



# The Redbud

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## President's Message

I've been trying to think of a subject to talk about in this newsletter, and finally decided to talk about gratitude. In a couple of other groups, we consider November to be gratitude month and we try to remember that we have many things to be thankful for. I know that many people have fallen on hard times and have no clue how they are going to survive. When I go to that place of uncertainty, I try to 'act as if' . . . as if I have nothing to be fearful about (the future and the economy); soon I see something in my travels which makes all my woes disappear.

For instance (I'm warning you now: make sure you have eaten before reading this!), recently I was driving to Sacramento, wondering what I was going to write about. Around a corner, I see brilliant "eye candy" (or a "feast for my eyes") in the form of the autumn leaves many trees are wearing. The first ones were a Mulberry and a Ginkgo with egg yolk yellow leaves; next came the Sumac and Chinese Pistachios with their pumpkin orange leaves. Following them came the Liquidambars with the jelly bean pinks, reds, oranges, and yellows. Lastly came the Tupelo trees with their bright cherry pie reds.

I was heading for a book store, starving, and my "eye candy" was too much for my will power to overcome. I couldn't stop, so I did the next best thing: I began to eat the dog biscuits I carry in my truck for the dogs at the SSPCA. They really tasted okay, once I got past the first couple of handfuls (they're made with real beef liver). Liver is not one of my favorites, but dog biscuits are.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on November 23. Master Gardener Julie Saar-Edmonds will present her program, "Creating a Backyard Wildlife Habitat".

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Remember to look for something you can be grateful for, be it "eye candy", pets, friends, a nice meal, or dog biscuits!

- Claire M. Gumz

## New Members

Please welcome two new members and take a minute to say hello if you see them at the next meeting: Gradene Cline from Auburn, and Paula Shover from Meadow Vista.

## Holiday Luncheon

Our holiday luncheon will be on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. It will be catered by Awful Annie's and will include several varieties of sandwiches, quiche, fruit salad, potato salad, rum cake, and brownies. You may sign up at the next general meeting on Monday, November 23. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send a check in the amount of \$13.50 by December 5, 2009. Please make the check payable to Auburn Garden Club and send to Carol Lee Murray, 1415 Calle Las Casas, Roseville, CA 95747. Optional: please bring a garden-related gift (\$5.00-\$10.00) to exchange.

- Chris Hansell, Hospitality Chair

## Plant Sale

Yvonne Carlson called me recently to advise me of an ad in the Journal for free plants. As a result, I went to the home to dig and pot 50 plants for our next plant sale. Most of us have plants that can be divided, and some have neighbors who may want to get rid of some plants. Please let me know so one of us can get them.

We now have both red and yellow Cannas, and a few orange. Also just received some poor man's orchids, as well as too many red hot pokers. As of now, we have about 60 one-gallon plants. Keep the referrals coming!

- Garth Chamblin, Plant Sale Chairman

## Newsletter Deadlines

If you would like an article to appear in the newsletter, here are the deadlines for the remainder of the club year to get the information to me. Thank you.

2009:	Dec. 4		
2010:	Jan. 14	Feb. 11	Mar. 11
	Apr. 15	May 13	June 3

- Karen Sullivan, Newsletter Editor

## November/December Calendar

Nov. 23	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn. 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 10	Plant propagation, 10:00 a.m. Contact Saul Wiseman.

**Dec. 14**

**Holiday luncheon, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 11:30 a.m.**