



# OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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## Betty Cole ~ April 11th Speaker by Bob Taylor

We have a special treat this month. Our speaker, Betty Cole, is a Modesto Garden Club member since 2001. She lives in one of the first three houses built in Modesto, and the only one of the three still standing! It is still occupied by the original family, as Betty's husband, Bob, was the grandchild of the founder.

She tends her garden which is made up of plants that were first planted in the 1870's. As an avid historian of both the house and garden, she will be sharing information and memories of both. April's program will primarily be on the garden, plants and trees that were planted in the 1870's and used mostly for food and medicinal uses.

Betty has become the chief historian for the family. Her enthusiasm for the subject is contagious. You don't want to miss this meeting. She is priceless and a great presenter. And, what is the story behind that little picket fence in the garden? You will have to attend to find out! A fun presentation for sure.



## Centennial Project ~ by Dan Yockey

When you read this article in the newsletter, we will have completed our projects at the park. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make it a great success.

The Centennial Garden dedication and the plaque unveiling is set for May 16 at 10:00 a.m. so save that date and plan to attend!

The float plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is coming together. I can't believe all the enthusiasm about making it a success! I thank our loyal float committee Chairperson, Janis Perkins,



dreams of the process. She certainly has everyone whipped up and ready to make it happen!

I want to thank all of you who have donated to our Centennial project. We can't do it without YOU.

~ Dan



# 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**







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

**A MEMBER OF  
THESE  
AFFILIATIONS:**



## President's Message ~ by Nancy Robinson

Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring, Easter- where is this year going? It seems like we're moving at warp speed, and there's more things still to come.

Be sure to check out the Dates to Remember. The most important date is Saturday, April 20, for the Spring Garden Tour. From everything I know, this should be an exciting and successful event. Lee Lundrigan and her committees have done a fabulous job and I'm looking forward to a wonderful day. I'm especially excited to wear our new aprons so everyone knows who is on the committees!



Yet to come is the Centennial Garden Dedication and Unveiling on May 16. Plus 2 more Out of Town Tours, a Late Bloomers Contest, Hands on Workshop, Summer Luncheon Table Viewing, and a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade with our club as the Grand Marshall, including a float we are building. What a busy year this has been and will continue to be!

I'm so pleased to be a part of this wonderful organization. I will be speaking at the Modesto City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. and at the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. All of you are welcome to join me in promoting our upcoming events. Meet me in the chamber lobby 15 minutes before the meetings.

We will have a booth at the Pollinator Festival on April 13. Prior to that event, who wants to come and help me paint small rocks to sell at the Festival? Join me April 5 at 10:00 a.m. We're painting bees and flowers. I will supply the paint and rocks. Call me at 209.968.6556.

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 are now starting to get better each day.

**Downtown Pots:** After a slow start, the warm weather, and maybe a little TLC, the pots are starting to show growth and color.

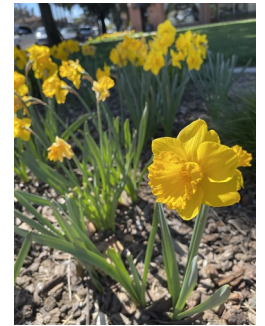
**Flower Clock:** If you have been watching the evolution on the clock, you can see the progress Darla and her crew have made completely re-furbishing it. Drive by and have a look.

**Needham Parklet:** What can I say... it is stunning! The daffodils certainly say spring is here. Thanks Roberta for your hard work.

**Senior Center:** We all had a great time celebrating Arbor Day. We planted a peach tree in remembrance of the event. Pixie and her crew's hard work made this project shine!

I want to thank all of the volunteers who work so hard making Modesto colorful. Take time to drive by and see for yourself.... and then thank the ones who do the work.

Yours in gardening ~ Dan



# Out and About ~ by Nancy Robinson

**April 13** 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **POLLINATOR FESTIVAL:** The La Loma Neighborhood is sponsoring this fourth annual event at the La Loma Native Garden at 1805 Encina Avenue. Bring the family and learn about pollinators and how to help them thrive.

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

## HAPPENINGS FROM MARCH





# Modesto Garden Club Out of Town Tours

**May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024- UCSC Arboretum Gardens, Santa Cruz**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Bouquet to Art, DeYoung Museum**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>- 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!



