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President's Message

What a February we have had so far!

My daffodils are almost done, the oaks are leafing out, strawberries and blueberries have flowers already! Wishing for rain but loving the warm weather.

We have Trey Pitsenberger speaking this month; I always look forward to what he has to say about the nursery industry and his shop – and what he brings to sell!

We do not have a planned garden this month – anyone interested in sharing their yard to the club? If not, we can do a field trip to our place - everything is green right now!

I am also looking forward to the field trip Claire Gumz has planned for Feb 20. Meet at the church if you want to join us.

Also, the plant sale is right around the corner – please help by getting plants in pots for the sale on April 28.

See you soon!

Erin Angulo

Month Meeting

Monday, February 26 at 9:00 am. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Auburn, CA

Note from the Membership Chair, Carlos Angulo

Just a friendly reminder

Dues are \$20 per individual and are due for renewal on March 1st. For new members dues payments received after January 1st will be extended to include the following year. Make checks out to AGC membership. you can make a payment with Carlos at the meeting or send in the check made out to Auburn Garden Club to [20548 Dawnridge Dr](http://20548DawnridgeDr) Grass Valley CA 95949.

This Month's Speaker

“What’s New in Gardening in 2018?” is the topic the February speaker, Trey Pitsenberger, owner of Golden Gecko Nursery in Garden Valley will be presenting on February 26. Trey comes every year to point out what is the newest plant, product, and technique for spring gardening in our area. He also has many beekeeping supplies and knowledge to share. This is always a favorite presentation. Barbara Tellman, Vice President

Upcoming Events Auburn Garden Club Field Trip

Tuesday, Feb 20, 2018 is the Field Trip Day for February. We're going to go to the Fair Oaks Blvd Nursery in Sacramento. Their website is: www.fairoaksblvdnursery.com
Address: [4681 Fair Oaks Blvd; Sacramento, CA 95864](#) Open Every Day 8:30 to 5. Phone: [916-483-1830](tel:916-483-1830)

We will be meeting @ the church by 10 am. & arriving @ the nursery by 11 am.; we'll leave no later than 10:15 am. My plan is to follow each other down Hwy 80 to Watt Ave. And then follow each other to Fair Oaks Blvd (which has a gas station on each corner – 4 in total) and turn left onto the Blvd. I would suggest that we drive in the “slow lane” on the Blvd. until we get near the cross street, Mission. The nursery is located on the left hand side of the Blvd – corner of Mission & Fair Oaks Blvd. Easy to miss because their building looks like the houses on the street. IF you plan on driving down there using your own GPS info, please let me know. I don't have GPS & my phone is dumb. The manager is expecting 10 or more people for the tour & will be expecting any and all kinds of questions. Bring your lunch... the truth be told, I didn't ask if we could eat there. This is the 1st field trip I've ever planned for the AGC. * PLUS* – during the break at the January meeting, I was told that Fair Oaks Blvd Nursery does NOT guarantee their plants. If you still purchase plants, make sure you ask for planting care & culture + follow their advice. Claire Gumz

Got Questions?

David Warman fellow AGC member and Mastergardener:

There are now three ways you can contact a Master Gardener to get your questions answered:

1. Email your question by completing the [Ask A Gardening Question](#) form. Simply complete our online form describing the help you need from us. Choose how you would like us to respond to your request (by email or phone) and we will contact you during our Hotline office hours of Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am. to Noon.
2. Call the Master Gardener Hotline at [530-889-7388](tel:530-889-7388) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am to Noon to speak to a Master Gardener. Outside of these hours, you can leave a message with your name, phone number and question, and your call will be returned on the next staffed day.
3. Visit the Placer County Master Gardener Office located at 11477 E Avenue in the DeWitt Center in Auburn. Master Gardeners are on site Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am to Noon. You can bring in a plant or pest sample for diagnosis contained in a sealed plastic bag. The office is open to accept samples Monday-Friday 8 am to 5 pm.

