



# Calaveras County Garden Club

Newsletter  
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Happy fall all you club members!! Isn't this just the best time of year for spending some time outside in our gardens or on our patios and decks to enjoy all the beautiful fall color and the crisp morning air? Wishing you all the ability to take a little time to do this!

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## **September 2023 Meeting revisited...**

The meeting on September 13, 2023 was held in Mokelumne Hill at the Renegade Winery. As it turned out, our meeting just happened to be scheduled on the same day as a history field trip being attended by a whole bunch of school children and their parents. Needless to say, parking was quite the puzzle but all attendees made it safely to the meeting. And it was such a great meeting! It was our first time back together after the summer break and much catching up with each other occurred! Everyone looked so fabulous and happy too!! Once the meeting started, Linn, our president, proceeded to review all the old and new business, spoke about our new beautiful 2023-2024 Yearbooks, made a round for members and committee members to make announcements, and then handed over the meeting to our guest speakers from the Calaveras County Search and Rescue volunteers. Thanks again to Ted Fahlen and his sidekick for a very entertaining presentation. By the way, the luncheon was just delicious especially the carrot cake for dessert! Hope to see you at the next meeting!!!

## **Hort Report**

Hello to all you gardeners!! This is a busy time of year in the garden. There is planting to do, cleanup to be done, and readiness for wetter, cooler, colder weather to come. So let's get started!

As we all know fall is for planting but do you know all the wonderful reasons why this is so?? Well check out this

great article for some really good information regarding fall planting! Just click on the link:

[https://www.provenwinners.com/learn/planting/why-plant-fall?utm\\_source=Why+Plant+in+Fall&fbclid=IwAR3zWdv6vJlkwCeSV1g8F-esO5kWthVrIVyicZf-29eDEICoFVD7LP-vKPE\\_aem\\_AbeJXCfS7D0RMFlwDlnyO4WlrbVxnM0FUU80ntzXDOve8PpZMophGrijUNQ2VOUE75s&mibextid=Zxz2cZ](https://www.provenwinners.com/learn/planting/why-plant-fall?utm_source=Why+Plant+in+Fall&fbclid=IwAR3zWdv6vJlkwCeSV1g8F-esO5kWthVrIVyicZf-29eDEICoFVD7LP-vKPE_aem_AbeJXCfS7D0RMFlwDlnyO4WlrbVxnM0FUU80ntzXDOve8PpZMophGrijUNQ2VOUE75s&mibextid=Zxz2cZ)

And now....

In the veggie gardens: It is not too late to plant winter/spring vegetables. Keep in mind that while the days and nights are becoming cooler, the soil remains warm and that is what seeds need to germinate. So the window to plant is still open but will be closing soon. Before planting, amend your soil with compost to aid growth of your future salad bar ingredients! You can plant fava beans, beets, bok choy, swiss chard, collards, endive, garlic, shallots, leaf lettuce, radishes, spinach and peas through the month of October and beets, carrots, turnips and leeks until mid-October.

In the ornamental/flower gardens: Now is the time to divide and replant overgrown perennials such as iris, yarrow, and buckwheats. It is still ok to plant spring blooming bulbs but that window will be closing soon as well. Hold off on any pruning of ornamental trees, shrubs or perennials now as pruning would encourage new growth which would be susceptible to frost and freeze damage. Wait to prune until winter dormancy or after last frost next spring. Keep in mind that many perennial plants have some built in frost protection that is provided by the left over stems and stalks that turn brown and die after the first frost/freeze. Leaving these stems and stalks (even though it may look scraggly) shields the new growth in the

spring. Also, many beneficial insects over winter in the dead growth and remerge in the spring. It may not look beautiful, but brown, dried up foliage serves a purpose! Yay!!...mother nature at work!

And very shortly, frosty mornings will be upon us. It is important to know your historical first fall frost and last spring frost dates for your area so that you can act accordingly for planting times and for protecting your sensitive plants from damage. Here are some dates for a few local areas:

	<u>First fall frost</u>	<u>Last Spring frost</u>
Angels Camp	December 4	March 7
Arnold	October 18	May 18
Murphys	December 4	March 7
San Andreas	December 9	February 8
Sonora	November 1	April 18

If you don't see your area listed above, you can easily click on this link and type in your zip code to find your frost dates:

[First and Last Frost Dates by ZIP Code | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)

And clicking on this website, you can learn a lot about protecting your plants from frost damage:

[Protecting Plants From Frost: How to Prevent Frost Damage | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)

Happy Gardening!!!

