



# The Redbud

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## President's Message

Welcome to a dry February – here's hoping we get a bunch of rain in the next few weeks.

My daffodils are blooming – I love their cheery colors. I have trees already budding and am halfway finished pruning my roses. Weeds are happily growing EVERYWHERE! Life gets in the way of my gardening!

We have about 100 baby chicks in our garage right now. It is amazing how quickly they start getting their feathers – within 3 days! There is yellow “fluff” all over the garage - and my car...

The onion starts that Dave Faoro ordered for us have arrived. I am leaving for Seattle on Feb 7 for 5 days and will contact all of those who split orders as soon as I get back.

This month is our special guest Trey Pitsenberger! Every February he gives us a wonderful, interesting and fun presentation on what's new in the nursery world – can't wait!

Don't forget to bring something for the raffle table!

Happy gardening!

Erin Angulo

President, Auburn Garden Club

**Next meeting – Monday, February 24, 2020**

**9:00 am – 11:30 am**

Pioneer Methodist Church  
1338 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA

## **No February Member Garden Visit After Meeting**

### **February Meeting Speaker**

**Trey Pitsenberger**

Our speaker this month is Mr. Trey Pitsenberger, owner of “The Golden Gecko Garden Center”, Garden Valley, CA. . A GARDEN CENTER AND APIARY IN THE SIERRA NEVADA FOOTHILLS.

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. They have deep horticultural roots spanning three decades. Trey has been our favorite February speaker for several years. Just in time for spring garden awakening.

### **New Members**

**Warren and Nancy Tellefson**

They live in Auburn. Warren's interests include Bernhard Museum kitchen garden, organic vegetables, Boy Scout leader and Nancy's are organic vegetables, flowers, sewing, reading, birds, Bernhard docent and kitchen garden. Please welcome them at the next meeting.

### **AGC Plant Sale News**

**Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 9 am to 1 pm**

**Held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

The plant sale will be held at our old place of meeting. Please continue dividing and potting plants for the sale. When you are dividing your perennials put a few in pots for the sale. Rick Krach has compost and potting soil available at his house. There will be a sign-up sheet for plant sale jobs at the next meeting. We will be accepting credit cards this year. Receipts will also have a line for tips and the read-out of the totals will separate charges and tips so we will know what is received in tips.

### **Officers Installation Luncheon – Monday, June 8**

**11:30 am**

**Awful Annie's, Auburn, \$20/ person including tax and tip**

**Hope you will be there. Virginia Rowley**

## February Field Trip

**Please read ----- Important information!~**

### FEBRUARY 14 - SAN FRANCISCO BAY COFFEE COMPANY, LINCOLN

We reached the maximum number of folks for our field trip on Friday, February 14th at 10:00 am. All those who signed up, or contacted me to include them, will receive dress code information and directions via email the week of Feb. 9.. See you Friday! Loretta McGrath

## Inspirations

**Presented by Sandy Parks**

*If you love the roses – so do I. I wish  
The sky would rain down roses, as they rain  
From off the shaken bush. Why will it not?  
Then all the valley would be pink and white  
And soft to tread on. They would fall as light  
As feathers, smelling sweet; and it would be  
Like sleeping and like waking, all at once*

*By George Eliot*

*Gardening is medicine that does not need a prescription and has no limit on dosage.  
(Author unknown)*

*You know you are a hard-core gardener, if you dead-head flowers in other people's gardens.*

*Surgeon General's Warning:*

*Gardening can be dirty, addictive and may lead to OWD. (Obsessive weeding disorder)  
From the gardening geeks*

## Upcoming Events

**Mark you calendar for these events:**

**UC Master Gardeners - Garden Faire**

**Saturday, April 4, 9 am to 3 pm**

**Maidu Community Center – 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville**

Free community event with speakers, workshops, demonstrations, vendor displays, and children's activities

**UC Master Gardeners of Placer County**

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

**Loomis Library**

**6050 Library Drive, Loomis**

**10:30 – 11:30 am**

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. Beginners and experienced gardeners will enjoy these free workshops and classes. The March event 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.

