



# Calaveras County Garden Club

## Newsletter

### November 2023

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Happy Thanksgiving season to everyone! And just like that the holidays are upon us. Wasn't it just a New Year or Independence Day? Time really does tend to fly. Here's wishing all of you some very merry and cheerful holidays and may all you and your families be safe, healthy, and able to spend some wonderful times together.

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## **October 2023 Meeting revisited...**



The meeting on October 11, 2023 was held at the Inner Sanctum Cellars Basecamp in Sonora which happens to be the old Columbia Nursery which has been morphed into a nice entertainment/wine tasting venue. The meeting was held outdoors and it was the perfect fall weather. Everyone came dressed for fall and looked so comfy in their sweaters and jackets!! As usual, Linn, our president started us out with the Pledge of Allegiance and then got right to reviewing all the old business and then discussing any new business. It came to light that there are a lot of upcoming events so be sure to check it all out and the end of this newsletter. And a big thank you to our guest speakers Cheyenne and Ashley. They provided us with a very nice, informative, and humorous at times demonstration of how they put together their style of floral arrangements. As you can see from the above photo, their arrangement is quite unique and beautiful!! They also donated the arrangement that was created and it was auctioned off for a nice sum that

benefitted out club. Thank you so much Cheyenne and Ashley. And speaking of auctions, Lynn Helmbacher and Donna Anderson created some fantastic witches along with some scary looking trees and elegant pumpkins that were auctioned off to the highest bidders. Judy Weddle did a mighty fine job as auctioneer and the auction itself got pretty lively at times but all those witches with their accessories got new owners in the end. Great job everyone! That was really a fun time!! And thanks again to Lynn and Donna for donating all your time and for providing members the chance to go home with some beautiful artwork!! And of course we ended the meeting with the opportunity and all the fun that comes with being lucky enough to have your ticket drawn for the fantastic prizes that were provided by Sharon Norris, Kris Pedroncelli, and Donna Anderson. Thank you ladies! Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!!!

### **Hort Report**

Hello to all you gardeners!! Well now it is mid fall and although the weather will definitely be changing to cooler, wetter days, there is still plenty to do in the garden. It is time to get ready for winter.

The following is excerpted from Proven Winners “Put Your Beds to Bed” article found on Facebook: It’s time to clean up our yard and gardens by getting rid of old leaves and stems that have fallen from any plants that may have been having problems/diseases this past season. These leaves and stems will carry over the problems to the next year. Now if your plants and trees were healthy, it is beneficial to

allow the leaves and stems that fall to create a mulch around them. A good layer of mulch helps in the following ways:

Mulch works much like a blanket and helps even out the cold temperatures while helping your plants to over winter more easily.

Mulch holds moisture-one of the biggest problems during winter is plants are in danger of drying out. In our climate, there may be long stretches when there is no precipitation. Damage occurs to plants when there is frost or below freezing temps and the plant has no water up in its stems.

Mulch blocks out the sun which helps perennial plants sleep more deeply and keeps weeds at bay.

And a couple of things not to do: Do not fertilize/feed any plants. Do not prune as pruning at this point can leave wounds on trees and shrubs that don't have time to heal properly and may cause more die back. Wait until late winter for pruning when plants are completely dormant.

And for all those fall planted trees, shrubs, and perennials: Keep them well watered as their roots are not too far down in the soil yet. Thank you Proven Winners!

As the cold weather approaches it is time to plan to protect our cold/frost sensitive plants by giving them some cover. A good investment would be some frost cloth. This can be found at your local hardware and big box stores. You can also use blankets, burlap, sheets etc.. Just do not use plastic as your plants will not be able to breathe.

Have you noticed that our friends the weeds are starting to rise up? It's never too early to begin weeding. If weeding is started now, you can head off a lot of work later in the season and you can keep weeds from becoming mature and spreading seeds for even more weeds. Another good reason to weed early and often is that weeds do steal water and nutrients from any plants nearby.

In the veggie gardens: You can plant seeds for radishes, bok choy, mustard, spinach, and peas. Plant garlic and onion sets. Harvest squash and pumpkins and continue to clean up the summer garden. Consider composting any disease free foliage.

In the ornamental/flower gardens: You can direct sow many flowers into the garden such as portulaca, cornflowers, poppy, nasturtium, sweet pea and stock. You can plant bedding plants such as pansies, snapdragon, primrose and viola.

A few more errands can include turning off your irrigation systems as rain begins. And turning any empty pots over so as not to provide a breeding ground for insects-mainly mosquitos.

Happy Gardening!!!

### **November 8, 2023 Meeting**

The November meeting will be held at Cascabel Restaurant located at 1252 S. Main Street, Angels Camp. Phone number is 209-387-0187. There is no website listed but they do have a Facebook page which can be found by searching for the name of the restaurant. Rumor has it they have excellent Mexican food! We will be meeting indoors in the historic basement.



Our guest speaker will be Joan Allday who is the Director of the Calaveras Big Trees Association. She will be speaking on Big Trees History. Calaveras Big Trees is a California State Park located upcountry on Highway 4. It is home to two groves of giant Sequoia trees. If you would like to know more about the association their website address is [www.bigtrees.org](http://www.bigtrees.org)

During the meeting, we will be discussing upcoming elections for officers to hold positions for the 2 year period for years 2024-2026. In preparation for an impending election, we need volunteers to be on the nominating committee. If you are interested, please call or text Linn Pillsbury at 209-890-9277. Your participation would be much appreciated.

Hostesses for the November meeting are Elaine Shaffer, Chris Lestanguet, Patti Corcoran, and Nancy Murray. Thank you ladies!

Opportunity will be provided by Elizabeth Novello, Laura Baughman, and Sandy Sharum. Thank you as well ladies!

