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**FOR DECEMBER 2023**

**General Meeting:** 12:00 PM December 6<sup>th</sup>, Fruitdale Grange

**Program for December: CHRISTMAS PARTY: Potluck/Songs/Auction/ Ugly Sweater Contest/  
and Gift Exchange & Steal!!!**

**Program for January 10<sup>th</sup>:** Creating Colorful Areas in Your Garden

**Program for February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Fruit Tree Pruning/Grapes

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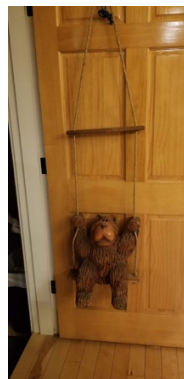
## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE ON DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**, at the Fruitdale Grange. Contact Carole Genovesi at 541/218-3453 or [oldhippielady@gmail.com](mailto:oldhippielady@gmail.com) if you have questions. If your question is regarding the bake sale at the Boutique, contact Ruth Salvatore at 307/763-2684 or [wyoruthie@gmail.com](mailto:wyoruthie@gmail.com). Bring your sale items to the Grange at **7 AM** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and be sure they are all priced. If you will be staying to help (or come later to help) PLEASE, after unloading, park either behind the Grange or across the street at the Recycling facility. Save the front of the Grange for buyers (and DO NOT park in spaces marked for Eddy's Restaurant – marked on the curbs). The Boutique is open to the public from 9 to 2:30. We need help while the Boutique is open, as well as during setting up and cleaning up. The more of you that can help, the easier job it will be for those who are there!!!

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## DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING AUCTION!

**We will have another auction this year at the Christmas meeting. Wooden bear on a swing. The bear is about 18 inches tall and HEAVY. Thanks, Joan for the donation!**





### **DECEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING**

What a fun "meeting" this will be! It is a POTLUCK so Please bring your favorite dish to share at 11:30ish. Once everyone has their food, we will be "entertained by Corinne" with a couple Christmas Carols, followed by a sing-along. Next will come the Auction and Ugly (Seasonal) Sweater Contest; a short Break for everyone to refill their plates and the rest of the "meeting" will be our Gift Exchange and Steal a Gift segment... Remember, we are going to once again donate food to the Food Bank so if you would like to participate, bring your item(s) to the meeting as well. And, remember your name badges and to turn your phones off!!! The fine for a ringing cell phone is now up to \$5.00!!! Inflation...

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

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### **Remembrance** – Donna Rewick

If you wish to have our club membership informed of any illnesses, deaths or other concerns please contact me by e-mail [dlrewick@gmail.com](mailto:dlrewick@gmail.com) or phone [\(808\) 220-9477](tel:8082209477). I will submit this information for mass e-mailing on your behalf. If you know of a member who may be uplifted by receiving a card, please let us know.

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### **December Birthdays**

9 – Nancy Pyle  
16 – Don Davies  
25 – Jillian Brown  
26 – Nena Heitz  
30 – Cindy Garrick

*Birthdays are a new start, a fresh beginning, and a time to pursue new endeavors with new goals. Move forward with confidence and courage. You're a very special person. May today and all of your days be amazing!*



## Garden Club Tour 9/28/23:

### Dahlias at Nena's, Blue Star Memorial Marker, Ghost Town Golden, and Wolf Creek Inn

What a perfect Fall day it was for all of us who went on the Thursday, 9/28 tour. The weather was a very pleasant crisp cool with rays of beaming sunshine that brightened our travels. **Tour Chair, Linda Price** organized our itinerary that had us visiting several sites with each site a delightful time of learning, sharing, and growing our friendships in being together.

**1st Stop: Club President, Nena Heitz** welcomed us to her beautiful garden that has gorgeous Dahlias of spectacular colors. Also enjoyable was the opportunity to pick and eat delicious Pluots.



**2nd Stop: Blue Star Memorial Marker** was placed May 2012 at the Manzanita Rest Stop Area I-5. This important marker that honors all who serve in the United States Armed Services came about that year from a Siskiyou District Garden Clubs' project led by our Club members, Joan Foley, District Director at the time, in collaboration with Shirley Schmidt, District Blue Star Chair.



**3rd Stop: Ghost Town Golden** had us conducting a self-guided tour due to the assigned Ranger being ill. It was still an informative walking about and seeing the historical remaining structures of a church, a schoolhouse, a shed, and a post office/store. The abandoned mining town is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The location has a sense of serenity that was quite pleasing.



**4th and last stop: Wolf Creek Inn** was really fun. Even though we were unable to tour the rooms at the Inn, we did get to have an entire dining room to ourselves where we enjoyed visiting and having lunch served up by a super nice, friendly waitress, Nikki. The Inn was seasonally decorated with fabulous Halloween motif, which furthered our enjoyment. Additionally, anyone who wanted to pick and take home apples from the trees outside was given a bag to do so, and many did.





