



October 1, 2020

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Hoping this message finds you all well and hanging in there. Not only have we been stuck at home because of the COVID virus, but this last month we have had poor air almost daily. I know we all are thankful for our first responders and are thinking of those who have been impacted by the fires.

The forest employees are very busy and asked at this time to put a hold on Penny Pines donations. We have donation money for forest planting and will hold on to it until the program starts again.

Many thanks to the rose teams. We have just this month of rose trimming left, then in mid-January we all will meet to do the annual pruning of the roses. We aren't sure of the date. It might be a weekday or Saturday. Eric is helping out with the treatment of the roses for the Fall. A big thank you to Eric!

Thanks to Eric for giving us a local drive by "Plant of the Month" as he shared about a *Chorisia Speciosa* in bloom at 406 E North St at N Sherman. The common name is Pink Floss Silk Tree. It is left of the driveway. He has never seen one in bloom in Manteca! Hope you checked it out!

In an effort to continue to support city beautification, our club has made our first donation of \$300 to the Manteca Mural Society. We love the many murals downtown especially at the library where we paid for the landscape. Our \$300 will go towards repair to murals. See the thank you note attached.

We are still waiting for the city on other beautification projects.

Thanks to Pam and Ellen for their audit of our club financials. We will hear more by the next monthly newsletter.

I spoke with Brandy at the Senior Center and the city has no plans at this time to open facilities. We will continue to reserve the McFall room for 2021.

Thanks to the members who have rejoined this garden season. Even though we haven't met as a group, our club continues to honor our commitments: dues paid to CGCI and VLD, the purchase of insurance, Sunshine, our P.O. Box and website, donations to SWCC and the Mural Society and soon St Jude's holiday gifts. Your dues support us with continuing our work!

Also, watch for informational emails from me and others about events available online!

Of course, we can't wait to meet again. Pat and Gloria, our VPs are ready to plan speakers and field trips in a moment's notice.

Please stay well! Thinking of you all.

Paula