

# The Redbud

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## President's Message

Happy March, Garden Club Members,

I teased last time about doing a rain dance, but it's really getting serious now. Don't you wish there was something we could do! The last reason I heard was that the declining amount of polar ice is what's pulling the jet stream too far north. It stands to reason, because Alaska has had little snow and is warmer, too. Just like the warmer polar summers keep the jet stream away from us, giving us zero summer rain naturally.

We had some clouds during our enjoyable visit to Dawn Gardens and to the Angulo home last Saturday, but that just kept it nicely cool for nearly 30 of us who attended. It was a pleasant surprise to see so many daffodils still in bloom at Barry Friesen's place. Chris had arranged to have a tour in which we got to see numerous very unusual plants, like the Bristlecone Pine. Coming soon will be a similar tour of the gardens in the Empire Mine.

Lunch last month in the Murphy Garden Center gave us a perfect opportunity to see all the plants that our grant provided to them. Even Trey came with us and was impressed. This month we have the opportunity to visit Karen Sullivan's home/garden so I hope that a good number of you will take the chance to be with us.

See you Monday.

- Rick Krach, President

## Directions to Karen's

Following Monday's meeting, I welcome you to join me at my home, but just a warning: my garden is not spectacular, as my backyard is a slope, and mostly a nightmare! However, I do have many indoor plants I enjoy, and if you come, I will make a delectable dessert to share with you! I live just off Lincoln Way, about ¾ mile from Raley's, toward town.

From the church, go back to the freeway, and head east on I-80. Exit at Lincoln Way and turn right. Go two blocks (pass the apartments), and turn left on Hidden Glen. Go clear to the bottom, and Pebble Ct. is the last one on the right. My house is yellow with the blue trim, 13207 Pebble Ct. You can also turn right from the church and go all the way up High St., past town, and at the 4-way stop turn left on Lincoln Way. Then go a couple of miles, and turn right on Hidden Glen. It's just past where the speed limit changes from 25 to 35mph. Hope to see you there!

Karen Sullivan

## New Members

Please welcome new members: Lindsay Rand from Auburn, and Chris Richter from Newcastle. Say hi if you see them at the meeting.

## This Month's Speaker

Karrie Reid has a Masters Degree in Ornamental Horticulture from UCD. She has been testing and devaluating the UCD Arboretum All-Stars for several years. Karrie will share with us the latest on drought resistant plants with her talk "Beyond the All-Stars".

## Field Trip

On Wednesday, April 22 at 10:00 am we will meet at the Empire Mine Historic Park parking lot. The address is: 10791 Empire St. in Grass Valley. Please follow the signs to the Empire St. exit of Highway 49. We will have an exclusive tour of the cottage with a docent who will dress up in costume, and garden tour docents who will lead us on a tour of the gardens. We can eat our lunch outside on picnic tables near the parking lot. I will collect a fee of \$11 in the parking lot which includes the tour and the entrance fee. I would prefer exact cash.

It should be an exciting time of year in the gardens there. Please call me at 530-878-7350 if you plan to attend, or there will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Thank you,  
Chris Hansell

## March/April Calendar

March 23	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9:00am
April 22	Field trip to Empire Mine Historic Park
April 25	Annual Plant Sale, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 9:00 am to 1pm
April 27	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9:00am

**See you at the meeting next Monday, March 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 &amp; 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 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](mailto:tchosull@inreach.com).

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

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