



# Calaveras County Garden Club

## Newsletter

### September 2023

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Greetings all CCGC members! Hope you are having a wonderful summer!

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#### Rusty Roleri Rose Garden Visit



## Rusty Roleri Rose Garden Visit continued

The Rusty Roleri Rose Garden, which is located at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds, was planted many years ago by Rusty Roleri and Judy Dean with the help of our garden club. The legacy of the garden was and is to preserve old garden/heritage roses that were collected from places within Calaveras County by Rusty and Judy and to be able to share these beautiful roses with the community. Members of the garden club have recently been discussing the maintenance of the garden at the monthly meetings and at the board meetings. So on Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, several members of the club met at the garden for a general workday and to assess what can be done to update the landscaping. Members included Linn Pillsbury, Candy Myers, Laura Baughman and her sister-in-law Susan, Mary Lou Saso, and Diana Perkins-Sullivan. Also in attendance was Judy Dean and her husband Bob who both graciously volunteered to assist us in the garden. We spent our time pulling weeds and removing old blossoms from the rose bushes. Judy gave us a wealth of information regarding some history about Rusty Roleri, the rose types, how to prune, and how to take and start cuttings. Bob was a huge help in removing the larger weeds/immature trees that were growing into the garden. The consensus was that the rose bushes actually looked really well and are thriving however there is some work to be done on the walkway and putting in a drip system. A big thank you to both the Deans for all their help! We also collaborated for future opportunities to work in the garden. Announcements will be coming but tentatively we will be having another workday in the fall (no date set yet) and more days as we go



forward with keeping the garden in the best shape possible. This historic garden really is a jewel that we need to treasure!!



### The Hort Report for September 2023

Hi fellow gardeners! Well.... late summer is upon us and fall is just around the corner. Most of us are so glad that cooler days are on the horizon! With fall fast approaching there are lots of garden tasks to look forward to. And remember...Fall is for planting!!! But remember to avoid planting on the hottest of days.

In the veggie gardens-Now is the time to start looking at your summer vegetable plants. Have they stopped producing? Remove any spent plants, discard any diseased plants and compost the rest. Some summer veggies such as tomatoes will continue to produce and now is a good time to give them a shot of fertilizer. Some gardeners have

reported that they can harvest tomatoes all the way up to Thanksgiving if there are no hard frosts between now and then.

And as discussed in last month's Hort Report, this is the perfect time to start your cool season garden. It's a good idea to fluff up your garden beds with compost to welcome your new seeds and seedlings with plenty of nourishment before planting.

For cool season success, you can now plant **seeds** of beets, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, garlic, collard greens, endive, shallots, kale, leaf lettuce, onions (late September), leeks, peas, radish, spinach, swiss chard, white potatoes (early September), radishes, and turnips. You can now plant **seedlings** of bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, swiss chard, mustard and spinach.

Wow! You can literally plant a salad bar this fall! Just remember to keep all your baby plants well-watered until the fall rains start.

In the ornamental/flower gardens-mid to late September is the time to start sowing spring blooming native seeds such as California poppies, Chinese houses, lupine, and California bluebells. You will not see growth right away though. These beauties need their rest and will waken in early winter with the rains and the cool weather.

You can begin to replace your summer annuals with cool weather plantings of pansies, violas, Iceland poppies, and cyclamen.

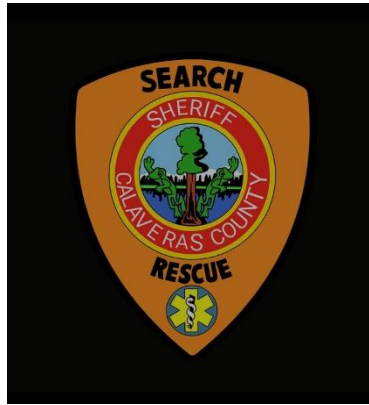
Dead head and fertilize your repeat blooming roses for a beautiful fall flush...there are many rose shows held in the fall...you could be growing a winner!

Continue to order and obtain spring blooming bulbs. There are many beautiful different varieties of daffodils that can be mail ordered. Daffodils are very care free-they are deer and gopher resistant, need no summer watering, and spring blooms may last up to a month! Daffodils can be planted now but it's ok to wait until first rains as the ground is easy to work then.

