

Leafhopper

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF SANTA ROSA

JULY 2018

2018 OFFICERS:

President - Shirley Juul
Vice Presidents- Wayne Britton / Jack Coulter
Secretary - Colleen Robello
Treasurer - Dave Berg
Greenhouse Managers – Terry and Robert Breazeale

JULY MONTHLY MEETING IS JULY 10TH, 7 PM

THE SPEAKER FOR JULY IS Bob Hornback

“From Bolivia to Burger King: A History of the Burbank Potato”

Bob Hornback will be speaking about the Luther Burbank potato. He will have a sample and some informational sheets available.

Reminder – Yearly membership fees are due. \$30 per person or \$40 for a household (2).

Notes:

- **Work party every Tues 9-12 at the greenhouse**
- **Beginning the week of July 9th, work will begin at the greenhouse and fairgrounds on Monday, July 9th from 9 AM to 12 Noon and continue through until the fair starts on August 1st.**
- **The Flower Show Gala will be on Wednesday, August 1st, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**
Tickets are on sale now through the fair office \$35 per person. Or online but they Charge a fee.

THINGS HAPPENING AT THE GREENHOUSE:

Greenhouse work continues on Tuesdays, 9 AM to 12 Noon.

The plants are doing great and we will continue to plant the potted gardens with succulents for the plant sale for the coop nursery in August. We are also going to be separating the Shasta daisies and they will be used in the flower show as well as some will be sold in the coop.

A couple of our members have requested that they be relieved of watering duties, if you

are available to water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays especially right now even if it's just partner up with someone that would be of tremendous help as there are over 2000 plants to water, especially right before the fair.

We will continue to need assistance to paint, plant and transplant gardens, and any help would be greatly appreciated. The geraniums have been transplanted and are doing well. See Terry Breazeale about scheduling if you are available, with as many plants it takes about 2 ½ to 3 hours to water and if you can help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Wayne Britton – gave us an update on the Laguna High School Greenhouse which is being refurbished with the help of several of our members as well as the students and staff at Laguna High.

At the June meeting several of the recipients of our scholarships were there and they introduced themselves, told us what they were going to be studying and where they were going to be going to school. In addition, we presented Elsie Allen Ag Group with \$3000 for their continuing education.

GARDEN CLUB UPDATES

At the Board Meeting on June 26th, Henning discussed installation of the flower show garden and that whoever can assist in putting the garden together would be greatly appreciated. This year we will have to move our own materials as the fair budget has been reduced, so we will have a lot to do.

We also need to be thinking about the work schedule for the fair theme garden placement, we will build some of the things at the fair as well as placing the plants, etc. We will also man the Co-Op Nursery, which will start in August, so check your schedule and if you can work we will have a schedule you can sign up for at the next couple of meetings.

Below is a picture of the redwood tree that is being built for the fair flower show



As you can see the tree is quite tall and this is just one of 5, they will be different heights, and in the background of the one you can see the yellow flowers to the right (looking at the picture) of Henning, those will be used in the exhibit. Jim Horst is also building a tree stump to be used in the exhibit. Thanks to all for the hard work.

Shirley attended the CGCI meeting last month in Cloverdale, and we will be hosting the October 2018 meeting. We will probably have on the night of our regular meeting, and do a potluck.

CGCI will be hosting the fall board meeting for State in September of 2019, Chet has volunteered to represent our club on the committee.

Shirley discussed a seed ball project for the next AG days. Wildfires to Wildflowers Seed Balls. Further discussion to be held.

The table decorations for the Kunde Fund Raiser have been planted and we they will be at the greenhouse, until they are taken to the fund raiser. The Kunde Fund Raiser will be held on August 24th, 5:30 pm at Kunde Winery. Tickets will be on sale soon, and we will get a table(s) depending on how many sign up.

Continued - Don Cheek – Updated us about the websites for the club, he has received the info regarding the website and its currently work on getting the info that is required uploaded to the website and also posting the newsletters on the California Garden_Club, Inc., website. Need to think about a Facebook page and advertising our club, the plant_sales, etc.

Bonnie – Is looking into getting name tags for all with magnetic backs.

