



Member of CGCI

A Publication of Modesto Garden Club, Inc.

Valley Lode District – Pacific Region



2019 Scholarship Awards

By Judy Spencer

This year we were able to award seven scholarships, \$1500 each!
Here's just a little bit of information about our winners.

- **Sofia Andres:** currently at Turlock High School, will be going to California State University Long Beach, majoring in urban farming/health sciences.
- **Claire Bardsley:** currently at Modesto Junior College, will be going to University of Idaho, majoring in agriculture education.
- **Michelle Borgas:** currently at Hughson High School, will be going to Chico State University, majoring in agriculture science/education.
- **Lauryn Cabral:** currently at Orestimba High School, will be going to Modesto Junior College, majoring in agriculture communications.
- **Margaret Creighton:** currently at Pitman High School, will be going to California State University Stanislaus, majoring in geology.
- **Michaela Rantz:** currently at Turlock High School, will be going to California Polytechnic State University, majoring in floriculture.
- **Sara Siegel:** currently at Pitman High School, will be going to UC Berkeley, majoring in environmental science.

We are so proud to be a part of their future and their dreams. Thank you to all our members for giving your support to our scholarship program.

Don't Forget the Summer Luncheon Table Viewing June 5!

President's Message

Memories ...

"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories."

What a wonderful program year we have had! We can all look back with thoughts of special times, new friendships, informative and inspiring speakers, fun and festive workshops, tasty meeting snacks, great Raffatunity gifts and "New to You" items, a library full of terrific gardening ideas, tours and, of course, our Annual Spring Garden Tour. Upcoming is our grand finale, the Summer Table Viewing and Luncheon at Del Rio Country Club.

We have so many activities in our Club, and each of you are our most important resources and assets because your volunteerism has made our Club what it is today. I want to thank all of you for your participation in our meetings and events.

Of course, we hope to see some of you around town this summer as we continue the maintenance of our civic and therapeutic gardens. Members on your Board of Directors will continue through the summer in preparation for next year. Don't forget to pay your dues and encourage family and friends to join our Club.

See you in September!

Mary McNicholas



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **June 5 -- Summer Luncheon Table Viewing, Del Rio Country Club \$10**
- **June 6 – Summer Luncheon, Del Rio Country Club**
- **July 17—Private Garden Tour, Home of Elaine Greydanus, 4278 North Ave., Modesto**
- **August 29—MGC Board Meeting, MGC Office, 9:00 a.m.**

Valley Lode District Meeting



Private Garden Tour

By Lela Harrington

At the home of Elaine Greydanus

Come enjoy her summer garden.
4728 North Avenue, Modesto

July 17, 2019
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$5.00





Filoli Out-of-Town Tour



Annual Summer Luncheon

Table Viewing

Wednesday June 5th

Be sure to add this to your calendar.

We hope you will join us for the Summer Table Viewing at Del Rio on Wednesday June 5th from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door and that price includes light refreshments. This is the last event of the year, so it is a great time to relax with friends or strike up new acquaintances to get together with this summer.

The tables are always spectacular!

Over the Garden Gate

Published 10 times a year, September-June, by the Modesto Garden Club, Inc.

President: Mary McNicholas

Contributing Writers this month: Cheryl Koff, Mary McNicholas, Mary Lou Rice, Dan Yockey, Gerry Yockey

Copy/Text Editor: Mary Lou Rice, newsletter@modestogardenclub.org

Advertisements, Fliers, Photos: Mary Lou Rice (209) 869-3584 • mlour@msn.com

Website: www.modestogardenclub.org • Email: email@modestogardenclub.org

Office: 622-14th Street Modesto, CA. 95354-2505 • Ph.209 529-7360 • (Open Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-noon)



***A Heartfelt Thank You
to All the Modesto Garden Club
Volunteers!***





Moving saLE

Plants
& Art



June 14
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3901 Cougar Place



35 years in this home ~too much to move~
specimen plants, pots, urns and statuary



*It Takes a Crew of Volunteers
to Make the Downtown Pots a
Rainbow of Colors!*



Education Update

By Cheryl Koff

We were busy! I would like to recognize the following Modesto Garden Club Volunteers: **Director of Programs, Bob Taylor; Director of Children's Programs, Pat Logan, Director of Budding Gardeners; Ginger Ratto, Director of Learn & Grow; Beverly Schlegel, Director of Scholarships; Judy Spencer and Lavender Library volunteers, Kate Borges and Lura Bailey.**

I want to thank all of you for the time you put into making this a very successful Modesto Garden Club Year.

My hat is off to all of you!

Therapeutic Gardening Update:

In closing of the Garden Club Year I'm pleased to welcome back Dale Commons Retirement Center. Last month we delivered two (2) new planter boxes to the facility. Staff at the Center helped fill the boxes and get us ready for their upcoming Butterfly Release Event. I attended this event along with **Aydee Lucas**, Garden Club volunteer. Aydee will be overseeing the program at Dale Commons and coordinate activities with the staff. AND cannot forget the rest of the Therapeutic Gardening volunteers; Bethel Retirement, **Charla Zuhlke**; English Oaks Nursing & Rehab, **Mary Helen Alonzo, Josie Parra**; Hospitality House, **Jill Kuill**; Riverbank Rehab Center, **Renate Glinkas**; Pacifica, **Jeanette Lenahan, Virginia Kuppens**; Standiford Place, **Marie Fuhr**; Stacies Chalet, **Kathleen Holmberg** and Windsor Post-Acute Healthcare Center, **Leah Meedom**. Have a wonderful summer.

