



THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

A CGCI AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

LET'S CELEBRATE!

On Friday, April 15, Eureka Sequoia Garden Club is **CELEBRATING!** We will have our **FACE-TO-FACE MEETING INDOORS** at the Agricultural Center at 5630 S. Broadway in Eureka! The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. Additional details will be sent separately, so save the date!

April is the month when you renew your ESGC membership for the upcoming garden year which begins July 1. **You can mail a check to ESGC PO BOX 479, Bayside, CA 95524-0479. Dues for individuals are \$25, and \$35 for households.** If there are changes to your contact information, or if you are bringing a new member into the club, please inform membership team lead, Ibby Gerner.

We are celebrating the Eureka Sequoia Garden Club and the experiences membership brings: meeting accomplished, experienced gardeners, floral designers, and landscapers; Visiting local gardens; Planting trees; Sharing friendships, ideas and creativity; Enjoying educational, and fun programs at meetings; Fundraising activities that support our community projects; Being part of a local, state, regional and national garden club.

I can't wait to see what we accomplish in the coming year!

2022 PLANT SALE: SHELLY LUSK

The third annual ESGC plant sale is on Saturday, June 18 in Eureka at the corner of Hayes and P streets. This means that **NOW** is the time to start your seedlings and root cuttings so the plants are

established for the sale. Also, start collecting garden themed items to sell: old pots, tools, and other garden-themed "stuff" you are ready to part with or might spy in "free" piles! Just like last year, there will be a yard sale across the street if you have items to donate that are not garden-themed. Finally, all members are needed to work at the sale. Jobs include plant sales, answer questions, staff the membership table, help Chuck guard the plants set aside for purchase and help answer questions about plants. Please let Shelly know what and when you will help. It will be fun and your efforts will contribute to another successful plant sale

HORTICULTURE REPORT: GEORGINA PACE AQUILEGIA (COLUMBINE)

Scientists suggest the arrival of the genus *Aquilegia* into North America occurred during the Pleistocene. The Pleistocene Epoch is often referred to as the Great Ice Age. During that glacial period, 10,000 to 40,000 years ago, the Bering land bridge exposed huge areas of the shallow continental shelf. This provided a broad land connection between Asia and unglaciated parts of (what now are) Alaska and the Yukon. This land bridge allowed many plants and animals to spread between the Asian and American continents. Scientific evidence has determined that the genus *Aquilegia* originated in Eastern Europe and Central Asia; and, one species of columbine (*Aquilegia viridiflora*) expanded its range across the Bering land bridge. This Old World species may have evolved into the present day columbine we call *Aquilegia brevistyla* (small flower columbine). As the genus *Aquilegia* moved down through the continent into the Rocky Mountains, it evolved with different colors and shapes in response to the environment - including elevation, weather and pollinators.



Today, bees pollinate the deep blue flowered columbines *Aquilegia brevistyla*, *A. saximontana*, *A. jonesii*, and *A. scopulorum* like their similarly colored Eurasian counterparts. The North American deep blue flowered columbines all occur in alpine and subalpine habitats or in northern latitudes where other columbine pollinators such as hawk moths and hummingbirds do not commonly occur. Resource: U. S. Forest Service and U. S. Department of Agriculture article *Aquilegia Express: Columbine Natural History*. Next month ... More About Columbines

OLD TOWN HANGING BASKET PROJECT

On Friday, April 8 at 10:00 am ESGC members will meet at Shafer's Ace Hardware Garden Center in Eureka to plant the hanging baskets that are on display all summer in Old Town Eureka. This activity started in 2010 in partnership with Shafer's, Eureka Main Street, the City of Eureka and the Eureka Rescue Mission. There are about 12 baskets to plant, so dress warmly as we will be in the nursery and bring some gloves and a hand trowel. See you there!

ZOO CREW CELEBRATES AT THE SEQUOIA PARK ZOO BEAR AND COYOTE EXHIBIT GROUND BREAKING EVENT



The Zoo Crew has been working steadily behind the scenes at the Sequoia Park Zoo throughout the pandemic. The crew was invited to attend a BBQ dinner on March 22 to

mark the ground breaking ceremony for the new bear exhibit being developed in partnership between the Sequoia Park Zoo and the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria. Shown: Janet Biasca, Wendy Robertson, Shelly Lusk, Susan Kornfeld, and Chuck Goodwin.

INSPIRATION

When flowers bloom, so does hope. -- Lady Bird Johnson

THE CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- 1: April Fool's Day
- 5-6: NGC Garden Consultant Course, by ZOOM
- 8: Hanging Baskets, see above
- 15: General Meeting, In Person!
- 15-17: Godwit Days-Arcata
- 17: Easter Sunday
- 22: Earth Day



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Chamberlin-19, Tony Gonsalves-24

NATIONAL, REGION, STATE, & DISTRICT OFFICERS

National Garden Club, Inc. President, Mary Warshauer; Pacific Region Garden Clubs Director, Lana Finegold; CA Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Lynne Batchelor; Humboldt District Director, Maria Krenek

2021 - 2023 ESGC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President-Karen Burgesser Secretary-Simone Taylor
 Vice President-Shirley Lipa Treasurer-Janet Biasca
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 Director-Linda West Parliamentarian-
 Chuck Goodwin

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