



## January Speaker - Anne Schellman - Citrus Trees

Anne has a keen interest in plants, animals, and nature. She credits her grandfather for her love of plants, and the Modesto Junior College for helping her discover a career in horticulture. Anne graduated from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo with a degree in environmental horticultural science, and a master's degree in community development from UC Davis. She worked for University of California for over 10 years, and currently works for Stanislaus County as the Master Gardener Coordinator. In her free time, Anne enjoys gardening, collecting bugs for her collection, dancing, and watching Korean dramas.



Anne of Green Gardens ~ Anne started a blog in 2007 with this title and has been writing gardening tips ever since! She noticed there weren't many books available about miniature gardening, so she decided to write one in 2013.

## Container Culture for Trees - By Cheryl Carmichael

### Container Culture for Trees, Shrubs and Perennials

Saturday February 8, 2025 10 am – noon  
Home of the Carmichaels  
2517 Bridle Path Lane  
Modesto, 95356



Most of you are aware that our yard features many Japanese Maples in containers. We will be doing a demonstration of repotting some of our trees. Many are root bound or require a larger pot due to growth.

The demonstration will be led by Andrew Carmichael, Certified Arborist and general tree nut. He will be assisted by Dave Provost. Topics to be covered include: how to know when repotting is needed, how to choose pots, how to choose the best soil for container culture, and root pruning. Sign ups are limited to 20. Sign up sheets will be available at the monthly meetings. If you are not attending the meetings you can reserve a spot by texting Cheryl Carmichael at 209-765-3209. Please leave your name, contact info and interest in the demonstration. The class will happen rain or shine because we will be in the garage if necessary,

**2024/2025 Yearbook** ~ If you haven't received your Modesto Garden Club 2024-2025 yearbook due to not being able to attend regular meetings, events or come to the office to pick one up, we can bring one to you! We have someone who has graciously offered to deliver the yearbooks. Just call the office at 209-529-7360 and we will make arrangements to have a yearbook delivered.



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## Presidents Message - By Nancy Robinson

Wow – what a busy month we’ve had this December. The Elegant Holiday Luncheon at Del Rio Country Club December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> was another fabulous example of the beautiful table settings our members can create. Then, two days later, was our Holiday Home Tour. The four homes were beautiful, the donated refreshments were delicious and despite the wind and rain the turnout was spectacular. Docents did a great job greeting visitors. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events so successful. It’s so wonderful to see so many people being involved in our activities and fundraisers. Kudos to Linda Pedego and Lee Lundrigan for their leadership for these two special events. I hope your Christmas and Holiday festivities were wonderful and filled with lots of friends and family memories. Be watching for information on exciting events scheduled for 2025.

Happy Gardening, Nancy Robinson



## Holiday Home Tour - By Lee Lundrigan

What a great Holiday Home Tour this year. Guests braved the weather and celebrated a tour of four enchanting homes decorated for the holidays on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to home owners and decorators Lee & Robert Gennoy, Nancy and Jeanette Robinson, Joyce Compton and Sharon Lovalvo who each spent weeks preparing their homes, time and efforts arranging decorations for this special event. Additional thanks to our 37 docents and 8 cooks who prepared refreshments to further compliment the tour. 231 tickets were sold for \$4,620 before expenses. Thanks all for a terrific day!

## January Pruning and Preparation - By Dave Provost

Hello fellow gardeners. Isn't it wonderful to live here where we can be in the garden all year?

Even if you're not out planting or doing some project, we can still have flowers blooming every day. January is a big time of year for pruning and preparation for the coming year. What we do in the winter makes a big difference in how things look in spring and summer. Also a little work now taking care of weeds etc. can save some hard work later. At the January meeting I will be asking for volunteers to help with pruning the Centennial Rose Garden on Saturday, January 18. If any of you have questions about your gardening, please feel free to text me or e-mail and I can call you so we can hopefully find answers.

Thanks, Dave

### *Over the Garden Gate*

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## Spring Garden Tour - By Lee Lundrigan

### April 12, 2025 Spring Garden Tour

Preparations have begun for the 2025 Spring Garden Tour the week before Easter on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10am to 4pm. Tickets are \$25 and children 11 years and under are free.

Our 2025 gardens include several glorious botanical wonders showcasing a wide variety of flora that you won't want to miss.

Want to help out? There are tasks of all sizes for you to help. A chair position for publicity remains to be filled for all you leaders out there.

Our first chairperson meeting is 12 noon Mon. Jan. 6 at the Garden Club Office, 622 14th St. including:

SGT director	Lee Lundrigan
Asst. Fundraising	Sue Hudgens
Chair Docents	Atlanta Jordan
Chair Tickets	Nancy Holmes
Chair Photography/layout tickets	Mary Lou Rice
Chair Publicity	
Chair Refreshments	Jeanette Robinson
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Docent sign-up sheets will be available at the Modesto Garden Club February, March and April general meetings. Miss a meeting? We've got you covered! Skip the line and sign up by contacting our Docent Chair, Atlanta Jordan. On her home number at 209-522-8292, say and spell your name and slowly leave your number. She's also in the Garden Club Year Book.

Call/ text/email me with questions: Lee Lundrigan, 209-303-0011 / Lundrigan@bigvalley.net.

## Elegant Holiday Wrap up - By Linda Pedego

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this Elegant Holiday Luncheon a huge success.

- To the hosts and hostesses for your beautiful table settings. They were spectacular!
- To the cart jockeys for transporting the 'goods' that were used to set those tables inside then turning around at the end and sending them back to the cars.
- To Bob Searls for the donuts for all the workers on Wednesday morning at the crack of dawn.
- To Janice Vella for putting together such a great raffle. (She also sets a table.)
- To Barbara Page for greeting our guests at the front table for the luncheon AND for the Table Viewing the day before.
- To Yvette Chappa for designing our program for the printer.
- To Deanna Clark, Jean Davis and Nancy Smith for their job of taking charge of credit card transactions for the viewing and raffle tickets.
- To Multimedia for their wonderful photos of the events.
- To Mary Lou Rice for designing and printing the posters for the event.
- To Evie Olds-Heron for distributing and displaying posters to businesses willing to allow them.
- Most of all to my good friend and co-chairman, Minnie Chappa. She is a workhorse, always there. If it's cookies to order and pickup, she's there. She works with Yvette to be sure all the information is included in the program. Minnie does too much to mention...I couldn't do the luncheon without her...she is my partner in these luncheons.

'Till next time, thank you again, Linda Pedego











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*Calendar of Upcoming Events*

January 9 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	MGC General Meeting	Modesto Covenant Church 913 Floyd Avenue, Modesto, Ca
January 18 TBA	Centennial Rose Garden Pruning	Centennial Rose Garden
January 21st 10:00 a.m.	Valentines Card Workshop	Modesto Garden Club Office 622 14th Street, Modesto, Ca
January 30 9:00-11:00 a.m.	MGCI Board Meeting	Modesto Garden Club Office, 622 14th Street, Modesto, Ca
February 8th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Container Culture for Trees	2517 Bridle Path Lane, Modesto, Ca

