



The Redbud

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President's Message

Happy October everyone!

The weather seems to finally be cooling down. We have been teased about rain, but I think we are going to have to wait a bit longer.

Carlos and I have been very busy getting our house and landscape ready to our daughter's wedding in November. This was the 3rd date change! A small gathering at our home which has us doing a bunch of things that needed doing but much sooner than planned!

We had a GREAT turnout for our first Zoom meeting! Thanks to all who joined us and heard about Japanese Maples. Our next online meeting is Monday, October 26 at 9am. I will send out the link the Saturday before. IF YOU DON'T GET AN EMAIL WITH THE INFO PLEASE CALL ME! 530-652-4038. Some people contacted me that did not get the email. palidans@aol.com.

Enjoy the rest of the fall in your garden – now is the time to divide plants, propagate and plan for the plant sale (we hope!) next April.

Please feel free to call or email me with concerns, ideas or just to chat.

Enjoy time in your garden and being out with nature.

Erin Angulo

President

Speaker for Zoom Meeting

Raised Bed Gardening

Master Gardener, Kelly Warman, will give a presentation that will cover the basics and benefits of raised bed gardening...

AGC Garden Club Zoom Meeting

Monday, October 26, 9 am

The Auburn Garden Club October meeting will be via ZOOM. For those not familiar with ZOOM, Dave Faoro has shared this information:

The members could start the learning with the below information today. The first is a YouTube posting which walks people through how to use Zoom.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIkCmbvAHQQ&feature=youtu.be>

The 2nd is or members should try and do a test on zoom using the link below. They need to get that test to work with the microphone, video and sound. There is help on the zoom website.

<https://zoom.us/test>

I hope this helps.

Dave Faoro

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Erin

New Member

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Auburn Garden Club Facebook Page

Hello Gardening neighbors. We have setup an Auburn Garden Club Group to make it easier for everyone to interact. Especially since our meetings are on hold until further notice. I hope you all can use the Auburn Garden Club Group as a real time forum.

Field Trip

TBA

News from Members

Lynne Fagundes:

Three Simple Steps To Blight Free Tomatoes

1..Grow single stem plants. No side growth up 8 to 10 inches (defoliate). Fungus, which comes from the soil and the air, needs moisture to grow. Pruning away from the ground creates more airflow around them.

2..Spray plants every two weeks with a solution of 2 tablespoons. Baking Soda, 1 Gal. water & 1 tablespoon vegetable oil to change the PH to one the fungus doesn't like.

3..Be sure your plants can get sun from all sides.

This information is from the MIGardener on YouTube. Check him out for more information.

Claire Gumz:

I was working at a client's property on Hwy 193 Thursday; 10 miles away from my home. Working on a steep slope most of the day, removing 9 yrs worth of dead branches from under the manzanita. After 6 hrs of work, I was ready to return home. Loaded up the truck and reached for my car keys... missing. Oh, No!! The search began around 5 ish p.m. Repeated searches in the truck, in my pockets, & in all of the places I had worked. Found a little flashlight in the truck; it was almost depleted by the end of the night. Eventually, too dark to search; I went into Mike's garage to look for a land line... no luck. Covered up the open windows of the truck with plastic fertilizer bags - 16-16-16 BTW.

Walked down the driveway, to the highway; saw 4 skunks on the way. Immediately stopped walking & said hi to them; they continued doing their food search. Only one had it's tail raised as it ran off. Don't worry buddy, I know what that means... Had to walk through the citrus orchard to get to the highway & then walked to the closest house to see if they could call my friends. Only had 1 phone number in the truck & the man & I talked through his closed door; he called my friends. It was

10 pm. They agreed to come & pick me up so I went back to Mike's place & stood out there for at least 90 mins flashing people who passed by; flashing, meaning with the flashlight. tee hee.

I saw some vehicular traffic down near that neighbor's place. Then I saw some search lights & headed towards them waving my arms. 2 Sheriff cars. YAY - 1st time I've ever said that! My friends had called the sheriff because they weren't familiar with Hwy 193 AND because of the strange phone call from Mike's neighbor. Got my very first ride in a police car !

