



March 1, 2021

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Thinking of you all and hoping we can meet together in the next few months, even if it's an outside meeting. It is so nice to see the daylight creeping into each day a bit more. I am ready to ditch the early dark nights!

Four important things for you to think about and to raise your hand to help our club;

Rose Teams

The Manteca Garden Club planted the beautiful rose garden at the Manteca Senior Center in the 1980's and we have cared for it ever since. Every year we ask for a team of members to meet every five weeks to spend about 30-minutes deadheading the rose buds keeping the garden healthy and blooming all rose season. I want to thank the members who have signed up to serve on a team and we need more of you to help! We have three rose teams set up to go starting April 5th. We have two open teams in need of a leader, whose only responsibility is to remind team members to meet on the specific scheduled days, and we need members to join that team.

We need a team leader for Team 4, starting April 26 and a team leader for Team 5 starting on May 3. We also need members to sign up to work those weeks too. Remember, it is not a lot of work and no bending over is needed. You just need a pair of clippers and a small bucket to collect your rose trimmings. It's a beautiful way to contribute to our community and our club! It doesn't take much effort. We are a garden club and one of our goals is to support beauty in our area. PLEASE SIGN UP! Contact me and I can answer any questions about rose teams.

Vice President Positions

I want to thank Gloria and Pat for serving as VP the last two years. This year has been a strange one, as you know, but they have always been involved and contributed to our club even though it wasn't in a traditional way. Starting next season, they will be stepping down from their roles as they have served their full term. We are in need of one or two members to take on the role of VP. Job duties include fun things like planning speakers for meetings and setting up field trips. It is a two-year term and maybe take the job to move into president for a two-year term. The board will be reaching out to you and asking for your support taking on the VP position. Our club meetings and field trips exist because of our VP. I hate to think about not getting these positions filled, so please raise your hand to help!

President

My position of president is up this year too. However, I plan, if you elect me, to serve one more term in the president position as this year has been so very off for our club. I would like our club to have a normal year before I step down to serving in another way for the club. Being president is a pleasure when we work with such helpful members. My motto, if no one volunteers, we don't do it. I have been lucky to have so many of you back me up, including Gloria and Pat as VPs. Keep in mind, a new president can work to include things important to the club and also fit their specific individual needs. Nothing we have done is set in stone, so lots of room for needed changes too.

Garden Tour Chair

I cannot serve as Garden Tour Chair. I have shared that in the past. It was wonderful to have Jesse step up to that position and I was with him every step of the way. We need to find a new Garden Tour Chair who will work with a wonderful team of members to kick off a lovely garden tour in 2022. We have lots of time for planning. This is our only fundraiser so very important our scholarship and beautification funds.

Our club has been around since 1950's. It has changed and molded into different forms under the last 70 years. We can continue to shape our club to meeting our needs and everyone as a member has a part in making that happen. I thank you for your input and contribution. Please take care and hope to see you all soon. It has been too long.

Paula