

Round the Mountain



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Dear Members,

Our Round the Mountain Editor has a lot of information for us in this newsletter. Thank you for sending your Club information to her.



DFD Fundraising event: Saturday March 26th

Our fundraiser committee has been very busy planning and reaching out to the community with the information. We can all do our part by giving the information to our family, friends and neighbors. Please see detail in this newsletter.

DFD General Meeting: Thursday February 24th

We have a wonderful program planned for the DFD general meeting on February 24th. Information about the meeting is included in this newsletter. Friends and family are welcome. The room at Heather Farm will only accommodate about 30-35 person and they need to set up. Please, by **Sunday February 20th**, let Linda Holmes know if you plan to attend.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Heather Farm on February 24th.

Happy Valentines Day!
Mona



DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT, INC.

WEBSITE, CHECK IT OUT: <https://www.dfdinc.org>

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Our DFD fundraiser featured guests:



We are a local and LGBTQ led flower shop in San Francisco, founded to provide better and more sustainable options to generic flowers. Even though we don't know the answer for everyone, we do know small pushes lead to big change. At ROSE AND THORN DESIGN, we are genuinely on a mission to make **Eco-Floral Designs** accessible to everyone, helping save the planet.

Our floral work is created from a passionate connection to our often frail and challenged environment.

When doing our floral designs, we select only **California Flowers**, refusing to use imported flowers and non-biodegradable plastic floral foam.

By using California flowers and adopting sustainable practices, we reduce the carbon footprint, support our local growers, strengthen the local economy, and keep our environment healthy. We are family-owned, based in the Mission District – San Francisco, and currently Certified Green Floral Business by the state of CA.

We believe in creating **Sustainable Floral Designs**, doing what makes us happy, and striving to be a positive, eco-friendly force in our community.

Diablo Foothills District

Presents Floral Couture Fashions by



Fashion Show and Luncheon Fundraiser Event

Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Come early, 11:00 AM

View "One of a Kind" art, quilts, etc. Items available for purchase

Lunch and show 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

\$65 per person or \$500 Table of Eight

Reservation's deadline March 14, 2022. No refund after this date.

Crow Canyon CC requires attendees to be fully vaccinated and boosted
or have proof of negative virus status 72 hours prior to event date.

- 1. Menu choices: Sunburst Salad** (Baby Greens, seasonal berries, candied pecans, mandarin oranges, blue cheese, grilled chicken breast, creamy balsamic vinaigrette)
- 2. Blackened Salmon Salad** (Spinach, watermelon, fresh berries, red onions, candied walnuts, feta cheese, raspberry vinaigrette)
- 3. Vegetarian Salad (Sunburst Salad – no chicken)**

Credit Card Reservations: see <https://www.dfdinc.org>
or (preferably) Make checks payable to DFD and mail to:
Audrey Marlovits, 2141 Belford Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-3310

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Menu Choice: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Number purchased*: _____ or Table of eight*: _____ Amount: \$ _____

**If you have seating requests, please note those when ordering tickets.*

Diablo Foothills District

General meeting

The Gardens at Heather Farm
Lower-Level meeting Room
1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek

The Gardens at Heather Farm

Requires all attendees wear masks and show proof of Covid vaccinations

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Open to members and guests (no fee for attendance)

9:30 am - 10:00 am Social Time
Lite Snacks provided by Clayton Valley Garden Club

10:00 am - 11:00 am meeting
11:15 am - 12:15 pm Program

Our Guest Speaker is, Sarah Palmer
Zone 7 Water Agency- Director (VP)
Delta Conveyance Design and Construction JPA - Director (VP)

Presentation Title:

**"The Delta Conveyance: Why we need a California Water
Infrastructure Upgrade"**

We are excited to have Sarah Palmer as our speaker this meeting. Her credentials are long. She is:

on the Board of Directors of Zone 7 Water Agency as Vice President,
on the Board of the Delta Conveyance Design & Construction Joint Powers
Authority as Vice President,
and has Chaired the now unsettled Delta Conveyance Stakeholders Engagement
Committee.

