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President's Message

February 2019

Winter is finally here! We have had lots of rain, no snow and only a little bit of frost. Of course, the week before the weather was in the 60's and I got eager to plant lettuce! I have my roses all pruned and spread Epsom Salt around the base. As soon as it warms up, I will be looking for plants to dig up and pot for our plant sale in April – hope you are doing the same!

More garden catalogs are arriving in the mail. I love to spend time drooling over the gorgeous flowers and delicious looking vegetables. What is your favorite seed company?

We have hatched over 150 baby chicks in the last few weeks. Yellow fluff balls are in our basement and garage. At just 3 days old they start growing their adult feathers! Amazing!

One of our favorite speakers, Trey Pitsenburg, will be at our February meeting – he always has the best to share with our members! Next meeting: Monday, February 25, 2019

Enjoying my garden,

Erin Angulo

New Members

No new members. Membership is \$25 and due March 1st. New this year, we accept credit cards for membership payments, and there is a \$0.68 convenience fee.

Last month's Speaker Information

Here's the information about the January guest speaker:

Parker Stewart, Naturalist

Effie Yeaw Nature Center

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This Month's Speaker

Our speaker this month is Mr. Trey Pitsenberger owner of “The Golden Gecko Garden Center”. Trey is an expert in plant care, from soil preparation, planting, watering and fertilizing. He also hosts beekeeping workshops.

The Golden Gecko garden center was created by Trey and Monica Pitsenberger in 2004. Prior to that they operated the well-known Happy Frog Garden Center in Auburn for 7 years. Trey and Monica both have deep horticultural roots spanning three decades. The Garden Center also boasts an online presence and the ability to help folks nationwide with their gardening questions and needs.

Field Trips

Wednesday Walk with Warren (You are on your own for this field trip)

February 13, 2019 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Arboretum Gazebo

Join Warren Roberts, superintendent emeritus of the UC Davis Arboretum for an exploration of winter in the UC Davis Arboretum’s gardens and collections for this free event which is open to the public. For directions, parking info and a map visit: <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/events/wednesday-walks-warren>.

Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery

Tuesday - March 12, 2019 at 10:00am

The mission of Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery is to promote awareness of the benefits of native plant habitat, encourage community involvement, and provide a source of local native plants for restoration projects as well as gardeners. The director will give us a personal tour of the whole facility which also includes edibles and an orchard. You may visit their website at: sacvalleycnps.org. There will be a sign up sheet at our February meeting for those who would like to carpool.

Master Gardener News

Also the Master Gardener Hot Line for gardening questions operates all year round so gardeners can call, email, or come in with their questions and a Master Gardener will research and answer your questions... Call 530-889-7388 Tues-Wed-Thurs 9 am to noon to talk to a Master Gardener...there is a live person during those hours, but if they are busy and you get the answering machine leave your name and number and they will call you back.

· Online: http://pcmg.ucanr.org/Got_Questions. Complete the online form and a Master Gardener will respond by phone or email.

· Visit 11477 E. Avenue (DeWitt Center,) Auburn. Master Gardeners are on site during the hours listed above for calls. Bring in a sample for diagnosis (preferably in a sealed plastic bag) or drop off your sample Mon-Fri 8 am to 5 pm.

Upcoming Events

UC Master Gardeners of Placer County are holding their 4th Annual Garden Faire, April 13, 10 AM to 3 PM in Roseville at the Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville. Free Admission.

It promises to be a great event.

Talks by experts: Vegetable Gardening by Kevini Marini, Master Gardener and Composter. The Future of Water by Robert Littlepage, Landscape Architect. Pollinators and Native Plants by Tora Rocha, founder Pollinator Posse.

Things to see and do: Hands-on demonstrations. Information by Master Gardeners. Composting advice. Info on bees, butterflies and chickens. Succulents to plant. Garden art and plants for sale. Crafts for kids. Food trucks. Door prizes.

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Dawn Gardens

“You are invited to view Dawn Gardens on March 16, 2019 from 9 AM to 5 PM. You are welcome to walk around the 8 acres of gardens and see the 50,000 daffodils, 1,500 Anemone Blanda and 1,000 Grape Hyacinths. You are welcome to enjoy the coffee, scones, and donuts as you walk around. A golf cart is available to give rides to people who have difficult walking.” The address is 14446 Perimeter Rd., Grass Valley.
Barry Friesan, Dawn Landscaping.

Inspirational from Rick Krach

As summer came to an end, all of the flowers in the garden wanted to know which flower was the best:

The pink roses said, "We are the best because we were the first flowers to bloom in the spring."

The white daisies said, "Oh no, we are the best because we have pretty flowers all summer long."

The big yellow mums said, "Don't be silly, we are the best because we are the last flowers to bloom in the autumn."

Each flower argued that they were the best. But when people came to see the garden, they stopped. All the flowers were quiet and looked very proud so people would say that they were the best.

