



OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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“WHERE WE SEE PASSION THINGS GROW”

October Speaker - Lee Miller

Lee Miller is a man in action for the outdoors. As with many of us, our roots start to create our future passions. As a young boy, Lee grew up on a family farm in New Jersey and he learned gardening from his mother and farming from his father. Lee attended Elizabethtown College, graduating with a BS in biology in 1960 and in 1963 he received an MS in biological sciences from the University of Delaware.

Moving to the sunshine state, he worked for California Fish and Wildlife for 37 years as a fisheries biologist. In San Joaquin County, Lee farmed, gardened, and produced wine on 10 acres for 41 years.

Lee recently downsized his property to just two-thirds of an acre and living in a smaller home in Morada, near Stockton. His gardening interests have included composting, plant propagation, grapes, fruit trees, heirloom tomatoes, gladioli, daylilies, dahlias, and roses, among others.

He was in the first class of San Joaquin County UCCE Master Gardeners in 2007 and was an accredited National Garden Club flower show judge before retiring from that in 2020. He received the Golden Trowel award from the Master Garden Program and the Green Thumb award from the Linden Garden Club, of which he became the first male member in 2001.

Lee will be speaking on Dahlias and Composting at our October meeting.

**Save these dates for the Elegant Holiday Luncheon and Table Viewing
Wednesday November 30th and Thursday December 1st**



DOCENTS APPLY NOW

No experience needed.

It's inside work.

The workplace is upbeat and friendly

You may see a neat little gentleman dressed in red and his vehicle and
Reindeer

Everyone *loves* a *docent*, so you'll get loads of compliments!
Reach out in the Telle Room this month and sign up to be a docent at the
Holiday Home Tour



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month we welcomed back members to our first meeting of this Garden Club year. It was our first meeting in the combined Telle center at the church. I think everyone was amazed at how spacious the room was with the walls removed.

As with all new endeavors this one was no exception. I want to thank everyone for their understanding with the glitches we had that morning. It was stressful but the final result was outstanding.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

*Yours in gardening,
Dan Yockey*

MODESTO GARDEN CLUB IS STARTING A NEW MONTHLY CONTEST FOR MEMBERS OCTOBER'S IS "PAINTED PUMPKIN CONTEST"



CONTEST RULES

- 1 ONLY one entry per member
- 2 Registration from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- 3 You can include pumpkins, gourds, squashes, even plastic pumpkins
- 4 No Carved Pumpkins Please be careful – we cannot accept LEAKERS
- 6 Multiple pumpkins, gourds, etc. are okay but entries must fit into an area 15" x 15" to qualify
- 7 You can embellish your painted entry with feathers, rhinestones, etc.

ANY QUESTIONS ???

Text Or Call Janis Perkins (562)-307-5954



VOLUNTEER
OF
THE
MONTH
JANIS PERKINS







FALL GATHERING

By Gerry Yockey

What a beautiful evening! The weather was warm but not as hot as it has been. The tables were set, and the candles were lit. The flowers were placed on each table atop white tablecloths. We set up the food and waited for the guest to arrive. The Garden Club members with their friends and family had such a wonderful time. They ate, they danced and laughed all evening.

I have to thank our host and hostess Brian and Denniz Wis-tow for sharing their beautiful home and garden with us. Thank you both!





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CIVIC AFFAIRS

by Dan Yockey

It has been an extremely hot summer and our plants in the downtown pots did suffer from the heat. They are starting to fade and go to seed, but I hope they will be acceptable for the next month. Our plans are to replace them late October with fresh flowers.

Rose Garden

The rose garden at College and Briggsmore has suffered terribly from the heat and looks like we may lose the majority of the plants. If you see what has happened be aware that we are working with the City to solve the issue.

Flower clock

Our Flower Clock committee is meeting to discuss changes to the plantings that will add more color to the interior and new planting to the outer ring. Look for these changes soon and volunteers will be needed to assist when work begins.

Gallo Pots

These pots will be completely replanted soon as the centers have outgrown the pots.