About Dawn Garden in Grass Valley

From Tim Crowley new member of AGC would like to recommend that everyone consider a virtual one. If people will go to [Dawn Landscaping.com](http://DawnLandscaping.com) and click on Dawn Gardens, they will get some great visuals of a 12 acre garden in Grass Valley. **There is an Open House at the garden on March 17th** when it will be open for a real visit (free). There is also a lot of background information on its development and other open dates. Tim Crowley (916) 645-7881.

Note from Editor – Chris Hansell

Articles should be sent to agclubnewsletter@gmail.com by the 8th of the month.

Auburn Garden Club General Meeting Minutes
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Auburn
January 22, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by President Erin Angulo.

Other officers present were Susan Pruess, Barbara Tellman, and Alice Mork, Claire Gumz and Rich Krach.

There were 40 members and 5 guests present.

The inspirational message was given by Rich Krach

The minutes from the November meeting were approved

Susan Pruess reported a checkbook balance of \$6174.16 including the Donner Club contribution of \$1651.

Committee Reports

Claire Gumz has arranged the February Field Trip to the Fair Oaks Boulevard Nursery on Tuesday February 20. We will meet at the Church at 10AM. The nursery is located at 4681 Fair Oaks Blvd. At the corner of Fair Oaks and Mission. The field trip will be held rain or shine. Tim Crowley announced that Dawn Gardens will be open March 17. If it rains, the garden will be open the following week. Rick says it is better than Daffodil Hill.

Hospitality Chair, Virginia Rowley was not present, Erin Angulo thanked those who brought today's refreshments and reminded everyone to sign up to bring refreshments for the next few months.

Guests today were Jan Bowman, Debra Meyers, Carolyn Hendricks, Al Lombardo and Andrea Knox.

Richard Huntley Plant Sale/Publicity Chair reported the next plant sale meeting will be tomorrow at 10AM due to a mix-up with email. He also noted Sac Bee has gone up to \$48. a month! Plus, the Calendar with AGC meeting information was on the Obituary page. It was announced from the floor that if you have a Sacramento Library card you can read the Bee online on the library website.

Chris Hansell asked members to send her information for the newsletter by the 8th of the month.

Sunshine: It was announced that Virginia Rowley's husband died yesterday. Erin will email funeral information. Debbie Arlington reported Claudia Duncan is still feeling overwhelmed with her husband's stroke. Erin read a thank you note from Ann Wallace of the District Garden Club, thanking the club for inviting her to the Christmas Luncheon.

Edibles Chair Dave Faoro has set up the seed table for people to share seeds or take seeds. He will send an email about what seeds should be planted when. He also noted he has grown lettuce seeds from his grandfather which were stored in a mason jar. Seeds can remain viable for a long time. He says daylight is now 10 hrs a day. Time to plant!

Foothills Magazine is asking for an artichoke grower to interview. Erin noted a tip Peggy Beltramo passed along to save the silica gel packets that come with new shoes and add them to seed storage. It will absorb moisture and protect the seeds.

Horticulture: Claire Gumz identified plant material brought in and answered questions from the floor. Grasses, wait a year to cut back. Plant container plants into the garden with a 5-20-10 starter fertilizer. Plant avocados close to the house for some protection. Small weeds can be flamed now, also treated with vinegar or salt. Gene asked for tips to control thrips on ornamentals. Blue sticky tape or, from Claire, blue fish trays from the butcher. Thrips are attracted to blue. Choose small plants to bed out violas and pansies. Woody hydrangeas can be thinned out.

New Business

Master Gardeners: Kortne Phillips is asking for gardens to be considered for the Mother's Day Garden Tour on May 13. April 14 will be the Master Gardeners Garden Fair in Rocklin. The Master Gardener's Hot line is answered 9-12 on M W and Th, [530-889-7388](tel:530-889-7388). Richard Huntley reminded everyone of the bus ride sponsored by the Rose Society to the S.F. Garden Show, \$55. Contact Cindy Phipps at [916-420-0344](tel:916-420-0344).

Rick Krach has bagged compost in his truck and on the raffle table.

Meeting adjourned at 10AM.

Today's speaker is our own Dave Faoro about how he prepares and plants his vegetable beds.

Alice Mork

