole's presentation at our last meeting was just fascinating. Thank you, Betty, for sharing the information and history about your family home. You did such an amazing job! And thank you, Dede, for your help in putting the presentation together. So many details and so interesting to listen to. I think this is a home we need to visit.

Next up will be the Centennial Garden Dedication and Unveiling on May 16 at 10:00 located on Orangeburg next to the Memorial Rose Garden and Roosevelt Neighborhood Park. The Chamber of Commerce will facilitate the Ribbon Cutting, which is open to the public. Mayor Sue Zwahlen will be the keynote speaker.

Be sure to see the details for the 2 upcoming Out of Town Tours to the Santa Cruz Arboretum and Bouquet to Arts. The New Member Social will be May 23 and invitations have been sent out to our new members.

The Pollinator Festival, which was rained out on April 13 has been re-scheduled to May 18 from 10-2. Come join me or bring your children or grandchildren dressed in costume to participate in the parade through the La Loma Native Garden at 1805 Encina Ave. Learn about pollinators and how they help our gardens thrive.

Our Spring Luncheon at Del Rio Country Club on June 13 is always a popular event. Be sure to buy tickets for you and your friends to attend the luncheon and invite others to attend the table viewing the day before, on Wednesday, June 12.

Be sure to check out Dates to Remember for other upcoming events.
Happy Gardening, Nancy

Late Bloomers (DIY) Contest ~ by Janis Perkins



May Meeting Ornamental birdhouse

Bring entry between - 9:30 to 9:50AM
Use any materials you need
Table Size - no bigger than 3 ft
Floor Size Freestanding - no size restrictions



Civic Affairs ~ by Dan Yockey

Hello everyone! The weather is certainly changing and all of our projects get better each day.

Downtown Pots: The spring planting has been blooming in all of its glory, but soon the pots will be crispy critters in our abundant Modesto sunshine! A quick reminder, if you haven't done so already, be sure to sign up for more pot planting on Saturday, May 11. We need at least ten more volunteers. We meet at the Club office at 9:00 a.m. and enjoy a light lunch when we're finished! Contact me at 209.661.6554.

Aileen Gallo Memorial Clock: Darla Dias and her crew have been doing a fabulous job on bringing the clock back to its full glory. The hands on the clock have been refurbished and painted. The clock face has been weeded and Preen put down. Humus, which was donated, was added. Both bowls have been planted. Next will be the planting of the face. Thank you, Darla, for all your hard work!

Planters and Groomers: On a recent sunny day, Gerry hosted the Planters and Groomers to a backyard luncheon at her home. She likes to show her appreciation for all the work they do throughout the year. The office gardens are lovely and looked their finest for the Centennial Spring Garden Tour last month. Yours in Gardening ~ Dan



Out and About ~ by Nancy Robinson

May 4 9:00 a.m to 2: p.m. **TURLOCK GARDEN CLUB SPRING TOUR**

May 14 8:30 a.m to 1:00 p.m. **VALLEY LODGE DISTRICT MEETING:** This is a chance to attend the meeting more locally as it is hosted this month by the Turlock Garden Club. The program and lunch is \$35. Sign up at our office by May 2!

May 18 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **POLLINATOR FESTIVAL:** The Pollinator Festival, which was rained out on April 13 has been rescheduled to May 18 from 10-2. Come join me or bring your children or grandchildren dressed in costume to participate in the parade through the La Loma Native Garden at 1805 Encina Ave. Learn about pollinators and how they help our gardens.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Hands-on Workshop

is offering another great event at:

ZINC HOUSE IN ESCALON

Saturday, June 29 10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

120 Van Allen Road, Escalon 95320

Pizza will be provided. Cost: \$40

Class size limited to 40 so sign up early!

Bring your own medium to large vase.

We will pick flowers from the lovely gardens
and make our own arrangements.

Sign up at the May General Meeting or call
Ginger Ratto at 209.484.8485



Modesto Garden Club Out of Town Tours

May 11th, 2024- UCSC Arboretum Gardens, Santa Cruz

June 4th, 2024- Bouquet to Art, DeYoung Museum

May 11th- UCSC Arboretum Gardens, Santa Cruz- \$67.00, 7:30 am- 6:00 pm

There are moments in life that nature just “blows you away”. I think UCSC Arboretum does that every Spring when the combination of wildflowers and plants from the 5 zones of the Mediterranean climate begins to bloom and consume the earth. Plus, the background of one of nature’s wonders, the Pacific Ocean.

