



The Redbud

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President's Message

April 2019

They say "April showers bring May flowers," well we better have a flower filled May!

I have barely been able to get outside and do anything around my house or my garden. Weeds are doing wonderfully everywhere....! My fear is that we will go directly from wet and cold to hot, hot, hot. Here's hoping we get a bit of nice warm weather and gentle breezes for a least a month or two! My California poppies are just starting to bloom along with my weeping cherries, so pretty!

Our chicks are getting bigger! Carlos told me we are going through about 20 lbs of food a day for them!

They are all outside now and LOVING all the nice green grass. One of our goats just had a baby and we named her Lucy. If you have never seen a baby goat, they are so fun to watch! No walking is involved, just hopping!

Just a reminder to get your plants ready for the plant sale. Let Gene Goldsmith know what you are bringing so he has plant tags/pictures. Make sure to donate items for the bake sale and inside garden sale as well.

Thanks all and enjoy the rest of April!

Erin Angulo

President

Membership Dues

Membership is \$25 and due March 1st. New this year, we accept credit cards for membership payments, plus a \$0.68 convenience fee.

This Month's Speaker

Our speaker for the April meeting is Greg Grimm with Gold County Wildlife Rescue, a non-profit, volunteer organization, dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured and orphaned wildlife. Greg's talk will include "Getting to Know Gold Country Wildlife Rescue" and how our gardens can be wildlife friendly. Kelly Warman, Vice President

Field Trips – Loretta McGrath

NEXT FIELD TRIP ---- GOLDEN POND WATER PLANTS

Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 am.

3275 Sierra College Blvd.

Loomis, CA 95650

Golden pond features a wide selection of water flowers, freshwater aquatic plants and floating plants. Join us for a tour and demonstration of water gardening techniques. They also do custom floral designs and one-of-a-kind floating islands.

Please email Loretta McGrath at zgal55@gmail.com to be included in our group tour and demonstration.

Other April events: You go on your own.

Springtime at Ananda Village*

17,000 Tulips Season

Daily 10:00 - 5:00, \$8/weekdays \$10/weekends

Crystal Hermitage Gardens

14816 Tyler Foote Road

Nevada City 530-478-7587

Crystalhermitage.org

Erin spoke briefly about this place at our last meeting. Visit their website for updates about the tulips blooming and to see pictures. Looks like it's worth the drive.

Lincoln Hills Home Garden Tour

April 25th, 10:00 - 3:00, \$5.00

Looking for ideas to spruce up your yard, make a few changes, or just enjoy a look at what others have done. Attend this event that the Garden Group sponsors yearly through the generosity of homeowners willing to share their yards. Drive through Orchard Creek Lodge entrance portico between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm. and pick up a flier with driving directions, addresses, and descriptions of each yard. There's no need to park and get out as volunteers will be there to hand you a copy. Please bring exactly \$5 if possible.

More information at lhgardengroup.org.

Horton Iris Garden

7440 King Road, Loomis

Open April-May only

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

10:00 am- 5:00 pm

Located in Loomis and very easy to find, this iris farm includes about 1200 varieties of irises to see in bloom and purchase.

More information at hortonirisgarden.com.

Upcoming Events

Plant Sale – Saturday, April 27

For the plant sale Rick Krach wants to remind you to be sure to clean up the plants you will be bringing to our sale. He asks that you label all your plants carefully and if you do not have a name bring the unnamed ones to this month's meeting. In fact if you only have a small number of plants and do not wish to get up early on the 27th you could bring your plants to the meeting and I could take them to the sale myself.

But most importantly, be sure that your plants look good with no weeds in the pots. Look around your yard and consider donating one of your prize potted plants!

UC Master Gardeners – Annual Garden Faire – Coming up real soon

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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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.

Dawn Gardens – Mother's Day Weekend Open Garden

Dawn Gardens will be open on both days on Mother's Day weekend Saturday, May 11 from 9 am – 5 pm and Sunday, May 12 from 12 noon to 5 pm. Bring your Mother and your kids and grand kids to enjoy the flowers and a walk through the 8 acre garden with 5 ponds and 2 miles of paths. No RSVP is required and no fee is charged but I will have a Donation box available for people who want to help with maintenance of the garden. There will be donuts, scones, cookies and coffee available. A golf cart is available for those who have difficulty walking. The address is 14446 Perimeter Rd., Grass Valley.
Barry Fiesen, Dawn Landscaping, Inc. 510 385-5139

UC Master Gardener of Placer County **34th Annual Mother's Day Garden Tour**

May, 12, 10 am to 4 pm

Details and where to buy tickets to come.