**June 4<sup>th</sup>- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One or Both)

Santa Cruz- \$67.00

DeYoung- \$80.00

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ **NO REFUNDS!!**

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



## Spring Garden Tour ~ by Lee Lundrigan

### April 20, 2024 Centennial Spring Garden Tour Update

**Spring Garden Tour Docents needed to work April 20** Our 2024 Spring Garden Tour is only a couple weeks away! Circle **April 20** and tell *all* your friends. This year we celebrate the Club's 100th Anniversary by self-touring six gardens on Saturday, April 20th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and children 11 years and under are free. All tours take place outside the gardens.

#### **Your help is needed, sign up to docent:**

Docent sign-ups for 2 hour shifts are needed! Easy and fun! Twenty-nine shifts remain to be filled. You can work a shift with your buddies from the Modesto Garden Club, or invite your non-member family and friends age 18 and over to work a shift with you! Our Docent Chair, Atlanta Jordan, can be reached at 209.522.8292.

#### **Have a truck? You can help!**

If you have a truck of *any* size, perhaps you can help pick up and deliver some tables and chairs to gardens the week prior to the tour and/or remove them after. Yes? Call or text Lee Lundrigan at 209.303.0011.



#### **Tickets/Gardens:**

\$25 tickets can be purchased at the Modesto Garden Club meeting on April 11 or the gardens:

- 1) Steve, Cheryl, Andrew Carmichael at 2517 Bridle Path Lane
- 2) Sue Murry at 1029 Mt. Vernon Dr.
- 3) Sue Hudgens at 3705 Corte Madera Ave.
- 4) Rich & Patti Przybyla at 301 Greenwich Lane
- 5) Mike & Makayla Sousa at 2504 Sunrise Ave.
- 6) The Modesto Garden Club Office at 622 14th Street

This year you can purchase tickets via cash, check, credit card, at [modestogardenclub.org](http://modestogardenclub.org) or Venmo. Tickets are available at local nurseries and stores listed on the poster, from garden club members, the Modesto Garden Club website and at each garden on the tour.

Committees	Committee Chairs	Phone
chair/ garden owner liaison	Lee Lundrigan	209-303-0011
docents	Atlanta Jordan	209-522-8292
tickets	Nancy Holmes	209-765-9290
photography/ ticket and poster creation	Mary Lou Rice	209-484-3584
publicity/ advertisement	Lee Lundrigan	209-303-0011
refreshments	Jeanette Robinson	323-421-0649
raffatunity	Donna Madrid	510-552-0009

## Planters and Groomers ~ by Gerry Yockey

Happy Spring!

I was beginning to think we would be unable to work in the Club Office yard. It seems that every day we were scheduled to work it rained! Then the mower would not start and the grass looked like a hay field.

But thanks to those who helped, we were able to make the year great again! I want to thank Mary Helen Alonzo for making me a birthday cake, and Suzie Reislinge for the rest of the snacks. Thanks also to Jerry Frad for coming and cheering all of us up! If you're looking for some fun in the mornings, come join us the first and third Tuesday of every month.



## New Members Social

Save the Date

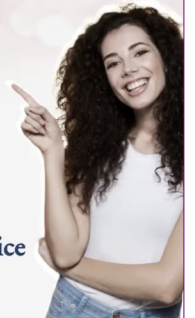
**Thursday, May 23**

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

## MGC FLOAT

April - We are still gathering float materials.

- Please bring your smaller items to April Meeting
- All LARGER items please bring to Garden Club Office
- Questions - Contact Janis Perkins 562-307-5954



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### SAVE THE DATE!

Hands-on Workshop is offering another great event at:

**ZINC HOUSE IN ESCALON.**

Saturday, June 29 10: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 ups available at the general meetings or call Ginger Ratto at 209.484.8485

## Bylaws Committee

### Proposed Changes from the Bylaws Committee and Investment Committee FINAL

Approved by the Board of Directors, [date], 2024

Approved by the General Membership, [date] 2024

~~Strike through~~ letters or words are proposed deletions

Yellow highlighted words are proposed changes/additions

Blue lettering is information only, *not* to be part of Bylaws nor Standing Rules

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE II Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be to:

h. Support our community charitable activities through scholarships, school gardens, therapeutic gardens, and the like, as a 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization.

