



# The Redbud

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## President's Message

Happy April everyone!

Are you as tired of this rain as I am? I know for the past five years we have been praying, begging, doing rain dances and who knows what else – I think we took it too far! My garden is knee-high with weeds but the ground is much too wet to do anything and too cold to get my starts in the ground. Patience is not a virtue I have when it comes to getting outside and playing in the dirt!

Our annual plant sale is just around the corner. Please be sure to contact Richard Huntley and Linda Ewing with what you are bringing – plant ID and numbers. Karen Sullivan and Chris Richter will be working on the inside of the church. Thank YOU to all of you who are helping and contributing in one way or another. It is a lot of work to put on this event and it all goes back to our community.

After our meeting on Monday we will be heading to Linda Ewing's home to see her garden! A board meeting will follow. See you all soon and happy gardening!

- Erin Angulo, President

## This Month's Speaker

Henry Batsel, owner of a historic home and garden near Robie Point in auburn, presents his garden as an example of plantings from the early days of Auburn.

## March/April Calendar

April 24	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9a
April 29	Annual Plant Sale, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 9 am to 1 pm
May 22	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9a

## Next meeting: Monday, April 24

### Neonics

At the last meeting, Peggy Beltramo offered to write about neonics. Here is the article:

Neonicotinoids (“Neonics”)? At the last garden club meeting, there was a discussion about neonicotinoids. Here is more information on the subject:

Neonicotinoids, (say knee-oh-**nick**’-oh-tin-oids) or “neonics” (**knee**’-oh-nicks) were introduced in the 1990s and are now the world’s most widely used pesticide.

### **Many nursery plants are treated by growers to eliminate unsightly damage to their plants. ASK BEFORE YOU BUY.**

Information on neonicotinoids excerpted from

<https://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/insects/docs/protect-pollinators-in-landscape.pdf>

One group of pesticides, the neonicotinoids, has recently been studied intensively by scientists to determine their impact on bees, primarily because of their widespread agricultural use on field crops. However, neonicotinoids are also used by homeowners in yards and gardens. Neonicotinoids are a class of insecticide that acts on the insect’s nervous system. They are more selective, having greater toxicity for insects than mammals, and safer for humans to use than most old classes of insecticides. They are toxic when ingested or through direct contact. The most widely used neonicotinoids – imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, clothianidin and dinotefuran – are all highly toxic to bees. Neonicotinoids move upwards in xylem sap internally within plants when applied to the plant’s base (to roots via a soil application, or to the stem via injection or a basal spray), where they can later reach nectar and pollen. Neonicotinoids, like most insecticides, will cause significant harm if pollinators come directly into contact with them. This exposure generally occurs when a neonicotinoid is misused and sprayed on a blooming plant or one that will bloom soon. Bees and other pollinators can also collect contaminated pollen or nectar from the treated plants and bring it back to their colony, creating high risk of harm to the colony. Research studies have demonstrated native and honey bees can be harmed by small amounts of pesticides in nectar and pollen. When a neonicotinoid is applied as a soil drench (a dilute solution poured around the plant base), it may persist for a year or more, especially in woody plants, and can also move into weeds or flowers growing over the drenched soil. If some of the insecticide moves into pollen or nectar it may not kill bees directly, but it can act as a stressor to affect larval growth, susceptibility to diseases, navigation or winter survival.

Commercial products that contain neonicotinoids list here:

<http://xerces.org/wings-magazine/neonicotinoids-in-your-garden/>

California Senate Bill 602 mandates labeling of all treated plants and seeds. Read it here:

[http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB602](http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB602)

## Annual Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale takes place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 9 am to 1 pm. 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. 4/29	6:15 am	Meet at church and help put up signs at various locations
Sat. 4/29	6:30 am	Help set up canopies, string tape, etc., in parking lot
Sat. 4/29	6:30 am	Unload and help organize plants in parking lot (with direction)
Sat. 4/29	9 am – 1 pm	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 by 7:30 am on Saturday, 4/29. No outdoor plants may be delivered on Friday. If you have plants and cannot deliver them, please call Richard Huntley at 530-823-8087.

### **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, 4/28 from 11 – 1 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 Saturday by 8 am. **We are unable to store any outdoor plants in the church on Friday.**

There will be a 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.**

## **Auburn Garden Club Minutes**

**March 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 by President Erin Angulo. Other officers present were Vice President Barbara Tellman, Treasurer Susan Pruess, Secretary Eleanor Cadiente. Board members present were Saul Wiseman, Rick Krach, Claire Gumz, Peggy Beltramo and Claudia Duncan. The inspirational message was read by Rick Krach. Minutes from the February meeting were approved with the following correction: Debbie Arlington will replace Karen Sullivan as Sunshine Chair. Debbie Cattaneo will replace Karen Sullivan to make the club's name tags. Susan stated our ending check book balance was \$4,970.94. There were 55 members present and one guest.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Field Trip Chair Chris Hansell** told us there will be one field trip on May 18<sup>th</sup> to Martha's Gardens in Newcastle. Insurance for all members while on field trips or all members signing waivers while on field trips was discussed.

**Hospitality Chair Virginia Rowley** reminded us the date of our annual June luncheon at Awful Annie's is June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Sign ups for bringing refreshments to our meetings are needed . Today's refreshments were provided by: Erin Angulo, Debbie Arlington, Gail Carlson and Bee Olsen.

**Carlos Angulo, Membership Chair**, introduced our guest Dayna Peterson from Auburn.

Yearly club dues of \$20.00 are now due.

**Plant Sale Chair Richard Huntley** reminded us we need more plants for our sale. Sandy Slaton told us we can still sign up to work at the sale.

**Karen Sullivan** needs help the morning of the sale in the bake sale area at 8am. Ruth Peterhans volunteered. Friday from 11 to 1 is the time to drop off indoor plants, baked goods and garden art. Indoor objects for sale may be given to Chris Richter at the next regular meeting.

**Propagation Chair Saul Wiseman** reminded us the next propagation meeting will be the 2nd Thursday of April, at 10 am at his home.

The phone number for obtaining manure from Carol was given. It is 916-291-9831 How to use peat moss was discussed.

**Horticulture Chair Claire Gumz** discussed the many plants brought in.

In the absence of Edibles Chair Dave Faoro, there was no Edible Report. The correct time to plant vegetables was briefly discussed.

### **Old Business:**

**Rick Krach** reported there is nothing new regarding the Blue Star Memorial Sign.

**New Business:**

**Master Gardener Kortne Phillips** told us of the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Mothers Day Garden Tour to be held in Rocklin, Roseville, and Loomis this year on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available for purchase the end of April.

**Elizabeth Cutter** told us of Senate Bill 602. This calls for a labeling of all plants that have been treated with neonicotinide. **Peggy Beltramo** volunteered to give us a report on this In our next newsletter.

Erin told us replacements for Secretary and Field Trip Chair are still needed.

Karen made a request for someone to help Joyce Davis at the greeting table during regular meetings. Also needed is a replacement for Karen to take over the bake sale part of our annual plant sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 for a break, followed by our speaker Nancy Gilbert She will speak on Creating Bird Friendly Landscapes. After the meeting lunch will be at the home of Deb Cattaneo in Foresthill.

Eleanor Cadiente, Secretary