For tulips and hyacinths, label and refrigerate (but do not store them near vegetables or fruit as the gases from these may damage bulbs). Tulips need to be stratified so refrigerate for 12-16 weeks before planting.

General maintenance- as the days get shorter and cooler, adjust your watering system to reduce water. Check your mulch it may be time to add new mulch around trees and in your beds. Keep an eye out for local plant sales-see Upcoming Events.

Happy gardening!!!!!!



### September 13, 2023 Meeting

Have you ever been out hiking and wondered what would happen if you got lost or became injured and unable to return to the trailhead? Or have you ever worried about a loved one that might be venturing out into the wilderness and may experience an accident or injury? Who would come to the rescue? Well lucky for Calaveras County we have an all-volunteer Search and Rescue Team that works in conjunction with the Calaveras Sheriff Department for just such occurrences. And at the September meeting, our speaker will be Ted Fahlen –Training Personnel from the Search and Rescue Team. He will be sharing information about the team with us. For more information you can visit their website. [www.calaverassearchandrescue.org](http://www.calaverassearchandrescue.org)

The September Meeting will be held at the Renegade Winery located at 8345 Main Street in Mokelumne Hill. 209-286-1041. The winery was started and is owned by Mark and Sue Rueger. They specialize in bold red wines. Their excellent website has everything you would need to

know about this local winery- [www.drinkrenegadewine.com](http://www.drinkrenegadewine.com)  
During the meeting we will be taking suggestions to name this newsletter so bring your best shots!! Hostesses and Opportunity providers are Kris Pedroncelli, Penny Carillo, Sharon Norris, and Pat Haefer...thank you ladies!! The meeting will be held **outdoors** so dress according for weather. Check in is at 1000 am and meeting to begin at 1030 am. Please remember to send in your \$30.00 luncheon fee no later than August 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!!

### Keeping The Bees Safe

Recently there has been a lot of interest in providing pollinator plants in our gardens to promote the bee population. However, did you know that some nurseries and plant growers use pesticides-particularly systemics in the category of neonicotinoids-that are applied to the plants that are sold to the public? These systemic pesticides are toxic to the intended biting and sucking insects but also to bees and butterflies when they ingest the pollen. Basically, unless the tag on the plant that you are buying says "Neonicotinoid Free" than there is a chance that the plant has been treated with pesticides. Also plants that are treated can be toxic for not just one growing

season but the effects can last for 2-4 years. There are several things we can do to avoid pesticide treated pollinator plants: Purchase organic seeds and plants, look for the tag with the above mentioned designation, grow your own plants (gathering seeds, starting cuttings), let your nursery owners know that it is important to you to carry pesticide-free plants, and educate yourself further. There is a wonderful organization, Xerces Society, that is promoting invertebrate (insects are in these category) conservation. You are invited to visit their website at [www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org) . There you will find a lot of information that is very useful for building and maintaining a pollinator sustainable garden. Specifically there is a PDF pamphlet that you can download by going to the website, hover over Our Work, and in the drop down box click on Reducing Pesticide Use and Impacts. There you will find a blue box on the right side of the page that is entitled “Buying Bee Safe Plants”. This is an excellent educational source for protecting pollinators.



## 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.

UCCE Master Gardeners of Calaveras County has their demonstration gardens open every Thursday mornings from 9am to 1pm. Dates include: 8/24/23, 8/31/23, 9/7/23, and 9/14/23. The garden is located at 891 Mountain Ranch Road in San Andreas. For questions you can call 209-754-2880. Or go to website: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/CalaverasCountyMasterGardeners/>

California Native Plant Society Sacramento Valley Chapter is having a Fall Native Plant Sale! In Person on Saturday 9/16/23 from 10am to 2pm at SacValley Nursery located at 2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA. Also they are having an On Line order sale beginning on 9/23/23 which opens at 8am and runs through 9/25/23 closing at noon. Pick up is on 10/1/23. For more information visit [www.sacvalleycnps.org](http://www.sacvalleycnps.org)

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)

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 October 2023 issue, kindly email Diana with the info by September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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