

THE Valley Lode

Newsletter of the Valley Lode District
California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. National Garden Clubs, Inc.

HIGHLIGHTING THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND CLUBS TO "LEARN AND GROW". [THEME]



▶ ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AS PART OF PLANT AMERICA1



▶ VLD GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 11 FEATURING JULIE MOREHOUSE1



▶ GETTING THE MOST FROM THE DISTRICT – FIND EVENTS IN THE HILLS AND IN THE VALLEY2



Pictured left to right: Julie Morehouse and Eric Firpo, co-owners *In Season Market and Nursery*, Stockton

Julie Morehouse "Inspiration and Healing Garden"

Guest speaker at the February 11 VLD meeting is Julie Morehouse, co-owner *In Season Market and Nursery*, Stk. Julie runs the nursery end of the venture, while Eric runs the market. Both the market and the nursery feature all organic, natural, grown on site, fresh produce and plants, with some prepared foods by Eric.

Presenting the benefits of having your own, and how to create, a specialty garden for quality of life with mental and physical wellbeing, Julie will share her many years of experience and proven trials for an *Inspiration and Healing Garden*. Presentation begins at 11:00 a.m.



Refurbish Project Memorial Marker to Get Facelift

The Valley Lode District owns and installed the Blue Star Highway Marker at the Interstate 5 Westley Rest Area many many years ago. Actual date is unknown. The Marker is very old dirty and scarred with the red paint 'blood shed' spot which needs to be removed, then cleaned and refurbish the brass.

Private funds are being solicited to cover the cost for the cleaning, removal of the 'blood spot' and total refurbishment of both sides of the Marker. A technician who specializes in the refurbishment of the Markers will be in California to complete the entire refurbishment later in the year. With a total cost of \$750, the project has received pledge of \$300, which includes a grant of \$100 from the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc., and is seeking the balance of \$450.



Arbor Day Celebration Tree Planting Ceremony, March 8

To celebrate **Arbor Day California**, week of March 7-14, and **PLANT AMERICA** the Valley Lode District along with California Garden Clubs, Inc. will hold a ceremony at the StanCo Fairgrounds, on Sunday, March 8 at 7:30 a.m. just prior to the start of the Gardening School.

The tree is being provided by the CGCI Arbor Day Chairman, and the CGCI President, Shane Looper will be attending. All are invited to the ceremony. Two informational brochures on how to plan an Arbor Day Celebration, and on how to correctly plant a tree will be given out that are provided by the Arbor Day Foundation.



Gardening School

**GROW MEMBERSHIP
GROW KNOWLEDGE**

Hurry to register for the FREE to VLD members **Gardening School** with the first school to begin on Saturday, February 15 8:00 a.m. with refreshments. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. at the StanCo Fair, Floriculture Bldg. Learn from the NGC curriculum presented by highly qualified instructors who will have hands-on projects and tours. Contact Dist. Dir.

CHAIR REPORT

Social Media Chairman

Lauren Dutch

Let's get social! Engage your territory by creating a consistent stream of information about club activities and benefits. Social media keeps your members and potential members up to date about your club and activities.



Lauren Dutch, Social Media

Curate content create folders and organize what can be posted from members as you plan ahead. This way you will always have something to "post." Discover what social media platform is popular in your area and use it. Tag people, places, events, and other clubs to help your post show up in various feeds. Add hyperlinks to your website if you have one. Celebrate and share all achievements, both big and small, that your garden club has accomplished.

Lots of photos help members and non-members visualize what fun you're having. Encourage all your members to take photos at events and "share." The best camera is the one you have on you! Inspire, educate and tell the story of your club. Don't forget to invite friends to like your page. You never know who may be the next great garden club member.



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District Calendar

LEARNING opportunities GROW friendships
Getting the most from the District

- FEBRUARY 1 DEADLINE GTEP Renewal (Group Tax Exempt Program)
- FEBRUARY 1 DEADLINE Blue-Ribbon Achievement Score. If you don't have a copy contact Berni.
- FEBRUARY 2-5 CGCI Winter Board Meeting. New updated information will be brought back to be presented at VLD Meeting Feb 11
- FEBRUARY 11 VLD DISTRICT MEETING, Manteca Golf, Chez Shari Banquet Hall Featuring co-owner of 'IN SEASON MARKET & NURSERY, Julie Morehouse, "Healing and Inspiring Gardening" 8:30 am
- FEBRUARY 14-17 GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds. Tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see. Join citizens from all over the USA: www.gbcb.birdcount.org
- FEBRUARY 15, 16 Gardening School 8:30 am Stanislaus County Fair, Instructor: Andrew Gardner, CSUS Professor of Botany. Hands-on take-home projects planned and visit to the University Botanic Garden
- MARCH 5 Game Day & Luncheon Lodi Garden Club
- MARCH 7, 8 Gardening School 8:30 a.m. Stanislaus County Fair, Floriculture Bldg. Instructor: Dale Pollard, Professor Environmental Horticulture, MJC
- MARCH 8 at 7:30 a.m. Arbor Day Celebration, StanCo Fair Floriculture
- MARCH 8 Daylight Savings Time begins- turn clock forward
- MARCH 10 Valley Lode District Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Stanislaus County Fair, Building E5

Live daily to the fullest!

Kathryn Murray



LEARN AND GROW

MARCH MONTHLY MEETINGS

- CALAVERAS: "Darn Weeds" by Don Urbanus at Hotel Legar
CERES: Floral Design for Spring, by Ceres Floral
ESCALON: Tomatoes, Tomatoes by Scott Reed
FOOTHILL: TOUR - Bellflower Garden in Amador City
LODI: GAME DAY Annual Fundraiser, Micke Grove Harrison Bldg
MANTECA: Fermenting Foods by Bambi Porter
MODESTO: 10:30am Lorena's Edible - "Organic Herb/Vegetables"
MODESTO: 11:45am TBD
OAKDALE: Wreath Making Made Easy by Lauren Dutch
PATTERSON: Bare Root Multi-Budded Fruit Tree, by Patty Chesney
SIERRA MADRE: Spring Event Plan
TUOLUMNE: Area Gardening by Sherrin Grout, Genealogical Society
TURLOCK: Heidi's Heart Flowers, by Heidi Williams
VALLEY FLORAL: "A Tribute to Spring" Traditional Mass design

FLORAL DESIGN



Design by: Noreen Parath
Theme: "Winter Storm"
Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild

Design Type:
Creative Angular Design

Angular Design - "A Creative Design in which there is a strong emphasis on angular components."

- Non-angular components should be included to emphasize the angles and contrast of form.
- Right angles tend to be less interesting or imaginative than acute or obtuse angles.

Now accepting signup for the next Guild. Space is limited to 8-16 members due to the format for individualized training and instruction.

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