The attendees that day: *Debbie Bergener, Barbara Byrd, Lynda Demsher, Joan Giles, Brooke Foyt, Sue Hollenbeck, Carlene Honeychurch, Julie Kaszuba, Retta Kent, Trisha Kohut, Linda Price, Donna Rewick, Annette Sakellaridis, and Sue Sampson* would all agree this fun-filled day was a great touring one. With a special **Thank You** to **Linda Price** for coordinating the day for us, and a **thank you** to **Nena!**

Photos submitted by: Sue Hollenbeck, Carlene Honeychurch, Linda Price, and Donna Rewick

Article submitted by Donna

### **Successful Dig and Divides This Fall...!!!**

*A few photos to share...*

*At Carole Genovesi's Home & Club Nursery on October 20th*



*At Diane Lewis's on October 25th (mostly in the rain...)*







The Group of Diggers and Dividers celebrating & relaxing after finishing at Lewis's



The Final Dig and Divide was at Lilly Radbourne's on rainy November 14th.

### Regarding Dig & Divides

A huge THANK YOU shout-out to your members who donated plants from their yards and properties in support of this fall's Dig and Divide events!! I totally appreciate the following members who generously supported building up your Nursery for next April's Sale: **Joan Giles, Carole Genovesi, Diane Lewis, and Lilly Radbourne!!** We had an additional donation from a community resident who offered her yard and plants to us, as well. All-in-all, it was a very successful Dig and Divide season.

Thank you, also, to **each of you who volunteered** your time and energy digging up plants, potting them up, watering them in and loading them onto Carole Genovesi's truck and trailer!! We learned a bit, chatted a lot, laughed even more, and enjoyed lunching together afterward.

I appreciate each of you!!

CarolAnne Durante, Plant Sale Chair

### Ho! Ho! Ho! Let's All Go!

#### Holiday Boutique 12/02/23

Presented by Donna Rewick

Crafters, **Ruth Salvatore, Lilly Radbourne, and Carlene Honeychurch** were happily and busily creating homemade items for the boutique. Meeting on Thursday, November 9th in the art studio of **Ruthie's**, the environment was filled with joyful work of these Club members dedicated to helping the boutique be another successful one this year. Way to go, ladies!



*Donna Rewick, Community Director Report:  
Community Gardens and Seed Library Project*

**Riverside Park:** Leading up to the planting of hardier plants at the Butterfly & Bird Garden at the park, a dig and divide was first done at **Joan Foley's** on 11/9/23.

**Thank you, Joan** for providing plants for both the GPGC Nursery and for the park. Volunteers at Joan's were **Dorit Brown, Jillian Brown, Carole Genovesi** and **Terry Miller**.

Plants included White Anemone, Crocosmia, Variegated Vinca, and Euonymus Fortunei. Thank you to the ones who worked at Joan's and the Riverside Park gardens.



Photos by Donna Rewick

**On Monday, 11/13/23** the actual planting occurred at the park. The **Pyles** donated several Japanese Kerria to add to the plants **Dorit** brought over from **Joan's**. **Jack** joined in with the planting as did Riverside Park Chair, **Marylou Hansen**. It was a very productive day of getting the plants in, assessing what needed to be done, which turned out to bring in some mulch. **Keith Hansen** already laid out the mulch, and the Riverside Gardens are looking great . . . Come Spring, another planting session will be done, and it will look gorgeous!



**Grange Garden:** Thank you, **Debbie Crook** for your continued dedication in keeping the garden looking great! With thanks to your volunteers, **Donna Gatts** and **Joy Smith!** A special thank you to **Mike Zerwer** who consulted with **Debbie** and **Joy** regarding winter pruning at the garden.

**Seed Garden:** Thank you, **Dorit Brown** and your team of **Marylou Hansen** and **Jillian Brown** in getting a lot accomplished this past month or so as it regards the Seed Library. By the way, in collaboration with **Jack Pyle** (who has helped **Dorit** with the boxes that hold the packets of seeds), the new name for this lending library is now:

*Three Rivers  
Community Seed Library*

**Dorit** met with **Patrice Hanlon** from Raptor Creek, and the first seeds cleaning party will take place at the Food Bank on Friday, 1/19/24. **Dorit** will provide more details as the date gets closer.

**Thankful** for our **GPGC** members and all you do . . . truly, we are making a positive impact for our community.



## GARDEN TIPS FOR THE SEASON

Now is the time to rest and enjoy the season in your garden. The "left-over" plants provide shelter for our insect friends (and the birds), so you don't need to clean up the whole area now. In the spring you can see what you want and what you don't want, but for now "take a break"! It often is just fun to see what is happening in your "not-so-tidy" garden--you might be surprised! Take time for yourself now--and ENJOY the "time off!"

*Joan Giles*

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**REMINDER: CLIPBOARDS IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM:** This Club cannot continue to function without volunteers. At every meeting, there are clipboards in the back of the room with requests for your assistance and/or regarding events needing help; tours; raffle items; etc. You aren't required to help but your assistance is very much appreciated!!!

PLEASE turn your Cell Phones off during the meetings & hold down your conversations when people are up front presenting their portion of the meeting!!! Save your calls and conversations until the break or after the meeting.

ALSO, help us straighten up the room after the meeting – at least push your chair back in under the table! The entryway must also be vacuumed, floors swept and tables & counters wiped off (use the spray on the kitchen counter). If we want the Grange to continue to let us rent their space, we MUST leave it clean!!!

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*Extra Thanks to Merlin Self Storage for your Support!*