After all the beauty of the Arboretum, we will enjoy lunch at the Sea Harvest Restaurant. We will complete our adventure by going to the Succulent Garden Nursery. Once inside, your eyes will feast on 1000s of succulents of all different sizes, shapes and colors. Wait, they also have pots, hanging baskets, soil, etc, etc, etc.

So put on your walking shoes, pack a coat, put more money in your pocket, and begin to enjoy a memorable day!



Sold Out!

June 4th- Bouquet to Art, DeYoung Museum- \$80.00, 7:30 am- 4:30 pm

Did you ever look at a flower or stick and wonder how a collection of flowers and sticks could interpret a Master of Art painting? Well, the Bouquet of Arts event at the DeYoung Museum has solved that for you.

Come join us to witness a flower and stick become a piece of art. This is a place where fragrance overwhelms your senses—where your eyes dance from floral design to floral design and you’re consumed with the excitement and surprises around every turn. Begin now preparing yourself for sensory overload!

(Both trips are Non-Refundable)
Gathering Place: Park & Ride, Vintage Faire Mall

For more information, call Patte’ Williams at (209) 505-3526

Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Bouquet to Art, DeYoung Museum - \$80.00 No. _____

Amount Paid _____ **NO REFUNDS!!**

Make checks payable to: Modesto Garden Club
Send to: Patte’ Williams c/o Modesto Garden Club
622 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354-2505

Membership News

Due May 1st
Please pay
at the next
meeting.



Your membership
dues are due for
next year 2024/2025

**CASH
CHECK
CREDIT
CARD**
\$50.00

This is the time of year when we renew our Modesto Garden Club membership. You may do so online or at the May General Meeting. Be sure to update your information so it is correct in the next yearbook. For the first time in more than two decades our membership fees are increasing. The increase allows the Club to continue providing the valuable benefits of membership that we enjoy.

3 FOR THE PRICE OF ONE: Did you know your paid dues also include your membership in the Valley Lode District, The California Garden Clubs, Inc., and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Follow these clubs and what is happening in areas outside of our hometowns. We are proud to be part of a national organization whose ambitions we align with. Their contact info is in your yearbook. Below is an article published in the California Garden Club's March issue.

The Meaning of Garden Club Work

From the 2023-24 Yearbook of Cherry Blossom Garden Club

- For some it means the actual gardening, hands in the soil, body in the sun and a vision of color and fragrance and form.
- To some it means the use of flowers as a medium of artistic expression.
- To some it means an opportunity to serve their community by turning the ugly places into beauty spots.
- To some it is a spiritual experience, whereby they may serve God through their gift of flowers to the churches and hospitals and the lonely forlorn.
- To a few, it means the challenge of leadership and personal ability in group work.
- To a very few, it is meaningless, a name on the membership list and a sometime attendance.
- But to many it means making friends, meeting with the old and mingling with the new.
- Garden Club work is as complex as the unfolding of a rose and as simple as the face of a daisy. It is social. It is spiritual. It is political. It is educational. It is scientific. It is a way of life.

—Anonymous

Member Opportunity

Have you ever wanted to be on the Board of Directors of the Modesto Garden Club? Three positions are opening for the upcoming year. If you think one of them is a good fit for your abilities, let President Nancy Robinson know you are interested!

Recording Secretary: This person records all minutes of the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and General Meetings and sends them as required. If you have keyboard skills and use email you might consider this position.

V.P. Civic Affairs: This person oversees and supports the various groups who maintain our beautification projects throughout the community and represents them at the Board of Directors meetings. Retiring V.P. Dan Yockey will mentor you on this engaging position.

V.P. Communications: This person provides leadership for the various communication aspects of the Club, including the newsletter, eBlasts, website, yearbook, multimedia, social networks and publicity. It requires a healthy knowledge of, and/or willingness to learn graphics and technology in communication. Retiring V.P. Mary Lou Rice will provide mentoring for this very special position.

Seek out Judy Silber, Dan Yockey, and Mary Lou at the May meeting to learn more!

Fall Gathering and Garden Tour Gratitude ~ by Lee Lundrigan

Fall Gathering - September 21st

Mark 100-years of the largest garden club in California and enjoy yourself at our Annual Fall Gathering. This year's Modesto Garden Club *Fall Gathering* event is hosted by Brian and Denniz Wistow in their exquisite Modesto garden on Saturday, September 21. Details are to follow, but circle the date now!

2024 Spring Garden Tour

The April 20, 2024 Spring Garden Tour was a continued celebration of our special Centennial year. Income from this event is still being calculated as this article is written.

MANY THANKS AND RECOGNITION:

~To all who participated including our garden owners, members, raffatunity and refreshment donors and the many members of the public who spent the day with us.