**Martha's Gardens**

**Early Spring Garden Sneak Peak.**

**Sunday, March 8 10am – 3 pm**

**2925 Brennans Rd., Newcastle**

We visited these gardens a couple of years ago. Come out to see all the Gardens in their early Spring Glory. This is a chance to see the gardens early in the spring before Mothers’ Day. Normally there are a lot of blooms that have already been spent before May and we want to share them with everyone. We will have the Farm Stand open and stocked with early succulents and our new line of homemade jams, jellies and baked goods. So come out to enjoy the early spring weather and the Garden as they are waking up.

**Dawn Gardens**

**Saturday -- March 21, 2020 – 9am to 5pm**

**14446 Perimeter Rd., Grass Valley Open Gardens**

There will be over 50,000 daffodils on display. No RSVP is required. A golf cart is available for people who have difficulty walking. Phone (510) 385-5139. Barry Friesen, Dawn Landscaping. Look on his website for directions and pictures. It is a “must see” for all people living in the Foothills.

**Auburn Garden Club General Meeting Minutes**  
**Pioneer Methodist Church, Auburn**  
**January 27, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 9 am by President Erin Angulo.

Other officers present were Susan Pruess, Alice Mork.

There were 51 in attendance.

Sandy Parks read the inspiration.

The minutes from the minutes from the November meeting were accepted as recorded

Susan Pruess reported a cash balance of \$6,159.36

**Committee Reports**

**Field Trips:** Loretta McGrath reported the next Field Trip will be February 14, 10 AM to the San Francisco Bay Coffee Co. The trip is limited to 15 people, Sign-up sheet at the entry table.

**Hospitality:** Virginia Rowley thanked Michele Accaria, Erin Angulo, Charlene Daniels, Gail Carlson, Billy True for today's refreshments. There has been no date set for the June luncheon. Be thinking about bringing refreshments for workers at the Plant Sale in April. Sign-up sheet next month.

**Membership:** Carlos Angulo introduced our 3 guests, Nancy and Warren Tellefson and Ann Barbeiro. So far, half the membership has recorded emergency information; he will have an updated list at the February meeting. Also, Master Gardeners should have special name tags.

**Plant Sale:** Rick Krach reminds us to continue dividing and potting plants for the sale. He has compost and potting soil available today and at his house. He will have a sign-up sheet for plant sale jobs at the next meeting. We will be accepting credit cards this year. Receipts will also have a line for tips and the read-out of the totals will separate charges and tips so we will know what is received in tips.

**Sunshine:** Erin announced Meredith Worley is having a hip replacement and a knee replacement. Joyce Davis is still recovering from her broken shoulder and is unable to drive. Check with her if you are able to help.

**Edibles:** Dave Faoro gave us directions on how to start Organic Japanese Sweet Potatoes from the supermarket. Once sprouted in water or soil, the 8 inch shoots can be started in water or directly in the garden once the soil warms. Todd plants his after harvesting garlic in the garden. The entire plant can be eaten, greens as well as potatoes. He also introduced us to LabLab, a decorative flowering edible bean with glossy foliage. Seeds are available on the seed exchange table. Soak the seeds in warm water for a few hours before planting. Again, the entire plant can be eaten. LabLab is eaten in Africa as well as India. Ginger (organic) can also be planted direct from the supermarket. Dave's sprouted in 30 days. It can be planted out in warm soil.

**Horticulture:** Claire Gumz spoke about the plants which had been brought in by members. Daphne, Narcissus, grasses, Sasanqua Camellias. Rick Krach noted that from now on something will be blooming. Claire also says Camellias can be planted from seed and will bloom in 2-3 years.

### **New Business**

**Master Gardeners:** Kortne Phillips announced April 4 the Master Gardeners will hold their annual Garden Fair from 9-3. This year they will have 50 vendors. Also, Sunday, May 10 will be the annual Mother's Day Garden Tour. They are still looking for gardens for the tour in the Auburn/Newcastle area. Let her know if you know someone with a potential garden to be included. Peggy Beltramo announced Workshops sponsored by Master Gardeners will be held at various Library's. A complete listing was in the prior newsletter as well as on their website.

**Nominations:** Erin announced a nominations committee is to be formed.

**Seed Exchange is available at the break.**

Meeting adjourned for break about 11 am

Today's Speaker was Charlie Russell on Vernal Pools followed by lunch at Richard Huntley's.

**Alice Mork**

Secretary