### ARTICLE IV Dues

Annual dues shall be \$40 per year payable on the first day of May of each year and shall become delinquent on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July.

### ARTICLE V Officers

**Section 2.** The President shall:

c. May represent the Club at District Meetings and State Conventions;

d. Appoint the Parliamentarian, Corresponding Secretary, Investment Committee members (as noted in Article IX, Section 5), four members of the Budget Committee chaired by the Treasurer, Proofreading Committee Chairperson, an Internal Review Committee (as noted in Article IX Section 3), and,

e. Perform all duties pertaining to the office.

**Section 3.** The Vice Presidents shall:

c. Appoint Director(s) and Chairperson(s) in their area of responsibility with the approval of the Board of Directors.

**Section 10.** Voting Privileges: Members of the Board of Directors who can vote include: President, Vice Presidents, Immediate Past President and Directors.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer shall:

d. Shall provide financial reports to Board members as stated in Standing Rules, Finances: 2) Financial Reports a), b) and c).

e. Serve as Chairperson of the Budget Committee, be a member of the Investment Committee, and, [continue with Section 5 f.]



## ARTICLE VIII Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the elected and appointed Officers and Immediate Past President, which shall meet as necessary and report its actions at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 1.** There shall be an executive Committee made up of a minimum of five (5) and not to exceed eleven (11) members. Standing members are President, Immediate Past President, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Elected and appointed officers may also be chosen by the President to attend a meeting.

**Section 2.** The purpose of the Executive Committee is to support the Board of Directors by:

- a. Making decisions which may need attention when the Board of Directors are not in session;
- b. Deciding issues regarding confidentiality; reporting to the Board of Directors decisions made without discussion.
- c. Not overriding Board of Directors decisions unless there are new facts.

## ARTICLE IX Committees

### Section 3.

An Internal Audit Review Committee consisting of three two people appointed by the President to review the monthly and annual financial statements provided by the Treasurer. The committee shall have at least member who is a "financial expert" These reviewers shall have varied financial experience and must be independent, meaning the President, Treasurer, and Vice Presidents cannot be members. The committee shall establish procedures for receiving complaints about the services provided to the organization. Members may not be paid for consulting or other services provided to the organization.

[Move Article X Endowment Fund Section 2.b. to Article IX Section 5 as follows:]

### Section 5.

a. The Management Investment Committee: The Endowment Fund, savings and investment funds All Club The investment accounts, Endowment Fund and Savings Fund, shall be managed by the Club Investment Committee appointed by the President of the Club and approved by the Board of Directors. The committee shall consist of no less than five and no more than nine persons. At least two members of the committee shall be members of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, and at least three members shall be drawn from the general membership of the Club who are not members of the Board of Directors. In addition, the President shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the committee. The Investment Committee will meet after each quarterly and end of year report are is available for review, and report to the Board of Directors. The Chairperson or designee will present a summary to the Board of Directors following each review.

b. The Club Budget Committee or the Board of Directors shall, as needed, make a request to the Investment Committee to spend investment funds to balance the upcoming fiscal year's budget and/or to pay for a project. Removal of funds from either investment fund requires prior authorization of the Club Board of Directors and the Investment Committee. [Refer to: Standing Rules, Finances: 3) b) and c).]

**Section 6.** Other necessary committees, Standing or Special, shall be appointed by the President, who shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

## ARTICLE X Endowment Fund

**Section 1.a.** In general, the goal of the Club is to increase the principal and earnings of the Endowment Fund so as to provide an increasing stream of income to financially support the general objectives of the Club.

b. The Club Budget Committee or the Board of Directors 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. The Investment

**Committee** and the Board of Directors shall respect that the Aileen Gallo Memorial Flower Clock **Garden** be the first consideration for spending interest earned from the Endowment Fund.

e. ~~The Budget Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors which projects will be funded from Endowment Fund earnings according to need and priority, and how much money, if any, shall be added to the fund principal.~~

## Section 2.

b. ~~Management Committee [delete entire paragraph from Article X and move to Article IX as noted above]~~

**Re-letter remainder of Section 2:**

2.c. becomes 2.b.; 2.d. becomes 2.c.; 2.e. becomes 2.d.; 2.f. becomes 2.e.

