



The Redbud

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President's Message

Happy New Year! A new year and a new decade! Didn't we just start 2000?

I have been ignoring my garden for the past month due to the holidays, weather and, let's be honest – laziness! It's time to get back out there and see how things are doing, weed and see what I can divide or dig up for the plant sale. My winter veggies are huge and need to be picked. We did have a bumper crop of olives this year and I tried 2 different ways of brining. Both turned out well – I will bring some to the meeting.

We just set 165 eggs in our incubator – on Jan 26 we will have about 140 baby chicks downstairs chirping away. This will be our 6th year hatching, breeding and shipping Delaware poultry. It's a lot of work but we enjoy it!

I am looking forward to our talk from Charlie Russell about vernal pools. We lived in Folsom for over 20 years and were ½ block from the wetlands. I walked every day around the area and loved the views of nature and wildlife.

Don't forget to bring something for the raffle table! We do have a board meeting this month.

Happy gardening!

Erin Angulo

President, Auburn Garden Club

Next meeting Monday, January 27, 2020

Pioneer Methodist Church
1338 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA

January Member Garden Visit

After our meeting we are visiting the garden of Richard Huntley at 1292 Harmony Ln., Auburn right off of Luther Rd near the Ford dealer.. Richard will have some succulents out for display and for people to take some cuttings. He has a small green house. Also he has made more parking available by enlarging his driveway. His son will be there to help with parking. Please bring your lunch to his house. Paula Shover, garden visit chair

January's Speaker

Our speaker for January, Charlie Russell, will talk about vernal pools and their impact on the environment.

The vernal pools serve as an essential breeding habitat for certain species of wildlife, including salamanders and frogs (amphibians). Juvenile and adult amphibians associated with vernal pools provide an important food source for small carnivores as well as large game species.

From Charlie:

Almost everything will be focused on Jepson Prairie (in Solano county), where I'm a docent and we lead public tours in the spring. I may also talk (very briefly) about vernal pools in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve, Mather vernal pools, and some others, for comparison. Mike McGrath, vice president

New Members

Victoria Romagnola-Duchaine who lives in Auburn, and Diane L. Adams who also lives in Auburn. Please welcome them at the next meeting.

Inspirations for the new year

Audrey Hepburn said, "To plant a garden is to Believe in tomorrow."

John Muir said, " And into the forest I go to lose my mind and find my soul."

Anonymous said, "No matter how long the winter spring is sure to follow."

Claude Monet: "I must have flowers, always, and always."

February Field Trip

FEBRUARY 14 - SAN FRANCISCO BAY COFFEE COMPANY, LINCOLN

Do you love coffee? Interested in how the beans are grown and processed? Join us for an informative tour of this family owned coffee plant in Lincoln. Learn how the company started, where different coffee beans are grown, sustainability practices and so much more. We'll start with a short presentation, tour the facility and end with a cupping. (That's what they call a tasting.) PLEASE NOTE: This field trip is limited to a maximum of 15 people so be sure to sign up early. A sign-up sheet will be available at our January meeting or you can email Loretta McGrath at zgal55@gmail.com to get your name on the list.

Upcoming Events

UC Master Gardeners of Placer County are providing classes on gardening in Placer County and are being offered at the Auburn Library and the Loomis Library beginning in January. Beginners and experienced gardeners will enjoy these free workshops and classes. We missed the January 4 one but there is going to be one in March. Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Loomis Library, 6050 Library Drive, Loomis 10:30-11:30 am will feature "Veggie Gardening and Seed Saving Tips". You will learn about starting and growing a spring and summer garden. We will discuss starting from seed, how to choose plants and how to grow your own summer vegetable garden.

AGC Plant Sale News

Members, do any of you have large dogwood trees? If so, you might look under them and see if there are any seedlings. I got several 3' young trees from Barb Ogden this week. Now, granted, it is late for transplanting, but put the new pots in the sunshine and because pots are warmer than the ground, they probably will do well; and we know how popular dogwoods are! Rick Krach, Plant Sale Coordinator

A big thank you to Billie True and Alice Mork for offering to be pricers during our plant sale. So instead of one designated pricer, we will now have three.

