



President's Message

by Paula Elias



Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Thank you all for the wonderful support of our 18th garden tour. So many of you were needed to have a successful tour.

Our mighty club sure accomplishes much. We all should be very proud to be a member of the Manteca Garden Club.

As you know we are starting a new garden club season in September. Thanks to the members who signed up to lead a specific activity. I am excited so many of you are partnering in activities. It's always the best to work with someone and spread the wealth. We still have open positions and would love to have new members join in!

A great thing about our club is that we back each other up too so you are never alone! Thanks to Lorna for backing up Ellen as treasurer when Ellen was on vacation. What a team!

I'm looking forward to our last few summer activities; Art in the Park, Library Craft Day and our Installation Lunch too. Hope you will join in too.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Paula

Key Dates

Meetings and Events

Saturday, June 10	Art in the Park, 10:00am – 2:00pm, Library Park
Saturday, June 17	Craft Day, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library
Monday, June 19	Installation Lunch, Boathouse, River Island, Lathrop, 12:00 noon. Contact Betty Baumgartner to sign up and pay for your lunch.
Wednesday, August 30	Board Meeting at Panera, 10:00am, all are welcome
Monday, September 18	Manteca Garden Club Meeting, McFall Room, Manteca Library, 12:30pm refreshments, 1:00pm Meeting
Saturday, October 7	Orchid Society Open House at Patty's in Stockton, 1:00pm. Tickets \$10. For carpool: meet at 12:15pm at Target

Gardening Chores for June

by Sandi Larson, Master Gardener

It's amazing how my garden did this winter with all the rain. My geraniums have never looked better. I sprayed them with a little geranium worm preventer, used my snail bait and actually fertilized them this spring. My yard is growing so well I've found a few things have started climbing over the fence. Thank goodness my new neighbors behind me say they don't mind the stragglers. It really is difficult when you have a mature yard to keep things from crawling over the fence. We have a west facing backyard and I honestly welcome the neighbors' Japanese maples and crepe myrtles as additional shade for my plants.



Your vegetable garden should be looking pretty good right now. Remember to fertilize your tomatoes and keep your eyes out for tomato worms. If your tomato plant is still fairly young, you may be able to slip a tomato cage over it to help support the fruit when it starts to produce fruit.

You can still plant corn this month and plant it about every two weeks if you want continuous corn later. I did not know that corn is pollinated by the wind!!! Just read an article about corn and it will do well out here but do not protect it from the wind as that is how it is pollinated. There are many varieties and two of the sweetest are actually sugar enhanced or super sweet varieties. They not only taste sweeter the sweetness lasts longer than regular corn.

Bell peppers always take a little longer and more heat to start to set fruit and ripen. If you have a south facing wall where it will get lots of reflective-sun that's a good spot for bell peppers. You can still plant beans, eggplant, pumpkins, summer squash and tomatoes if you haven't done it already.

Remember with your citrus that they will need citrus food all year long. Citrus generally do not need pruning unless one branch is getting out of control you may want to trim it back a little.

Check your irrigation this month. Our hard water can cause havoc with our drip irrigation. If your emitters are clogged it's very easy to change them out. Just cut the small tube that it's attached to. Pick up the same style and size emitter, dip the end of the drip tube in a small bowl of hot water and slide the new emitter on. If it's got a 360 turn to it, check that it's watering what you want so you don't overwater anything.

If your fruit trees are getting extra heavy with fruit, best to thin out the fruit and support the tree branch while you can. If your cherries are ripening and birds are going after them, now is a good time to grab those cherries and let the balance of them ripen inside.

If you have extra vegetables this summer plan on giving them away to neighbors or donate to the food bank if it's really more than you can use.

Plan a trip this month to a botanical garden or garden owned by a trust. I am planning another trip to Filoli again this month to see what's in bloom. They have the most wonderful cafeteria with quiches and salads and I believe homemade desserts. Last time I went there and rejoined, there were the beginning of roses, many herbs and wisteria. Their special weekend where Floral Designers put together fantastic arrangements and beautiful table settings is June 1-4 and you may have to get tickets ahead of time.

