

# OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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## President's Message



This is an exciting time for our Modesto Garden Club. As most of you know, the club has joined the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. On Wednesday, October 18, we were honored to have the Chamber do a Ribbon Cutting for our club. Trish Christensen,



President and CEO of the Chamber, and her staff came to the office for a delightful time. We had about 50 people present. Representatives from various elected officials came to present the club with certificates recognizing us. Also, Bill Robinson, one of the Chamber Directors and also my son, presented the certificate from the Chamber of Commerce.

What a treat! Trish presented us with our Chamber plaque which we will proudly display in the office.



Jeremiah Williams, City Councilman from District 5, presented the certificate from the City of Modesto. While he spoke, he mentioned that he is the chairman of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and he is recommending the Modesto Garden Club to be the Grand Marshalls of the

Parade! What an honor! I'm so excited.

Dan Yockey will be arranging for the float. I know this is still a long way away... but we need to be thinking about all that is involved in preparing the float that will commemorate our garden club's Centennial Celebration!

I'm sure our relationship with the Chamber is going to benefit our club as we reach out to a larger demographic in our community. There is a place for everyone who wants to be involved. Opportunities can be as small as making phone calls, being a docent at our events... to taking a leadership role for one of our many city beautification projects. Please call me at 209.968.6556 if you would like help finding a place that suits your skills.

Praying everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving

- Nancy Robinson, President





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

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## Susie & Emily Ryslinge ~ November 9th Speakers by Bob Taylor



Susie Ryslinge has been a member of the garden club since 2021 and comes from a family of commercial nursery growers. She was born in Denmark, and lived in both Denmark and Norway as a child before moving to Canada as a teenager. She and her family eventually made their way to the United States. She owned a highly successful flower shop “Flora Danica” in Solvang California, and during that time she arranged flowers for Ronald Reagan and numerous movie stars. Susie was a

long time member of the Calaveras County Master gardeners before she moved to Modesto in 2021.

Emily Ryslinge has been a member of the garden club since 2021. She has been helping her mom make floral arrangements since she was a small child. When she isn’t selling real estate, you can find her in her garden or riding her horses.

Susie and Emily both love making bright colorful floral arrangements, and incorporating items such as pine cones, drift wood and moss that they collect on hiking trips. They also love to find interesting containers for their floral designs at thrift stores and garage sales. They believe that fun, beautiful floral arrangements can be done without spending a fortune on supplies. Enter the Raffatunity (10:00 to 11:15) for a chance to win one of their “Christmas Floral Arrangements” from the 12:00 presentation!

## Centennial Project ~ by Dan Yockey

Things are progressing and it looks like we should have city approval sometime the middle of the month. As soon as it’s approved, we will start with renovation of the area and the installation of irrigation systems.

The club plans on having a Centennial float in Modesto’s Independence Day parade July 4th! More information after the New Year, but meanwhile – plan to be a part of building, decorating or even riding or walking with the float.

At the last meeting I passed out donor requests for you to use to help in our fundraising efforts. Club members and their friends, family, and business relationships are invited to be part of this once in a century opportunity. Some have donated in memory of a loved one.

Thanks to you who have so generously donated and I ask that you also spread the word about all the Garden club provides to our community. It would be great if all donations could be received by the end of November.

Thanks for your support! ~ Dan

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*Don't miss this incredible display of Holiday finery!  
Something for every design genre; be it fantasy, formal, funky, timeless.  
Tickets for the luncheon go fast, so make the Elegant Luncheon Table  
Your first stop at the November 9<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Meeting!*



## *Elegant Holiday Luncheon And Table Viewing*

### *TABLE VIEWING*

*Wednesday, December 6, 2023*

*1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

*Bring all your friends for a relaxing  
afternoon with light refreshments*

*Tickets are \$10 (at the door)*

*Del Rio Country Club 801 Stewart Road*

### *LUNCHEON*

*Thursday, December 7, 2023*

*10:30 a.m. – doors open for table viewing*

*11:45 a.m. – Seating 12:00 p.m. – Luncheon*

*Tickets are \$50 (in advance)*

*Del Rio Country Club 801 Stewart Road*



## Civic Affairs ~ by Dan Yockey

Fellow Gardeners... when you read this article our crew will have planted the Downtown pots with fall plantings. I want to thank all of you who made the job quick and easy. This year we planted Snapdragons in the center and multi colored Pansies in the rest of the pot.

