



## OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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Valley Lode District – Pacific Region

*please*  
**renew**  
YOUR  
**membership**

**CONSIDER  
DONATING**

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**We love our garden club.**

This year will be a financial difficulty since we have not been able to hold our annual fundraiser, the Spring Garden Tour. Help us by paying your dues renewal soon. Dues help fund our operating expenses and scholarships.

**HOW**

- 1 Fill out the membership renewal form **INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER**.
- 2 Renew ONLINE:  
**[www.modestogardenclub.org](http://www.modestogardenclub.org)**  
Click on **PAY DUES** on the home page.

**Thank you for the donations we have already received!**

Please consider making a donation to our general fund. Donate by mailing a check to the Garden Club office or online:  
Click on **DONATE** on the home page.

### Civic Affairs

*By Dan Yockey*

It feels good to be finally able to give an update on what Civic Affairs have been doing this Spring.

Everything seemed to come to a halt in March, first we received the news that Frederiks Nursery was closing and would not be able to supply plants for our Spring planting of the downtown pots. We found that our local nurseries were in the same boat, no Frederiks no plants either. Mary Ann Uyeno suggested I speak to Park Nursery in Ripon as she thought they planted their own bedding plants. I contacted Karen Johnson of Park Nursery and after discussion, she agreed to plant the 40 plus flats of flowers we would need to plant in May, problem solved. Not so fast, a little thing like Covid19 came along. Everything came to a sudden halt. No Spring Tour Fundraiser and stay at home orders. What next? No funds to pay for plants we needed and no way we could get everyone together to plant them. As you can imagine things looked very bleak and sad.

They say you find out who your friends are when there is a crisis. The downtown Modesto improvement projects came to our rescue. Donated money to make sure our beautification projects could continue. I will give more information in another article.

A special thanks to those who helped plant the pots by social distancing by using their own vehicle to transport and plant the pots. Thank you Denise Gruen, Leah Meedom, Gerry Yockey, Kathleen Holmberg, Jean Seeley, Cheryl Koff, Barbara Page, Jerry Frad, Mary Mc Nicholas, Sally Owens, Pixie Kinser and friend, Judy Silber, Pat Williams, Sharon Searls, Bob Searls, Shirley Stewart, Jill Kuil and husband, Brian Wistow, Bev Schlegel, Bob Taylor, and Diane Pearson.

Thank you all.

I will close by relaying a comment by a downtown merchant who came out of his building and told me how happy he was to see us planting the pots. It made him feel things were finally getting back to normal.

## President's Message

### *Hope and Confidence*

Summer is upon us and we look forward to warm, sunny days. Our hope is to be able to return to some normalcy and meet with family and friends and once again enjoy activities, but this time with an enhanced sense of what is healthy and safe.

The corona virus and the civil protests have unexpectedly upended our lives and our world pushing each of us to give multi-focused attention to our physical and mental health, economic survival, societal changes and our inalienable rights constitutionally embedded in our culture. We have relearned just how connected we all are even though we must stay somewhat distant from each other. We are in this place and time together and, with hope and confidence in our American spirit, we will come through this time as a better nation, state, community and club.

I know many of you, hopefully all of you, have found solace in family, friends and even hobbies. I have enjoyed gardening more than ever. I love being in my yard to relax, plant, even weed because it all makes me feel closer to nature and its beauty, its mystery and its promise of renewal. We have all been given extra time this year to plant seeds of hope and confidence in our gardens and community.

I want to thank our wonderful membership for all your support these past three years. This will be my last message as president as Dan Yockey is our incoming president effective July 1. I know you will each support his efforts to keep our organization and community partnerships strong.

Your Board of Directors continue to plan our coming program year although some details remain unsettled at this time. I encourage you to stay current with Club planning by reading your newsletter and periodically checking our website and eBlasts for updates. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so before July 31 so you can be included in the Yearbook, which will be available in October. *A special thank you goes to all of you who have donated generously to help us bridge the budget gap this year!* These donations have made a big difference in our ability to maintain civic gardens and ongoing expenses and projects.

