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Diablo Foothills District
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Prior to our Business Meeting we all enjoyed a wonderful Continental Breakfast provided by the Walnut Creek Garden Club with coffee and tea provided by the Jane Berger at the Walnut Creek Elks Club. Thank you all for a very enjoyable breakfast.

For those of you who were not in attendance at the meeting on February 28th, you missed a very interesting meeting. The Diablo Foothills District Officers for the 2019- 2021 biennium were selected. The results of the election were:

Director – Mona Dunlop

Secretary – Linda Cruz

Assistant Director – Elaine Billeter

Treasurer – Audrey Marlovits

Installation of officers will take place at the Spring Meeting on Thursday June 27th. Please be there to support your new Board of Directors.

NOTE: The Fall DFD meeting usually takes place on the 4th Thursday of September which is September 26th. However, the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Board Meeting begins on September 30th, and we like to have our first district meeting AFTER the CGCI meeting. So, The DFD Fall Meeting is rescheduled to October 24th. Please mark your calendar for October 24th for the Fall Meeting

Our meeting speaker was Bruce Rogers. Bruce Rodgers gave his background on caring for orchids. He has also authored "The Orchid Whisperer" and brought a supply for us to purchase. He was a very good speaker and kept our interest. A number of members brought their orchids. Bruce identified them as well as repotted those that needed repotting. This service also came with tips on how to care for orchids.

Director message cont.

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Three important upcoming events:

1. The Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention will take place from April 6 - 10 in Van Nuys, California.
2. California Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention 2019 information:

"Celebrate: Achievement, Creativity and the Future"

June 3-7, 2019

Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys (Room rate \$105 includes breakfast)

Host: Southern California Garden Club

Chairman: Rita Desilets

(Registration forms and details will be available approximately mid-April)

Tentative Schedule:

June 3: Pre-convention committee meetings

June 4: Luncheon honoring club presidents, Awards banquet

June 5: Luncheon honoring District Directors, Design banquet: Flower Show Awards & Design Competition by CGCI Vice-Presidents

June 6: Youth Luncheon/Smokey Bear 75th birthday party, Installation banquet

June 7: Organizational meeting

Workshops: Miniature Floral Design Techniques, Drying Flowers, Tea (A Journey from Leaf to Cup), Leadership, Adaptive Gardening, Internet Security, and more. Mark your calendars.

3. Plan to be at the DFD Spring Meeting on June 27th to support your district as well as meet our new district members. Take a club member/friend and go to Van Nuys for the CGCI Convention.

Try it. You might like it. It can be an experience.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. As soon as your clubs officers change, please inform Judy Bates, at jl Bates5900@sbcglobal.net
2. Clubs: Take a moment to examine your memberships talents. The district has three awards that are available to win. (\$25.00 to the recipient for two of those awards). The requirements are outlined in the District Yearbook, page 17. Forms for submission are in this newsletter, page 14-15
3. Do you, or your club, know of any potential sponsors? These sponsors are a benefit to us by helping to defray our costs.....we provide advertisement for them to all our members.....a win win!

The 2019-2020 sponsor application form is included in this newsletter.....page 12-13



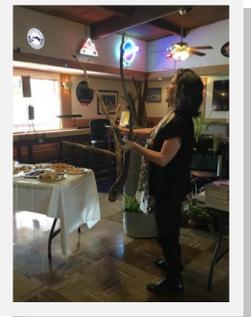
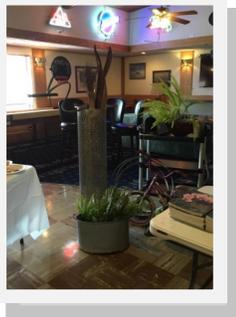
Diablo Foothills District Meeting February 28th

Minutes from the September meeting were Reviewed and approved.



A report from the District Fundraising committee was given. Samples of Brainstormed ideas were showcased—"Reused and recycled" items were shared with the focus on "Renewing" their usefulness....

Old tricycles,
Canning pots,
Diesel stacks.



Or just old tangled
Branches

Another idea: "Petals to the Metal" a Bouquets to Art idea using flowers arranging to decorate cars at a car show.....

The most important agenda items was the nominations for District Officers for the upcoming season. After much discussion , and subsequent vote we are proud to introduce the 2019-2021 incoming board:

- Director: Mona Dunlop
- Assistant Director: Elaine Billeter
- Recording Secretary: Linda Jean Cruz
- Treasurer: Audrey Marlovits



To complete our meeting and share our love of gardening, Victoria Lucido introduced our guest speaker Bruce Rogers, a world renowned expert on orchids. He share with us his life stories, his love of these plants, how to best care for them....He also problem solved some of our members plants showing us life's simple needs if we would look for the signs.