~To the six gardens who wowed us with succulents, citrus and Japanese maple trees, wildflowers, a small farm and a cottage garden. Thank you Cheryl, Steve and Andrew Carmichael, Sue Murry, Sue and Tom Hudgens, Rich and Patti Przybyla, Mike and Makayla Sousa and our very own Groomers and Planters for opening your lovely gardens and inviting a stream of interested garden lovers to visit.

~To the Master Gardeners for your educational booth with gardening tips and information.

~To arborist Andrew Carmichael for hosting a pruning demonstration.

~To the committee chairs and their teams who worked to make this the best Spring Garden Tour 100 year Centennial Event! Raffatunity Chair Donna Madrid, Refreshment Chair Jeanette Robinson, Ticket Chair Nancy Holmes, Design and Print Chair Mary Lou Rice, Docent Chair Atlanta Jordan and for all around support in every area our President Nancy Robinson!

~To each and every docent and their friends who filled seventy-six docent positions. All docents wore the new green cobbler apron with our embroidered Modesto Garden Club logo as they smiled and welcomed our many guests.

Raffatunity Success:

Over 70 donated raffatunity prizes including gift cards, trees, plants, floral arrangements, seeds, bulbs, sod, wine, travel accommodations, home spa treatments, food delicacies, games and garden tools were displayed for bidding. MANY tickets were sold!

Refreshment Success:

I hope you were able to get to Garden #5 of Mike and Makayla Sousa to indulge in the yummy refreshment spread all guests enjoyed. Here's some of the delicious offerings: Gallo wine, iced tea, bottled water, chocolate dipped strawberries, macarons, apples and oranges, baby carrots, cauliflower, cheese, mini cupcakes, Ferrero Rocher, Rice Krispies Treats, strawberry rolls, muffins, gold fish crackers, 30 dozen homemade chocolate chip, snickerdoodle, and peanut butter cookies, pinwheel sandwiches, ham roll ups, mini cheesecakes, bundt cakes, and European Bakery delights.

It was a sunny, glorious day - hope YOU were there!



Private Garden Tour ~ by Evie Olds

You're invited! Enjoy a private garden tour and refreshments.

Date: Tuesday, May 14

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Home of Don And Annette Dedini

Address: 516 Cormorant Drive, Modesto

Cost: \$5 at the door



Budding Gardeners ~ by Janice Garcia

Last month the Wild Flowers group volunteered their time, treasure and talent to plant 10 pots. They donated them to the Spring Garden Tour Raffatunity. They had fun potting a nice variety of flowers, succulents, herbs and greenery. Thank you Wild Flower gals!



New Members Social

Save the Date

Thursday, May 23

This event is for new members who have not been to this event.

Special Recognition to longstanding Modesto Garden Club Member

Judy Crisp

for her many years of devotion, volunteerism, and sharing of her Talent, Treasure, and Time!



April Volunteer of the Month Sharon Searls





622 14th Street
Modesto, CA 95354-2505



Exciting news! Six Student Scholarship awards will be presented at the May 9 General Meeting! See you there!

Modesto Garden Club's Dates to Remember

May 7 9:00 a.m.	Planters and Groomers	MGC Office 622 14th Street
May 9 10:00 a.m. <i>Speaker at Noon</i>	MGC General Meeting Late Bloomer's Birdhouses	Trinity Presbyterian Church 1600 Carver Road Modesto
May 11 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.	Out of Town Tour UCSC	Arboretum Gardens, Lunch, Succulent Garden Nursery
May 11 9:00 a.m.	Planting of Downtown Pots	Meet at MGC Office 622 14th Street
May 12	Mother's Day	Celebrate the Mom's in our lives
May 14 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Private Garden Tour	Home of Don and Annette Dedini 516 Cormorant Drive Modesto
May 14 8:30 a.m.	Valley Lode District Meeting	Hosted by Turlock Garden Club.
May 16 10:00 a.m.	Centennial Garden Dedication and Plaque Unveiling	Roosevelt Park near MGC Rose Garden on Orangeburg Ave
May 21 9:00 a.m.	Planters and Groomers	MGC Office 622 14th Street
May 23 Time—TBA	New Member Social	MGC Office 622 14th Street
May 27	Memorial Day	
May 30 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	MGC Board Meeting	MGC Club Office - 622 14th St.



Modesto Garden Club Centennial Garden



Dedication



*Everyone is invited
to join the celebration*

**MAY 16
10 AM**



Unveiling

**In Roosevelt Neighborhood Park
near MGC Memorial Rose Garden
along the Virginia Corridor
at Orangeburg Avenue**