Inspirational – Rick Krach

“Daffodils” by William Wordsworth

Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Daffodils are God's gift to NON-GARDENERS by Barry Friesen:

They don't need any artificial irrigation
They are deer resistant
They are gopher resistant
They are rabbit resistant
They don't need any fertilizer
They produce more flowers every year
They don't need any special soil
Different varieties bloom from December to May
They make perfect cut flowers
They don't need any pruning
They are inexpensive
They are not bothered by insects or diseases

Auburn Garden Club Meeting Minutes
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Auburn Ca
March 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9AM by Erin Angulo, President
There were 46 attending
The inspiration message was given by Rick Krach
The February Minutes were accepted as written
Susan Pruess, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$6782.67

Committee Reports:

Field Trips: Loretta McGrath - unfortunately this month's field trip was canceled so she is scrambling to schedule another. Several suggestions were made for field trips including Springtime at Ananda in Nevada City \$8 weekdays, \$10. Since she schedules no fee trips, she asked for a show of hands of those willing to pay a fee. Members agreed. Other suggestions: The Children's Home Society (also serves lunch, Old City Cemetery in Sacramento, Pauline's Garden and Koi pond -\$20 a car load - the weekend after Mother's Day, Empire Mine in May (fee). April 6 is the Native Plant Society's Plant Sale at Elderberry Farm in Rancho Cordova. All 1G plants will be \$10, The following Wednesday all remaining plants to be removed from stock will be discounted.

Hospitality: Virginia Rowley: Refreshments today provided by Erin Angulo, Gunvor Stein, Susan Moore, Alice Mork and Linda Antonelli. The end of season luncheon will be June 10 at Awful Annie's.
Next month the theme will be the Club's 85th Anniversary. Members are asked to dress in 1934 style. There will be special guests and if you have any artifacts of the era, call Erin and bring them.

Membership: Carlos Angulo: Membership dues are now due if you aren't paid up. This month there were 6 guests. Paul and Carolyn Hendricks, Tammy Giles, Tami Valee, Martha Humbert and Johanna Humbe.

Plant Sale/Publicity/Bake Sale: Rick Krach: Most things are under control. Choose a time and sign up to help. We need food for the workers. You can pick up soil for potting at his house. Pots too.

He brought compost and potting soil today. If you have cardboard boxes for carrying purchases to cars, bring them to the next meeting before the plant sale. Also let Ellie know what you're bringing so she can prepare plant pictures. Any plants you aren't able to I.D. bring a plant or a picture to the next meeting.

Chris Richter (outside décor, pots, tools etc.) She will pick up items the week before, not the week of the sale. 885-5089. Bring small items and indoor plants to the church between 11 and 1 the day before the sale. Rick is also asking for decorative pots for donated indoor plants.
Bake Sale: Cookies, brownies etc. Put in zip lock bags and mark I.D. On the bag. Bring before 9AM the day of the sale.

Sunshine: Debbie Arlington: Sent cards to Kathy Petri who broke her hip and to Claudia Duncan whose husband is in a care facility.

Horticulture: Claire Gumz: She asked where the guests heard about the club. Google searches and word of mouth were responses. Also, people are seeing her notices in the Auburn Journal.

Lots of plants including Narcissus of all kinds, viburnums, ribes, pieris Gene brought his Angel's Trumpet 'Charles Grimaldi' which is still in bloom as well as wild ginger and an unusual 'Mouse Tail'. He also brought a spectacular California Geranium, Senecio petasitis which can be grown from cuttings. He also told us about purchasing Echium 'Blue Steeple' from Reclaim Design at Hwy 49& Locksley Lane in Auburn which also carries Annie's Annuals at the same price for one gallon as a 4" at her nursery in Richmond! Claire reminded us to use a grease pencil on the plant labels for the plant sale. It doesn't fade.

Members are looking for a macadamia nut tree, and a shrimp plant, justica. Easley's can special order anything. Also of note, NID is raising rates for ditch water 30%. Letters from 50% of users might reduce the cost although there possibly aren't enough users to support the cost of maintenance of the canals.

New Business

Master Gardeners: Kortne Phillips. April 13 is the Garden Fair, 10-3 at Maidu Center in Rocklin, there will be speakers and vendors as well as things for kids to do. The 34th Annual Mother's Day Garden Tour May 12 10-4, \$20. Tickets available 2 weeks prior at local nurseries.

We need members to share their gardens after the meetings. Dave Faoro will open his garden in May.

Nominations are open today. The 2018/2019 will all continue and nominations from the floor will be taken at the May meeting before the vote.

Meeting adjourned 10AM for refreshments.

Speaker today is Robert Littlepage who spoke about new water regulations for new landscapes in California.

Alice Mork, Secretary