He got me home & I got into the house @ midnight. My dog & cat sure were happy to see me : dinner time for them & the dog out to Pee. I had a hard boiled egg & an apple for dinner around 6 pm followed by my p.m. meds (spares in the truck). Friday's list of errands: go & get new truck keys made and then get driven down to my job site to get the truck home. Maybe even look for the keys that I lost... Smart thinking is lacking in my life, along with being prepared. Changes ahead - "Change is Good"... that's what I've been told anyway.

Barbara Tellman

As you know Bill and I moved in 2018 to Southridge Drive in Auburn. My only gardening is around 3 sides of the house. However, like everyone else this year, I thought I needed to plant some edibles. I have one square raised bed about 4X4 feet and a couple small unplanted spots about 2X2 feet right up against the southwest side of the house, which gets sun most of the day. I grew 4 tomatoes there (2 too many) which gave us a nice crop. I got the plants from Dave Faoro and they grew like gangbusters! Then in the raised bed I grew one eggplant, 2 zucchini, 3 peppers, one lemon cucumber and two basil. We had a nice crop of all - especially cucumbers. The eggplant is a beautiful plant and still producing. Basil is getting eaten right now by invisible attackers but was great earlier in the season. So that is my report. I had fun doing it. Barbara Tellman

Rick Krach:

Plant Sale Committee: We're still looking for someone to formally take charge of this committee. Meetings, virtual otherwise, need to be organized and planned. Check-ups need

to be made. I personally am still handling all the soil, compost, and pot needs. Incidentally, I have just finished organizing this years pile of compost Which includes clippings, trimmings, grass leaves,rotted manure, and coffee grounds. The grand total that I'll have for distribution and sale this January will be 175 cubic feet.

Sandy Parks

My garden was a disappointment this year – pole beans produced 4 beans, tomatoes only produced 3 small tomatoes, Ambrosia melons did not produce as much as last year but the ones that did produce were very tasty. The best luck this year in my garden were the green pepper plants and they are still giving me beautiful green peppers. I made some stuffed peppers last week from one plant and they were delicious. I think I needed to incorporate more nutrients in to the garden soil and will try to rotate crops next year. My flowers did great.

Dawn Gardens

Open for Viewing

Dawn Gardens will be open for your viewing on Nov. 7, 2020 from 9 AM to 5 PM. After 6 months of the virus I hope you can come and enjoy the outdoors and fall color. There are 8 acres to explore so it will be easy to keep 6' away from everyone. The large Digger Pine in the garden has just been documented as the largest Digger Pine in the world. The ornamental grasses will be at their best. We will be filming a promotional video via drone and you may appear in it. Please ignore the camera and drone as to not distract from the video.

The address is: 14446 Perimeter Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949. My phone # is 510 385-5139 but there is no need to call unless you get lost. A RSVP is not required and you may bring your family and friends.

Machado Orchards 10th Annual

Apple Festival

Saturday, October 17, 2020

9 am – 6 pm

There will be music by the Sidetracks, food sampling, vendors, artists in the orchard, Kool Kettle Korn, Maria's tacos, raffle, face painting and more!

Inspiration

He who enters through this garden gate, comes never too early nor stays too late. Sandy Parks

Other inspiratons:

Plant a flower, chase a cloud, watch a sunset, laugh out loud, find some perfect thing to do... celebrate just being you.

Let's root for each other and watch each other grow.

Earle Eisley of Eisley Nursery passes away.

The members of our garden club are regular visitors of the nursery. Jay and I put in two gardens in the two brand new houses that we bought upon moving to Auburn from the Bay Area in 2003 with plants mainly from Eisley nursery.