In the Association of California Water Agencies Sarah is on the Region 5 Board,
covering coastal counties from Contra Costa down to Santa Barbara,
and on the Water Quality, Local Government, and Agriculture ACWA Standing
Committees.

To help us set up, please RSVP by February 20th to:

Linda Holmes pljn@aol.com
and Linda Cruz lindajcancruz@gmail.com



Article from the February 2022 Golden Garden ENews:

Liability Insurance for your club

CGCI offers as a benefit of membership the opportunity to purchase liability insurance for clubs each year. There is a fee at a very reasonable and affordable rate for our member clubs and societies. This year that rate is \$1.50 per club member. Also clubs that are incorporated have the opportunity to purchase D&O insurance -- another benefit of membership with CGCI. CGCI's General Liability Insurance renews on February 15 each year. If your club or society has paid the liability fees this year, your club's treasurer will receive a certificate of insurance and a brochure outlining the liability coverage. The certificates and brochures are mailed on/or about March 1, 2022. These certificates confirms and advises the clubs of their coverage. Please share this information with your members. Many clubs and societies send requests for additional insured certificates at the same time as they pay the renewal fees. Clubs meet at facilities that require the club to add the facility to the clubs insurance during the time of the clubs meetings or events. If your club has requested an additional insured certificate before the renewal date of February 15 but your event is after the 15, the certificate cannot be issued until February 15. CGCI's website has lots of information regarding liability insurance for member clubs to view along with all the insurance forms. This chairman is available by email slooper@sbcglobal.net or by phone 650 871 0172.



Article from the February WACONIA 2022 newsletter:

Recruitment With Focus: The Plan By Suzann Stahl, PRGC Membership Chairman

In the world we live in right now, many garden clubs are facing extinction. Membership recruitment and retention has become more of a challenge than ever before. To adapt to these changes and the values of potential members, some garden clubs are starting to become more purpose-oriented. If you and your garden club sat down and started thinking about it, together you could likely come up with hundreds (yes, hundreds) of ideas of how to recruit new members.* That would be a bit daunting, wouldn't it? Where do you start? How do you organize that list into something doable? Something manageable. Something that would produce results. It must start with planning. Ok, let's be honest. The planning piece is usually skipped over when so-and-so says she'll bring her neighbor to the next meeting, and another member may agree to do the same. This is an acceptable but passive approach. Is it sufficient to insure the sustainability of our garden clubs? Probably not. So, let's make a plan!

Step 1 Preparation. Before you begin to "sell" your club to others, your members should answer these questions:

1. What future activities is our club interested in doing? It can be more than one activity but for example, do we want to engage youth in planting and growing food? Be specific.
2. In what time frame do we want to begin this activity? What steps will need to be taken to be hands-on within six months, a year, or maybe two?
3. What talents are necessary to take these steps? Do our current club members have those talents? How many more members with these talents will be needed? Will we need professionals?
4. Where will we find these talented individuals in our community?
5. What steps will need to be taken to engage individuals with these talents?

After answering these questions, set goals, put them on your club calendar and decide on who will complete them. Once you've done that, you'll be ready to begin focused recruitment of valuable new members who will enjoy participating in a garden club with purpose!

Suzann is open to addressing questions about this article at billnsuz5312@gmail.com.

DISTRICT CLUBS:

Blackhawk Bloomers. Cindy Inloes, President



Discovery Bay Garden Club. Nancy Dyer, President

The following article was published in the DBGC February Newsletter...

February in your Garden – From Sloat Nursery Newsletter

- **Plant early blooming** plants like peonies, lilacs, flowering plums, cherries, and magnolias. You can also plant Mediterranean plants such as leucadendrons, lavender and rosemary. Ceanothus and manzanita are great California Native choices.
- **Protect your plants** from slugs and snails with Sluggo or Sluggo Plus.
- **Now is the** time to plant edibles: Potatoes, garlic, onions, rhubarb, and asparagus.
- Prune and cut back perennials and ornamental grasses. Prune lavender back to emerging growth for best spike production this coming summer. Feed plants after pruning with **E.B. Stone Organics All Purpose or Rose and Flower Food.**
- **Stop the weeds!** Weeds that begin with winter rains go to seed in March & April, but the clever gardener never lets them get that far. Pull weeds now before they go to seed and apply corn gluten to prevent weed seed germination.
- ♦ **Finish pruning** roses, shrubs, and trees. After pruning feed roses with **E.B. Stone Alfalfa Meal and E.B. Stone Naturals Sul-Po-Mag** to promote healthy canes.

