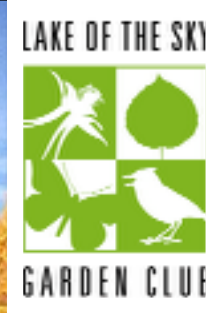


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Next Meeting: Monday, October 27, 2014

✧ *President's Message* ✧

"October," one of my favorite months of the year. aspens are turning beautiful colors of yellow and gold. maples and mountain ash explode with extraordinary color of flaming reds & brilliant pinks. I love fall! This year we are experiencing warmer weather than usual. Get outside and enjoy the next few weeks. It's a very busy time for gardeners. I think there is as much preparation to end the season as to start it. Juggling patio furniture, umbrellas, emptying pots, it's a lot of work. Then we try and fit it all in our garage. A week or two later, we get a 75 degree day, and you wish you could serve dinner on the patio. It happens every year to me!

This week I am busy covering irrigation lines. Covering them helps to lengthen their life. Also we know to drain our lines. The freezing cold, wind, snow, and frost can shorten their life. I have also learned by attending field trips organized by the club, it's a good idea to cover your more sensitive plants with about 2in. of pine needles, compost, leaves or hay, helping to insulate roots through our coldest months.

I take my geraniums, marigolds, ferns inside during the winter. Geraniums & ferns make good indoor plants. Last year I just could not let the frost kill my purple fountain grass. I love this beautiful wispy plant. I decided to bring it indoors, a big mistake! All winter

long I was vacuuming, sweeping and cleaning my furniture and floors. Bad indoor plant! I eventually threw it out! Another tip I've learned, after I brought my marigold in my home. I should have sprayed it first with an aphid spray. Three weeks after I brought it indoors I had aphids everywhere. Ick! The marigold eventually got the boot too.

Just a note about the Thunderbird Lodge tour. Some of our members were able to attend this incredible jewel of Tahoe. It was amazing. if you are able to book this tour next year do it. It's worth every bit of the money. Your out of town guests will love it. Thank-you Nancy Hardesty for booking this event. Thank-you to Sherry for the historical cd she provided in our vehicles. Thank-you to Thunderbird Lodge for making this tour possible.

Our next scheduled meeting will be at the art center in Tahoe City on Monday, Oct. 27th. Our social will start at 3:30pm with a short club meeting followed by our special guest, Dan Yori. Dan is the owner of High Sierra Nursery at Incline Village. An avid gardner himself, Dan will be speaking on our seasons end. He will focus on "putting our garden to bed." I hope to see you all at the meeting and say goodbye to another year and another season.

Vicky Myer, President

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- Oct. 27: Dan Yori at the North Tahoe Arts Center, Social Hour 3:30pm and Meeting at 4pm

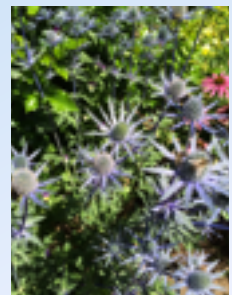
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Garden Club Minutes

by Diane Rowe, Secretary

We did not have a general meeting in September. The Garden Club went on a tour of the Thunderbird Lodge in lieu of the meeting, therefore, there are not any minutes recorded.

Announcements

* Our website, through the California Garden Clubs Website, will be down for upgrading until January.

* This will be our last newsletter until March. Look for your club roster in the mail sometime in November. Have a snowy, white winter!

Membership

Joan Nolan, Vice President of Membership

Membership,

We are very happy to welcome new members Janet and Larry Hunt and Judy and Hugh Tuck. Judy and Hugh joined us on our tour of The Thunderbird Lodge, so several of you have already met them.

Fall Planting and Watering

Summer is officially over but fall is as good a time as any to start a garden. Take advantage of the cooler weather to get into the garden and get your hands dirty. The best part of starting a garden this time of year is that you're doing for less money than those who plant in the spring and summer.

As with spring and summer plantings, making sure you give your newly planted perennials, bulbs,



trees and shrubs a deep drink of water is very important. Don't skimp on fall watering of newly added plants. Just because the surface of the soil may look moist because of dew and light rain doesn't mean the soil near the roots has not dried out. In most cases you can plant right up until the ground freezes in your area.

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