



# The Redbud

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## President's Message

Happy February everyone!

I hope you enjoyed the week of sunshine as much as I did! I know we need the rain, but I do miss the sun shining and working in the garden. Our plant sale is only a few months away – we NEED as many plants as you can donate! Please let Linda Ewing know the names of the plants and how many you will bring. Karen Sullivan needs someone to “shadow” her at the plant sale, as she oversees the bake sale part. Please let Karen or me know if you can take over for her next year! Our speaker this month is our wonderful friend Trey Pitsenberger. I always look forward to what interesting things he has going on and what is new in the world of garden stores! See you all soon and happy gardening!

- Erin Angulo, President

## Field Trip

After the garden club meeting on February 27, we will go to the Armed Forces Pavilion Community Garden at 991 Lincoln Way, Auburn. We will have a chance to see what is going on right here in downtown Auburn. Vietnam Veteran Tom Eberlein will talk about what the raised beds in the garden are about and his plans for the future. There are picnic tables so we can eat our lunch there. Let's hope it is not raining that day!

- Chris Hansell

## New Member

John Okunrinboye joined in January. If you see him at the next meeting, please be sure and say hi.

## This Month's Speaker

One of our favorites, Trey Pitsenberger, owner of Golden Gecko Garden Center in Garden Valley, will be here to get us ready for spring planting.

## February/March Calendar

February 27	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9a
February 27	Field Trip following club meeting
March 27	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9a

**Next meeting: Monday, February 27**

Auburn Garden Club Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by President Erin Angulo. Other officers present were Vice President Barbara Tellman, Treasurer Susan Pruess, Secretary Eleanor Cadiente. Board Members present were Saul Wiseman, Claire Gumz and Rick Krach. The minutes of the November Meeting were approved without correction.

Susan stated our ending checkbook balance was \$4,665.13. Susan also proposed we have a check only policy for money being turned into the club to help avoid confusion. Consensus was that members will write a check when possible. If cash is used the member will now receive a receipt.

There were 52 members present and three visitors. We have one new member, John Okunrinboye from Loomis.

**Committee Reports:**

Field Trip Chair Chris Hansell had these ideas for upcoming trips: Biblical Gardens in Grass Valley, Fair Oaks Horticultural Center, and a Cameron Park Japanese Garden. There were no suggestions from members.

Hospitality Chair Virginia Rowley needs more helpers for the rest of the club year. Reservations for our annual holiday luncheon at Awful Annie's have been made for December 4, 2017. Refreshments today were provided by: Chris Hansell, Karen Sullivan, Mickie Tomich, and Billie True.

Carlos Angulo, Membership Chair, introduced our guests: Mary Lavra from Loomis, Pat Hurley from Auburn, and Patrice Taylor from Meadow Vista.

Plant Sale Chair Richard Huntley stated there will be a plant sale meeting tomorrow, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, at his home. The next meeting will be on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Members questioned if there were getting to be too many plant sales.

Propagation Chair Saul Wiseman reminded us propagation meetings are held at his home the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Karen Sullivan reminded us that she will be leaving in August. While Karen holds two chairs - Sunshine and Newsletter, her responsibilities also include yearbook, name tags, and inside plant sale. Erin thought we may need new chairs to take over some of these duties. Karen would like a replacement soon as she would like time to work with them.

Horticulture Chair Claire Gumz talked about N P K and re-purposing. Many examples were given of using everyday household items to help with our gardening. There was only one horticulture specimen brought in: a Red Cesprium.

We were told of a new Daphne, Perfume Princess.

Barbara Tellman announced that due to snow our speaker could not be there today. Peggy Beltramo offered to step in.

### **Old Business:**

Rick Krach thinks he has found some help with our purchase and replacement of the Blue Star Memorial.

Eleanor Cadiente, Tee Shirt Chair said that our tee shirts were not completed when promised. They should be ready by our next meeting.

Dave Faoro brought up having more emphasis on edibles during our meetings. Much discussion followed. It was agreed that we would have a space for this each month.

Our historian Dianne Rubino told us that the Auburn Historical Society has taken much of the old material from the club and placed it in their archives. This includes photos, scrapbooks, yearbooks, etc.

### **New Business:**

Master Gardener Kortne Phillips told us of the upcoming Gardeners Faire to be held Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-3 in the Placer Building at the fairgrounds. The cost is \$5.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 for a break to be followed by replacement speaker Peggy Beltramo, who will speak on binomial nomenclature.

After the meeting, lunch today will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A board meeting will follow.

Eleanor Cadiente, Secretary

## **Annual Plant Sale**

Our annual plant sale takes place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 9 am to 1 pm. Volunteering to work at this event is a great opportunity for all members, new or long-time, to become acquainted

with other members, help the club, learn, and have fun while doing it! Please be assured – no experience is necessary! Each new volunteer will work with an experienced one, and get plenty of direction. Here are the areas and times where you can help:

<u>Date</u>		<u>Description &amp; Location</u>
Sat. 4/29	6:15 am	Meet at church and help put up signs at various locations
Sat. 4/29	6:30 am	Help set up canopies, string tape, etc., in parking lot
Sat. 4/29	6:30 am	Unload and help organize plants in parking lot (with direction)
Sat. 4/29	9 am – 1 pm	Taggers (count plants for cashiers at sale, each to work 2-hour shifts (great for new members!))

All plants for the sale are donated, so pot up those plants now, bake your cookies, tell your friends, and come to the sale!

If you are donating plants, please bring them to the church by 7:30 am on Saturday, 4/29. No outdoor plants may be delivered on Friday. If you have plants and cannot deliver them, please call Richard Huntley at 530-823-8087.

**For bake sale and indoor plants only:**

Last year, all cookies and brownies sold; all small loaves sold, so bake the small ones please. Cookies and brownies sell best in small quantities, no more than 12 small, or six medium to a package, and cupcakes in quantities of six; flavors (lemon, strawberry, chocolate) sell better than white. Please package in clear bags or boxes, label each item, and indicate nuts or no nuts.

We will be at the church on Friday, 4/28 from 11 – 1 to receive any items for the bake or crafts sale, indoor plants, and food items for the volunteers. If you are unable to deliver on Friday, please bring Saturday by 8 am.

**We are unable to store any outdoor plants in the church on Friday.**

There will be a signup table for all of the above, near the food table, at this month's meeting.

We can't stress enough how valuable all of you are as members, and how important it is for you to become involved, while especially enjoying being in the Auburn Garden Club. If you have any questions about any of the above, please feel free to call me (Karen) at 530-823-3409, or email me at [tchosull@inreach.com](mailto:tchosull@inreach.com).

**All proceeds from this sale to benefit the Auburn Garden Club Grants Program.**