



Produce

January / February 2024

Next General Meeting: 12:00 PM January 10th, Fruitdale Grange

Program for January 10th: Creating Colorful Areas in Your Garden

Program for February 7th: Fruit Tree Pruning/Grapes

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a fantastic year 2023 was!!! So many wonderful Events - our Plant & Garden Sale; Tours; Dig and Divides; the Josephine County Fair; the Presidents Social; the Christmas Boutique; many Wonderful and Informative Speakers; 4 great Potlucks; Monthly Raffles; an Auction; along with New Members -- the list goes on and on. Thank you all for your participation. We have a great "Team and Community." And, we welcome Linda Price as our new Club Program Coordinator... May 2024 bring us many new members, events, and friendships; good health for all and lots of fun!!!

~ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ~

Julie Meadows



Julie picked up a green GPGC bookmark at the Boutique and decided to join us! She has lived in GP 23 years. Born & grew up in Santa Barbara, CA and grew up there and in Solvang. She became a Master Gardener in 2007 & loves gardening.

Valerie Hall

No Photograph Available

Hello. I'm very happy to be part of this group. My husband and I just moved from Rogue River into a lovely little 120 year old house here in Grants Pass, and I'm looking forward to filling in the gardens with cottage flowers out front and veggies in the back. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and hearing what all of you are doing too.

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 or phone (808) 220-9477. 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.

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JANUARY & FEBRUARY MEMBERS!!!

January Birthdays

3 Michael Perkins
14 Sharon Motta
15 Joy Firquain
20 Lucie Griffin
23 Debbie Crook
23 Jan Schultz
27 Paul Ramsey
28 Jess Dunlap
30 Luane Watson

February Birthdays

2 Patti Budesilich
7 Marlene Daniels
7 Becky Trettin
11 Annette Maxwell
11 Julie Meadows
12 Joy Smith
17 Stevie Abrams
19 Ruth Salvatore
25 Jean Smith
26 Karen Hunger

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!

What A Great Time Our Club Had In December!!!

Thank you to everyone who sent me photographs for the Produce...

December 2 -- Christmas Boutique





And, at the December 6th General Meeting - aka Potluck, Christmas Carols, Auction and Gift Exchange (and Steal!) & Food Bank Donations



Photos provided by Nena

The following comments & photos were provided by Donna Rewick

How joyful it was to see the abundance of non-perishable food items brought to our Potluck Meeting! What a wonderful gift our Grants Pass Garden Club has given for the community. With a warm thank you to Marylou Hansen for volunteering to deliver it all to the Josephine County Food Bank. The bags were heavily filled, and these provided pictures do not capture the entirety of it all! The Food Bank was thrilled to receive this offering that they weighed upon delivery to discover it was well over 200 pounds!



What a day Brooke Foyt had in her attempt to bid for “The Bear” (that Joan Giles had donated) because another person kept outbidding her every time, and finally he ended up winning. At the end of the meeting, though, Auctioneer Carole called for her to come up front to the podium where Nena was waiting in front for her. Brooke was a bit confused, as she practically ran toward Nena, and then was totally shocked by the news Nena told her. Tom the winner had gifted her the bear because he said he had such an enjoyable time during the auction. With emotions of happiness flowing, Brooke was sooo thrilled that the bear is hers: She’s named the bear, Tom.



The Ugly/Seasonal Christmas Sweater Contest actually had contestants all looking really good! An additional contestant (also looking great) joined in. President Nena went down the line with her hand above each head for the winning vote based on how loud the audience clapped.

The winners: 3rd Place, Sue Sampson; 2nd Place, Mike Zerwer; and 1st Place, Pam Zaklan.



The very talented Corinne Zavolta entertained us by circulating the room singing Christmas Carols for us.



Thank you, Donna!

No one goes hungry at our Club potlucks!





Dorit Brown, our Three Rivers Community Seed Library coordinator, received another shipment of bulbs from Fred Meyers for the Spring Garden Sale.

Her dog, Gloria, wanted to assist in showing off the haul!

Dorit will be sharing more about how to clean seeds for the Three Rivers Community Seed Library project at our next General Meeting on January 10th.

Photo provided by Dorit Brown

2024 Home Show

On February 16th, 17th and 18th, the Grants Pass Garden Club will be having a booth at the Josephine County Southern Oregon Home Show to promote the Garden Club.

We will need members to be present at our booth on Friday the 16th from 12 PM to 5 PM; Saturday the 17th from 10 AM to 5 PM; and on Sunday the 18th from 10 AM to 4 PM. We will break it up into 2 to 3 hour shifts, depending how many volunteers we have sign up. Pam Zaklan will have a sign-up sheet on the back table for members to sign up for a shift (or two, or three or...) at our January and February meetings.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become an active member of our Club, to befriend other members you perhaps have not spent much time with in the past, and to meet people from the community while inviting them to join our club! **WE NEED YOU!!!**

Ham en Kaas Souttert
A South African Tart using your Christmas Leftovers
Spittert is "Savory Tart"
submitted by Nena

INGREDIENCE:

- 1 T. Olive Oil
- 1 T. Butter
- 2 Onions, finely chopped
- 1 lb. raw bacon, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 1 oz. chives, finely chopped
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 4 large eggs, whisked
- 2/3 pint of milk
- 3 oz. flour, sieved



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Fry onions in the butter and oil in a large frying pan until softened
- Add bacon pieces to the onions and fry on a high heat to brown the meat and get it fully cooked. Be careful not to burn
- Remove from the heat and place in a large mixing bowl to cool down
- Stir in the grated cheese and chives
- In another bowl, prepare the batter by mixing the eggs, milk and flour
- Grease a pie dish - measuring 12" - with butter
- Spoon the bacon mixture in the pie dish and spread the contents evenly
- Pour the batter in and even out the filling
- Bake in the oven for 25 minutes or until the top is golden and the center is cooked

Serve with a salad with acidic dressing to cut through the richness

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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