**Section 2.d.2.** [Note: in current Yearbook, it is Section 2.e.2.]

The Endowment Fund principal may be increased through ~~transfer of earnings funds on the recommendations of the Investment Committee and with the approval of the Board of Directors or from~~ donations from individuals, corporations, trusts, estates, or any other appropriate source as stated in Section 3. The principal monies are restricted funds which cannot be withdrawn nor expended. ~~The Endowment Fund earnings can remain invested to increase earnings or on the recommendation of the Investment Committee and with the prior approval of the Board of Directors be transferred and expended as noted in Section 1.~~

## STANDING RULES

Note: Changes to Standing Rules only require a vote of the Board of Directors. The below changes are included to keep our members informed.

Reviewed and approved by The Board of Directors **February 29, 2024**

### Finances:

#### 2) Financial Reports

a) A ~~printed~~ **digital** Profit and Loss Report, ~~Balance Sheet~~ and Budget vs. Actual ~~All Areas~~ YTD (Year to Date) Report shall be emailed to ~~Board members~~ each Vice President (VP) at least one (1) week prior to each Board Meeting.

b) A **digital** Profit and Loss Report, ~~and~~ Budget vs Actual All Areas YTD Report **and a Balance Sheet for the current period** for each VP area shall be ~~mailed or~~ emailed to ~~the appropriate VP~~ all Board members at least **one (1) week three (3) days** prior to each Board Meeting.

c) VPs shall give a Profit and Loss Report to the Board within 30 days of completion of projects and events in their area.

### Member Yearbook:

1) A ~~new~~ Member Yearbook shall be printed each year.

(See paragraph just below **Member Dues** in current Yearbook)

These standing Rules shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Modesto Garden Club, Inc. **annually after changes are proposed** and **will be** published in the Club Newsletter.

End





# Spring Garden Tour

BROUGHT TO YOU BY MODESTO GARDEN CLUB  
BEAUTIFYING AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR 100 YEARS



**Saturday**  
**April 20, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Tickets \$25**

ENJOY SIX LOVELY AND DIVERSE GARDENS  
NIBBLE ON DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS  
CONSIDER THE MANY DIVINE RAFFLE PRIZES

MODESTO GARDEN LOCATIONS

2517 Bridle Path Lane	1029 Mt. Vernon Drive
3705 Corte Madera Avenue	301 Greenwich Lane
2504 Sunrise Avenue	622 14th Street

**Tickets may be purchased in advance at the following locations**

MODESTO:

*Westurf Nursery at 1612 Claus Road*  
*Marcy's Hallmark and The Paper Habit at McHenry Village*

RIPON:

*Park Green House at 12813 W Ripon Road*  
*Thompson Building Materials & Nursery at 460 S Stockton Avenue*

RIVERBANK:

*Morris Nursery at 1837 Patterson Road*

TURLOCK:

*The Greenery at 742 E. Olive Avenue*

ONLINE: [modestogardenclub.org](http://modestogardenclub.org)

or

**AT ANY OF THE HOMES ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR**



MGC Website



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622 14th Street  
Modesto, CA 95354-2505



### *Dates to Remember*

April 2 9:00 a.m.	Planters and Groomers	MGC Office 622 14th Street
April 5 10:00 a.m.	Rock Painting with Nancy	MGC Office 622 14th Street
April 11 10:00 a.m. <i>Speaker at Noon</i>	MGC General Meeting	Trinity Presbyterian 1600 Carver Road
April 14	National Gardening Day!	Enjoy
April 16 9:00 a.m.	Planters and Groomers	MGC Office 622 14th Street
April 17 10:00 a.m.—Noon	Spring Garden Tour Committee Meeting	MGC Office 622 14th Street
April 20 10:00 a.m.—4 p.m.	MGC Spring Garden Tour	Tickets
April 25 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	MGC Board Meeting	Club Office - 622 14th St.
May 11 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.	Out of Town Tour UCSC	Arboretum Gardens, Lunch, Succulent Garden Nursery
May 16 10:00 a.m.	Centennial Garden Dedic- ation and Plaque Unveiling	Roosevelt Park near MGC Rose Garden on Orangeburg Ave
May 23 Time—TBA	New Member Social	MGC Office 622 14th Street