

THE Valley Lode

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

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



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

Garden Clubs Get Creative OUTDOOR, VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND FUNDRAISERS



Pool side, in a park, or in an open barn, garden clubs have been creative in finding a safe place to meet and social distance. Eager to offer learning programs, and to continue social exchange, most clubs have started to embrace the use of virtual contact. As family members become proficient with work-from-home on the virtual platform, they set the example of how to evolve and succeed. Our physicians and our children eagerly desire that we learn to use the virtual platform to keep us safe. And so we shall. The Valley Lode District has purchased Zoom for garden club use to keep in touch with members for general club meetings with guest speaker, board meetings, committee meetings, and fundraisers. Training sessions can be scheduled at your convenience; login codes can be tailored to your club/committee; virtual fundraisers are proving to be fun and profitable; everyone desires avenues for social exchange. Do not allow your club members to be lost, instead embrace this opportunity to learn a new way. It's not difficult, it's just different. We are not too old to learn new ways, after all we are the innovative generation.

District Meeting

FEBRUARY 9, CERES GARDEN CLUB HOSTS

The Valley Lode District meets three times per year for all members to attend from the 19 clubs in the district. The Ceres Garden Club will host on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending with a spectacular Silent Auction that will be sent out for advance viewing.



Guest speaker is Monica Perrone, Landscape Architect. She has taught upper division design at UC Davis and has 30 years' experience in landscape design providing creative solutions to meet priorities by understanding construction and maintenance realities that will add value. Her design approach is dictated by sustainability, responsibility and efficiency with appealing, functional spaces that will long remain to span decades.

Do not miss this opportunity to gain useful knowledge to apply in your home garden landscape and in garden club projects. This is a spring-board program for the upcoming National Garden Clubs, Inc. accredited Landscape Design School planned for early 2022.

Mountain Floral Arrangers Guild

The new Floral Arrangers Guild with Flower Judge, Marilyn Scheller of Sonora as the instructor will be postponing the first gathering due to restrictions imposed by COVID.

Limited to 10-14, dues are \$20. Officers will be selected at the first meeting. Meeting will be on the 1st Tuesday 10 a.m.; location TBD. Required text book is the *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*; online purchase \$25 at www.gardenclub.org/our-store.

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.

CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

OUTREACH GARDENS

Rachel Dyer, Chair



Ripon Garden Club Butterfly Garden

It's that time of the year to set goals. What better goal than to connect through an Outreach Garden? Outreach Gardens are community plantings to provide the citizens of the surrounding area with the beauty of a garden; opportunities for social engagement, education, environmental conservation, and/or urban agriculture applications. It's a great way to let more people know about your garden club and to meet interested members. Examples of places for Outreach Gardens include sidewalk strips, school gardens, urban greening of vacant lots, roof tops. Examples of types of Outreach Gardens include native species gardens, meditation/sensory gardens, pollinator/wildlife sanctuary, community orchards & food gardens, edible landscapes, xeriscape showcase gardens, children's gardens. A well-planned Outreach Garden can be a gift to your community that will continue for years to come.

District Calendar

LEARNING opportunities GROW friendships
Getting the most from the District

**Zoom is available for use by all clubs for meetings.
Contact the district director for training & access codes.**

Jan 10 Blue Ribbon Achievement score deadline. Go to CGCI website under Awards to find the score sheet; only the total number of points earned in 2020 is to be sent to the district director. Note the topics under Clubs to plan in 2021.

Jan 25 Deadline: Youth Posters Woodsy Owl only

Feb 9 8:30 a.m. Valley Lode District General Meeting free on zoom for ALL club members Ceres Garden Club Hosts.

Feb 26, 27 OUTDOOR FAIRE of JUST DESSERTS; an extravaganza of delectable desserts and crafts. Ticket \$25 Includes cookbook of featured desserts and the dessert of choice. Masks and social distancing required. Outdoors under covered tent, ample parking 10am-4pm Willow Farm 3925 E Service Rd Fundraiser: Ceres Garden Club Credit and debit card accepted

Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, Tomorrow romaines to be seen.
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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
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- Identical to the description, requirements, and award possibilities that apply to other designs
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