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## President's Message

by Paula Elias

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,  
I appreciate our board members!

As Berti leaves as our VP, I want to show appreciation for her hard work and focus to our club. Berti served as VP for four years!!!! Thank you Berti. I know Berti will continue to be a garden club member and will always support us!!!

And now for the new season. I want to thank Bev, Lorna, Gloria, Pat and Pam, our parliamentarian assigned by me, for stepping up to serve on the board in our new garden club season. I appreciate their willingness to stand up to be leaders in the club. We need leaders!!!

We are lucky we have lots of people to help our club, but we have few leaders. Our board works together, donating our time, to keep the club on track to meet our goals. We work together and we have fun too. I hope more people will try serving on the board in the coming years. I promise you, you won't get bitten.

We have one last time meeting on June 17 at Jesse's. Hope you can make the pot luck. Thanks to Jesse and Larry for opening their lovely garden for us.

Thank you in advance for your leadership!

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

*Paula*

### Key Dates

#### Meetings and Events

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| Saturday, June 8     | Art in the Park, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Library Park   |
| Wednesday, June 12   | Board Meeting, 10:00am, Manteca golf course, Frank's Cafe                                       |
| Monday, June 17      | Installation Lunch, Potluck at Jesse Soto's House, 5870 Almondwood, 12:00noon                   |
| Monday, September 16 | Manteca Garden Club Meeting, McFall Room, Manteca Library, 12:30pm refreshments, 1:00pm Meeting |

**Directions to Jesse's on June17: Head South on Union Road over 120, travel about a mile to Almondwood, turn right, first house on the left – 5870 Almondwood**

# Gardener's Corner for June

by Cate White, Master Gardener

We've been fortunate that during the last few winters we have received average or above average precipitation. However, California weather patterns historically run to extremes, being either very wet or very dry. So while we never know when we'll have the next drought, we know it will come. Since this year's water supply may have to last us for quite a few years, water conservation should be a way of life for all Californians.

One key to water conservation is being familiar with your irrigation system. Know how to set up your watering program, and review it regularly. Check often for broken lines, misdirected sprinkler heads and faulty valves. Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are the most efficient for annual, vegetable, and perennial beds as well as trees. Be sure to water trees and shrubs at the "drip line", not on their trunks, which can cause rot. Rotor sprinkler heads are best for lawns. To be sure that your lawn is watered evenly, try the "tuna can test". Place tuna cans in strategic locations around your lawn, then run the sprinklers. After the sprinkling cycle, check the cans to see how much water is in each one. If the amount in each can varies greatly, adjust your sprinkler heads to get more even water distribution.

Plants in raised beds or pots need more water than those on the ground level. Try to place plants with similar watering requirements in the same watering zone. If this is not possible, it might help to add more drip lines to thirstier plants, or use drippers with a higher water flow rating.

Manteca generally has sandy loam soil, which dries out more quickly than the clay soils found in most areas of California. Use a screwdriver to measure the moisture in your soil. It should be damp to a depth of 2 inches. Adding compost helps retain soil moisture. Mulching with bark or compost to a depth of 2 to 4 inches also helps, but keep bark away from trunks of trees and shrubs to avoid rot. Compost is a good mulch for vegetable and flower beds. Keep beds free from water hungry weeds

Follow the city of Manteca Water Conservation Guidelines. Residences with odd numbered addresses can water Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, while even numbered addresses may water Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. No watering is allowed Mondays, or within 48 hours of measurable rainfall. Watering early in the morning avoids excess evaporation and wind drift. The city of Manteca recommends watering before 4 am or after 7 am, when water pressure is highest. Watering must be done before noon or after 6 pm. Avoid run-off. If run-off occurs, adjust your watering program. You might try a two-phase system, programming your irrigation to run for half the total time once through, then a second time an hour later for the other half. Water should never be used to hose off sidewalks, driveways, or patios.

Lastly, when choosing plants for your garden, look for those with low water needs. Check the following website: [arboretum.ucdavis.edu](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu). This takes you to the Arboretum All-Stars plant list, which gives you all kinds of information including water needs of plants selected to perform well in our area. For more information about best irrigation practices, go to: [sjmastergardeners.ucanr.edu](http://sjmastergardeners.ucanr.edu), and click on Water Conservation in the Home Landscape.

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## June Garden Checklist

- Thin fruit on stone fruit trees. Be ruthless! Thinning avoids stressing your trees and results in larger, better fruit.
- Check irrigation to be sure all units are functioning correctly. Adjust days and timing according to temperatures.
- Apply mulch to bare areas
- Fertilize and dead-head roses
- Early June is still time to plant beans, corn cucumbers, eggplants, peppers, all kinds of squashes, tomatoes and basil. You can also plant dahlias and colorful annuals such as zinnias, vinca and calibrachoa.
- For color and water conservation, plant pots with succulents. There are hundreds of interesting varieties to choose from. Portulaca is a low-growing succulent annual with attractive showy flowers.

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# Plant of the Month

by Eric Teberg

Dwarf Sweet Pea, *Petite Butterflies*

Height: 3 feet  
Width: 3' feet  
Exposure: Partial to full sun  
Blooms: Spring, Summer  
Moisture: Regular Water



Gaura, *Siskiyou Pink*

Height: 2-3' feet  
Width: 2-3' feet  
Exposure: Full Sun  
Blooms: Spring to Fall  
Moisture: Water occasionally



## June, July and August Birthdays

### June

3 Joy Whitcomb  
17 Nancy Myatt  
20 Anna Douglas  
26 Phyllis McDonald  
26 Tom Powell  
28 Cate White

### July

2 Kathy Liles  
2 Hank Wiegel  
9 Paula Elias  
14 Robin Kassner  
25 Cynthia Perttula

### August

2 Andrea Leon  
3 Katrina Clark  
11 Angie Stilley  
14 Rose Albano-Risso  
14 Pam Dias  
17 Chris Oertwig  
23 Cindy Coble  
24 Jean Glenn  
25 Vicki Willis