DBGC thought for the day:

*"Don't tell secrets in the Garden.
The potatoes have eyes,
the corn has ears, and the Beanstalk."*

Clayton Valley Garden Club. Fran Veal, President

CVGC is just getting started this month. We will begin planting vegetable seeds and propagating plants for our May Plant Sale. We are helping the Diamond Terrace Retirement Living Community residents with preparing their raised beds for tomato and vegetable planting. We have had work parties weeding, adding new soil, and planting donated daffodil bulbs. We have several new members joining us at the CVGC Hoop House project. Several field trips are being planned, including the Lafayette Community Garden and Learning Center which we highly recommend.



CVGC in action:
Diamond Terrace work party from
February,

Northern California Camellia Society: Justin Bergamini, President

Northern California Camellia Society Show and Plant Sale

Saint Andrew's Celebration Center
1601 Mary Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
March 12, 2022 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
March 13, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM



Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club: Jeri Stark, President

Excerpt From the LAVGC February Newsletter:

February foiblesin the garden

.....this is **pruning time**. If you haven't done it yet, Feb. is when to get at it. Joan of the Times paper says she prunes her roses the morning of the Super Bowl and misses most of that day's hype. It's good to have a deadline so you really know if you are behind time. Summer and fall blooming shrubs can be shaped and pruned now. Don't touch the spring bloomers or you'll take off all the buds. Just to remind you of the basics: take out any dead or diseased branches and eliminate those crossing the center of the plant. You want to open up the center of the plant so air can circulate for a healthier bush. Shape the plant of outlier stems but don't turn it into a topiary. Many plants can be cut clear to the ground now – or maybe 6 inches up – like butterfly bush (buddleia), daylilies, catmint, ornamental grasses or Shasta daisies, to name a few. Cut back perennials now that look scraggly to get the old stalks out before new ones start to grow and you have to cut around them. You can shape up winter tender plants like fuchsias, hibiscus, and lantana.

.....**if some plants froze** in our chillier nights, don't touch them yet. Better to trim back the dead areas in March when we should be done with freezing temperatures at night. Cutting back now will encourage new, tender growth that will be even more susceptible to cold weather.

.....it's a **good time to plant some hardier pops of color** like calendulas, primroses, pansies, snapdragons, and violas to liven up all the pruned back and cleaned up beds about now.

.....try to **keep ahead of the weeds**, especially before they can set seeds. You'll be so happy this spring that you did.

Walnut Creek Garden Club: Elinor Hernon and Maureen Little, Co-Presidents

We are already looking ahead to our Annual Fundraiser at **Crow Canyon Country Club, Thursday April 21, 2022**. Our speaker for the event is Doug McConnell. Doug has hosted and produced many series, specials, and news reports on commercial and public television. Among his series was the legendary "Bay Area Backroads," the longest running television series in Bay Area broadcast history. He is currently hosting "Open Road" on NBC Bay Area. Doug has been honored numerous times for his commitments to the community and the environment.

The funds raised will benefit the Club's Community Outreach Grants Program.

AFFILIATES:



THE GARDENS *at Heather Farm*

The Gardens at Heather Farm enriches the community through the beauty and environmental stewardship of our gardens, provides educational programs for adults and children, and offer venues for social and cultural events



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GARDEN & NURSERY

The **Ruth Bancroft Garden** is a 2.5-acre (1.0 ha) public dry garden established by [Ruth Bancroft](#). It contains more than 2,000 cactus, succulents, trees, and shrubs native to [California](#), [Mexico](#), [Chile](#), [South Africa](#), and [Australia](#).

It is located at 1552 Bancroft Road in Walnut Creek, California, USA.
<https://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org>

Herb Society of America, Northern California Unit



The Herb Society of America is dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience of its members with the community.

With love



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