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September 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message

by Paula Elias



Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

It's time for our garden club season to start! We can't believe summer has passed so quickly.

Thanks to our 2018-2019 board; Bertie, Vice President, Gloria, parliamentarian, Lorna, Secretary and Beverly as our new treasurer. All of us have been busy this summer getting ready for the new year.

Thanks in advance for your support and contribution to our club as well as thinking of joining our board in the upcoming years.

Membership is \$25 for the season. Please pay by our September meeting to be included the club yearbook.

Looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting!

Happy Fall!

Paula

Key Dates

Meeting

Monday, September 17

Manteca Library

Refreshments: 12:30pm, Meeting: 1:00pm

Speaker: Amber Thorpe, Operations Coordinator, Rising Sun Farm & Garden

Topic: Life Skills Development Program for Young Adults with Special Needs

Wednesday, November 7

Field trip to Green Acres, Elk Grove, Lunch at Dancing Fox, Lodi

Gardener's Corner for September

by Cate White, Master Gardener

As we leave behind the hottest part of the year, we enter into prime planting time. Late Summer and most of Fall are ideal for planting since more moderate daytime temperatures are less likely to damage plants, while there is still plenty of time for them to establish a healthy root system before the cold sets in.

So now is the time to examine your garden, noticing each plant and how well it's faring. A garden is ever changing; plants may grow too large and crowd out others near them, or begin to shade sun-loving neighbors. Some plants may be thriving and look beautiful, while others have become spindly and sickly. This is the time to refurbish your yard. Replace or move unhappy plants, thin out overgrown areas by moving or removing selected plants, and add new or transplanted plants to fill in bare spots. Be ruthless in these assessments; removing an unhappy plant now will save you a great deal of time and effort in the long run, as opposed to continually nursing it along.

While planning these changes, keep in mind the principle of "Right Plant, Right Place". In order for plants to thrive, they should be planted where their requirements for sun, water, soil type, weather conditions and space are met. Consult with a knowledgeable nurseryman or the Sunset Western Garden Book to learn what a specific plant's needs are. For example, camellias, azaleas, hydrangeas and gardenias prefer slightly acidic soil. Our soil is on the alkaline side, so be prepared to amend the soil where you intend to put these plants with peat moss and plenty of compost, and know that they are likely to need more pampering than plants that are happy in our native soil. Some plants, such as Japanese Maples and Citrus trees suffer in windy areas, so they need shelter from strong winds. Remember it's best to place plants with similar requirements together.

According to the USDA, we are in hardiness zone 9, while Sunset's system puts us in zone 14, so think twice if you fall in love with a plant in a nursery located outside our area, such as on the coast or in southern California. Upon being transferred here it is likely to suffer shock, may not get its requirements met, and consequently not do well. Lastly, know your plant's growth habits. If it is destined to become a large specimen, make sure to give it plenty of space. Constant cutting back will stress the plant, or an oversized plant can crowd out its neighbors competing for light, air and soil nutrients, leading you to end up with sickly plants, subject to rot and insect infestation. Go out, explore a few nurseries, do a little research, roll up your sleeves, and renew your garden! (continued on Page 3)

September Garden Checklist

- Continue monitoring and adjusting your irrigation system according to weather conditions.
- Also continue controlling for mosquitoes, ants and yellow jackets. Use Bacillus Thuringiensis Israelensis to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in ponds, fountains or birdbaths. Watch for aphids, white flies, caterpillars and spider mites, and control using methods such as spraying with water, insecticidal soap or neem oil. Bt is effective on caterpillars including Tomato worms.
- Prune evergreens and summer flowering shrubs. Remove any fruit mummies (shrunken dried out fruit) from fruit trees.
- Start planting winter annuals such as pansies, stock and Iceland poppies, cool season vegetables such as leafy greens, beets, radishes and broccoli, perennials, trees and foundation shrubs beginning in mid-September. Divide and replant overgrown perennials such as daylilies and coreopsis.
- Continue to harvest and enjoy your summer vegetables, removing plants that have stopped producing or have become sickly.



Gardener's Corner (continued from Page 2)

Interested in becoming a Master Gardener? Applications are being accepted by the San Joaquin UC Extension program until September 28th. Classes begin Jan. 30th, and are taught from 8:30 to 1:30 every Wednesday for 19 weeks. The charge is \$180. After graduation, you will be required to give 50 hours of volunteer time the first year, and 25 hours each subsequent year. Many volunteer opportunities are available. Go to ucanr.edu/sjmg for more information.

Refreshments by Sandi Harris

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments to the September 17, 2018 Garden Club Meeting:
Refreshments start at 12:30pm.

Beverly Ensley
Sandie Harris
Lorna Powell
Linda Schneider



September Birthdays

3 Ann Clapper



Mark Your Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 17	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
October 15	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
Monday, November 7	Green Acres in Elk Grove Lunch at Dancing Fox in Lodi	Field Trip, Time TBD
November 14	Golf Course	Board Meeting, 9:30am
November 19	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
December 17	Manteca Golf Course	Holiday Luncheon, 12:00noon At Chez Shari
January 21	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
February 18	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
March 18	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
April 15	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm

Garden Club Pre-Tour – May 9

Garden Club Home Tour – May 11

May	TBD	Field Trip
May 20	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
June 17	Jesse's House	Installation Luncheon

*Subject to change

Amount : **\$200.00**

Dear Manteca Garden Club ,

Thank you for donating \$200 on 8/10/18 . We want our donors to know that we greatly value their contributions and we cannot survive without your donations to keep the center up and running. Our staff and volunteers work very hard to ensure that each animal entrusted to our care has a chance to recover and be released.

Check out our website -

www.stanislauswildlife.org. We now have Facebook and you can keep up on the daily activities at the center.

Sincerely,
Stanislaus Wildlife Care Center

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