Any of your plants that finished blooming for the year can probably be pruned right now like Azalea, Rhododendron. Remember do not prune them severely and with the rhododendron just pull off the flower so that the new growth underneath it has a chance to grow. Seems like such a natural place for a break in that plant!!

If you have plants in pots (I have many) check them daily to make sure they are receiving water properly. With our spring winds, I found many plants dried out much quicker than normal because of those drying westerly winds. Remember to fertilize potted plants and deadhead for continuous blooms In the summer. One thing I have learned with potted plants, try and get a pot where the mouth of it is larger than the base. If you have a narrower mouth it makes it difficult to get the plant out to transplant or change it out for another plant. I've learned from experience that it's a pain in the neck to extract that plant!!

If you find your hydrangeas are receiving too much sun this year put either an umbrella or shade cloth over the plant particularly as the blooms are established. I am not happy if my one hydrangea plant has fried blossoms. I usually wait until just about the end of their blooming season and cut them off to put into a vase to dry them. For years I've been just putting them into a vase, add a little water and when the water is gone the flowers still look lovely. They will stay that
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way for several years if they're not handled much. It's also a good idea to mulch your water-thirsty plants like Hydrangeas to help keep the moisture in the soil longer. Hydrangeas are not drought tolerant plants but in my opinion well worth the water to keep them. Lastly, if you feel your hydrangeas are receiving too much sun and you start to see either the mopheads or the foliage start to brown from heat, pull out an umbrella with a sturdy stand or attach a shade cloth in two or three places to protect it from the strong summer sun.

Be sure you continue to feed and check on your roses. Those darn hoplia beetles are out again and my white roses look frightful. I cut a few of the roses so as to not let them have a free for all in my garden.

Gardenias will be in bloom in June. One of the many blessings we receive with our warmer weather is to have Gardenias. Mine bloom pretty well as long as they don't get full sun in the late afternoon. Your leaves may still be yellowed from their putting all their energy into blooming but if you over fertilize them for green leaves your blossoms will suffer.

Finally, if your yard is looking a little sad, remember as our shade/sun changes many plants that thrived initially may now be planted in the wrong place. I've found as my trees matured my roses weren't as happy. It's part of the circle of gardening. Our exposures change and where one plant thrived for years it now finds itself in too little sun to thrive. Time to move it or give it away!

We are so blessed to have the soil we have. A recent article in the Manteca Bulletin spoke of an intersection near Main Street and the street behind Bass Pro Shop as having "zero visibility" during a recent bout of windy weather because of all the sand in that farmers field. They had to put a temporary plastic fence there to keep the wind from drifting into the traffic and blinding motorists. There is a great amount of sand in our soil because of the Delta influence. The soil right there is great for planting strawberries for sure!

Happy Gardening!



Dahlia and Yellow Smoke Tree



Coleus – morning sun, afternoon shade

June, July and August Birthdays

June

3 Joy Whitcomb
26 Margie Hill
26 Phyllis McDonald
26 Tom Powell

July

2 Kathy Liles
2 Hank Wiegel
6 Suzanne Johnson
9 Paula Elias
10 Marion Golisano
21 Gigi Romero
30 Sandi Larson

August

14 Rose Albano Risso
14 Pam Dias
17 Chris Oertwig
23 Cindy Coble
24 Jean Glenn
25 Vicki Willis



Plant(s) of the Month by Eric Teberg

Angelonia Angustifolia “Angelface Blue”

Type: Annual
Exposure: Full Sun
Height: 1-2 Feet
Width: 1-2 Feet
Flowers: Purple Shades



Impatiens

Type: Annual
Exposure: Shade
Blooms: Early Summer – Early Fall
Height: 9 Inches
Width: 12-20 Inches
Flowers: Various



Salvia

Exposure: Full Sun
Moisture: Drought Tolerant
Height: 2 Feet
Width: 1 Foot
Blooms: Late Spring-Early Fall
Flowers: Purple



Delphinium “Larkspur”

Exposure: Full Sun
Height: 2-6 Feet
Moisture: Regular Water
Flowers: Blue
Soil: Well Drained



Spanish Lavender

Exposure: Full Sun
Height: 12-18 Inches
Moisture: Drought Tolerant
Blooms: Spring-Summer
Flowers: Deep Purple