Last month the Gallo pots were stripped bare and the plants destroyed. We replanted, but a week later they were vandalized again! Fortunately, they just pulled them out of the dirt and we were able to save most of them. We plan on totally making them beautiful again.

I still need someone to head up the Gallo Clock and the K street Parklet. Call me and I will explain what each job entails. It might be easier than you think!

Yours in gardening ~ Dan



## Bits and Pieces ~

**Did you know...** Pat Logan oversees 17 elementary schools working with students and their school's gardening projects to teach them about growing vegetables and making healthy food choices!

**Yearbooks** can be picked up at the Membership table at the November meeting. If you are unable to pick it up and would like to have it delivered by one of our awesome volunteers, please call the office at 209.529.7360.

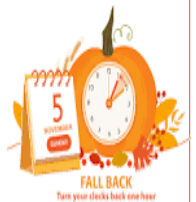


**New 2 You** table will be open at November meeting to bring your holiday treasures (in good condition) and plants to drop off and purchase some you might love. Shop the table during hospitality time at the meeting!

**Will you remember** to set your clocks back as we end Daylight Savings Time on November 5th? We don't want to miss a single minute of fabulous fall!

**Be a Dear & Docent?** Grab your besties and sign up to docent together at the Holiday Home Tour. It's a fun and festive day with a short time commitment. Sign-ups are at the meeting.

**Thought for the Day** by Nancy Robinson. "Be kind to each other. We're all doing our best."



## Budding Gardeners ~ by Janice Garcia

In October, we attended the Table Setting Luncheon for the McHenry Mansion at the Masonic Temple. Freda Motto was our hostess as well as Chairman of the event.

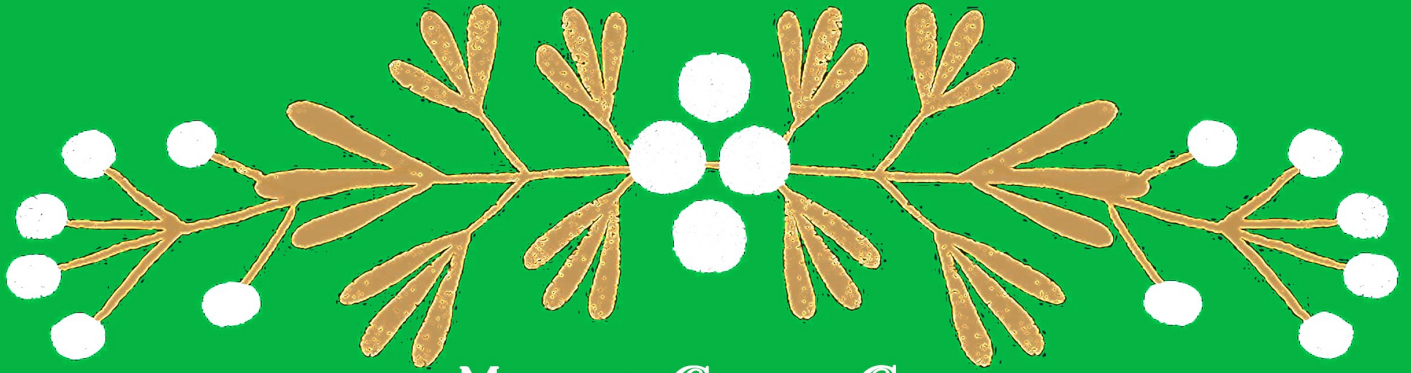
The table was decorated with beautiful glass pumpkins and fall décor. This is just one of many ideas for activities to enjoy with your Budding Gardeners group! The group I'm in are the Gardinets. Pictured here are Beth Brace, Donna Genasci, Alice Davis, Me (Janice Garcia), Els Blom and Ginger Ratto.

The Gardinets plan to docent for the Holiday Home Tour. We also look forward to our club's bus trip to Filoli next month as well. What is your group doing for fun? Take pictures and let us know!





