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President's Message

Finally, our autumn weather has arrived! In fact, today, as I write this message, the first winter storm has arrived. I can hardly wait to smell the clean, dust-free air on Thursday... or whenever this storm actually ends.

I have been busy in gardens, cleaning up old & ratty looking plants, picking out the many acorns from lawns and flower beds and throwing them into the garbage, across the field, or near brush piles hoping the turkeys and deer will eat them before they send their long tap roots into the earth. Of course, my own garden waits and waits for me to arrive, and is usually the very last garden to get attention. With my "clean-up the home and grounds project", I am finally potting up bulbs that have been living without soil for two+ years, and am also potting up things for our annual plant sale. I'm hoping you are doing the same. We need lots of rooted plants for our sale, especially now without having the many plants that we used to get from Corny & Sally Ough's garden. I am growing Pacific Dogwoods to replace the ones that we used to get from the Oughs, although they may be too small for this year's sale (2010) and maybe the next year (2011) as well.

Our September program was wonderful, with many good plant recommendations! With the arrival of autumn and winter, I am looking forward to hearing about Winter Gardens at our October meeting on Monday, Oct 26. Pat Cotton-Rubin, former Sacramento Bee garden writer, will be the presenter.

Have a great October. I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting on the fourth Monday of this month.

- Claire M. Gumz

Raffle News

If you were at the September meeting, you are aware of the changes we made to the raffle portion of the meeting. As a means of offsetting some of our general expenses, the board decided to sell raffle tickets and provide nursery quality plants. We have an agreement with several local nurseries to provide plants to us at a reduced cost. There will be five raffle plants at each meeting. This was successful in September and we will continue for at least the next few months. Raffle tickets are 50 cents each or 12 for \$5.00. You can decide which plants you want to try for and ignore those you don't want. We will also have the outside table for low cost "home grown" plants that members may wish to bring in. Be sure to bring your money to the next meeting and take home a new plant or two.

- Peggy Beltramo

Plant Sale Date Change

There has been a change of date for next year's plant sale to Saturday, April 24, 2010. We will set up on the inside on Friday, April 23, from 11 am to 2 pm. Please note the change in your yearbook.

In past plant sales, customers have commented about us having common plants they can buy for less at Home Depot. Many of you have unusual plants that you could propagate for this sale. Please consider growing or dividing some of your plants to share with other members, and to bring to our sale.

- Garth Chamblin, Plant Sale Chairman

Fall Clearance Sale

The following came from Brushy Creek Nursery in Foresthill. This is a great nursery we have visited with the garden club.

**25 percent off all plants and trees
50 percent of all 24-inch trees
No discounts on soil, fertilizers, or special orders**

**Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9 to 4
Sunday: 10 to 4**

Directions from Foresthill (watch for signs): take Yankee Jim Rd 3-1/2 miles, turn RT on Brushy Creek Circle; OR take Spring Garden Road to Yankee Jim, turn LF one mile to Brushy Creek Circle, turn RT to Brushy Creek Nursery. Address: 22100 Brushy Creek Circle. (530) 367-3383.

Minutes from September 28, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on Monday September 28, 2009. Officers present were Claire Gumz, Barbara Ogden, Linda Ewing (filling in for Candace Embrey as Secretary), and Carol Lee Murray. The minutes of the May meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer Carol Lee Murray gave her report with an ending Checkbook balance of \$8,876.17.

Chairpersons:

Garth Chamblin reported the plant sale date is changed to April 24, 2010. Claudia Duncan will no longer be doing the Garden Therapy. If anyone is interested in taking this on please contact her.

Horticultural sharing: Rick Krach brought in flowers from his garden to share.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

We will be selling raffle ticket for plants purchased at nurseries at their cost 2 for \$1.00 or 12 for \$5.00. The profit will help support the Auburn Garden Club's expenses.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

The guest speaker was Ellen Zagory with a slide show about the UCD Arboretum All Star plants.

Linda Ewing