## **October 11, 2023 Meeting**

First things first-Please note that the October meeting venue has **changed** from what is printed in the Calendar of Meetings in our yearbook. Unfortunately, Red Ridge Restaurant has closed for business. But do not fret! Our wonderful Hostess committee members-Laura Baughman and Willi Krauss have found a great new venue! Thank you ladies! We will hold our October meeting at the Inner Sanctum Cellars Basecamp in Sonora (also known as the old Columbia Nursery). The address is 22004 Parrots Ferry Road, Sonora. Phone number is 1800-750-5919. And please note that this will be an **outdoor** event so please dress accordingly. The owners of this establishment are Pete and Karen Luckhardt. They have a very interesting history and you can learn more about them and their venture into the wine industry at [www.innersanctumcellars.com](http://www.innersanctumcellars.com).

Our guest speaker will be Cheyenne Radanovich of Wildbud Co. Floral Design which is located in downtown Sonora. She will be sharing information about her company and she also will be giving us a demonstration of her floral design creativity. If you would like to know more about Wildbud Co., you can visit the website at [www.chey@wildbud.com](http://www.chey@wildbud.com) .

Our hostesses for the meeting this time around are Lynn Helmbacher and Donna Anderson and they have a "Witch Surprise" for Halloween lovers! There will be one of a kind, handmade, scary and fashionable witches adorned

with pumpkins or trees with spiders and bats involved as well. Yikes!! Just take a look at these beauties!!



These wonderful witches with their accessories will be **auctioned** off so don't miss out by missing the meeting!

Opportunity will be provided by Sharon Norris, Kris Pedroncelli, and Donna Anderson. Thank you as well ladies! We all love the excitement of winning a prize!!

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 September 30, 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 Fundraiser Upcoming Dates-** **Volunteers 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.

**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.

**Friday December 1 and Saturday December 2**-We need volunteers to create some beautiful arrangements that people would like to have for Christmas cheer.

**Friday December 8 and Saturday December 9**-We need volunteers to help sell the beautiful arrangements.

**Special dates for members, families and friends-**  
**December 4 through December 7-** you are welcome on these dates to purchase arrangements at 542 Springhouse Road, Angels Camp. And just remember....the early bird gets the worm (best selection!) Call Donna Anderson for any questions regarding this early access sale!!  
1-818-517-8969

## **Upcoming Events**

Angels Camp Certified Farmers Market at the Angels Camp Museum Every Friday evening 5 PM to dusk June 9-September [angelscampbusiness.com](http://angelscampbusiness.com)

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

West Point Farmer's Market at Blue Mountain Center on Main Street. Thursdays 4-7PM July 13<sup>th</sup> through October 12.

Willow Antiques-Vintage Home and Garden-our very own Willi Krauss!!-is having a fall sale. It is located at the Italian Store on Main Street in Douglas Flat. Dates and times: Friday 9/22/23, 10-4 Saturday 9/23/23, 10-4 Sunday 9/24/23, 10-1

UC Davis Arboretum is having their annual fall plant sale! There will be split sales-early hours for members and a bit later in the day for the public. Sale dates are 9/30/23 and 10/21/23 with the split times being 9am-11am and 11am-1pm. There will also be a clearance sale on 11/4/23. Location is at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery 1046 Garrod Dr., Davis , CA. The good news is you can easily



become a member if you want to catch the early bird hours. They have a very large selection of plants that do well in our planting zone! For membership and plant sale details to include the available plant listings please visit their website: [www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu](http://www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu)

**Note Date Change for Cooking Class** that was scheduled for September 21, 2023 is now moved to October 18, 2023 at 1:00 pm located at the Lion's club in Murphys. All previous details remain the same as far as the menu is concerned. Please see email that was sent out on 9/18/2023 to all members for further details. Any questions text Candy Myers at 209-559-5195.

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

Central Sierra Audubon Society  
Wed. Sept.20th at 7:00 pm at the Sonora Library  
Hawk-talk with falconer Chandra Tucker  
or zoom: link://<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365050065>  
learn about the ancient sport of falconry with Chandra

Amador Flower Farm  
2201 Shenandoah School Rd.  
Plymouth, CA  
209 245-6660  
Sept. 23-24 9:00-4:00  
Fall fun Days Festival  
Demonstrations by plant experts as well as fall bulb extravaganza  
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Oct.1-31st  
Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze  
\*Free tram rides on weekends (weather permitting)  
\*Feel free to take a pic-nic lunch and enjoy the day

Sierra Rock Garden Society  
18250 Main St.  
Jamestown, CA  
Sept.28 doors open at 5:30 program at 6:00  
Alpine plants of the Drakenberg Mountains adjacent South Africa  
by Jenny Wainwright-Klein of Germany

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

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 November 2023 issue, kindly email Diana with the info by October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Email address [runner2056@gmail.com](mailto:runner2056@gmail.com)



“I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze. The sweet chill of pumpkin, and crisp sunburnt leaves”-Ann Drake

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