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## Modesto Garden Club Scholarship Recipients 2022

*By Judy Spencer*

This year our committee was able to get together in person to score the applications - unlike last year when we had to work around covid issues and not gather as a group. Thank you so much to Sara Rhoads, Bonnie Jones Lee, Mary Ann Uyeno and Carol Dean. It is such a pleasure to work with this committee, and the other committee members who have helped with this in the past. This year they had 20 applications to read, and only 6 that would be chosen.

These are our six winners, listed alphabetically, not listed by score.

**ANALISA ANDRES:** Analisa is a freshman at California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo. She is on track to earning a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and Protection and a minor in Environmental City Planning. She writes that she is concerned about growing healthy food in the San Joaquin Valley and wants to make fresh food accessible to all communities. Her goal is for food farms to be physically inside the community and more accessible to people. She wants to create healthier communities, bolster the local economy and allow direct access to fresh fruits and vegetables.



*Three of this year's scholarship recipients, left to right, Hadynn McCormick, Rhett Van Horn, and Mia Brown.*

## Table Viewing

**Take the afternoon off to come!**

**June 1st  
1pm - 5pm**

Join the fun at DelRio Country Club  
801 Stewart Road

Spectacular table settings

Refreshments

See old friends

Make new freinds

\$10 at the door



### MICHELLE BORGES:

Michelle writes, "I am currently a junior at California State University, Chico, majoring in agriculture science with minors in agriculture business and public relations." She hopes to obtain a career that allows her to advocate for agriculture in a dynamic, forward-thinking way. She wants to become an active member of the community, supporting local 4-H Clubs, FFA programs, and other organizations such as California Farm Bureau and California Women for Agriculture. She gives a meaningful quote by Muhammad Ali: "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room her on earth."

**MIA BROWN:** Mia is a senior at Enochs High School and will be  
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## President's Message

By Dan Yockey

Hello everyone,

Our 2021-2022 Club is coming to a close soon. It has been a great year and a not-so-great year. The virus still keeps our attendance at our meetings low. As the time went by, I had hoped to see improvement, but this did not happen.

Your Board of Directors are all working hard to keep everything running smoothly but they need new volunteers. The Club is in transition at this time. Older members, who have served for many years are starting to step back. Now is the time for you newer members who have joined in the last 5 years to step forward and take over these important jobs. The Garden Club is a VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION without your help it makes all of the work fall on just a few.

Yours in Gardening,  
Dan



## Editor's Note

This will be my last Newsletter. I have had a great time getting this missive out to you 10 months of the year for several years. I know Emily will do a grand job and I hope you will all be sure to get information to her. The newsletter editor has to keep up with all club meetings, programs, trips, and activities at least a month before they happen so that information can be included in *Over the Garden Gate*.

I'd like to take a few lines here to say that above all, what you invest in your membership will reward you one-hundred-fold in pleasure. There are so many wonderful people in our Club, most just waiting to be your friend. Most members are interested in Gardening and enjoy the continuing education at monthly meetings. Some can't wait for the next bus trip for adventure and shopping!

Everyone loves to say, "I belong to the largest Garden Club in America." To continue to do that we need participation on all levels, we need innovative ideas for growing our membership, creative ideas for fundraising. We need new people on the streets planting pots and pruning roses.

In short, we need you! Be a volunteer today. Look at your Yearbook and see what interests you then contact the Vice President of that and let them know you want to help keep Modesto Garden Club the best organization in town. Come to the office on any Wednesday morning to have coffee and share your ideas with your garden club friends.

**Mary Lou Rice**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**  
are \$40 and are now **DUE**  
**Online**  
at [modestogardenclub.org](http://modestogardenclub.org)  
**or**  
**MGC Office (622 14<sup>th</sup> Street,**  
**Modesto, CA 95354) by mail or**  
**in person**  
**on Wednesday mornings**  
**Dues are delinquent July 1<sup>st</sup>**

If you have a change in your address, phone number, email address or any other membership information please contact

Nancy Robinson with corrections or updates.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **June 1 – Summer Luncheon Table Viewing – Buy your tickets NOW**
- **June 2 – Summer Luncheon – TICKETS GO FAST**
- **June 7 – Out of Town Tour – Bouquet Art, De Young Museum**
- **July 1 – DUES ARE DELINQUENT**





**May MGC Meeting**



## *Over the Garden Gate*

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## **~ SAVE THE DATE ~ September 10th**

We will have this year's Fall Gathering on Saturday September 10th at the home of Brian and Denniz Wistow.

Everyone had a wonderful time last year, so join the *conga line*.

