



May 1, 2021

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

It is May! Flowers, trees, and weeds are all blooming! It is a beautiful, renewing time of year. I am sad and disappointed that we are not having a garden tour this year. We are all hoping for a new garden season and a garden tour in 2022!

A huge thank you to Tom P. for planning an Arbor Day for our club working along with the city. It is a small sign that things will be getting back to normal. It is Manteca's 30<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA! Our club has contributed to this status yearly. Thank you to Bev, Barb, Pam and Gloria for attending the tree planting celebration too. It is always so nice to have member support. Please see the picture on our website and FB too. Thanks to the Manteca Bulletin for sending out a reporter for covering our contribution to the city.

Tom and Marsha S. have shared that our club received 15 scholarship applications including three from Cala High. How wonderful we will contribute to the success of our young people as they move forward in their education. I am thankful, without tours, our members donated extra funds for scholarships. (We are a nonprofit, so we can take advantage of a donation when filing taxes.) Soon we will hear from Tom and Marsha on who was awarded our scholarship. Thank you to both for their ongoing chair of scholarships!

Big news! Linda S. and Alene G. have raised their hand to be our next Vice Presidents! We will nominate them and vote them onto the board in the coming months. Thank you Linda and Alene for working together to come forward to take on this board position. Thank you for supporting our club. The existing board is excited to work with you in the coming garden club season. How lucky are we? I will be included in that nomination and vote too as the ongoing President.

Going into the next season, we still are in need for a garden tour chair. Our garden tour is important to us and it is important to have someone, besides a person on the board, to take on this position. The garden tour chair is lucky because we have so many experienced members who take on the tour committee chair positions. Don't forget you have me and the board members who will guide you through the process too. The position's main duty is to work with the homeowners as we do our planning and meet with the committee chairs to make sure all steps are completed. Tour planning has been documented by month, so no one needs to recreate the wheel. That is, unless the new garden tour chair has new ideas!

We always can use more rose team members too. Thanks to the members who have stepped up to make sure every week is covered, some members doing double and triple duty! Your dedication has contributed to a beautiful start for the rose season. Contact me if you can support our ongoing city project.

We still have no word on when the library or city will open up for club meetings. I understand the city is slowly starting with some classes. Until that time when we can meet, your board and key chair members will continue to support our club.

Thank you and Happy Mother's Day to all.  
Paula