



November 1, 2020

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

What beautiful weather we have had the last couple of weeks. I am thinking about rain now along with snow up in the mountains, since I know that soon we will need it.

We have 63 garden club members signing up as of this letter! How wonderful!! Membership is always open and is only \$25 for the season. Thank you, to all, for continuing to support our club.

We miss Garden Club members who have passed away, most recently in the last four years, Jesse, Marion, and Suzanne. These members were great supporters of our club. Our long-time members also know we have many other members who have passed away over the lifetime of our club. Every member contributed in their own way and supported our club since the club started in 1953. Losing such members is always sad. They are missed and thought of frequently.

We hope you are enjoying the website contest. The answer to "What is the Shakespeare's play that mentions marigolds?" is **A Winter's Tale**. Congratulations to Tom Savage, who emailed me the correct answer and is the winner of the random drawing. The \$25 certificate from Rain Forest Nursery was dropped off at his home. We hope you will continue to play our website game, so watch your email and check out our website. Thanks to Barb for being an excellent webmaster!

The Board is very excited about our December 14 luncheon planning. We are keeping our fingers crossed that our county keeps improving with COVID-19 results so we can open this event fully. Gloria, our co VP, is planning centerpieces as this letter goes out! Remember, we can only have 40 members at the luncheon, and it will be the first paid RSVP, the first to go. Guests are welcome if we don't reach the 40 with members. The email went out to you all on October 26 about the luncheon!

Thanks to Pam and Ellen for their audit of our club financials. We received a readout from Pam at the board meeting and our finances are all in order! Thank you to Bev for doing a wonderful treasurer's job! Bev has paid out our two scholarships for 2020. Both students are very grateful, and we are excited to help them with their education journey.

The city still has no plans for opening for meetings as it all depends on what the SJ Health Department allows the city to do. However, we went ahead and asked the Mayor's Committee on the Arts to approve our facility request for 2021. As a member of MMCA, we can use city facility without obtaining additional insurance. Sandie Harris and I have been representing our club on the MMCA board and Barbara goes for the Senior Center Chain Gang Jewelry Group and has backed us up when needed. Pat, our Co-V.P. moved forward and reserved the McFall Room for 2021. Pat also has speakers lined up for when we can meet as a club.

Our board voted to donate \$30 to the Senior Center for their sponsored Trunk or Trick. They asked for volunteers to work the event, however we thought it was best for us to provide funds to contribute to goodies.

I attended the Valley Lode District meeting on ZOOM (yikes) this month. I am the Penny Pines district chair and shared the US Forest Service is closed for Penny Pines donations due to COVID-19 and wildfire events. I also represented our club sharing what we are doing to stay connected as we move through this virus; rose teams, our Quarantine Garden on our website, FB, Beth continuing to send Sunshine greetings, the website contest, our lunch planning and more. Make sure to check out these ways to stay connected!

Keep Saturday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m. in mind for our deep rose garden pruning. Susan and Robert Milner will be leading the charge for us. All members are invited to come help out or just come by to say hi and have a morning treat, juice and donuts. Bring your coffee! Please wear a mask! Again, thanks to the rose teams for keeping up the garden!

Thanks to all for keeping us connected through this crazy time!

Please stay well! Thinking of you all.

Paula