Mary Jane Perkins has offered to design a club logo, one of the backgrounds that was discussed is a greenhouse, if you have any other suggestions please forward them to me (Bonnie) and I will forward to Mary Jane or you can send to her at:

maryjaneperkins@comcast.net

CRACKER BARREL AND BOARD MEETING HOSTS NEEDED: PLEASE LET BONNIE KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR THESE:

MONTH	CRACKER BARREL	BOARD MEETING
July 10 th / JULY 24 th	Jack and Carol	Rita and Terry (at Rita's)
AUGUST 19 TH	None	Fred and Carol's
SEPTEMBER		Jim Horst
OCTOBER		John and Penny's
NOVEMBER	Bonnie Bundesen	Henning and Shirley
DECEMBER	Christmas Potluck	Chet – Christmas Party

Please check the Cracker Barrel and Board Meeting info and if the info is incorrect please let me know ASAP

Some Gardening Safety Tips

Gardening this summer? Whether you're new to gardening or an expert, remember to keep your health and safety a priority.

Did you know that gardeners can be prone to tetanus infections? Tetanus lives in the soil and enters the body through breaks in the skin, especially when using sharp tools, digging in the dirt, or handling plants with sharp points.

Before you start gardening this season:

Make sure your tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccination is up-to-date.

Have a good set of gardening gloves, which can help lower the risk for skin irritations and cuts, and fungus under your nails. (UGH!)

Gardening Tips for JULY

July is the month in Sonoma County when gardeners typically start to observe water problems, especially if they have not been practicing 'water wise' gardening. Bone up on waterwise gardening and irrigation techniques elsewhere on the website. We are now in the dry – and hot! - season so check to make sure that all irrigation systems are working and that filters are not clogged.

Trees, shrubs, and perennials that you planted this spring (or summer) can take a long time to adjust to their new homes. They need extra watering and their root balls must never dry out while they are getting settled. Water them evenly and well to encourage deep root growth.

Don't kill spiders in your garden! Spiders do not harm your plants and they help you keep down other insect populations. There are a lot of insects – both detrimental and beneficial – this year due to all the rain.

Weeds are usually hardier than flowers and crops, and they will rob your plants of water and nutrients. All which means you either have to mulch more or get down on your hands and knees and WEED! And yes, there are more weeds, too, due to all the rain.

Cut back perennials such as nepeta, diascia and penstemmon to force new foliage and keep the blooms coming.

Deadhead perennials and annuals such as heuchera and petunias to keep the plants from bolting or setting seed. If you are looking for summer color, you can continue to add annuals to beds and containers. However, no matter how tempting it is, try not to do any major planting of perennials, shrubs or trees in summer. If you find plants at the nursery that you cannot resist, make sure that if you plant them in established beds you are vigilant about keeping them watered. Another solution is to designate a shady spot out of the way and keep all of your summer purchases there, grouped together in their pots. Visit them every other day or so and water as needed. Small pots may need watering once a day during heat waves. Plant them in the fall once the rains begin again.

July is a month of lessening garden work so it is a good time to observe and plan. Take a glass of something cold to a shady spot and sit with a notebook and pen and look around the garden. Make a list of which plants are working and which are not. Note particularly successful

plant combinations that deserve to be repeated elsewhere in the garden. That way when the fall planting season arrives, you'll be prepared!

[Info from the Sonoma County Master Gardeners website](#)

[For more information from the Master Gardeners, articles and upcoming seminars go to:](#)

<http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/>

Red Flag Warnings



Fire Safety: Red Flag Warnings does a mean? What should you do? Many residents in Sonoma County live in or near fire danger. For those who do live in a high fire area, knowing what to do when a warning is issued is essential. Read the article here.

http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/FireSafe/Red_Flag_Warnings_685/

To receive alerts from our local agencies, sign up at <https://local.nixle.com/>; or text your ZIPCODE to 888777.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

[A Tavola](#)

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 - 05:00pm to 09:00pm-

Join Francis Ford Coppola Winery every Tuesday evening for A Tavola! Meaning “to the table,” a tavola (pronounced “a TAH-voh-lah”) is a casual dining...

[Wellness Walk](#)

Wednesday, July 4th 2018 - 10:00am to 11:00am- 10:00am to 11:00am

Easy Walks to Enhance Physical & Mental Well-being Enjoy a free docent-led walk in the woods! Studies show that walking in the woods helps boost...

[For more info about local things to do go to the website:](#)

<https://www.sonomacounty.com/sonoma-events>

[California Garden Clubs](#)

If anyone is interested in what is happening with other California Garden Clubs you can access the monthly newsletter at: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/Newsletters/GoldenGardens/GG2018March.pdf>

[Or go to the website for California Garden Clubs to see more information at:](#)

<http://californiagardenclubs.com>