One day the gardener came into the garden. The pink roses fluffed their petals so that they would look best. All of the white daisies stood up tall so they would look the best. The yellow mums beamed in the sunlight so that they would look the best. All the flowers were sure that the gardener would say they were the best. But the gardener only smiled and said, "Look at all of my pretty flowers!"

The gardener took a basket and began to put the pink roses into it. The roses were sure they were special because they were picked first. But the daisies just laughed at the roses, "Ha-ha! You are not pretty enough to stay in the garden."

Next the gardener put some daisies in the basket and the mums began to laugh, "Told you! We are the best because we are the only flowers left in the garden."

Finally the gardener put the mums into the basket. Again, all the flowers began to fight over who was the best.



When the gardener got to the house, he began to put all of the beautiful flowers into a vase. First he put the pink roses into the vase, remembering that they were the first flowers to bloom in the spring. Next he put the yellow daisies into the vase and thought how wonderful to see them every day when he walked in the garden. Finally he put the mums into the vase; he was very excited to finally see the autumn flowers. He had been waiting all summer to see them.

The gardener put the vase on the table and said, "I have the prettiest bouquet of flowers. Alone each flower is the best, but together they look perfect!"

Suddenly the flowers realized that all along each one was the best that they could be. But it wasn't until the gardener made a bouquet of all of the flowers together that they became something special. At last all the flowers were happy.

Auburn Garden Club Minutes
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Auburn CA.
January 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Erin Angulo, President, at 9AM

There were 50 in attendance.

Erin recognized our special guest Sally Ough. Welcome Sally!

The inspiration was read by Rick Krach.

The November 2018 minutes were accepted as written.

Susan Pruess was traveling in Norway and Erin reported that the cash bank balance is \$6415.48.

Committee Reports:

Field Trips: Loretta McGrath. There is no planned field trip for February, however there will be a "Walk with Warren" at the U.C. Davis Arboretum Wednesday February 13, 12-1PM for those interested. March's trip will be to Elderberry Farm (Master Gardener's Native Plant's propagation yard, all plants \$10), in Rancho Cordova Tuesday March 12 at 10 AM. Also Dawn Gardens in Grass Valley will open March 16 at 9AM.

Hospitality: Virginia Rowley. Today's refreshments were provided by Billie True, Eleanor Caliente, Suzie Stark, Sandy Parks and Virginia Rowley. Next month's theme is **CHOCOLATE!** Virginia asks for volunteers to help on an 'on call' basis at 8:15 AM, please let her know if you are available.

Membership: Carlos Angulo. Today's guests were Gary Peterson of Meadow Vista, Tami Vallee and Jeri Cunningham who has a cottage garden near Hwy 49 and Combie Road which will be open at an event in April. Carlos reminds us \$25. dues are due by March 1. If paying by credit card there will be a convenience fee of 68 cents.

Plant Sale: Rick Krach. The next plant sale meeting will be Tuesday February 12 at 9AM at Rick's. He has potting soil donated from The Soil Broker in Lake of the Pines available to pot up plant sale plants. Rick says to let him know if you need plants dug for the plant sale. Julie Wiseman announced Carol's Garden Soil is also available as horse manure soil amendment 2-2 ½ CY delivered \$60.

Sunshine: In Debbie Arlington's absence, Erin will let her know to send a card to the Duncans. Claudia's husband has been in a care facility.

Edibles: Dave Faoro. You can still order Dixon Dale onion sets \$3 a bunch of 70-80. He will also have tomato plants for the plant sale - Beef Steak, Brandywine and red and yellow cherry tomatoes. The seed exchange seeds are on the back table today and for the next few meetings. Dave shared his method

of storing seeds in 5x7 photo boxes available from Target online for \$15. Keep at room temperature in a dark closet.

Horticulture: Claire Gumz. Claire shared pruning tools; Fiskar's loppers and pruners, 3-legged pruning ladder and her new favorite a Saws-all for small areas between branches and roots. Use children's band aids because they stay on. For chapped hands, Gold Bond Foot Cream. Peggy Beltramo let everyone know Fiskar's will fix their tools at their booths at Home Shows and Fairs. Claire wants us to write/email Sunset to reprint the '65 edition of their pruning book. She says it is the best. Today's plants from Julie Wiseman, Gene Goldsmith, Rick Krach and Erin Angulo.

New Business:

Master Gardener's: Kelly Warman announced this year's Garden Fair will be May 13. Kortne Phillips, this will be the 34th Annual Mother's Day Garden Tour on May 14, \$20. They are still looking for a few more gardens so let Kortne know if you can suggest someone's garden.

Nominations Committee: Erin is asking for volunteers to form a committee to put forward names for new officers for the coming year.

Seed Exchange table is in the back, bring seeds to exchange. Take seeds too!

Better Gardens Club Scholarship. A \$500 is available to students majoring in horticultural studies. Information is available on the California Gardens website.

There will be a Memorial Service for Dorothy Lewis, The Rose Lady of Easley Nursery, February 10 at 4 PM at Eisleys.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 for refreshments.

Today's presentation is by Parker Stewart about snakes in our area.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Mork
Secretary