



The Redbud

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President's Message

Happy January 2016 Garden Club Members,

Hopefully all of you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season, taking advantage of the continually rainy weather to take time off from your garden. At my place I've had a good dozen inches of rain in the past month! And, there does not seem to be any let up in the near future, everyone saying that El Nino has finally arrived.

Because of the weather uncertainty, I'd like to have our after-meeting lunch at a home where we can eat inside, and relatively close to the church. Perhaps Saul and Peggy can think about this and let me know. Also, a few others of you who live close to the church and have inside possibilities, please email me.

We surely enjoyed our Christmas luncheon at Awful Annie's new location last month! It was fabulous how Claudia and others decorated Annie's back room and made it welcoming. I hope that those of you who attended did enjoy our new gifting procedure.

Two more things about this month's meeting: First, I'm looking forward to hearing Eltha Hannum because if she's been involved with garden clubs for 62 years, maybe she can tell us about the good old days! Second, this month is our quarterly board meeting, and since we neglected it last time, let's be sure to keep on track.

See you next week.

- Rick Krach, President

Field Trip

In October 2015 we had a speaker named Susan Gouveia who spoke about making peace with our weeds and also about the fact that she has cooking demonstrations in her home on eating more healthy, and using plants from her garden. I am tentatively setting up a field trip at her house in Alta

Sierra for Monday, Feb. 8. She will only offer this opportunity if we can have at least 10 people. For \$25 she will cook lunch for us, show us her winter garden, and she has helpful hints on maintaining the garden. She remarks in her blog that she prevented herself from having knee surgery by changing her eating habits!

Please contact Chris Hansell - foothillrose@gmail.com or 530 878-7350 if you are able to attend this very special event. I need to let her know soon.

- Chris Hansell, Field Trips

This Month's Speaker

Eltha Hannum will talk to us about 'Attracting Butterflies in our Yards'. She has been the Butterfly and Bird Chairman for both the Sacramento Valley and the Golden Foothill districts. Gardening and flower arranging are her passions!

January/February Calendar

January 25 Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9:00am
February 22 Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9:00am

Auburn Garden Club Minutes November 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Rick Krach. Other officers present were Vice President Erin Angulo, Secretary Lynne Fagundes and Treasurer Susan Pruess. Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 38 members present. "Leaves", an inspirational poem, was read by Lorene Accurso. The September minutes were approved. Susan Preuss reported an ending checkbook balance of \$6211.81 reflecting the withdrawal of \$5,000 to be presented to the chosen grant recipients.

Old Business:

We were reminded that the gift exchange has a new format this year, "Make, Bake or Grow" gifts to be given. Wrapping of the gifts will be member's choice.

New Business and Announcements:

Master Gardener Kortne Phillips has the beautiful new Master Gardener's 2016 calendars for sale for \$10 each or five for \$45.

We will be eating our brown bag lunches in the garden of Lynne Fagundes today.

Claudia Duncan told of a Sacramento Bee article she brought for members to learn of a new repellent to keep animals out of our gardens. The article contains an online address for ordering.

Committee Chair Reports:

Field Trip Chairman Chris Hansell told of members touring Easley's Nursery Poinsettia Celebration.

Hospitality Chair Virginia Rowley thanked Gail Carlson, Monna Ruskauff, Lorene Accurso and Virginia Rowley for the 'goodies' provided at the break. She reminded us of the Christmas Luncheon to be held at Awful Annie's on December 14th at 11:30. Members need to sign up and pay the \$15 fee so reservations can be made. The servers will be tipped \$20 each from the hospitality chair's fund.

Propagation Chair Saul Wiseman will have a meeting at his home for propagation of hardwood cuttings the second Thursday of next month at 10 am.

Membership Chair Carlos Angulo introduced new members Terri Kinnear and Sunny Firpo.

Plant Sale Chair Richard Huntley had a meeting at his home in November and will have another on January 19th. All members are invited to attend to discuss details of the April 23, 2016 sale. Garth Chamblin has pots and markers for anyone needing them and will help to dig plants if members aren't able to do so themselves. He also is happy to sharpen and repair garden implements. As Publicity Chair Richard had articles in the Auburn Journal and Sacramento Bee.

Sunshine Chair Claire Gumz will send a card to member Julie Wiseman who has been ill for several weeks.

Website Chair Todd Alleckson asked that errors or additions noticed on the site by members be reported to him so that they can be fixed.

The meeting was adjourned for a break after which Auburn Garden Club grants for 2015 were presented to:

Alta Vista Community Charter School – Project: Our Community School Garden - \$500
Rock Creek Elementary School – Project: Rock Creek Elementary School Garden - \$500
Auburn Elementary School –Project: Auburn Elementary School Panther Patch - \$500
Pathways Charter iLearn Academy – Project: iLearn Garden, Watch Us row!- \$500
E.V. Cain STEM Charter Middle School – Project: E. V. Cain Campus Life Lab - \$500
Placer Nature Center – Project: Gardening Education for Families and at Summer Camp - \$1250
Share The Harvest: Community Food Bank, Inc.DBA Compassion Planet – Project: Deer Creek Farm Winter Planting Program -\$1250

In lieu of a speaker today, Rick Krach conducted a lively Q&A with the membership.

Lynne Fagundes, Secretary