

The Redbud

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President's Message

Happy April Garden Club Members,

You are getting this newsletter a little earlier than usual this month because it's a very busy time and lots for us to remember. Besides our biggest event of the year, the plant sale this Saturday, Wednesday is the Empire Mine Garden tour, which we are looking forward to. So both events are before our meeting next week. Please take a couple of extra hours before Saturday morning to look around your yard and see if you might have one or two potted plants which you can part with, maybe house plants. If everyone picked out a couple of "precious" plants we could have an extra hundred or so to sell.

We had a fun time at Karen Sullivan's home for lunch last month; fun because she fed us some fabulous desserts! As you all know, I'm not anything of a cook but I'm having the lunch at my place this month. Maybe you can come and be entertained by seeing my new barn. I look forward to showing it to you! Being April, it is again time for our board meeting, so officers and past presidents be sure to come.

Now for the part of this letter that I'm embarrassed to bring up: yes, I did forget to pay attention to our club election's procedures and bylaws! A nominating committee never entered my mind and we have our annual elections this month! I guess it happened because no officers gave me any indication of wishing to quit; in fact, not even any chairmen (aside from the Grant Committee which we've known about all year) have mentioned wanting to be replaced. So, regardless of officers not quitting, we will still have an election and it does not have to be a simple reconfirmation of current officers. We have new members and I would love to see some of you step up and volunteer to take over for me as president, for Barb as vice president, for Lynne as secretary, or for Erin as treasurer. Remember how Erin, as a brand new member, stepped right up and volunteered to be treasurer a few years ago? Now is the time for some of you to do the same.

See many of you on Wednesday, more of you on Saturday, and most of you next Monday.

- Rick Krach, President

This Month's Speaker

Organic Gardening: Our exceptional speaker from last October, Amigo Bob Cantisano is an organic farm advisor, gardening radio host, founder of the Felix Gillet Institute and countless other organizations, and somuch more. He also started the Peaceful Valley Farm in GV. Amigo Bob is in the process of planting a Mother Orchard, to perpetuate the qualities of the many heritage plants, flowers, and trees, whose seeds and fruits he has collected and studied for many years.

Thank you

I would like to say a special thank you to 3 "tough" girls who have been helping me set up for Garden Club meetings: Virginia Rowley, Ruth Peterhans, and Billy True. They have relieved me of much stress. Also, please remember the date change of the installation meeting to June 15.

- Claudia Duncan, Hospitality

April 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 signup sheet at the next meeting.

- Chris Hansell, Field Trips

May Field Trip

We are going to Troll Knoll Gardens in Penn Valley on Wednesday, May 13. More than 20 years ago, husband and wife, John Morris and Ann Wilson purchased 20 acres of foothill property in Penn Valley. The blackened acreage had burned in the 49er fire and the hillsides were scattered with hundreds of charred pine trees. Over the past 20 years, the couple has built 2.5 miles of winding paths, 3,000 rose plants, 10,000 daylilies and 1,700 trees. John Morris leads the tour of his whimsical gardens and is quite a storyteller. He talks in his southern drawl and his comment about his gardens that "nothing here is what it seems" is an understatement! More information will be coming at the next meeting. Hope you can join us.

- Chris Hansell, Field Trips

Celebrate with Rosemary

Our darling friend and long-time member, Rosemary Headley, will turn 100 on May 18. She is doing quite well; however, she now motivates mostly in a wheelchair, as she broke her foot, and it didn't heal well. The home where she resides is planning a gathering to celebrate her on Saturday, May 16, at 2pm., and we are invited to share in the celebration! It will be held at Jabez Homestead, 1720 Lilac Lane, Auburn.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to me, Karen Sullivan, 530-823-3409, or email me at tchosull@inreach.com, so I can give them an idea of how many will attend. **Please let me know by April 30**, or at this month's meeting. I know it will please Rosemary to see some of her long-time friends from the club. She joined in 1956!