National Garden clubs Inc.
headquarters@gardenclub.org

President: Nancy Hargroves
Theme: "Plant America"



Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.
PacificRegionGardenClub.org

PeggyOlin@msn.com
Theme: "Spreading your Butterfly Wings to Fly: haring your Knowledge of Gardening"



California Garden Clubs, Inc.
cgcipresident@cagardenclubs.org

President: Krystal Migliore
Theme: "Plant America—California Style"

A big thank you to Walnut Creek Garden Club for hosting our District meeting:



Diablo Foothills District Clubs, Affiliates and Associations:



Antioch Riverview Garden Club

President: Olga Schultz

The Antioch Riverview Garden Club has been busy with propagation workshops preparing for our plant sale in May. We had potluck luncheons at two of the workshops. Plans are being made for our yearly outing. Members have enjoyed playing bingo at the end of our meetings. Our club has had speakers on the topic of California natives as well as speakers from Morgan's Nursery which educate us on garden preparedness through the four seasons.



Blackhawk Bloomers

President: Kim Chandler

The 1,820 Daffodils that Blackhawk Bloomers Garden Club planted in December within the Blackhawk community are beginning to show their smiling yellow beauty! Spring is not too far away and the Bloomers are looking forward to educational programs and fun activities.

We learned all about "Birds in the Garden" from Elaine Friedman of the Corvid Connection on February 27th. In March Nona Tai will be creating floral arrangements at our March luncheon. Rose Loveall the owner of Morningsun Herb Farms will be presenting "Culinary and Medicinal Herbs in April and our May speaker is Tom Perlite from Golden Gate Orchids in San Francisco. The highlight of the year for Bloomers in our annual Garden Tour which is Sunday, June 9th.

Workshops and events also keep Bloomers busy. We are going to San Jose in March to attend a Glass Blowing Workshop to each make either a glass flower or a paperweight. We are touring Filoli Mansion and Gardens in April and gathering on April 18th for another Social at one of our members' homes.

A group of 15 Blackhawk Bloomers are going to the Chelsea Flower Show in May! The group will be in London for 3 days and 5 nights in the Cotswolds'. The trip highlights include a day at the Chelsea Flower Show, English Garden tours, Windsor Castle, Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey), Blenheim Palace, afternoon teas, time for shopping, pub dinners and a play while in London. Gardens to be included on the tour are RHS Garden Wisley, Hidcote Manor Gardens, Chipping Campden, Kiftsgate, Highgrove, Upton Wold and Sezincote.



Clayton Valley Garden Club

President: Marlene Kinney

Our first event of the year, Blossoms for Barbara was successful once again thanks to all of the volunteers who participated. CVGC volunteers prepared and delivered over 1,300 decorated Valentine flowering plants to those in hospice care, assisted living and convalescent locations, battered women's shelters, and meals on wheels.

CVGC Hoop House Project is well underway in preparing for our Plant Sale on May 11, 2019. There are many jobs that need to be done in order to make our Annual Fundraiser successful. The Co-Chairs are doing an excellent job in making this happen.

All club members in attendance at our February club meeting went home with a lot of information on how to be Fire Safe. We had a speaker from the Contra Costa Fire Prevention District and from Diablo Fire Safe Council. They both shared with us how to create Fire Safe Landscaping.

The speaker for our March meeting will be Jimmie St. Arnold who will demonstrate how to arrange flowers.

Discovery Bay Garden Club

President: Cathie Moog

Discovery Bay Garden Club is one of two California clubs to receive a coveted National Garden Club "Plant America" project grant of \$1,000.00. This is an enormous honor for which we are very grateful and excited.

The grant will be used to revitalize the landscaping at the Blue Star Memorial site in Slifer Park. The Memorial by-way marker was installed by Discovery Bay Garden Club in 2013 and dedicated on Veterans Day with local and state officials in attendance. Contributions in support of this project were received from the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, the Town of Discovery Bay and private contributors.

Just in time for the spring deluge of happy insects, our February speaker, Master Gardener John Fike, told us about "Good Bugs and Bad Bugs". March will find us meeting at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore to learn about miniature gardens . *DBGC cont. next page*

DBGC cont.

Our April meeting will welcome Joe Doser, the Supervising Health Specialist for the CC Environmental Health Dept. Joe will tell us about toxic blue-green algae, a plant-like bacteria that flourishes in the San Joaquin Delta. Discovery Bay sits on the delta and many of our member's homes back up to the waterways that support boating, fishing, and recreation in the community at large. Skin exposure to these algae can cause rash and respiratory problems; ingestion can cause liver or kidney damage. Exposure to pets can be lethal. This is such a critical local issue that Joe's talk will be open to the public. Join us for this important hot topic.