Tickets go on sale July 1st with tickets at \$50.00 that includes your food, wine, and music for dancing

There are a limited number of tickets so get yours early.

Hope to see you there.

*Gerry Yockey*

*Vice President, Fundraising*





### New Member Tea Blossoming with Enthusiasm!



### Planters and Groomers

*By Gerry Yockey*

Our workout today is planting flowers in the front yard at the Modesto Garden Club office. We hated to get rid of the snapdragons, but it was time to see new flowers. We planted six flats of Marigold. I had soooo... much help that we got done so early. We are up to twenty volunteers now and *the job gets done so quickly!!!!*

We were invited to Mary McNicholas house for lunch. Mary has such a beautiful backyard. Her red roses were in full bloom, and they were spectacular!!

Food was great, company was too.

Thank you, Mary, for having all of us over.





*Dan and Gerry Yockey deliver flowers for the downtown pots in the golf cart donated to Modesto Garden Club by the Downtown Improvement District.*

contact her at 209-480-2519.

### **K Street Parklet.**

This project was planted in December and is now starting to grow and fill in.

I want to thank Terri Gagon who is in charge of the garden. She is doing a great job.

If you would like to volunteer in any of our other projects, contact me and I will put you in touch with the project coordinator.

Many hands make the job easier, please volunteer.

## **Civic Affairs**

*By Dan Yockey*

I want to thank all of the volunteers who have given so freely of their time helping make Modesto stay beautiful.

### **Downtown Pots**

The pots were planted on the first Saturday in May. We planted yellow and orange marigolds in all of the pots. They seem to take the heat better in the summer

I want to thank Heidie Savage, Executive Director of the Downtown Improvement district who donated a golf cart for our use in planting the downtown. It will make maintaining the pots so much easier.

### **Victims Garden**

After 18 months of not being able to work at the site because of the virus Evie Heron-Olds has volunteered to bring it back to life. If you would like to volunteer to assist her

## **Introducing Susie and Emily Ryslinge**

*By Nancy Robinson*

New MGC member Susie Ryslinge was born in Denmark and lived in Denmark, Norway and Canada before coming to the U.S. as a teenager. Her parents were commercial nursery growers – with nurseries in the Santa Ynez Valley and then the big Island of Hawaii. Susie owned a flower shop in Solvang CA for many years before moving to Northern California where she was an accountant. Susie lived in Calaveras County for 30 years and was an active Master Gardener. She recently moved to Modesto and now lives with her daughter Emily.

Emily, a new MGC member also, spent her summers helping in her grandparent's nursery. She is a graduate of the University of the Pacific and is a fulltime real estate broker. Emily has a teenage daughter and loves gardening – her house in the La Loma neighborhood has huge flower beds with many colorful plants. Both Emily and Susie are animal lovers and enjoy spending time with their dogs and cats and Emily's two horses.

Emily will be assuming the responsibilities of Newsletter Editor beginning in September.





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attending California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, and will major in Plant Science and Horticulture. She sees teaching and research as her primary role, and wishes to contribute in the areas of research and outreach, which she feels are crucial given society and the environmental impact it has. She states, "Being with plants and flowers has made me feel 'at home.' I can be myself. And I am so excited that I can make a career out passions."

**SOFIA JOHNSON:** Sofia is currently a freshman at California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, with a major in Environmental Earth and Soil Science. She says, "Although I am only in my first year, I feel that my work ethic, drive, and curiosity are increasing exponentially with every day. I cannot begin to express how eager I am for what the next three years have in store for me. As I continue my studies of the Earth's most biodiverse ecosystem, I have come to learn the importance of soil science as it relates to our ever-changing climate."

**HADYNN McCORMICK:** Hadynn is currently a senior at Turlock High School and will attend Washington State University with a major in Agricultural Economics and Organic and Sustainable Agriculture, and a minor in

Environmental Sciences. Hadynn says, "I hope that what shines through is my passion for agriculture and using agriculture to better serve others. I once heard a speaker that said you should 'give more than you take.' I strive to be that person, the person who follows their passion and uses that passion to better the world."

**RHETT VAN HORN:** Rhett is currently a senior at Davis High School who will next year be attending either Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, or University of California Santa Barbara, with a major in Environmental Management and Protection. Rhett says, "After college, I plan to move back to my hometown of Modesto to become an educator in the field of environmental sciences. In Modesto, the primary industry is agriculture, which cannot thrive if the state of our climate and the ecosystem in the area is declining. With my degree, I would educate the people of my hometown on methods of preservation and conservation that could be used to help increase the environmental stability in Modesto in the area around it. The town has given so much to me and is constantly a place that I love to be, and it would make me truly happy to help save and preserve the natural environment that it encases."