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September 2019 Newsletter

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President's Message

by Paula Elias



Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Welcome back to the new season of garden club! We hope you had a nice summer and are getting ready for a lovely fall!

I sent an earlier email to all of you this summer with all of the work your board and other club chairs have been doing for our club. I'm so excited and thankful for all of their accomplishments! I'm sending a big thank you again in this newsletter! Thank you Manteca Garden Club board and club chairs!

We look forward to seeing you at our first club meeting on Monday, September 16. Remember your \$25 dues are needed by the next club meeting to get into our club yearbook. Membership is always open!

Thanks in advance for all of the activities you will be involved in for our garden club this next season. It takes everyone in the club to make the club fun for everyone!

Happy Fall!

Paula

Key Dates

Meeting

Wednesday, September 11	MGC Board Meeting at Manteca Golf Club, 10:00am, Optional: Lunch following meeting
Monday, September 16	Manteca Library, McFall Room, 320 W. Center St. Refreshments: 12:30pm, Meeting: 1:00pm Speaker: Merlyn Lenear; Topic: Succulents

Gardener's Corner for September

by Cate White, Master Gardener

Gardeners in San Joaquin County are lucky to have an excellent resource: the volunteers in the University of California Co-operative Extension Master Gardeners Program. To become Master Gardeners, volunteers go through 19 weeks of intensive training in best gardening practices, recognizing plant pests, and learning about plant problems and diseases. Once certified, Master gardeners must serve at least 25 volunteer hours a year, as well as earn 12 hours of continuing education.

When you have garden questions, you can take advantage of this resource by contacting an SJ Master Gardener such as myself, or you can access an even deeper well of plant knowledge by contacting the Master Gardener Help Desk in the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, near Stockton Airport. The Help Desk window is staffed by Master Gardeners Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone can walk in to ask a gardening question. You can also email or phone. (See contact information at the end of this article.) Using their knowledge and the resources available at the Agricultural Center, volunteers will try their best to find solutions to your problem. They can also access the knowledge of professional plant scientists, such as entomologists (bug specialists) or plant pathologists. Sometimes a complicated problem may take a few days or even weeks to diagnose, but having a correct diagnosis is key to finding an appropriate solution.

The best way to get accurate information is by bringing samples to the walk-up window. Some pests and diseases are particular to certain plants so good samples are the surest way to identify your plant and the disorder it is suffering from. Take cuttings of diseased plant parts as well as some healthy cuttings for comparison. Be sure to place the cuttings in a sealable plastic bag, to protect them and to prevent spread of any pathogens. In order to correctly analyze your problem, you will probably be asked a series of questions such as where the plant is growing, what sort of care it has been receiving, how often you water, and whether you have used fertilizer or pesticides, or sprayed herbicides nearby. When bringing in insects for identification, collect them intact and place them in a clear container. You can preserve them with clear rubbing alcohol.

All samples should be as fresh as possible, so refrigerate them if you can't bring them in right away. Label your samples or containers with your name and contact information, along with the date and the location where collected. If you choose to email, try to include a few pictures illustrating your problem clearly. You can also phone in, although you may be asked to email pictures or bring in samples. Phoning and emailing can be done anytime, and the Master Gardeners will get back to you when they're on duty. Master Gardeners cannot make home visits.

Another way to learn more about gardening is to attend a Master Gardener Open Garden Day. Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer information, answer questions, and conduct tours of their demonstration gardens. Sometimes you can even get your tools sharpened (limit two). This month there will be an Open Garden Day on Saturday, September 28th, from 9am to noon. There are also classes offered throughout the year, and every other year there is a Smart Garden Conference, which takes place over a two-day weekend. A Smart Gardening Conference is scheduled in January of 2020. Check the San Joaquin Master Gardener website for details.

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September Garden Checklist

- Continue monitoring and adjusting your irrigation system according to weather conditions.
- Keep 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 flowering winter annuals, cool season vegetables, perennials, trees and foundation shrubs beginning in mid-September. Divide and replant overgrown perennials such as daylilies, coreopsis and yarrow.
- Continue to harvest and enjoy your summer vegetables, removing plants that have stopped producing or have become sickly.



Master Gardeners Bill Schuckman and Sue Vomocil at the Help Desk Window



View of the SJ Master Gardener Demonstration Garden



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Refreshments by Jean Glenn

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments to the September 16, 2019 Garden Club Meeting:

Refreshments start at 12:30pm.

Katrina Clark
Donna Crowe
Paula Elias

Sandie Harris
Chris Oertwig
Marsha Savage



September Birthdays

No September Birthdays



Mark Your Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 16	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
October 3	Jesse Soto's House	Garden Tour Meeting, 2:00pm
October 21	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
October 23	Elk Grove	Field Trip-The Secret Garden, 10:30am
November 18	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
December 16	Chez Shari, Manteca Golf Course	Holiday Luncheon, 12:00noon
January 20	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
February 11	Chez Shari, Manteca Golf Course	Host Valley Lode District, 9:00am
February 17	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
March 16	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
March 24	Escalon	Field Trip-Creative Water Gardens, 11:00am
April 20	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
Garden Club Pre-Tour – May 7		
Garden Club Home Tour – May 9		
May 18	Library	Club Meeting, 1:00pm
June 16	Pageo Lavender Farm, Turlock	Installation Luncheon, 12:00noon