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President's Message

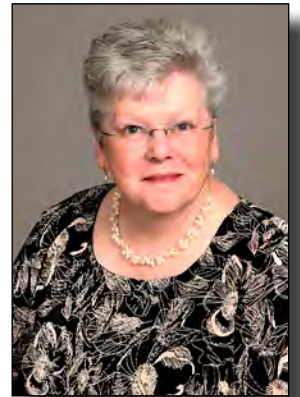
By Mary McNicholas

A chill is in the air. It must be time for the holidays! Bring on the colors, lights, music, special meals and events and share this with family and friends. But also let us take time to reflect on the past year with its many memories. Let us remember and help those who survived the devastating fires of this season. For most of us a busy month is ahead, so remember to take time for yourself. Be open to the striking beauty that winter brings with the hope of spring's renewal.

Our Garden Club has several wonderful events planned for this month. On Saturday, December 1, we tour the "fabulous 40's" neighborhood in Sacramento to view unique holiday home decorating. We will also stop at Pottery World for more holiday design ideas. Check with Patté Williams for ticket availability. Then our annual Elegant Holiday Table Viewing will be on Monday, December 3, at Del Rio Country Club from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Come and see what our table hostesses and hosts have designed to treat our eyes and give us elegant and whimsical ideas for our own homes. A waiting list is available for the Elegant Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 4. Contact Linda Pedego for possible seating. Raffatunity gifts will be available both days and you need not be present to win.

As you plan annual giving to various charities and nonprofit organizations, consider making a tax-deductible donation to our fund-raising drive for the flag pole accessories in the garden we maintain at Modesto Senior Center. You can send your check to our Office and include a note that it is for the flag pole. Let us know if you need a receipt for your tax filing.

I wish you and your family a beautiful holiday season. I hope to see you at this month's events and in the New Year.



“May your *heart* be filled with thanks,
May your *holiday* be filled with joy, and
May your *home* be filled with love.”

(Nancy Matthews)

Civic Affairs

By Dan and Gerry Yockey

I want to thank everyone who came to Morris Nursery to help with the planting of the hanging baskets to be hung on 10th between I and K St. Many hands make light work and that was the case that day as we finished in record time. When you read the newsletter, the baskets will be hanging on 10th Street.

Leah Meedom and her crew also successfully planted the Flower Clock with pansies and snapdragons and I am sure they will be beautiful this spring.

The pots downtown were also planted with pansies and snap dragons. We planted two six packs of pansies in each pot in hopes that the pots will overflow with spring color.

We want to thank all our faithful volunteers and wish you all . . .

. . . a Very Merry Christmas.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- December 1 – Out of town Tour, Sacred Heart Parish School Christmas Home Tour and Pottery World, Depart Park and Ride at 7:30 a.m.
- December 3 – Elegant Holiday Luncheon Table Viewing Del Rio Country Club, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Cost \$10.
- December 4 – Elegant Holiday Luncheon, Del Rio Country Club, Table Viewing 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; Luncheon Noon – 2:00 p.m., Cost \$35.00
- December 11 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center – 9:00 a.m.
- December 18 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office, 9:00 a.m.
- January 3, 2019 – December MGC Board Meeting MGC Office, 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- January 8 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center – 9:00 a.m.
- January 10 – Modesto Garden Club General Meeting – Location: Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver, Hospitality: 10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.; Learn and Grow: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., General Meeting: 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Guests \$10.

Valley Lode District Events,

- December 1, 2018: Linden Community Garden Club Christmas Luncheon 12 Noon at Linden Lions club, 5041 North Market St., Linden, CA, with Musical review by Linden High Ace Choir. Cost: \$25 per person. Checks payable to Linden Community Garden Club, P.O. Box 1602, Linden, CA, 95236. Paid reservation held at the door.
- February 11, 2019: Rose Workshop by Jolene Adams, American Rose Society and Master Rosarian, World Federation of Rose Societies. Held at 9:30 a.m. at Floriculture Bldg. Rose Garden, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 Broadway, Turlock, CA. Cost: FREE. Bring gloves and pruners.



Every meeting provides the opportunity for prizes in the Raffatunity drawing. Donations are provided by local, civic-minded businesses.



November Volunteer of the Month

Dede Heisinger and the Multimedia Team

Free sharpening of hand pruners by Ted Hawkins.
Contact: Berni Hendrix, 209-402-2351 or distdirvld@gmail.com

Other Events

- February 2, 2019: Table Setting Luncheon & Vendor Faire, California Women for Agriculture, Stanislaus Chapter, CWA's Annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Membership Drive. At the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. (Table Viewing, Vendor Faire, Drawing and Sip & Snack). Buffet Luncheon at 12 Noon. Presentation at 12:30 p.m. Payment due by Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 to: Stanislaus CWA, Attn: Table Setting Luncheon, P.O. Box 2005, Turlock, CA 95381. Cost: \$30, adults and \$15mchildren (10 years and under). Sponsorship \$150 for two. Contact: Caroline at 209-321-1917 or crfam@fire2wire.com or Ellen at 209-495-2151 or ellen.durrer@gmail.com.

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*An Evening
Under the
Harvest Moon
with
Dinner and
Dancing!*



MODesto GARDEN CLUB

ELEGANT HOLIDAY TABLE VIEWING

Monday, December 3, 2018,
from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Del Rio Country Club, 801 Stewart Road,

Tickets \$10
Join the fun, and get inspired.
See all 32 unique tables, exquisitely
decorated by extraordinarily
creative hostesses!





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Making a Wreath for the Holidays



**November Meeting
 Snapshots**



Planters and Groomers

By Gerry Yockey

It has been a very busy November; so many things to do. We have planted flowers at the office and now it is just keeping them weeded and the leaves raked up. I was really looking forward to today because we are going to Mary McNicholas house for lunch! Mary volunteered to have us over for lunch. As always, the lunch was great. Thank you, Mary. Our next lunch will be at Pat Williams house.

During the upcoming months we will be cleaning and weeding. I want to thank my volunteers for all that they have done over the past months. Judy Crisp, who always brings coffee and helps in the kitchen. Harkaman Ghay, Pat Williams who were in charge of the baskets, thank you again. As always thanks to Joanne Meinhardt, Josephine Parra, Mary Helen Alonzo, Judy Silber, April Ford, Jerry Frad, Mary McNicholas, Shirley Miller, Leah Meedom, Cheryl Koff, Jean Seeley, Doris Giomi, Roni De Leon, Sharon Searls, and of course Dan Yockey.