



Beyond the Garden Gates

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Message from the President

It's time again to begin our garden club year, and I'm looking forward to hearing about your summer adventures in travel and gardening! I was fortunate to be one of the five club members who traveled to the Eastern Horticulture Club's annual gardening show in Trinidad in June. It was a fabulous experience and you'll be hearing more about the trip later this fall.

It's also time to organize ourselves for the upcoming year. We will be signing up for luncheons, committees, and assistant positions at our September meeting. Please consider volunteering – one of the strengths of our club is the very broad participation level of our members. And now that we have nearly 50 members, if everyone does a small amount, we can easily divide up the tasks amongst us. If you are relatively new to the club, here's an extra reason to volunteer – it's a great way to meet other members!

Thank you all for your thoughtful comments on our membership survey last June. We received some great feedback on the club and fabulous suggestions for future programs and trips. The Board met this summer and we have a busy and informative year planned. More on the year's programs at our September meeting. One general area of concern raised in the survey was how to better involve new members. We are taking steps to improve how we share information with new folks. I'd like to ask each of you, as you meet our new members during the year, to invite them to participate in whatever you are doing – as a member of a committee, or to attend a car-pool field trip with you,

or perhaps even as an "assistant" to an assistant (Photographer, could you use some help?).

Here's a snapshot of the committees and assistant positions of the club. Remember, each member should also sign up twice to be a Hostess or Helper for the lunches.

Reservation Committee – contacts members prior to each meeting and reports to Hostess the approximate number attending in order to plan for lunch.

Greeter / Membership Committee – welcomes visitors and new members and introduces them to current members. Maintains name tags and passes out door prize tickets.

Luncheon Committee – makes coffee, keeps track of silverware, napkins, etc. Takes home silverware to wash and helps with cleanup.

Service / Scholarship Committee – makes recommendations for service projects and helps implement approved projects. Establishes scholarship criteria and selects awardee.

Assistants – Historian, Publicity, Photographer, Bus Tour, Newsletter Editor, Roving Reporter, Yearbook, Sunshine, Parliamentarian, Auction Coordinator, Menu Writer, and Web Master

My vegetable garden has had its ups and downs this summer – the tomatoes and peppers did great, the cucumbers and squash, not so much (how is it even possible to have zucchini not do well?). I'm hoping to hear about your vegetable growing experiences this

summer, and to get some ideas of what might have gone wrong in my garden. The dahlias, however, did well, and I'm planning to add some new ones for next summer.

See you soon!

Nancy

ROLL CALL QUESTION

What is your favorite vegetable?

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time again. Dues were due at the June meeting. Dues are again \$25.00 per year.

FIELD TRIPS, ETC.

If you sign up for field trip, bus trip or other EGGC event and find you won't be able to make it, please let the President know. This eliminates having to call and remind you of the event (if you receive a phone call, please return the call and let us know if you are attending OR NOT). That way the group won't be waiting for someone who never shows up.



RESERVED PARKING

Remember, we will have a reserved parking sign in the parking lot for our guest speaker, whenever we have a guest speaker.

THANK YOU NOTE

After surprising Pat Schreiber with a birthday celebration for a very notable birthday at our June tea, we received the following thank you note.

June 20, 2016

Dear Garden Club Members,

I look at all of your signatures on my birthday card and wonder at how lucky I am in my old age to be associated with all of you... so much kindness, thoughtfulness and good deeds. It is a bit overwhelming. My heart warms at the sign of each word and signature -- proof that what you say is what you are. I feel blessed.

Thank you,
Pat Schreiber

Elk Grove Garden Club Meets Next on:

September 8, 2016

10:30 AM

E. G. Congregational Church, 9624 Melrose
Avenue, Elk Grove, CA.

RESERVED PARKING: Will be for our guest
speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fair Oaks Horticulture Center Open Garden, Sept. 17
from 9am – noon.

California Native Plant Sale at the Shepard Garden and
Arts Center, Sept. 24-25.

The Shepard Garden & Arts Center Fall Sale is Oct. 1 & 2
from 10-4 each day.

RECIPES

Awesome Rice-A-Roni Salad

2 green onions, thinly sliced	¼ tsp. curry powder
½ green or red bell pepper, chopped or sliced	1/3 cup mayonnaise
8 pimento-stuffed or plain green olives, chopped or sliced	1 ½ Tbsp. reserved artichoke marinade

Instructions:

Cook rice per package instructions, omitting butter.
Cool to room temperature.

Meanwhile, mix all remaining ingredients together.

When rice is cool, combine with other ingredients until well blended.

Serve warm, cold or at room temperature. Keeps several days in the refrigerator.

From: Sac Bee / Pinterest.

Serves: 8 (smallish portions)

From Nancy Baldwin

Chicken Poppy Seed Salad

2 1/2 lbs. boneless chicken
(I used 2 rotisserie chickens)
4 chopped celery stalks
4 cups red seedless grapes, halved
2 cups toasted slivered almonds
2 cups mayonnaise
1/4 salt and pepper, each
2 tablespoons poppy seeds

Dice up chicken into small pieces in large mixing bowl.
Add celery, grapes, almonds, mayonnaise, salt, pepper,
poppy seeds and dill. Mix until combined.

Enjoy! See you all in September. Mary Gress

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