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Creative Floral Design 101

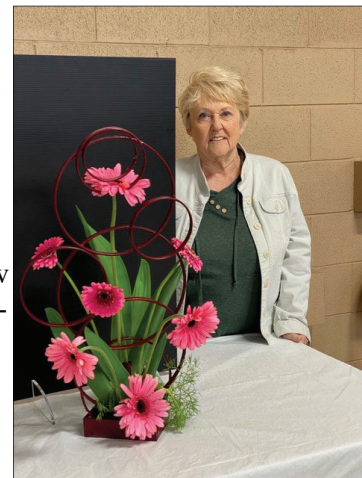
Barbara Coelho and Noreen Porath

Barbara Coelho and Noreen Porath will give a preview of what to expect when you attend the next Flower Show School, Course 1, in Modesto in April 2022.

Barbara is the Co-President of Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild which is new Valley Lode District group established in 2019. She has always been interested in Horticulture and Floriculture but became seriously smitten after attending the National Garden Club Flower Show School hosted by Modesto Garden Club from 2005-07. In addition to being an opportunity to learn about Horticulture, Floral Design and Flower Show Procedure, participants who complete the 4 courses and pass the tests can become Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges and judge at Flower Shows. Barbara came to learn and had no intention of becoming a Flower Show Judge but by the end of Flower Show School she saw judging as a way to provide a service to the garden club community and the community at large through exposure to the wonders of Floriculture. Barbara is now a Master Flower Show Judge. Barbara would urge anyone who would like to learn more about Horticulture and Floriculture to attend a Flower Show School. The next Flower Show School Course 1 is being offered in Modesto in April 2022.

Noreen is originally from upstate New York where she received both a bachelors and a master's degree in education. She taught elementary education and was an early childhood specialist for the counties. In New York, Noreen was active in the local garden club and chaired flower shows and demonstrated at the New York State fair. During this time, she was the recipient of design and horticultural awards.

After moving to Turlock to join family, she was employed by the Turlock Unified School District as the Director of Head Start, California State Preschool and After School programs. Upon retirement, she joined the Modesto and Turlock Garden Clubs. She chaired committees that won awards in the garden competitions at the Stanislaus County Fair and designed window displays at the Turlock Library. Now as a member of the Valley Floral Arrangers Guild, she looks forward to providing design demonstrations to garden clubs according to the National Flower Show rules of principals and elements of design.



Learn and Grow: Horticultural Trivia

Cheryl Carmichael joined the Modesto Garden Club in 1999, chaired the beautification projects for years, set many a fancy table at the luncheons and became a Master Gardener in 2009 in San Joaquin County.

She knows a little bit about a lot of things with an ongoing passion for increasing her knowledge of all things horticulture. She will present a trip through the weird, wild, and wonderful of the natural world.

New words, new facts, oddities and marvels.....Join us for a bit of delight.



*Saguaro Cactus: Example of Fasciation
Photo courtesy of Researchgate.net*

Presidents Message

By Dan Yockey

Hello everyone.

Half of our Garden Club year is already over. Time seems to go by so fast, the holidays are over and now we can concentrate on Spring activities. I will be glad when don't have to comply with different restrictions that seem to change weekly.

It was heart breaking to have to cancel the Elegant Holiday Luncheon but fortunately we were able to have the Holiday Home Tour and it was very successful. Thank you to Gerry Yockey and her committee for presenting a wonderful and beautiful tour.

I hope to see more of you at the January meeting, we have missed those who were unable to attend.

Yours in gardening
Dan



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.

January 11 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.

January 13 – MGCI General Meeting

Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road

Sign in: 10 a.m.–11:20 a.m.

Learn and Grow: 10:30 – 11:15, Cheryl Carmichael,

Horticultural Trivia

Meeting: 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Barbara Coelho and Noreen Porath,

Creative Floral Design 101, What you will expect from Flower School 1

January 18 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.

January 27 – MGCI Board Meeting, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.

February 1 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.

