



August 1, 2020

Hello again....Blue Ribbon Manteca Garden Club Members,

Is it August?!? I don't know about you, but for me the time is flying by this summer season, even with me being around my home and going to just safe, close by places. At this unusual time, there is nothing else for us to do, so we just do our best. I know we all hope this virus, comes to a close soon and people stay well.

I hope you and your families, near or far, are all doing okay. I hope too you are having new enjoyable experiences too.

August is usually a time when we start gearing up for our new garden club season. At this time, we will wait for the city's go ahead to schedule our meetings again. So far, it is all standing still. Our board is still continuing on with planning individually and we hope to meet in late August for an outside, social distanced meeting to check in and review our standings with our activities.

As you know, Bev is working away with our budget for the new season and doing all of our state and federal reporting to keep our club current. Thanks to the other board and committee members for continuing with their activities too. Our club is never closed completely. Please watch for the budget in the next few weeks via email so that you may give your approval for the new season.

We all enjoy seeing each other at our meetings and other activities. We hope you will join the garden club again for the new season and invite your friends too. It is always such a fun time. Our time together is missed!

Even though, we don't know the plans to meet again, our club continues to support areas we value; Stanislaus Wild Care Center, the rose garden at the senior center, St Jude's holiday gifts, Penny Pines, scholarships, city and school projects and more! We haven't had our meeting raffle or passed the Penny Pines basket since this all started, but we are continuing our support to all areas.

Thanks for sending in your dues (\$25) to our P.O. Box 23, Manteca, Ca 95336. We will pay our Valley Lode District dues and CGCI dues mid-September. Your dues allow us to purchase insurance for individuals and the tour through CGCI.

Our club is a nonprofit and donations are appreciated since we had to forego our garden tour. We are looking forward to our May 2021 tour. Those proceeds go to 2021-22 projects and scholarships.

I know many of you are staying in touch with garden club members via phone, text, mail, email or even social distancing during the rose garden trimming. I love hearing when that happens. Other ways to stay in touch are our website, www.mantecagardenclub.org and our FB. Be sure to check out Cate's August to do list:

<https://mantecagardenclub.org/gardeners-corner/>

Stay well and keep cool this August. The days are getting shorter and before we know it, leaves will be falling.

Elbow bump,

Paula