Meeting Information

Date: April 12, 2019

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Place: Discovery Bay Community Center

1800 Willow Lake Rd, Discovery Bay



Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club

Co-Presidents: Lois Barber, Dolores Bengtson

2019 Plant Sale Extravaganza!

Members of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club spend much of the year planning for the annual spring plant sale, the Club's primary fund raiser. In the fall, members are encouraged to divide those perennials, pot up those excess plants and start them on their way to being healthy, robust plants by plant sale date. During the fall and winter, work parties are formed to assist those members with a large number of plants to pot up excess plants for the plant sale. Club members respond to those who may be re-landscaping or moving and have plants they wish to donate to the Club. At some homes, the Club will receive over 150 plants, some unusual and most desirable to avid gardeners. Members label each plant with its name as well as its basic needs, sun, shade, low water etc.

The plant sale also features a boutique with garden related items for sale. This is a very popular part of the sale and seems to expand each year. Again, most items come from members homes but the public often will contact us with items they wish to donate.

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LAVGC cont.

Two days before the plant sale, most plants and boutique items are brought to a central location for pricing. Some homes have so many plants they are treated as a pricing site. At pricing sites, members group the plants, determine the number of plants in a category and their condition, and price them accordingly. Colored tags are used for pricing.

Plant Sale day itself starts at 5:00 a.m., those responsible for loading up plants from distant sites into trucks and trailers. Members arrive at the sale site at 6:00 a.m. to put up tables, pop-ups, umbrellas and signs, with plans to have the sale site ready to receive plants by 7:00 a.m. Plants are moved from homes and pricing sites to the sale site and placed in their appropriate area. By 9:00 a.m. the LAVGC 2019 Plant Sale site is ready!

At opening, a line will already have formed with potential buyers pulling wagons and carts, ready to load up on plants and garden related boutique items. By 1:00 p.m., with luck, few plants will be left, cleanup will take place, and members will go home – tired, but pleased with the day.

The Club considers the Plant Sale both a means of balancing our budget and, importantly, an opportunity for members to get to know their fellow gardeners. Pricing parties potting parties, planning meetings, to say nothing of the plant sale itself, provides settings conducive to interacting with others. Nothing like sharing the problem of digging up an old rose bush to cement a friendship! On the plant sale day itself, over 70 members will be on hand to make the day go smoothly.

Our 2019 Plant Sale is April 6, 9 – 1.p.m. at the Amador High School parking lot in Pleasanton. We'd love to have you drop by!





Walnut Creek Garden Club

President: Jenny Spinello

The Walnut Creek Garden Club had a wonderful speaker at our February meeting. Bridget Colton and her beautiful Harris hawk T.K. enlightened our club on falconry and the environment. He was so well behaved, even after her talk when many of us got up close and personal. (see picture)



We are now gearing up for our annual fundraiser, April 16 at the Crow Canyon Country Club. We are hosting a vintage fashion show put on by Good Will Bags. Lunch and fashion show cost is \$50 per ticket. We will have a silent auction as well. Our fundraiser, Vintage Fashion Show Luncheon Please sign up for this event using the form on the next page.....(page10).

No. California Camellia Society

President Don Bergamini

Northern California Camellia Society's Show and Plant Sale

at Saint Andrew's Celebration Center

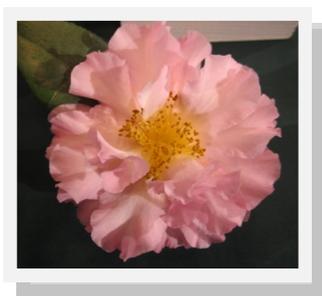
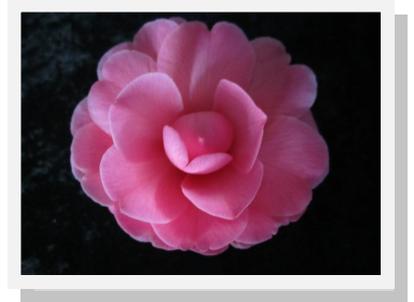
1601 Mary Drive

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

March 9, 2019 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

March 10, 2019 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

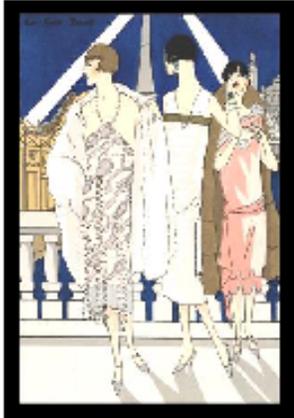
You may enter blooms from 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM on March 9th for further information contact Don Bergamini at camelliadon@comcast.net



Vintage Fashion Show Luncheon

Fashion with a Purpose

All clothes are authentic vintage wardrobe and are presented by Goodwill Bags models, including music to fit the era.



