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Next General Meeting: 12:00 PM March 6th, Fruitdale Grange

Program for March 6th: David James - Gospel Mission Garden

Program for April 3rd: Plant & Garden Sale with CarolAnne Durante

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is quickly coming - it's time for planting our produce and flowers, if we haven't already done so.

March: We have a Salad & Dessert Potluck lunch! The Club provides greens for salads - bring your added desires for your salad, other types of salads and/or desserts!!!

April: The Spring District Meeting - all members are invited. There is more info below prepared by District Director, Donna Rewick. Also, the Annual Photo Contest. More info to follow.

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](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.

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH & APRIL MEMBERS!!!

March Birthdays

2	Sharon Bader	3	Roi Pietrzak	3	Katharyn McDonnell
4	Christine Cunningham-Paul	6	Janise Pratt	6	Retta Kent
6	Jimmie Whitwam	8	Trudy Bradley	8	Belinda Blauer
9	Marjean Lombardo	19	Rebecca Hove	20	Lucy Saldana
20	Sharon Snyder	30	Linda Price	30	Patty Reed

April Birthdays

4	Debbie Weske	9	Joan Giles	9	Marylou Hansen
27	Lynne Montgomery	28	Stephanie Capone	28	Pam Zaklan
		29	Gail Barkley		

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!

Community Director Report — Donna Rewick

Three Rivers Community Seed Library - Photos provided by Donna Rewick

A processing of seeds to be distributed on March 2 was held at the Food Bank on January 19. Led by Dorit Brown (Three Rivers Community Seed Library Chair/Asst. Community Director), the volunteers included Brooke Foyt, Donna Rewick, and former GPGC member, Jan Albright.



The Seed Packing/Labeling Packets morning at the library on January 25 went quite well. In attendance were Dorit Brown, Annette Sakellaridis, Brooke Foyt, Jan Albright, and Donna Rewick.



Potting of plants at Carole Genovesi's on January 26 had many Garden Club members in attendance. Led by Plant Sale Chair, CarolAnne Durante, the group first potted 30 smaller containers for the **Three Rivers Community Seed Library**. The containers filled with one tulip bulb each will be given away at the March 2 launch of the seed library. Dorit was given a large donation of numerous bags of tulip bulbs (ranging in 4 to 15 bulbs per bag of various colors) from Fred Meyer. Here is a picture of 20 bags shared to Illinois Valley Garden Club, and several pics of some of the volunteers who generously gave their time to this potting session.



Photo by Donna Rewick

Photos by Nena Heitz

The pots planted for the Plant Sale in April results, per Carole Genovesi were: 34 Yellow Iris; 14 Hyacinth;

Tulips: Burning Sunset-11, Purple Mix-11, Mixed-37, Blackberry Blend-10, Pink & White-9, Spring Break -9, and Candy Apple-13. (148 pots total). Plus 5 Brugmansia donated by Nancy Pyle. All in all, a huge addition for your Spring Plant and Garden Sale!

Siskiyou District Annual Meeting: Tuesday, April 16

Your Invitation to the Annual Meeting from the Host Club, Jacksonville was sent to you on 2/12, and hopefully you are making plans with friends to attend in having an enjoyable day together in supporting the Siskiyou District Garden Clubs. As you've read, a catered lunch at \$20 is available or you may choose to bring your own lunch. At our March meeting the RSVP sheets will be available for you to sign up. ***If purchasing the catered lunch***, please bring a ***check made out to Grants Pass Garden Club, Inc. or \$20 in cash*** — ideally, a \$20 bill or bills that make \$20 because there'll be no change made that day. The ***Catered Lunch*** sheet you'll be signing, you'll specify Chicken/No Chicken for the pasta primavera. ***If bringing lunch, please sign the Bringing Own Lunch sheet.***

Two Delegates For The Annual Meeting Will Be Selected At Our March Meeting

Duties of the delegates are to be Authorized Voters in attending the 4/16 District Meeting. At the May General Meeting each will give a brief 2-3 minutes report about the Annual Meeting. ***The delegates qualify for a paid catered lunch.*** Please let Nena nena.heitz33@yahoo.com know before the March meeting/day of the meeting if you would like to be considered a delegate. IF more than two individuals volunteer to be a delegate, then names will be drawn.

Venue: Auditorium of the SO Research & Extension Center, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point
Asking friends to carpool will make it more fun! The event starts off at 8:30 a.m.