February 10 – MGCI General Meeting,

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Holiday Home Tour ~ Thank-You

By Gerry Yockey

Thank you all for buying the tickets and volunteering to be a docent. It has been a wonderful and exciting tour and I could not be more proud of the members of the garden club. With their help we made \$7756.00 for the Holiday Home Tour! We opened it up to the public and it really paid off.

There are so many moments that come to mind. Some of our members took on more than one house as a docent. They were tireless in taking on more than one place. I have to thank the Planters and Groomers who volunteered to help some of the homeowners. I thank them for being so helpful!! I want to thank those who bought tickets and knew they were not able to go. Also for those who donated their money to help us out.

Most of all I want to thank my committee for being there for me.: Dan Yockey Food, Mary Lou Rice for letting us see her beautiful home on the tour and Advertisement, Judy Spencer, write up on the tickets, Mary Ann Uyeno, Raffle, Jean Davis, Tickets, Patti Williams, Docents.

Thank you all!!!



New Member Tea



Holiday Home Tour





New Member Tea

By Nancy Robinson

The New Member Tea is a great way for our new members to find out about our club and all the activities our club offers. It's also a way for us to get to know the new members a little better and what their interests are. We had 13 new members and 16 board members in attendance. It was a delightful event and those who were not able to attend missed a spectacular day.

I want to thank everyone who helped make this Tea a huge success. Thank you to Mary McNicholas, Sharon Searls and Judy Crisp for helping set up the day prior to the Tea and staying till the end with cleanup. I also want to thank Shirley Stewart, Gerry Yockey and Sharon Searls for making some of the food for the Tea. The day of the Tea there were so many people who helped with all of the last-minute preparations there are too many to mention, but all of you helped make the Tea the success it was. Thank you all for attending. I also want to extend a tremendous thank you to my sweet daughter, Jeanette, for all her help in set up, shopping, preparation, cooking, cleanup and being by my side the entire time. I could not have done this kind of event without her help.

Civic Affairs

By Dan Yockey

I am happy to announce the completion of the Garden Clubs newest project, the K street parklet. This small park at the corner of K St. and Needham is a joint project between the Garden Club, The Downtown Improvement District and Donlee Properties. This project was completed with the volunteer help of the following members who graciously contributed their time to make it a success: Leah Meedom, Gerry Yockey, Terri Gagon, Loretta Carhart, Judy Crisp, Sharon Searls, Pat Williams, Mary Helen Alonzo, Denise Gruen, and Julia Poston.

The garden was designed by Jadwiga Hoffman from Morris Nursery who assisted with planting the garden. The garden has a meadow theme with perennials, grasses, hedges, and 150 Daffodil bulbs to present a colorful display in the spring. Our new project will be spearheaded by Terri Gagon who will be seeking a few volunteers to keep the garden maintained. If you wish to volunteer call Terri.

January is here!

Dare to be different this month.

Dare to stand out.

Dare to be the one with a voice.

Dare to shine!

A happy new month!

A happy new gardening year!

Over the Garden Gate

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From time to time, it is necessary to make changes to the Bylaws to enable smooth transitions and to clarify the intent of a particular section of the Bylaws. The Investment Committee felt the following changes needed to be made and the Board of Directors approved the changes at the December Board meeting.

Bylaws Change: Article X, Endowment Fund, Section 1.b.

Current:

“The Modesto Garden Club, Inc. Investment Committee shall make annual recommendations regarding fund earnings and contributions to the fund principal to the Budget Committee no later than May 1 of each fiscal year. The Aileen Gallo Memorial Flower Clock is the first consideration for spending interest earned from the fund.”

Proposed Change [as approved by the Investment Committee on October 20, 2021]:

The Club Budget Committee shall, as needed, make a request to the Investment Committee to spend Endowment Fund earnings to balance the upcoming fiscal year’s budget and/or to pay for a project. Both committees shall respect that the Aileen Gallo Memorial Flower Clock be the first consideration for spending interest earned from the Endowment Fund. Removal of funds from the Endowment earnings requires prior authorization of the Club Board of Directors and the Investment Committee. [Refer to: Standing Rules, Finances 3) b) and c).]