

THE Valley Lode

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

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



▶ BUTTERFLY GARDEN OPENS, RIPON GARDEN CLUB PROJECT..... 1



▶ HOT TOPICS: LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS 1



▶ GETTING THE MOST FROM THE DISTRICT – FIND EVENTS IN THE HILLS AND IN THE VALLEY 2

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

HOT Topics Seminar 6TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP

The 6th Annual HOT TOPICS Workshop was held virtually on Sept 8 FREE for all garden club members the purpose is to build on old skills and to gain new skills to be applied to activities not just to garden club.

The HOT TOPICS presented for this 2020-2021 term were:

Social Media, by Lauren Dutch, VLD Social Media Chair, who shared statistics based on age of the highest Facebook users; predictable habits of social media users; plus tips on how to get a FB post response.

Treasurers Challenges, by Anne Plummer, VLD Treasurer, who helped to understand the language and the benefits of CA and federal regulations.

Document Storage – What to Save, For How Long? by Berni Hendrix who presented the rules and regulations for allowing digital record-keeping and up-to-date information on what to keep and for how long.

A Silent Auction presented as a Power Point generated funds for the district and for the donor garden clubs. Donor clubs provided a photo with item description and minimum price.

Garden Tour

OAKDALE GARDEN CLUB HOSTS

You are invited to the outdoor tour of gardens and sites in and around Oakdale on Oct 10. These eight lovely sites are diverse and unique to appeal to a wide variety of gardeners. Face mask and social distancing is required while viewing the sites.

Tickets for \$25 are available from Oakdale Garden Club members, and are available at these supporting local plant nurseries: The Greenery, Turlock; Morris Nursery, Riverbank; Westurf Nursery, Modesto; P&L Nursery, Escalon; Park Greenhouse, Ripon.

A fun and exciting Silent Auction and Raffle features very special items selected specifically for this tour.

Contact: Carol Mann 209-599-4645; Linda King, 209-467-1725; or oakdalecagardenclub@gmail.com.

Butterfly Garden Opens RIPON GARDEN CLUB PROJECT



The Ripon Butterfly Garden grand opening on September 10 yielded funds for the Ripon Garden Club through Silent Auction and Raffle while educating on the monarch butterfly. Located in Stouffer Park along the Stanislaus River, the garden is in the monarch butterfly migratory pathway.

Two years in the making, this project included consultation with the city Parks and Recreation Department and the Xerces Society www.xerces.org. Curator and garden club member, Shannon Kuhn, researched each plant and tested the light exposure season-to-season before planting.

Soliciting volunteers and donation of materials from city workers, private individuals and local industry, this very well done and lovely project is a strong example of conservation, preservation as well as beautification.

Mountain Floral Arrangers Guild

Now accepting enrollment in the new **Floral Arrangers Guild** with Master Flower Judge, Marilyn Scheller of Sonora as the instructor. Limited to 10-14, membership dues are \$20. Officers will be selected at the first meeting. Required text book is the NGC *Handbook for Flower Shows*. Location is the Tuolumne County Library; 1st Tuesday 10 a.m. (post COVID-19).

Practice and learn the art of floral design. A fun, relaxing and creative expression of using purchased flowers or those grown in your garden. Learn ways to use leaves, stems, containers and props to create unique beautiful floral arrangements to beautify any home.

Need not be a current garden club member to enroll. Contact: Linda Starnes, 209-432-9671 tuolumnecgc.pres@gmail.com.

CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

YOUTH POSTER

Woodsy Owl
50th Birthday



Pick up your trash! Woodsy Owl is all about 'caring for the land' the air and water. Woodsy Owl is the only poster figure in 2020.

Woodsy Owl is all about picking up trash and being responsible. Teach a kid to not be a slob. Give them the supplies to make a poster of Woodsy Owl with his slogan "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land". For Grades 1-5 only engage your grandchild, the neighbor kid, kids at church, local Scout Troups. Or go to where there are LOTS of kids with nothing to do – school district After School Program.

Use the right size of paper with color crayons, color markers or pencils. Provide the correct slogan and a picture of Woodsy and tell them to draw a picture.

Rules are very specific for the US Forest Service and National Garden Clubs Youth Poster Contest. Contact Chairman Charlotte Tucker at ctucker@mlode.com or go to: <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/smokey-bear-poster-contest>

District Calendar

*LEARN*ing opportunities *GROW* friendships
Getting the most from the District

Public gatherings are deemed to be a health risk due to COVID-19.
Refer to your local county guidelines for assembly.

Zoom is available for use by all clubs for board meetings, committee meetings, and general meetings.

Contact the district director for training & access codes.

Oct 10 – Garden Tour 10am – 2pm Tickets \$25
Oakdale Garden Club fundraiser

Oct 13 - VLD Meeting hosted by Foothill Garden Club. Featuring Susan Britting, PhD, Executive Director, *Sierra Forest Legacy* presenting "Treasures of the Sierra Past and Future." Zoom sign-in is at 9am. Meeting begins at 9:30 am with reports from every club president. FUN virtual Silent Auction will follow. Must register to receive the Zoom login and password. Contact: Shirley Day 530-417-1946 email: shirleyaday4@gmail.com

LEARN AND GROW MONTHLY MEETINGS

Art & Flower Guild	3 RD Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Calaveras County G C	2 nd Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Ceres Garden Club	3 rd Thursday 10:00 a.m.
Escalon Farmington Comm	1 st Thursday 1:00 p.m.
Foothill Garden Club	4 th Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
Knights Ferry Garden Club	2 nd Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Linden Community G C	3 rd Thursday 1:00 p.m.
Lodi Garden Club	1 st Thursday 11:00 a.m.
Manteca Garden Club	3 rd Monday 1:00 p.m.
Modesto Garden Club	2 nd Thursday 10:00 a.m.
Mountain Floral Guild	1 st Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Newman Garden Club	3 rd Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
Oakdale Garden Club	3 rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Patterson Garden Club	4 th Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Ripon Garden Club	1 st Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Sierra Madre Garden Club	4 th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.
Stockton Garden Club	2 nd Thursday 1:00 p.m.
Tuolumne County G C	2 nd Friday 10:00 a.m.
Turlock Garden Club	2 nd Monday 12:00 noon
Valley Floral Arrangers	4 th Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

FLORAL DESIGN



Design by: Barbara Coelho
Title: *Head Over Heels*

Design Type:
Cascade Design

'Emphasis on a downward rhythmic movement.'

- downward lines may be curved straight, zigzag, interrupted or a combination of some or all;
- design is supported by a container or other device;
- A minimum of components may extend upward.

Publication of the Valley Lode District, CGCI
Circulation: Mailed & FREE electronically
Editor: Berni Hendrix
Contact: distdirvld@gmail.com 209-402-2351
P O Box 1234, Ceres, CA 95307-1234
1ST ISSUE 6TH VOLUME SEPT 2020



Valley Lode District
P O Box 1234
Ceres, CA 95307