MARCH AND APRIL GARDEN REMINDERS from Joan Giles

Spring is approaching very quickly this year--have you noticed how many plants have decided to send out shoots and leaves this early! The following are things that I do this time of year:

Fertilizing: *Picking a day when you know there will be rain coming is a great time to apply the fertilizer.*

Peonies start to poke out of the ground in March--fertilize them with bulb food.

Hydrangeas--March is the first time in the year to fertilize all types of Hydrangeas. Do it again in June.

Roses--fertilize after you prune them.

Pruning: Roses--usually done in our area in March.

Grapes--we do our table grapes at this time, mostly because we can see what is alive and what is not.

Hydrangeas:

Macrophylla Hydrangeas--cut off any dead stems and any ends of stems that seem to have not made it through the winter. General clean-up is good, but remember most of this type of hydrangea blooms on old wood, so don't cut a lot off. If you do, the plant will try to put on new wood, and there will be leaves, but often no flowers.

Paniculata Hydrangeas (flowers are long cone shaped)--these come out usually later, but as soon as I can see growth at the nodes I cut these back to 2 or 3 nodes from the connecting branch. I do all my Paniculatas like that when they are established, because these plants flower on new wood, so they will need to put on new stems to grow flowers. If you don't cut them back they will get way too "leggy" and not look good!

All the prep work is really worth the lovely results you will see later--enjoy the beginning of the "BIG SHOW"!!

STATE LIFE MEMBER — ELECTION TO BE HELD AT APRIL MEETING

Each year our Club members nominate and vote for members to receive the honor of becoming a State Life Member. This year we may nominate and vote for three (3) members to be honored. Presently, this distinction is held by:

Patti Budesilich * CarolAnne Durante * Joan Foley * Carole Genovesi * Joan Giles * Jenny Grippando * Nancy Lester
Diane Lewis * Cherrie Lynch * Linda Price * Nancy Pyle * Lilly Radbourne * Karen Ramsey * Donna Rewick
Susan Sampson * Shirley Schmidt * Sandy Schramm * Mary Walstrom * Luane Watson * Pam Zaklan * Mike Zerwer

Please email directly to **Donna Rewick** (dlrewick@gmail.com) (Subject line: State Life nominees) the names of **THREE** and . . .

Please provide reasons as to why you believe each of your nominees deserve the honor of recognition. Share what you have seen or know how this member has contributed significantly/exceptionally to our GPGC. Recipients receive a certificate and a pin. Also, a donation by the GPGC, Inc. is given to the Claire Hanley Scholarship in honor of the winning recipients.

Suggested email deadline: March 31, 2024 . . .

Or you may bring to the April 3rd meeting your nominations with your written reasons to hand to Donna.

Donna will read the names submitted and what was written about them, and then the voting will be conducted.

The three new GPGC State Life Members will be announced at the June meeting.

Thank you,
Donna Rewick
Vice President

More Three Rivers Community Seed Library News: from Donna Rewick

A great work session at **Brooke Foyt's** on February 13 had fifteen volunteers labeling and filling seed envelopes among other tasks done that day.

It was such a delight when Brooke bestowed Mardi Gras beads on us, provided delicious snacks, and a special treat of King Cake. Three Rivers Chair, **Dorit** led the session, volunteers packed up the styrofoam containers filled with the packets of seeds, and these containers went to **Marylou's** to be stored until it's time for the March 2 seed library launch.



The Home Show held at the JoCo Fairgrounds from February 16 to 18 had great opportunities for our GPGC to promote the April 27 Plant Sale, the March 2 launch of the Three Rivers Community Seed Library, and all of the many contributions our Club does for the community. It was a fun time for the volunteers being together in having shifts over the three days, and our **Club President, Nena** was amazing for being there all three days, plus doing the setting up on Thursday with the assistance of Carole Genovesi. Many attendees indicated they would like to attend a meeting, and will be looking forward to the upcoming events the Club will be having in March and April. The Illinois Valley Garden Club provided their members to man our booth on Sunday. A drawing was held each day, giving 3 show attendees \$20 Gift Certificates to our Spring Flower & Garden Sale.



