

The Redbud

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President's Message

"If you can sit on the ground with your trousers down, then plant your seeds."

- Old English Saying

Remember, even if the weather is warm and we are anxious to get out there and get the garden up and growing, the earth is still cold and winter is still with us for at least another month. With the effects of climate change, the last frost dates no longer hold true. We had snow here at the ranch in April a couple of years ago! Be patient with the young seedlings you are probably starting now for that glorious summer garden. They will grow faster if you wait to plant them in the ground.

Don't forget to keep potting up those baby plants for our plant sale in April. The plant sale committee is concerned that we won't have sufficient stock for our accustomed clients. Let's all do a few extras!

One final reminder: find and eliminate those puddles and standing water. We have had a huge problem with mosquitoes all winter. The Vector Control people said that even a teaspoonful of standing water is a mosquito breeding ground. Oh, Dear!

I look forward to seeing you all at the February 25 meeting. Our own Jean Pliska, a certified arborist, will inform us about the native trees in our yards and how to assure their health and longevity.

- Peggy Beltramo

Plants Needed for the Plant Sale

Many local (and not so local!) residents look forward each year to our annual plant sale, and we want to be sure not to let them down. The plant sale committee has done an assessment and it appears right now that we have fewer plants than we have had in past years, so we are asking each member to do a little extra, and help make this sale as successful as in all previous years. Remember, this is the club's only fundraiser.

New Members

Please welcome five new members this month! They are Helen Colburn, Marcie Dubreville, and Ellen Stephens, all of Auburn; Billie True, of Grass Valley; and Adele Wise, of Dutch Flat.

Membership Dues Reminder

Membership dues, (\$20.00) are payable March 1, and become delinquent June 1. Members who wish to have their names in the annual club yearbook must pay their dues by June 15. For new members, payments received after January 1, 2008 will be extended to include the following year. Please remember to let our membership chair, Chris Kreps (530-887-1215), know of any changes in your address, phone number or email.

Field Trips

There is still time to sign up for our next field trip on Tuesday, March 25, to Boonie Lang's Garden of Inspiration and Harmony in Granite Bay. Meet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church by 9 a.m. We will carpool from there, or you can meet us at the garden by 9:50 a.m. The tour starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp and lasts approximately two hours. You may leave then or have lunch there if you have pre-ordered it. Maps will be available at the next two meetings.

If you wish to order a bento lunch, which will be delivered, I have to pre-order, and you must let me know by signing up at the February meeting or by calling me at 530-878-9309. The cost of lunch is \$12.00, and the tour is free. Please mail or hand your check, payable to Auburn Garden Club, to our treasurer Carol Lee Murray. This is a rain or shine trip!

- Elly Cadiente

Art at the Hospital

One of our members, Nona Pierce, has her artwork hanging in the 'Garden Gallery', at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, and can be enjoyed there until the end of April. It is part of the "Art Can Heal" program, and can be found by walking down the corridor to the cafeteria.

February/March Calendar

Feb. 25	Regular Club Meeting
Mar. 11	Cleanup at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8:30 a.m. Contact Marianne Rose.
Mar. 13	Plant Propagation, 10:00 a.m. Contact Saul Wiseman.
Mar. 25	Field Trip to Boonie Lang's Garden. Contact Elly Cadiante
Mar. 24	Regular Club Meeting