*Docents are needed! Please sign up at the General Meeting or call Emily at 209.609.0461*



MODESTO GARDEN CLUB

# HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Saturday, December 16

10:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.

SEE THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON IN OUR  
FESTIVELY DECORATED HOMES

Tickets \$20

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR AT ANY OF THE TOUR HOMES



DEBBIE BABB  
204 VIRGINIA AVENUE

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3616 MARSALA WAY

DENNIZ WISTOW  
1025 MAGNOLIA

JUDY CRISP  
3108 MASON WAY

GERRY YOCKEY  
1405 ALBANY AVENUE

GARDEN CLUB OFFICE  
622 14TH STREET



Tickets are available online at: [modestogardenclub.org](http://modestogardenclub.org)

They may also be purchased from: Westurf Nursery, Morris Nursery, Marcy's Hallmark, Park GreenHouse, The Paper Habit, The Greenery, Thompson Building Supply and Nursery



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# *Modesto Garden Club Member Renewals*

**Renewed between 08/22/23 and 10/20/2023 so not in yearbook. Save This!!**

<i>Last name</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Alt Tel</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>Renewed</i>	<i>YJ</i>	<i>Email</i>
ANAYA	MARTHA	209-613-7422			10/18/2023	'22	anaya.martha.67@gmail.com
171 N. Santa Ana Ave, Modesto CA 95354-2743					February 7		
BRACHTENBACH	ADELE	209-985-7758			9/19/2023	'18	cabrach@att.net
1513Wylie Dr, Modesto CA 95655-3745					October 30		
DICKERSON	LYNN	916-662-4352			8/30/2023	'23	lyndickerson76@gmail.com
2708 Stuyvestant Circle, Modesto CA 95356-0337					February 21		
FLEMING	LINDA	209-484-3232			9/27/2023	'23	
1134 Carnation Court, Modesto CA 95355					July 1		
FLODMAN	JUDY	209-404-2118			10/18/2023	'23	heyjudeyu@aol.com
5707 Chenault Dr, Modesto CA					August 26		
FRANZIA	MARILYN	209-602-9840	209-529-7308		10/18/2023	'23	marilynfranzia@gmail.com
1109 Amherst Ave, Modesto CA 95350					July 30		
GALLUCCI	JOYCE	209-480-3236			9/19/2023		writewing@aol.com
1108 Gorham Ave, Modesto CA 95360					December 7		
HASTINGS	MARILYN	209-526-8359	209-891-6439		9/19/2023	'23	ronaldhastings@sbcglobal.net
509 Covenia Ave, Modesto CA 95354-1510					November 9		
HERRICK	RUBY				9/19/2023	'23	rdherr@yahoo.com
P o Box 579242, Modesto CA 95357					May 1		
INMAN	SHARON	650-380-3281			10/18/2023	'15	sharon@inman1.net
11851 Hidden Glen CT, Oakdale CA 95361-7891					February 9		
JAMES	LINDA	209-524-0639	209-996-6813		9/15/2023	'21	13lindajames13@gmail.com
505 Laurel Ave, Modesto CA 95351-1823					June 6		
JAN	DENISE	209-450-6449			9/15/2023	'18	
3836 Moana Way, Modesto CA 95355-1221					October 14		
LANGUM	SANDY	209-402-3539			10/18/2023	'22	sandylangum@yahoo.com
2832 Healthcare Way #241, Modesto CA 95356					May 11		
LEATHERBARROM	KATHLEEN	209-996-3260			9/15/2023	'23	emailingusiseasy@gmail.com
3408 Mc Reynolds Ave, Modesto CA 95355					March 2		
MARTIN	JULIE	406-596-2287			9/19/2023	'23	nursejul05@outlook.com
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NEUFELD	DIANE	209-606-8538			9/19/2023	'22	hnd9882@yahoo.com
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PETRAKIS	SOPHIA	209-486-7307			10/18/2023		
1018 Amherst Ave, Modesto CA 95350					December 20		
PHILLIPS	NANCY	209-526-1875			10/18/2023	'23	
317 Northgate Dr, Modesto CA 95350-3162					March 10		
ROBSON	CORRINE	209-531-3004	209-575-9850		9/27/2023		corrine.robson@gmail.com
1916 Scarborough Court, Modesto CA 96366-4415					October 3		
ROSS	DONNA	209-349-1815			10/18/2023	'23	dross11355@gmail.com
6817 Tartan Rd, Turlock CA 95382					January 13		
SENSENEY	JOYCE	209-458-8527			9/14/2023	'23	joycesenseneey@gmail.com
1532 Inland Lane, Ceres CA 95307					September 14		
SMITH	LYDIA	925-588-5759			9/14/2023	'23	goldi3594@outlook.com
3212 Iverness Street, Modesto CA 95355					March 3		
SMITH	SCOTT	925-588-5759	209-566-9397		9/14/2023	'23	sskipster@gmail.com
3212 Iverness Street, Modesto CA 95355					October 29		
STEPP	KATHY	209-918-4261			9/20/2023	'23	kfstapp@yahoo.com
4556 Wellsford Rd, Modesto CA 95361-7931					November 17		
VAUGHAN	MELINDA	209-524-3723	209-480-2310		9/20/2023	'03	bradmelinda@comcast.net
4712 Via Terreno, Modesto CA 95357					October 31		
WHITE	DAVE	209-483-4772			8/30/2023	'23	dwhite@opportunitystanislaus.com
3908 Bayview Drive, Modesto CA 95355-					November 25		
WIGGS	JILL	209-818-2479			9/15/2023		puravidalife800@gmail.com
2704 Bridle Path Lane, Modesto CA 95356-0597							