My best wishes go out to each of you to have a wonderful, unforgettable summer.

Let me close with wise words from Helen Keller:

***"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."***

Mary McNicholas



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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Dues are Due and Payable
- Until further notice all Activities have been Cancelled
- September Newsletter article submission due date August 6
- Check your Emails, Eblasts and our Website: [modestogardenclub.org](http://modestogardenclub.org) for updates during the coming weeks
- Karen has many interesting gardening links for you!



# Modesto Garden Club, Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP



**To apply for membership please complete all questions**

**To renew your membership:**

1. Review your information in the current Yearbook.
2. Write your first and last names on this form.
3. Add to this form any changes or corrections to the current Yearbook information.
4. Turn in this form with your dues payment (\$40.00) at a General Meeting or mail form and a check to:  
Modesto Garden Club, 622-14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354 or renew online at **modestogardenclub.org**
5. **Dues are due in May and late by the end of July.** To ensure inclusion in the upcoming Yearbook, return this form no later than July 31st.

<b>Membership Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal			
First Name  <input type="checkbox"/>		Last Name	
Address/Street <i>New address (If renewing)</i>		City	State      Zip Code + 4
Primary Phone Number		Alternate Phone Number	
Email Address			
Birthday Month		Birth Day	
<b>Automated Calls</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Automated Calls from the Club are OK <input type="checkbox"/> No, I DO NOT WISH to receive automated calls			
<b>Email Messages</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Email messages from the Club are OK <input type="checkbox"/> No, I DO NOT WISH to receive email messages			
<b>Newsletter Preference</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail my newsletter (I have included my zip + 4 above) <input type="checkbox"/> Email my newsletter			
<b>I will pay my dues by:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Today w/check <input type="checkbox"/> Today w/cash <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing check to MGC office <input type="checkbox"/> Online			
<b>I have corrected my address, email and all information on this form.</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Due to the forced cancellation of the Spring Garden Tour, I am donating the tour ticket price of \$25 or \$_____ to the Modesto Garden Club.</b> Modesto Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are fully tax deductible.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Please send me a receipt for my donation to the address above.			

**I have special talents/skills I wish to share with the Modesto Garden**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Assistant                | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Gardening                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Coordination   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon Table Setting           | <input type="checkbox"/> MS Word or Excel Skills              | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting at Meetings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafting and Leading Craft Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living Center Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding Homes for Garden Tour        | <input type="checkbox"/> Researching Speakers  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting or Bookkeeping            |  |



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### Civic Affairs, Part 2

*By Dan Yockey*

In previous article I mentioned that our downtown civic beautification partners came to the Garden Club's rescue by donating funds so that we could continue renewing the plants in the Flower Clock, downtown pots, hanging baskets and at George Lucas Plaza.

I want to emphasize that when asked each of the groups we need to thank donated without hesitation.

The total donations to the Garden Club was \$9,480.00. Thank you so much.

Thank you, Nancy Young, Modesto Downtown Improvement District, Lynn Dickerson. Gallo Performing Arts; Mariam Barota, Stanislaus Community Foundation on behalf of E&J Gallo Winery; Modesto Area Music Association Inc.; Josh Bridegroom, Downtown Modesto Partnership (DoMo).

Dan Yockey  
Vice President, Civic affairs  
Modesto Garden Club

## Mosaic Mirror WORKSHOP

**4 SEMI-PRIVATE SESSIONS**  
**4 PARTICIPANTS EACH SESSION**

**Need to fill both creative and social voids during the social distancing?** I am offering this workshop in my Turlock home in a more private setting so we can be distanced and still enjoy each other's company!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, July 13  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, July 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, July 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, July 23  |



For all you mosaic lovers. It's all the rage to hang mirrors in the garden to create depth! Of course you can hang it anywhere.

**CALL or EMAIL Your Session  
Choice to Register**

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