



The Redbud

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President's Message

Happy February everyone!

The weather has been absolutely beautiful, and the rain has finally started to fall. My daffodils have been blooming for about 3 wks. All my roses are pruned and fertilized – and the weeds are doing great as well! I was able to get some organic ginger at Costco a few weeks ago and have that planted in pots. I also have done some hardwood cuttings; I'll see how what goes in the next month or so.

We have been busy as well with baby chick orders! We just shipped chicks to Wyoming (and yes, they all arrived nice and healthy and warm!) and have another order going to North Carolina next week.

Now is the time to be dividing, repotting and getting plants/pots going for the plant sale in April. I am still working on the assumption that we will be able to hold an outdoor event by the end of April.

Please know that I think of all of you often, wishing we could get together in person. Many of you have started to get the vaccine (yay!) so things are looking up! Stay safe, healthy and get outside when you can!

Erin Angulo

President

AGC Zoom Meeting in February

Just a reminder that we have our monthly Zoom meeting Monday, Feb 22 at 9 am.

I will send out an email reminder the Saturday before. If you don't receive my email call me!

Erin 916-768-3629 cell

NEW MEMBERS: PLEASE ADD THEM TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL COMING UP

It's time to renew your membership starting **March 1st. \$25.00**

Please send a check to 20548 Dawnridge Dr. Grass Valley 95949 payable to AGC.

Thank you
Carlos Angulo
Membership

SPEAKER FOR ZOOM MEETING – MONDAY FEBRUARY 22 – 9 AM

Trey Pitsenberger

Our February speaker is Trey Pitsenberger from The Golden Gecko Garden Center in Garden Valley....speaking on what's new in gardening. Trey is a long time speaker at the Auburn Garden Club and a long time nurseryman. He also is Vice-President of the Lincoln Highway Association. Trey and wife Monica have a blog "Adventures in California History" at pitsenberger.com with interesting stories about our local area.

INSPIRATION --- Lynne Fagundes

Gardening: The fine art of soul to soil.....Jan Bills

The philosopher that said that work well done never needs doing again, never weeded a garden.

Nature doesn't hurry, yet all is accomplished.

NEWS FROM GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Ruth Peterhans – long time garden club member

Sadly, she passed away earlier this month. She will be missed in the garden club. Please send condolences to her husband, Silvan, 14385 Countryside Ranch Rd. Grass Valley, CA 95949

From Lynne Fagundes

All is well here. Been doing lots of gardening during this pretty weather. Planted a row of hollyhocks to hid my neighbor's messy yard. Moved some small boulders and brought in topsoil to fill out my future zinnia garden. Lots of general clean-up. A much more fun way to get my steps in than just walking.

From Rick Krach

Dear friends, let us go on the assumption that we are having at least one plant sale and possibly more this spring, so as you clean your yard be sure to pot any shrubs and flowers or bushes that have rooted.

From Chris Hansell

I pruned all my roses in December 2020 early this year since I was going to have total knee replacement surgery on my left knee in January. So far so good and the roses haven't sprouted out too much. I was worried about them freezing with new buds on them. My husband is the gardener now in February and he just planted some red onions from Dave Faoro. The garden is looking good and hopefully I will be back in it gardening within the next few months. The knee is coming along and I see improvement everyday. Physical therapy is keeping me busy.

GARDENS OPEN DURING COVID ISOLATION

Dawn Gardens

14446 Perimeter Rd., Grass Valley

530 385-5139

Dawn Gardens will be open for your viewing on March 20, 2021 from 9 AM to 5 PM. After 1 year of the virus I hope you can come and enjoy the outdoors and Daffodils. 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. There will be other bulbs blooming as well as Camellias, Hellebores, fruit trees and shrubs.

A RSVP is not required and you may bring your family and friends.

Barry Friesan, President, Dawn Landscaping Inc.

Martha's Gardens

2925 Brennans Rd., Newcastle

530 305 5062

Martha's Gardens will have their first **Open Gardens Day, March 6 from 10 am – 3 pm.** They will be celebrating what would have been Martha's 100th birthday. The gardens are named after Tom Fossum's mother Martha who with her husband were the original owners of the gardens. The garden is over 50 years old. Our garden club visited there last year.

Auburn Garden Club Minutes

Auburn Garden Club

January 25, 2021

Held virtually via Zoom platform

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Erin Angulo, President, at 9:00 am.

Declaration of Quorum: The following members of the Executive Board were in attendance: Erin Angulo (President), Kelly Warman (Vice President), Brenda Henrikson (Secretary), Susan Pruess (Treasurer), Loretta McGrath, Rick Krach, Carlos Angulo, Mike McGrath, Dave Faoro, and Todd Alleckson. Claire Gumz and Debbie Arlington were absent. A quorum of the Executive Board was established. Twenty-eight members in attendance.

Welcome: Erin welcomed everyone. Members shared information regarding Covid-19 vaccinations.

Minutes from November: The Minutes of the November Members Meeting were not available at this time.

Treasurer Report: Susan reported a cash balance of \$6,584.03 as of today. Grants have been paid, and all checks have cleared. Balance includes \$220 from the sale of Rick's compost.

Committee Reports:

Field Trips. Loretta reported that no field trips have been planned, due to Covid restrictions. Farmer Fred records a podcast for Green Acres every Friday. **Membership.** Carlos reported that nothing has changed in the membership of Auburn Garden Club since the November meeting.

Plant Sale. Erin led a discussion of the feasibility of the Auburn Garden Club Annual Plant Sale. Several members have been potting plants for the sale. Chris Richter is collecting garden art.

Sunshine. Debbie was absent. Richard Huntley has access to bouquets to share.

Edibles. Dave reported that onion plants will be arriving in about a week, so it's time to prepare their beds. Start seed for greens (lettuce, broccoli) now, tomatoes and peppers soon. Recommended 25 gal. felt pot for growing potatoes and sweet potatoes because of ease of harvest. (Sweet potato slips are planted in June.) Now is the time to start organic ginger. Barely cover ginger with potting soil, water lightly, and keep in a warm place. Harvested ginger can be frozen, then slice off what is needed.

New Business:

Master Gardeners. Kelly Warman reported that the Master Gardener hotline is operational. Workshops, being held via Zoom, are available live and prerecorded. Annual Mother's Day Garden Tour is on hold due to Covid-19.

Nominations Committee. Erin announced that anyone interested in holding a position on the Board should contact her for more information.

Presentation :

Master Gardener Loren Fefer gave a presentation on Native Plants of California, including an overview of plant communities, the benefits of growing native plants, and the steps involved in growing them successfully (planning, installation, mulching, and maintenance). He introduced the calscape.org website for more information regarding native plants.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Brenda Henrikson, Secretary