



May 1, 2022 – A Blue Ribbon Club

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Our annual garden tour is this week! How exciting to have a tour after two long years! I cannot say it enough, thanks to our members for making this tour happen. Thank you to our amazing homeowners too. Without them, we could not have a tour! It is wonderful that we can continue our nonprofit work with scholarships, city beautification projects, the Senior Center rose garden, supporting Stanislaus Wild Care Center, the residents at our local St. Jude Home and more!

Our club contributes to our community and we all should be proud of our part!

A huge thanks to Bev for leading the very important April meeting. I was up with Will while his parents had a weekend away. For the meeting, thanks to Eric for always giving us such good information about plants and more! We are so excited that we have 13 scholarship applications that Marsha and Tom will be reviewing. And thanks again to Tom for a wonderful Arbor Day! I will be watching the paper for a picture or two!

We want to send a thank you to the Mayor's Committee on the Arts for the \$300 donation to our club. As you know, we are part of the MCA which is made up of other nonprofits and art organizations in the city. Staying a member allows us to use city facilities without other insurance needs. Our club is currently represented by me. Barbara is also at the meetings representing the jewelry group, The Chain Gang, from the Senior Center. The meeting is about an hour long, six times a year. Each club shares activities at the meetings. The MCA also will put on events like Art in the Park and join with other city activities to spread the word about our club.

Thanks to the rose teams for starting the trimming this past April. I know those roses are blooming.

Here's a bit of news.... I recently accepted the position of assistant director for the Valley Lode District. I believe everyone should take a turn, so I am walking my talk. I will serve as assistant director for a year and then I move to director for two years. I am happy to serve on the VLD board and share the wealth. I also hope to meet new people and learn more about California Garden Club Inc. I will be attending the annual conference in June in San Diego representing our current director. I know I can count on all of you to support me.

I ask everyone to think of our Board and serving in the coming years. If everyone takes a turn, it is easy on everyone else. It isn't difficult and can be a lot of fun. I have been on the Board going on 10 years and it is something I want to be a part of in the future in another position other than president. I look forward to inviting those on the Board past and present and anyone interested in supporting us at lunch towards the end of August. Watch for that invite in early July. We hope to start the new season off with lots of Board support!

I can't wait for the June President's Letter with all of the Thank Yous for the annual garden tour!

Paula

Our website is the best source for updates this year! We hope to see you at the tour and May meeting.  
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