



President's Message

by Paula Elias



Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours! Can you believe it is just about that time? The weather is cooling down and our garden club is heating up with our wonderful meetings filled with many members along with all of us making garden Club plans for a busy Spring. Keep your club yearbook as reference for our Spring commitments! Thanks again to Lorna for doing the yearbook for our club!!

Thanks to the many members who make all of our projects happen!

Hope to see you at our November meeting!

Paula

Key Dates

Meetings and Events

Wednesday, November 15	Board Meeting, Ellen Paradiso's house, 9:30am
Monday, November 20	Manteca Garden Club Meeting, McFall Room, Manteca Library, Refreshments at 12:30, meeting starts at 12:55pm. Speaker: Janice Zacharias, Topic: History of East Union Memorial Cemetery.
Monday, December 18	Holiday Luncheon, 12 noon at Chez Shari, Manteca Golf Course, 305 North Union Road. Sign up and make payment at November meeting.

Gardener's Corner for November

by Cate White, Master Gardener

To me, nothing is more cheerful in the garden than the colorful blooming bulbs that pop up in the spring. Now is the time to plant those bulbs for enjoyment in early 2018. There are many varieties to choose from, and by choosing carefully, you can plant bulbs that will bloom from very early to late spring.

Bulbs can be purchased in nurseries, big box stores and catalogs. When buying bulbs through a catalog, be sure that they are suited for our climate zone, zone 9. Healthy bulbs should feel firm and be well formed. November is the month to plant most bulbs, except tulips and hyacinths. They have a chilling requirement that can only be met in our area by refrigerating them in a paper bag for 6 to 10 weeks. Don't put them in the hydrator section, as vegetables can give off compounds that aren't healthy for bulbs. Plant them December through early January. Unlike most bulbs, tulips and hyacinths aren't likely to re-bloom the following year in our area, so they are best treated as annuals, discarding them after blooming. This makes them a good choice for pots.

When planting bulbs in the ground, larger ones should be planted deeper than smaller ones. Plant the flat end down. Tulips, daffodils and hyacinths should be planted 6" deep, smaller bulbs can be put about 2" to 3" deep. Bulbs look best planted in groupings of at least 3 to 5. Dig one hole, spacing the bulbs inside 4" to 6" apart. When planted in pots, the bulbs don't need to be placed as deeply and can be crowded quite closely together. If you have room, plant in masses. Daffodils are especially effective this way. Another method is to scatter bulbs over an area and plant them as they fall giving a random effect.

To stretch out the blooming period, plant varieties that bloom at different times. Grape hyacinths, crocuses and some narcissus generally bloom first, followed by freesias and hyacinths. Daffodils and tulips bloom from early to late in the season, depending on variety. Dutch irises usually bloom last. Cover with pansies, violas, primroses, or short-stemmed bulbs to disguise fading bulb foliage after blooming. Don't cut the foliage down until it browns, as the bulbs need energy from maturing foliage to bloom the following year. Whether planted in pots or in the ground, bulbs are an easy way to have beautiful spring color, so plant and enjoy!

November Garden Check List

- With cooler and moister weather, snails become a problem. Control by hand picking, trapping under a loose board, or using iron phosphate bait.
- Manage ants using baits. Sticky barriers can go on tree trunks.
- Adjust your watering schedule taking into account dry windy weather, cold and rainfall.
- If nighttime temperatures fall below 30 to 32 degrees, protect frost sensitive plants.
- Renew mulch in thin or bare spots.
- Strip any "mummies" (dried, shrunken or rotten fruits) from fruit trees.



School Gardens by Tom Powell

Fall is here!

September and October have been busy. We finished harvesting tomatoes, spaghetti squash, basil and peppers at Sequoia, which were used by GECAC to create a hot meal for the after school students. We provided the office staff with the remaining squash and tomatoes.



We used some of the donated soil amendments from Sunshine Supply in raised beds at Sequoia and Lincoln in preparation for sowing the seeds. I assisted teachers and students at Sequoia in harvesting the remaining crops, preparing the soil and sowing the seeds for the fall and winter crops.



Of the ten beds at Sequoia nine are planted and the remaining one will be planted soon. Also, I have been working with the GECAC staffs at Lincoln and Komure in preparing their beds and planning for sowing of their seeds.

Overall the Sequoia garden is looking very nice and we continue our effort to add bark in the one remaining area that has none. The next step will be to prune the fruit trees, watch the seedlings grow, do some weeding and crop thinning, enjoy the various animals that visit the garden, and wait to harvest the crops.



Plant(s) of the Month by Eric Teberg

Teucrium Azureum, Bush Germander

Type: Evergreen shrub
Flowers: Azure blue
Blooms: Summer
Height: 3-4'
Width: 3-4'
Exposure: Shade to Full Sun
Moisture: Drought Tolerant



Teucrium Cossonii Majorigum

Type: Perennial
Exposure: Full Sun
Blooms: All Year
Height: 6-12"
Moisture: Drought Tolerant



Alyogyne hakeifolia 'Yellow', Red-centered hibiscus

Type: Evergreen
Height: 6-8'
Width: 4-6'
Flowers: Yellow
Blooms: Spring-Summer
Exposure: Part Shade
Moisture: Regular Water



Refreshments by Ann Clapper, Sandie Harris Linda Schneider

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments to the November 20, 2017 Garden Club Meeting. Refreshments start at 12:30pm.

Wendy Benavidez	Kathy Liles
Joan Cannon	Marcia Munroe
Pam Dias	Chris Oertwig
Jeanette Farley	Joy Whitcomb



November Birthdays

7	Tom Savage	10	Eric Teberg
8	Rescha Bistrong	21	Gayle Foster