## Planters and Groomers & Turlock Fair ~ by Gerry Yockey

We recently had a beautiful morning to garden at the club office. The girls were lined up outside the gate eager to get started. Our focus was on planting new flowers and making the garden a terrific representation of the Modesto Garden Club. We also planted Snapdragons and Violas and Azaleas at the Vision Impaired office next door. Everything looks great!

The next day the Chamber of Commerce had the ribbon cutting and I was approached by many who commented on how beautiful the office is. Some had no idea the facility was there! It was a wonderful day for our office to be featured and all members should be proud. I know I am. ~ Gerry

## Late Bloomers October Contest Winners ~ by Janis Perkins



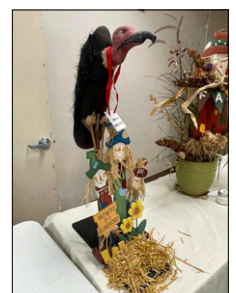
1st Place "Rosemary"  
Janis Perkins



2nd Place "Harvest Girl"  
Shera Welty



3rd Place Tie "Betty"  
Carla Latimer



3rd Place "Terminator"  
Dan Yockey

***Congratulations winners! And thank you to all who participated ~ we enjoyed your art!***

## Hands-On Workshop ~ Create your own Christmas Cards



*You are invited to attend the...*

### **CHRISTMAS CARDMAKING WORKSHOP**

**Monday, November 13th**

**10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Modesto Garden Club Office**

**622 14th Street, Modesto**

**Cost: \$30**

Sign up at the November meeting or call Ginger Ratto at 209.484.8485 to reserve a spot. Seats are limited.

Enjoy crafting technique demonstrations and personal instruction from Mary Ann Uyeno. Make ten of your very own original Christmas Cards!

10 Different designs including easel card, slimline, rocking card, botanicals, acetate cover, and more. All supplies and tools are included, plus envelopes, embellishments and ribbon.

Guaranteed to be a fun time of crafting and fellowship.

Enjoy coffee, tea, and a seasonal sweet!



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*Dates to Remember*

November 5 2:00 am	Daylight Savings Time Ends.... Fall Back
November 7 9:00 am	Planters and Groomers MGC Office 622 14th Street
November 9 10:00 am	MGC General Meeting 1600 Carver Road Modesto
November 11	Veteran's Day 
November 13 10:00 - 1:00	Hands On Workshop MGC Office 622 14th Street
November 21 9:00 am	Planters and Groomers MGC Office 622 14th Street
November 23	Thanksgiving Day 
December 6 1:00-7:00 pm	Elegant Holiday Table Viewing Del Rio Country Club
December 7 10:30 am	Elegant Holiday Luncheon Del Rio Country Club
December 9	Out of Town Tour Filoli Gardens
December 16 10:00 - 3:00	Holiday Home Tour