I look forward to planting the downtown pots in late October, please see the message regarding sign up in this newsletter.

If you notice the picture in the inside cover of your handbook you can see the Golf cart donated to the Garden Club by the Downtown Improvement District. This will make it easier to assist in the pot planting. Thank you again Heide Savage.

Yours in gardening,

Dan Yockey

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- October 4 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.
- October 11 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.
- October 13 – MGCI General Meeting Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road
Sign in: 10 a.m.–11:20 a.m. in the Tele Center
Learn and Grow: 10:30 – 11:15 Lee Miller, speaker
Meeting: 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lee Miller
- October 18 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.
- October 22 – Out of Town Tour 7:30 Depart!
- October 25 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center 9:00 a.m.
- October 27 – MGC Board Meeting, MGC Office 9:00 a.m.
- October 29 – Pot Planting, MGC Office 9 a.m.

The September Meeting was a great start for new year of 2022/23





MODESTO GARDEN CLUB OUT-OF-TOWN BUS TOUR “PATTÉ & HER DAUGHTERS TAKE A ROAD TRIP” OCTOBER 22, 2022

People are always asking, *“How do you put together your trips?”* Well, today is your day to join us on a *“Road Trip”* with Patte and her daughters!

It begins as the sun rises in the east. Get your cup of coffee, gas up the car, pick-up travel companions and grab breakfast at McDonald's. Jump on 99 going North and follow the signs until we merge onto 680 towards San Jose. *“Hey, what's that on the right?? Take that exit!” “STOP!”*

Pots everywhere, all shapes, sizes and colors. Park the car... jump out... Wait, how many pots can we each get? Must be able to pack ourselves and the heavy pots into the car. REMEMBER, this is the first stop... Ah...success—packed and ready to move on.

Jump back on 680 driving toward 880, *still talking about our pots. Then we see it!* Plants, plants, and more plants. Wow, planting ideas too. We've arrived at An-

nie's Annuals. Stop, take another deep breath, grab a cart and buy more plants than our new pots will ever be able to hold. Too many to fit in the car with us and the pots. *“Oh well, that's what laps are for.”*

“So hungry.” Back in the car and heading for food. Do we want to eat in historic downtown or food trucks? Food, check.

Now it's time to sit back and relax with a nice glass of wine or beer and listen to the experts tell us the how's, what's, and when with each glass we sample.

So....folks, put on your Road Trip Exploring Hat, invite a friend, and join us for a fun filled, relaxing day.

Cost: \$60.00 NO REFUNDS!!

Time: 7:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. (bus departs no later than 7:30 a.m.)

Departure Location: Park & Ride in front of JCPenney

For more information, call Patté Williams at (209) 505-3526

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____ Phone _____

****Road Trip**

Paid in Full \$60.00 NO REFUNDS!!

Make checks payable to: Modesto Garden Club—Send to: Patté Williams, c/o Modesto Garden Club

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POTS, POTS, POTS COME PLANT POTS

SATURDAY. OCTOBER 29TH @ 9 A.M.

Seasons change, and so do our Seasons changedownown pots. We will be planting the downtown pots on Saturday, October 29, starting at 9 a.m. at the office. A sign-up sheet will be available at the General Meeting in October. As usual, lunch will be served, at the office when we finish the planting.



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TURLOCK FAIR ENTRY

By Gerry Yockey

I want to take the time to give credit where credit is due. The Planters and Groomers entered the contest at Turlock fair in July. The theme was "*Some Enchanting Evening.*" We had such a fun time putting it together. We had a long table to put the dishes on and a wooden cake to put on a separate table. I have to say it did look like a wedding party!

I want to thank the following ladies who helped: Josephine Parra, Mary Helen Alonzo, Mary McNicholas, Pat Williams, Leah Meedom, Judy Crisp, Sharon Searls, Norma Barron, Joanne Meinhardt, Shirley Stewart and Dan Yockey.

We were so thrilled we came in first place!!!!!!