At the meeting, a last one of a kind Ornament Wreath will be auctioned off. The original price of the wreath was \$195. The starting bid will be \$150. This would make a beautiful addition to anyone's Christmas collection!

Check in is at 1000 am and meeting is to begin at 1030 am. Please remember to send in your \$30.00 luncheon fee no later than October 31, 2023. And also could you please include in the check memo line what the check is for as this would be very helpful to Candy our treasurer. Checks should be mailed to CCGC, PO Box 646, Angels Camp, CA 95222. If you happen to miss the deadline please text Candy Myers at 209-559-5195 to make arrangements. Hope to see everyone there!!

**Holiday Green Bough Table Arrangements Fundraiser**  
**Upcoming Dates-Volunteers still needed!**

One of our bigger fundraiser events of the year is fast approaching. There are several steps to having a successful outcome in putting the holiday arrangements together and then selling them as well. As you read through the following tasks and dates, if you could volunteer for any or all or have any questions, please call Donna Anderson at 1-818-517-8969. She will also have signup sheets at the next meeting.

In preparation for collecting the greens, we need clean 5 gallon buckets to store the greens in water so they stay fresh. If you can lend some buckets, please put your name and phone number on each bucket so that they can be returned to you. Bring your buckets to the November 8 meeting or drop them off by November 26th at Donna's home located at 592 Springhouse Road, Angels Camp.

**Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>** –We need volunteers to trek up to Arnold to harvest/cut the greens that are needed to make the arrangements. We will meet at Bistro Express in Arnold at 10 AM.

**Friday December 1 and Saturday December 2**-We need volunteers to create some beautiful arrangements that people would like to have for Christmas cheer. We will meet at Donna's house at 10 AM-592 Springhouse Road, Angels Camp Greenhorn Creek Community.



**Friday December 8 and Saturday December 9**-We need volunteers to help sell the beautiful arrangements. Location of sale to be determined-stay tuned.

**Special sale dates for members, families and friends- December 4 through December 7**- Members and friends are welcome on these dates to purchase fresh, beautiful Green Bough Arrangements in one of a kind vases for the holidays. Perfect as a Hostess gift or to decorate your home for the Holidays! For Christmas December 25 or for Hanukkah that begins Thursday December 7 and ends Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Approximate price range will be \$25 to \$85 depending on vase, size, amount of greens and decorative picks and ribbons. Available for sale as stated dates above at 542 Springhouse Road, Angels Camp. And just remember....the early bird gets the worm (best selection!) Call Donna Anderson to schedule a time for purchase or for any questions regarding this early access sale! 1-818-517-8969

### **Upcoming Events**

Murphys Certified Farmers Market at Murphys Community Park 505 Algiers Street, Downtown Murphys Every Sunday 9 AM to 1 PM, first Sunday in June through last Sunday in October.

**We Are Cancer Strong** non-profit organization is holding a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness at the Murphys Pourhouse on October 29, 2023 from 11 AM to 5 PM. There is also a car show at the Masonic auditorium. There are several events planned for the entire family. Admission is free but feel free to donate!! For more info visit the Murphys Pourhouse facebook page.



The Calaveras Master Gardeners are having an Autumn festival and plant sale on October 28, 2023. See above flyer for all information. Also they continue to have their demo garden open every Thursday 9am to 1pm located at 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas.



Holiday Craft Faire at Greenhorn Creek on November 4, 2023!! Please see above flyer for details.



The Newman-Gustine Garden Club is having their “A Garden of Tables” on November 4, 2023. See above flyer for details.

“The Biggest Little Rose Show in the Mother Lode”-The Mother Lode Rose Society is having a rose show on November 7, 2023 at the Amador Senior Center Auditorium located at 229 New York Ranch Road, Jackson. Open to all. Entries accepted beginning at 1pm, Show judged at 145pm. Ribbons and cash prizes!! If you are interested in entering your roses and need a show schedule or have any further questions call or text Diana at 209-403-6114.

Crafty Chicks Holiday Market featuring a booth with our very own Sharon Norris and Kris Pedroncelli!!! Saturday November 18, 2023. See details below:



Sonora Christmas Artisan Fair will on Thanksgiving weekend November 24 and November 25. See details below.



And also included in upcoming events are some ideas that Judy Weddle has presented to the club for possible field trips. Please review the following and let Judy know if you are interested in getting a group together to enjoy some of these events.

Amador Flower Farm  
2201 Shenandoah School Rd.  
Plymouth, CA  
209 245-6660

Oct. 1-31st  
Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze  
\*Free tram rides on weekends (weather permitting)  
\*Feel free to take a picnic lunch and enjoy the day

Lorinda's Edible Garden  
17307 Enterprise Rd/  
Escalon, CA  
Pumpkins at the Barn and fall workshops (may be a cost for workshop).  
Oct. 1-30  
209 402-7567

Duarte Poinsettias  
1555 Baldwin Road, Hughson, Ca  
209-272-2590  
Hours 9-4 Monday thru Saturday  
10-4 Sundays  
[www.poinsettias@duartenursery.com](http://www.poinsettias@duartenursery.com)  
Open for poinsettias to sell on Saturday November 11, 2023

If interested:  
Contact Judy at 209 754-4706 or email at [clydeweddle@comcast.net](mailto:clydeweddle@comcast.net)

And on a final note.....

The deadline for submitting information that a member would like to have posted in this newsletter to include

upcoming events, suggestions for articles, etc.. is the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month prior. For example, for the December 2023 issue, kindly email Diana with the info by November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Email address [runner2056@gmail.com](mailto:runner2056@gmail.com)



One last look at our October meetng...photo courtesy of  
Diane Harrison

There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments.-  
Janet Kilburn Phillips

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