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October 2017 Newsletter

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President's Message

by Paula Elias



Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

So wonderful to see so many of you at our first club meeting!!! Thanks to long time and new members for being part of our non profit and contributing to our goals!

A big thanks to Lorna, our club secretary, for working on our yearbook this summer so that it will be ready for distribution at our next meeting. Please keep the yearbook handy for important calendar items and to stay in contact with our members!

We have lots to do this year so thank you in advance for your continued support!

Happy Fall,

Paula

Key Dates

Meetings and Events

Sunday, October 8	Field Trip: Orchid Society Open House at Patty's in Stockton from 1:00-5:00pm. Tickets \$10. Carpool: meet at 12:45pm at Target
Tuesday, October 10	Valley Lode District Meeting in Oakdale
Saturday, October 14	Great Valley Bookfest at Bass Pro Shop from 5:30-8:00pm
Saturday, October 14	Fall Open Garden Day, UC Master Gardeners San Joaquin County, 2101 Earhart Ave, Stockton, 9:00am-12:00noon
Monday, October 16	Manteca Garden Club Meeting, McFall Room, Manteca Library, 12:30pm refreshments, 12:55pm Meeting. Speaker: Barry Hoffer. Topic: Maples for All Seasons

Gardener's Corner for October

by Cate White, Master Gardener

October, with its cool crisp mornings and warm afternoons is one of my favorite months. It's also the perfect time to put in new plants, especially trees and shrubs. Planting now gives plants time to settle in and start growing good root systems before the weather gets really cold, so they are ready to take off in the Spring. Check around your yard for ragged looking plants that need replacing, or bare spots that need to be filled. When planting, it's important to practice proper planting techniques. Dig the planting hole 2 to 3 times wider than the plant's root ball, but shallow enough so that it rests on undisturbed soil. This prevents settling that can eventually cause your plant to sit too low. Keep the sides of the hole rough and irregular, promoting root growth into the surrounding soil. Remove the new plant from its pot carefully. Gently loosen the roots, or score the root ball with several shallow vertical cuts. Remove damaged or circling roots. Avoid buying pot-bound plants with roots circling inside the pot. Set the plant in the hole so that the crown is at just above the soil level, then backfill with the soil you dug out, breaking up large clods. Be sure to firm the soil around the roots, filling in air spaces. It's best not to enrich the soil used to fill the hole, as that discourages the plant from extending its roots beyond the enriched area. Water thoroughly and mulch to within several inches of the trunk. Mulching plants too close to the trunk can cause rot. If you are staking a new tree, use a least two stakes and don't tie up too high, since the tree needs some freedom to move so that it can develop a strong trunk. Wait several weeks before fertilizing.

Did you know that the San Joaquin Master Gardeners have a demonstration garden? It's a great place to see a variety of plants that do well in our area. You can wander through anytime, but October 14th from 9 to noon will be an Open Garden Day, with master gardeners available to answer questions and give advice. The garden is located in front of the Robert Cabral Agricultural Center at 2101 E. Earhart Ave., just off Arch-Airport Rd. Maybe I'll see you there!

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October Garden Check List

- Continue planting winter flowering annuals, such as pansies, Iceland poppies, dianthus, primroses, and stock. Cyclamen, while not technically an annual, also offer beautiful winter color.
- Deadhead roses and feed one last time.
- Plant seedlings of winter vegetables such as kale, chard, broccoli, cauliflower, onions, lettuce and spinach. Beets, kohlrabi and peas can be planted from seed. This is also the time to plant garlic cloves.
- Once night time temperatures are at 50 degrees or less for two weeks, you can start planting bulbs such as daffodils, freesia, hyacinth, Dutch iris, grape

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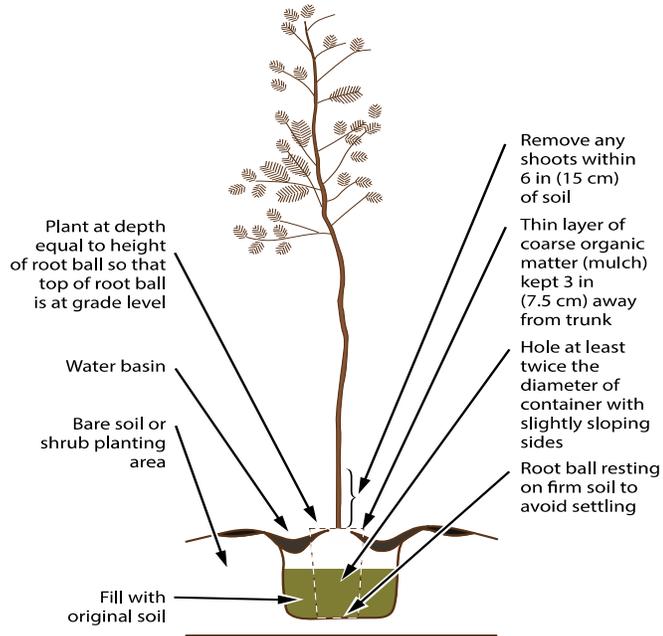


photo by Cate White

San Joaquin County Master Gardener's Demonstration Garden

Plant(s) of the Month by Eric Teberg

Autumn Fern

Exposure: Shade
Moisture: Regular Water
Height: 1-1/2 – 2 feet
Width: 18”



Neoregelia Bromeliads

Exposure: Partial to full shade
Moisture: Average Water
Temperature: 65°-80°
Bloom Color: Medium Blue
Height: 6”



Refreshments

by Ann Clapper, Sandie Harris, and Linda Schneider

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments to the October 16, 2017 Garden Club Meeting. Refreshments start at 12:30pm. Thank you.

Beverly Ensley
Alene Griffin
Gail Hannon

Gloria Martinez
Cynthia Perttula
Linda Schneider



October Birthdays

8 Marcia Munroe
11 Beth Stitt
27 Linda Raetz
28 Bertie Baumgartner