From his memorial in the Auburn Journal: Earle Rollins Eisley age 89 passed away at his home September 24, 2020 with his wife Linda and his hospice nurse by his side. His Mesothelioma had taken it's toll. He leaves behind four children, Jim Eisley, Susan Flohr, Bill Eisley and Earleen Freeman, two stepsons Jeffrey De Jersey and Jay De Jersey, 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. As one of the owners of Eisley nursery in Auburn he spent 65 years growing vegetables and flowers for the community to enjoy. He remembered at age 4, he was given a hammer and nails so he could make boxes that were used in the nursery. His love of the nursery was handed down to his own children and two grandchildren who still work there. His family was important to him and he leaves behind one brother Harvey Eisley and one cousin Garland Shinn. We will miss his ready smile and his ability to joke with

people. Because of COVID, services will be held graveside at the New Auburn cemetery on collins Drive.

Auburn Garden Club
Minutes of Member's Meeting
September 28, 2020
Held virtually via Zoom platform

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Erin Angulo, President, at 9:04 am.

II. Declaration of Quorum. The following members of the Executive Board were in attendance: Erin Angulo (President), Brenda Henrikson (Secretary), Susan Pruess (Treasurer), Loretta McGrath, Rick Krach, Claire Gumz, Carlos Angulo, Chris Hansell, Debbie Arlington, Mike McGrath, and Todd Alleckson. A quorum of the Executive Board was established. Thirty people in attendance in all.

III. Welcome: Erin Angulo welcomed everyone to the Auburn Garden Club's first meeting of the year and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Treasurer Report: Susan Pruess reported a cash balance of \$8,809.43 as of today and that spending is tracking on budget.

V. Committee Reports

A. Field Trips. Loretta McGrath announced a field trip to Martha's Gardens on October 6 at 9:30 am. Martha's gardens is located at 2925 Brennans Road, Newcastle, CA, at the corner of Brennans Road and Rock Springs Road. This will be a private tour. Masks are required.

B. Membership. Carlos Angulo reported 80 current members. Thirteen people declined to renew membership.

C. Sunshine. Debbie Arlington sent a thank you note to Virginia, a note of condolence to Julie and Saul Wiseman on the passing of their daughter, Peach, and several Thinking of You notes.

D. Edibles. Dave Faoro highlighted the Auburn Garden Club Facebook groups page, and emphasized that he is blocking all political advertisements. October is time to plant garlic . (Plant in October, harvest in June.) Dave shared photographs of his 3' x 24' x 7 1/2" grow

bed, lined with ¾" gopher wire, made specifically for growing garlic. He also shared his exclusion cages, built to fit over raised beds and covered in ½" galvanized wire to keep out ground squirrels and birds. Plant onions in February to discourage bolting. Candy and Red Candy varieties from Dixondale Farms were suggested. Dave will be taking orders at the appropriate time. Edible, organic ginger from the store was sprouted in a pot, and now three plants almost fill a 15 gal. Smart Pot. Leaves will die back in winter, but roots remain viable. Start in spring. Smart Pots are also good for regular and sweet potatoes, facilitating easy harvest.

E. Horticulture. Claire Gumz shared her summer projects of replacing irrigation and amending soil, as well as the tale of Phil, the rooster, who was taken to lunch by a hawk. Dallisgrass is toxic to all livestock.

Tomatoes crack due to a combination of heat and water. Cracks are almost impossible to avoid. For blossom end rot, add calcium to soil. If green tomatoes remain on the vine at harvest time, hang the plant (root and all) upside down in the garage and let fruit ripen.

F. Plant Sale. Proceeding with hope of having a plant sale in the spring, so continue to propagate. Rick has pots, soil, and compost. Claire also has pots available.

VI. New Business

A. Master Gardeners. Kortne Phillips reported on the 2020-2021 Master Gardener calendar, on sale now for \$10. Master Gardeners are developing on-line workshops, open to the public. More information is available at pcmg.ucanr.org. This year's Master Gardener conference will be held virtually on YouTube and will include classes on preserving harvest, houseplants, and fire wise landscaping. Their Search for Excellence will be showcased.

B. Budget. Susan Pruess presented the Board approved FY 2020 Actual vs. Budget & FY 2021 Draft Budget (Cash Basis). Dave Faoro added that no grant applications have been submitted as yet. Budget was reviewed and approved by the membership.

VII. Presentation : Dave Warman gave a presentation on Japanese Maples. A pdf of the presentation will be made available.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

Brenda Henrikson, Secretary