This greatly helps speed things up the morning of our sale when we can become overwhelmed with the amount of plants coming in all needing to be priced.

Eleanor Cadiente , **P**ricing Coordinator

Auburn Garden Club Meeting Minutes
Pioneer Methodist Church, Auburn
November 25, 2019

The Meeting was called to order by President Erin Angulo at 9:01AM.

The Inspiration was read by Mary Sutton.

The minutes of the October meeting were amended for the correct spelling of Claire Gumz' name.

Susan Pruess, Treasurer is in Japan, Erin reported a cash balance of \$10,561.36.

Committee Reports

Field Trips: Loretta McGrath. December 12, 9:30AM we will go to Ternero Orchards, sign-up is required.

Hospitality: Virginia Rowley. Today's refreshments provided by Deb Cattaneo, Sandy Parks and Brenda Hendrickson. Please sign-up to bring refreshments to future meetings. Our Holiday Luncheon will be December 9, 11:30AM at Awful Annie's. There will be a gift exchange \$10-15 limit.

Membership: Carlos Angulo. We had a guests Dora Lee and Victoria Roagnoli-Duchaine. Membership forms need to be submitted by all members listing emergency contact information. Member Brenda Starbird has been a member for a long time but unable to attend meetings, she is here now! Welcome Brenda!

Plant Sale: Rick Krach. Soil and pots are available after the meeting or at Rick's place. Now is a good time to move or pot up plants for the Plant Sale the last Saturday in April. Claudia Duncan needs help to dig up iris from her yard. Rick may arrange a 'dig party'. The plant sale is our only fundraiser and the money goes to Grants.

Sunshine: Debbie Arlington. A card was sent to Dave Faoro and calls are being made to Claudia Duncan. Let Debbie know about anyone needing a card or phone call.

Edibles: Dave Faoro. Now is the time to plant garlic. Order onions now from Dixondale Farms in Texas. Erin says they are the best! Dave is doing a 'no till garden' this year. More info will be coming.

Horticulture: Question from the floor will follow the Grant's presentations.

New Business:

Master Gardeners: Kortne Phillips. The Mandarin Festival was a success as well as the Master Gardener's booth. She is asking for gardens to be submitted for the Mother's Day Garden Tour on May 10, 2020.

Paula Shover is asking for members willing to host their gardens for after the meetings. She's looking for a volunteer for January and following months.

Grant's Presentations:

Forgotten Soldier Garden, \$400.00. The grant will be used to purchase black bamboo to provide a screen at the meditation garden. They are working with Erin to secure a Blue Star Memorial for their garden.

Harvest Ridge School, \$800.00. Last year's grant purchased a greenhouse, this year's grant will purchase shelves for the greenhouse as well as plants, seeds, hogwire for trellises and benches.

Placer Nature Center, \$1,000.00. The Nature Center hosts 3-4,000 students a year. They plan to use their grant to purchase trees, signage, raised boxes for disabled and senior visitors and bee area fencing. They welcome volunteers 878-6053.

Loomis Gateway Academy, \$500.00. A new grant recipient, a small private school for students with various disabilities. They are learning to eat what they grow. We received a beautiful thank you card for their grant made by the students.

Rock Creek School, \$600.00. They have a large garden which supplies vegetables for the cafeteria.

Recently they harvested 'buried treasure', sweet potatoes that will become sweet potato fries in the cafeteria.

Auburn Elementary School, \$700.00. The funds will be used to restart the garden. Kindergartners are read garden stories weekly in the garden. Students want to start a pumpkin garden. Funds will be used to purchase gloves as well as shade umbrellas and other supplies.

Dave, Rick and Todd, thank you for all you do in selecting the recipients for these grants.

Erin, as club president, attends the Golden Foothills meetings and is exploring applying for a grant for placing a Blue Star Memorial plaque at the Forgotten Soldier Garden.

Chris Richter is the chair of inside garden items sales for the plant sale. She can bring a trailer once a week to collect your donated items. 530-885-5089. She may also have pears when they ripen.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments, Claire and Dave answered horticultural questions from the floor. Alice Mork, Secretary