Tuesday, April 16, 2019
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville

\$50 per person
(Deadline to Purchase April 5, 2019)

A fundraiser for the community programs of
The Walnut Creek Garden Club
Silent Auction & Grand Prize

Lunch choices: (1) Salmon Salad or (2) Chinese Chicken Salad
All served with rolls, coffee or tea and dessert

For reservations and information contact:
Jan Howard (925-933-5861) or janhoward2003@comcast.net

(List the people you wish to sit with when making your reservation)

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sit at Table: _____

Name

Lunch choice: 1. _____ 2. _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Contra Costa Rose Society

President: Karen Mahshi

The Gardens at Heather Farm

Director: Joan Lucchese

Did you know that the Gardens at Heather Farms has **16 separate gardens** to view and learn from? An area for Plants that naturalize, an area for Plants that are needed for food and sheltering butterflies, an area for shade loving plants....oh and an area for waterfalls, and, of course, the area for daffodils, camellias....hmmmmand ROSES!

All these “gardens” are yours to enjoy by just walking, wandering, the paths.
Time for a stroll.



Herb Society of America, Northern California Unit

President: Martha Scheer

The Ruth Bancroft Garden

Development Director: Gretchen Bartzen

Driving by RBG one sees that things are “shaping up” for the remake of RBG. A lot of work accomplished, yet, still more to go.

A redone parking area. A new “sales area”

A learning center building on the rise

A Donor wall begun, with donor tiles.....

for those that share the belief:

“it can be done” ...



Diablo Foothills District, Inc.

2019-2020 Yearbook & Roster - Advertising Application



Advertising in the Diablo Foothills District Yearbook is available for you to advertise your business, service, art/craftwork, plant sale, or club event - does not have to be garden related. Please fill out this form - CLEARLY.

NOTE: All advertising proceeds go directly towards the printing costs of our District's Annual Yearbook & Roster. Your advertising has the potential of reaching approximately 1500 Garden Club members via our DFD Yearbook, DFD / CGCI website and in our quarterly newsletter – 'Round the Mountain.

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Garden Club: _____

Name of Business, Service, Art/Craftwork, club event, etc:

Preferred Ad Size (please check one):

Large Business Card / 1/3 Page Ad – approx. 4”W x 2.25”H ----- \$25

Two-Sided Business Card / 2/3 Page Ad – approx 4”W x 4.5”H ----- \$50

Full Page Ad– approx 4”W x 7”H ----- \$75

All advertising artwork must be submitted either as “hard copy” printed to size, or as a “print ready” .jpg file, **300 dpi max** - in one of the (three) above Ad dimensions given.

Please mail this form and check payable to: **Diablo Foothills District, Inc.**,
to: Steve Lane, DFD Directory Advertising Chairman
245 Mountaire Cir. Clayton, CA 94517 / ph: (925) 672-8325 / email: slane23@msn.com

Deadline for receiving artwork and payment is Sunday, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

2018-2019 Ad Layout is on the back of this form. Each Actual Ad page size is 5.5”x 8.5” NOTE: Final Ads are in full color.

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Over 30 Years Experience - Local References upon request
Background Illustration by Charles Endom: Clayton Museum Garden Improvements, 2018 - SML Drafting & Design

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2019 DFD Awards Application for

**FLOWER ARRANGER or CONTAINER DESIGNER
of the Year**

Award Name: _____

Submitted by: _____
(Enter name exactly as it should appear on award)

Date: _____

Name of Club: _____

District: DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Application form is limited to four printed pages; **this page is Page #1**; print one side only.

Please complete each topic, if applicable.

1. Brief summary of project, (flower or plant names, materials used, etc.)
2. Attach or insert photos, digital photos

Copy entry for your files.

Deadline: Submit by JUNE 14th

Submit to Mona Dunlop, DFD Awards Chair (mdunlop@pacbell.net)

6888 Duke Court, Dublin CA 94568



2019 Award Application for
Diablo Foothills District

Propagator of the Year

Submitted by: _____
(Enter name exactly as it should appear on award)

Date: _____

Name of Club: _____

District: **DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**

Application form is limited to five printed pages; this page is Page #1; print one side only.

Include the following:

- Description of project
- Procedure of project
- Results of project
- Photos of various stages (no more than three)

Copy entry for your files.

Deadline: Submit by JUNE 14th

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