See you in September!



*Providing
Educational
Resources
to Students
for
Gardening at
Area Schools*



Civic Affairs

By Gerry and Dan Yockey

It is with pride that we look back on all the accomplishments made this year with all the Civic Projects that the Garden Club is responsible for and maintains.

Today 30+ members gathered at the office to trek down to Modesto's downtown area, pushing those ugly shopping carts filled with summer flowers, water, and wearing the classy green Modesto Garden club vests. They performed their task in record time and returned to the office for lunch and fellowship. Thank you to Josie Para, Mary Helen Alonzo, and Pat Williams for preparing lunch for everyone and special thanks to all the volunteers, you made what could be a huge task seem easy. *(See photos on page 5.)*

Great things are happening with all our Civic Projects this next year, The Flower Clock is going through major refurbishing by Elaine Greydanus and her crew. Drive by and see their ideas come to life.

- The Victims Garden at the Court house is also in transition. Our new Budding Gardener group Wine and Roses has taken on this task with great ideas and have started planting summer flowers.
- Senior Citizens Center with Pixie Kinser and her crew have just about finished up with their project on the East side of the building. The flagpole and the Blue Star monument are still in process but delayed to late summer due to City approval processes that we are getting completed.
- Pat Williams has taken on the task of both Rose Gardens. The Gardens this Spring were stunning with the brilliant red and white roses making those gardens a must-see drive by.
- George Lucas Plaza needs a little help. Renata Glinkas has given this small but important project her love and affection for several years, unfortunately health issues have made it impossible to continue so we need someone to be responsible for the project. It would be great for someone who wants to be a part of keeping Modesto beautiful without a great deal of work and responsibility. contact us if you are interested.

It has been a wonderful Garden Club year and we want to thank everyone for their support and kind words. Please remember all funding for these important beautification projects come from funds generated by our Spring Garden Tour. Your generous support by purchasing tickets assures the success each year.

Yours in Gardening,
Gerry and Dan



***MGC's
Spring
Garden Tour
Committee***



622 14th Street
Modesto, CA 95354-2505

Return Service Requested

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MODESTO, CA
PERMIT NO. 628

Spring Garden Tour 2019

By Mary Lou Rice

What a wonderful day we had for the Tour this year. Beautiful weather, beautiful gardens.

We had a great committee again this year.

Arlene Robbins, Janice Garcia, Lynn Brooks and Rhonda Kluender located the properties for the tour. No easy task. Working together they were able to find some wonderful properties and they all worked with the homeowners to be sure the day of the Tour would go smoothly.

Once that was done Arlene Robbins and Ginger Johnson took on the awesome challenge of the Raffle.

Arlene always knows what she wants for gifts, she is particular about the presentation of the raffle items and the decorations on the food tables. She and Ginger staged the items in Ginger's garage and the day before the tour Ginger and her family spent many long hours delivering the raffle items along with the tables and linens used for the raffle and the food tables at the Delamare home. In the weeks leading up to the Tour it takes a lot of running around to arrange for tables, chairs and decorations for the event.

Judy Spencer was responsible for putting together the Ticket Book; interviewing homeowners, taking photos, designing the book and working with the printer. After the tour she designed a Photo Thank You Book for the homeowners. Cheryl Smith and Lynn Brooks took on Refreshments again this year. They did a first-class job. It takes a lot of time and travel gathering supplies in the days and weeks before the tour; and the day of the tour is a long day of replenishing food and drinks, so the tables always look fresh.

Deanna Clark and Rhonda Kluender had the difficult job of overseeing the Docents. You may not know this but just getting sign-ups is the beginning of the job. There is still the choice of where docents need to be placed at each garden and sending a reminder to each person who signed up. The day before the tour tables, ticket boxes and name tags must be dropped off at the homes. Then the same trip must be made in late afternoon the day of the tour to pick

everything up. It is a big job.

Jean Davis and I chipped in also. Jean oversaw Ticket Sales, delivery and pick-up. She was also in charge of keeping all of us on task—how many times did she redirect us to the topic on hand at committee meetings?

I did Public Relations, the designing and printing of posters, signs and newspaper articles. Between Judy Spencer and I we got all our requests for printed materials filled.

This is just a window into our world for the past year. We want to thank all the volunteers who served as Docents, you're a very important part of our success. Bottom line we hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to next year.

REMEMBER—Be a docent! Buy a ticket!

Membership

It is time to pay your dues and to update your personal information for the Yearbook.

Dues are \$40.00 and due by June 30, 2019. Pay Now and be sure to update so you're sure to receive all notifications for Meetings and Special Events.

Checks payable to Modesto Garden Club may be mailed to MGC, 622 14th Street, Modesto, CA 953654 or may be paid online at modestogardenclub.org.



May Meeting Snapshot