

The Redbud

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President's Message

Happy February, Garden Club Members,

It seems to me that our meeting this month should be a rain dance. Our mountains once again have hardly any snow! This weather of ours surely gives us all a lot to talk about! Perhaps somewhere in the future, a way will be found to move some of Boston's excess snow to California. I had some ice on my pond in December but the past six weeks have not even shown any frost, and I heard that Sacramento has gone over a year without frost.

All kinds of flowers are blooming nicely so I expect a very full horticulture table at our upcoming meeting. Be sure to bring what's showing off in your garden. We are once again privileged to be hearing Trey Pitsenberger give his annual talk to our club. If it's February, it has to be Trey! Following our meeting this month, we will have our lunch at the Murphy Garden Center. I believe it is about a third of the way down the hill to the Confluence. Diane Cornwall will guide us from the Ranger Station there. Remember, they have received plant sale grants from us, so it will be nice to see how they're spending the money.

Chris has some field trips on our spring schedule so please put these dates on your calendar: March 14 to Dawn Gardens, April 22 to Empire Mine Garden and Cottage, and May 13 to Troll Knoll. And, as long as you're marking dates, our June luncheon date has been changed to June 15 because of the CGCI Convention the previous week.

See you next week.

- Rick Krach, President

Help Needed

Joyce Davis, a long-standing member, is going to step down from taking in and preparing all of the garden-related crafts for our plant sale. She has done a fantastic job for **10+** years, and now it's time for someone else to step up! If you are interested, please speak up at the meeting, or let me know. If no one takes over, we will have to eliminate this portion of the plant sale. If you have questions about the responsibilities, please call Joyce at 530-823-2715, or talk to her at Monday's meeting. Thank you.

- Karen Sullivan

This Month's Speaker

What's new in the gardening world? Our annual visit from Trey Pitsenberger, owner of Golden Gecko Garden Center in Garden Valley, is always informative and entertaining!

February/March Calendar

February 23	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9:00 a.m.
March 14	Field trip to Dawn Gardens
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See you at the meeting next Monday, February 23!

Annual Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale takes place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9 a.m. –1 p.m. Volunteering to work at this event is a great opportunity for all members, new or long-time, to become acquainted with other members, help the club, learn, and have fun while doing it! Please be assured –**no experience is necessary!** Each new volunteer will work with an experienced one and get plenty of direction. Here are the areas and times where you can help:

<u>Date</u>		<u>Description & Location</u>
Sat., 4/25	6:15 a.m.	Meet at church and help put up signs at various locations
Sat., 4/25	6:30 a.m.	Help set up canopies, string tape, etc., in parking lot
Sat. 4/25	6:30 a.m.	Unload and help organize plants in parking lot (with direction)
Sat., 4/25	9a.m.-1p.m.	Taggers (count plants for cashiers) at sale, each to work 2-hour shifts (great for new members!)

All plants for the sale are donated, so pot up those plants now, bake your cookies, tell your friends, and come to the sale!

If you are donating plants, please bring them to the church from 7-8 a.m. on Saturday morning, 4/25. No outdoor plants may be delivered on Friday. If you have plants and cannot deliver them, please call Dianne Rubino at 530-823-8849, or Garth Chamblin at 530-878-3653.

For bake sale and indoor plants only:

Last year, all cookies and brownies sold; all small loaves sold, so bake the small ones please. Cookies and brownies sell best in small quantities, no more than 12 small, or six medium to a package, and cupcakes in quantities of six; flavors (lemon, strawberry, chocolate) sell better than white. Please package in clear bags or boxes, label each item, and indicate nuts or no nuts.

We will be at the church on Friday, 4/24 from 11-2 to receive any items for the bake or crafts sale, indoor plants, and food items for the volunteers. If you are unable to deliver on Friday, please bring on Saturday by 8 a.m. **We are unable to store any outdoor plants in the church on Friday.**

There will be another signup table for all of the above, near the food table, at this month's meeting.

We can't stress enough how valuable all of you are as members, and how important it is for you to become involved, while especially enjoying being in the Auburn Garden Club. If you have any questions about any of the above, please feel free to call me (Karen) at 530-823-3409, or email me at tchosull@inreach.com.

All proceeds from this sale to benefit the Auburn Garden Club Grants Program.

**Please get involved - no experience necessary!
Thank You!**

- Karen Sullivan