



February 1, 2022 – A Blue Ribbon Club

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

These sunny days are making me long for spring and planting! How about you? We had an interesting speaker at our January club meeting, telling us about camellias. I call them our winter roses as camellias are blooming when roses are not! Royce, from the Modesto Camellia Society, shared that he purchases many of his camellias from Nuccio's Nursery where camellias and azaleas have been grown and sold since 1935. You can find them online at nucciosnurseries.com. All of our local nurseries sell the winter roses too. We had the honor of our city mayor, Ben Cantu, attend our meeting. He shared that he found the meeting very informative, and he would like to come back to visit soon. We welcome guests! Four guests attended our January meeting. We hope they will return for future meetings. We are glad that so many of members attended the meeting and we are hoping more are able to attend in February. This COVID stuff has got to get better!

As we move into the spring months, we are hoping to fill up our rose teams for our weekly deadheading. Our roses have been around since the 80's and its our privilege to be their caretakers.

We continue to look for gardens for our May 7th Manteca Garden Tour. Our garden tour chair, Anita and the tour chair board members are experienced and ready to get moving on the planning once we have five houses. We will ask all of you to be docents at the tour. We are keeping our fingers crossed, so make sure to mark off days, May 5th for the pre-tour and May 7th for the tour. It is a grand time really. Fun for all! And we continue to keep our checkbook healthy for our non-profit work.

Barbara and I continue representing our club with the Mayor Committee on the Arts. Your board continues to support the club at the Valley Lode District quarterly meetings. Bev is attending for us in February. Our club will be hosting the VLD board meeting in March. John, at Chez Shari, is letting us use the room free of charge for the 25 in attendance. It is so easy too, as board members can purchase food and drink from the grill downstairs. Thanks to all of you for supporting John by purchasing from the grill before and after meetings too. We are sure lucky that John supports our club!

Make sure to read Cate's (SJ Master Gardener) article on our website. Now is a good time to check out how to get ready for spring.

Take care everyone.

Happy Planting,

Paula

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