2024 Plant Sale is Fast Approaching!!!

April 27th

CarolAnne Durante will be sharing a lot of information at our next two meetings but for those who have not been involved in our Sale in the past, it is a **BLAST!!!** *Get involved - You will learn a lot about plants.*

The event is held at Carole Genovesi's home and the home of our Club Nursery at 119 Shire Lane in Colonial Valley - exit 61 off the I-5 freeway to Highland Ave. north - right on Lloyd Drive to Palomino Drive, turn left to Shire Lane, up the hill to the black wrought iron gate.

Nena Heitz, GPGC President

More Information From CarolAnne, Plant Sale Chair

Your Annual Plant Sale, the Club's most significant fundraiser each year, is on its way!! This event is a great time for new/newer members, especially, to get involved and meet/make gardening friends from your Club!!

Here are significant dates for your Calendar.

Sign-up sheets will be available at our upcoming March 6th General Meeting, and I will also explain what these activities are all about:

- Nursery Clean-up Day: Friday, April 19, 10AM - 1PM or 'til we're done

Join in to clean up your Nursery's pots from winter die-back, storm-splash and spring weeds. This activity gives you a Preview of what plants will be available for sale... what you might want to buy!! Arrange your Nursery into a shopper-friendly pattern of beautiful plants. *Bring a lunch! We will take a break and share gardening thoughts!*

- Plant In-Take Day: Wednesday, April 24, 10AM - 2PM

Load up your truck/car/van with the plants you have potted up, and labeled, for our Sale. *All arriving pots MUST be labeled!* Drive up to the Nursery and a crew will help you unload and place your plants for your Sale.

- Plant Sale Set-up: Friday, April 26, 10AM - 1PM

Work together to set up canopies and tables for the Household Goods area, Cookie Sale, Container Planters, Vegetable/Houseplants/Dahlias/Sunflowers tables, Holding Spot, Cashiers' location. Yard art is attractively placed throughout the Nursery. *Household Goods donations arrive clean and priced.* However, other items may need pricing.

- Plant Sale: Saturday, April 27. Volunteers - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

PUBLIC HOURS: 9AM - 3PM

At the March 6th meeting, I am providing a brief description of the different areas, so you can think about how you can join in. We also need Volunteers for the Parking Area (particularly in the morning), in your Nursery, and assisting shoppers with moving their "Finds" to the Holding Spot, Cashiers' Tables, and finally, into their trucks/cars/vans. Important: we must make sure the Wagons get back from Parking to the Sale!!

I'm getting excited ... this event is SUCH a good time!!

Here are *some ways that you can pitch in NOW*, in addition to signing up to help out with the Pre-Sale Events:

- Label Your Potted Plants, plants you potted up last fall. (Or during January/February/early March. However, these plants must pass the Tug Test to be sold).

- Save, and hang onto, Cardboard "Flats, or Trays." You can collect these at Costco, and sometimes, Winco, Walmart and Fred Meyers. Also the flats or trays that you haul home with plants from the Grange, Farmers' Nursery, Redwood Nursery, etc. Shoppers use these to load up their Sale "Finds."

- **Purchase Plant Starts from Greenleaf, especially vegetables**, and transplant them into 3" or 4" pots. Do this as soon as Greenleaf opens to allow additional time for root growth.
- **Shop at spring Yard/Garage Sales around town**, and look for used Yard Art or yard tools. These "finds" can be painted or cleaned up for your Sale. Shoppers love them! Also, if you see used, PLASTIC only, mini-blinds, please buy them or ask the sellers to donate them to the Club (they go to Joy Firquain).
- Keep in mind that **we need your garden-wagons**, or anything similar, for the Sale. Bring them out to Carole Genovesi's, 119 Shire Lane, GP, the week before the Sale. There will be a Sign-up sheet at the March 6 meeting.

Each of these pre-sale items will make your Plant Sale a success!

REMINDER: DO NOT PARK IN EDDY'S RESTAURANT PARKING LOT!!! OVERFLOW PARKING IS AVAILABLE ACROSS THE STREET IN THE BOTTLE/ CANS RECYCLING CENTER IN THE BACK OF THEIR BUILDING ALONG THEIR FENCE. LOCK YOUR VEHICLE OVER THERE AS HOMELESS TEND TO HANG OUT IN THAT AREA.

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. And, **Remember your Name Badge!**

ALSO, PLEASE 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) and garbage taken out. After Potlucks, remember to take you serving dishes home. If we want the Grange to continue to let us rent their space, we MUST leave it clean!!!



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