If you cannot attend, she would be pleased to receive a birthday card at the above address.

Also, the next day, on Sunday, May 17, 10am – 11am, the DAR is going to dedicate the service to Rosemary at Pioneer United Methodist Church, followed by refreshments at 11am. Again, we are all welcome to attend and celebrate with her. The church is located at 1338 Lincoln Way in Auburn.

April/May Calendar

April 27	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
May 13	Field trip to Troll Knoll Gardens
May 18	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9:00am (Please note <u>third</u> Monday this month)

See you at the meeting next Monday, April 27!

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!)

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.**

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!**

Auburn Garden Club Minutes
March 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9am by President Rick Krach. Other officers present were Vice President Barbara Ogden, Secretary Lynne Fagundes and Treasurer Erin Angulo. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were 63 members and guests present.

Inspiration Chairman Lorene Accurso shared two great messages with us.
The February minutes were approved by the membership.
Treasurer Erin Angulo reported an ending checkbook balance of \$7921.69.

Old Business:

Our club is responsible for the floral decorations on 24 dinner tables at one of the meals for the State Convention in Reno, Nevada. Ruth Peterhans volunteered to chair the committee. Lynne Fagundes and Suzi Stark-Beeson will help her. Sue Bennett of Roseville Garden Club will be installed as the State President on Thursday, June 11. A scrapbook is being created with the hope that all members will sign it.

There is still a need for a Grants Committee Chairman. Karen Tajbl visited the site of daffodils planted from one of the grants presented last year.

New Business and Announcements:

Master Gardeners reported that their soil classes drew more than 50 people to the four workshops. Their 30th annual Mother's Day Garden Tour will be held on May 10 from 10am - 4pm. There is a fee of \$20, and tickets may be purchased at Easley, Green Acres, and Bushnell Nurseries. Tickets can be purchased beginning April 25.

The after meeting lunch will be at the home of Karen Sullivan with the promise of a delicious dessert.

Committee Reports:

Field Trip Chairman Chris Hansell reported a turnout of 25 club people at the Dawn Gardens tour. A docent led tour of Empire Mine and Cottage will be April 22. A fee of \$11 should be in Chris' hands before entering.

Hospitality Chairman Claudia Duncan thanked Marie Lewis, Mickie Tomich, Barbara Tellman, Karen & Dan Tajbl and Chris Kreps for furnishing the break time food. She also reminded us that the date of the Installation Luncheon has been changed from June 8 to June 15.

Membership Chairman Carlos Angulo reported six people visiting. There are still 47 members who need to pay their 2015-2016 dues. Envelopes are on his table.

Plant Sale Chairman Garth Chamblin reminded us there are only 30 days until the day of the Plant Sale. There are pots, soil, markers and pens available and Garth is willing to help members who need plants dug from their yards. Karen Sullivan has postcards and flyers for advertising purposes. Carlos displayed two banners recently purchased. Baked goods and houseplants may be delivered to the church the Friday before the sale between 11 AM & 2 PM. New Yard Art Chairman Chris Richter reported her plans and that 'treasures' can be brought the 24th or she will pick them up from your home if necessary.

Propagation Chairman Saul Wiseman's group will meet at his home on April 9, and all are welcome. The Perennial Garden Club, of which Saul is President, is having a sale at the Shepherd Garden Center in Sacramento on March 28.

Publicity Chairman Richard Huntley continues to publicize club events.

Sunshine Chairman Claire Gumz has sent a get well card to Monna Ruskauff following her accident.

Mike Malvey requested help in making signs for his plants. Mike is so appreciated for all his hard work over many years

Horticulture Chairman Rick Krach showed the many plant specimens brought by members. There were lots of questions and answers and an informative talk by Peggy Beltramo about Monarch Butterflies and the type of milkweed on which they lay their eggs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am for a break, followed by a talk by our guest speaker Karrie Reid, who spoke on "Beyond the UCD All-Stars".

Lynne Fagundes, Secretary.