

# 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]



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## Home Garden Tour FUNDRAISER AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The outdoor tour of gardens and sites in Oakdale on Oct 10 was a successful event as a fundraiser and membership drive with a Penny Pines donation and educational project that was sponsored by the Oakdale Garden Club.

Showcasing eight diverse sites with some historic homes and gardens, attendees wearing masks and social distancing were treated to opportunities to speak with the homeowner/garden designer to get answers as to specific plant species, etc. Homeowners were presented with an engraved river rock as a gratuity for their participation. The PennyPines educational display resulted in three plantations being purchased which included complimentary garden club membership.

An exciting Silent Auction and Raffle along with local business support with donation and the sale of tickets resulted in a very successful event for the Oakdale Garden Club.



## Fire Fighters Gift CERES GARDEN CLUB DONATES



Civic project benefiting the city of Ceres firefighters was presented by Barbara Hawkins who represented the Ceres Garden Club on September 25. Accepted by the city Fire Chief, Kevin Wise, his gratitude and appreciation for the gift of hand-made cooling scarfs for his crews of firefighters who continually put their lives at risk for the public was voiced at his acceptance and was followed with a letter of appreciation.

Directions on how to make this scarf can be found on 2<sup>nd</sup> page under CHAIR REPORT, *Crafts*.

## Mountain Floral Arrangers Guild

Now accepting enrollment in the new Floral Arrangers Guild with 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; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 10 a.m. post COVID-19 when open for assembly, or other site.

Practice and learn the art of floral design. It is 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 and to delight the senses.

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

# CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

## CRAFTS

Barbara Hawkins, Chair

### COOLING SCARF



Easy to make using strips of fabric 4x44 inches. Sew together in a tube leaving one end open. Turn seam inside; iron flat. Then fold in half. From the center, fold and press two four inch pockets on each side of center. Sew tombot of the first pocket from the closed end; add 1/4 teaspoon of WATER-SORB polymer beads (medium size) then sew a seam 4 inches from the first seam. Repeat until you have 4 pockets. Sew to close the end of the tube which leaves tails to tie around neck.

Print the care instruction label on plain paper; tape or glue label ends together to form a sleeve around the folded scarf.

To fold: fold in half; lay a sandwich ziplock in center, then fold in thirds. Bag is for storage when wet as stated on instruction label.

WATER-SORB found in craft stores and online (polymer medium beads). Call 209-765-8670 for label template and better instructions.

# District Calendar

LEARNING opportunities GROW friendships

Getting the most from the District

Due to COVID-19 refer to your local county guidelines for assembly.

**Zoom is available for use by all clubs for meetings.**

**Contact the district director for training & access codes.**

**Nov 7** Native plant Sale,  
Blossom Hill Nursery  
[www.blossomhillnatives.com/](http://www.blossomhillnatives.com/)  
fallnativeplantsale

**Nov 9** Board Meeting:  
Valley Lode District,  
zoom codes for login  
will be sent via email

**Nov 15** Deadline IRS &  
CA tax filing for fiscal year

**Dec 1** Deadline for most CGCI  
Awards, PR & NGC Applications.  
For assistance contact district  
director

**Dec 12** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Christmas Décor Home Tour  
Tickets \$25 Westurf Nursery  
& [modestogardenclub.org](http://modestogardenclub.org);  
Modesto Garden Club 529-7360

**Jan 25** Deadline:  
Youth Posters  
Woody Owl only

**Feb 9** General Meeting of the  
Valley Lode District. Guest  
speaker is the Tri- County  
Wildlife, "GARDENING with  
WILDLIFE" Linden Community  
Garden Club host

### LEARN AND GROW MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

# FLORAL DESIGN



Designs by Judi Picinini  
Title: "Pumpkin Surprise"



### Design Type:

**Botanical Arts-Artistic Craft**  
*'Botanical Arts allow for additional types of horticulture, design, and art-like exhibits'*

- Must contain fresh and/or dried plant material; dried material may be treated
- No artificial, endangered or locally invasive plant material may be used

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