



Beyond the Garden Gate

Elk Grove Garden Club

A Message from our Co-Presidents

Welcome back to the Garden Club! We have some great speakers lined up this season. We also hope to have more field trips.

There are so many types of gardening, truly something for everyone; container gardens, herb gardens, water gardens, organic gardens, raised beds, hydroponics, rock gardens, vegetable gardens, flower & rose gardens, formal, Chinese, butterfly, cactus, Mediterranean garden, etc. We love plants, either to grow or admire, not to mention our love of the solitude or the camaraderie that can come along with them.

As is generally the case, the season opener is all about plans that the board and several other members made at the July planning meeting for special speakers, activities, refreshments team tasks, community service projects, workshops, and more.

We will also have a presentation given by Vector Control regarding mosquitos.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your garden friends after the summer break, sign up to participate in activities, and pay your dues if you have not already done so. The new Yearbook goes to press soon so be sure you are in it by keeping your membership current.

We need help with the following duties. You can read the description of the duties and responsibilities in the Yearbook. Please let us know what you would like to sign up for.

The Garden Crew – we would like to have 3 people sign up.

Historian – one person is needed for this.

Membership – Marylee Trimmer is the chairperson. We would like 3 to 4 more to help this committee sit with new members to make them feel welcome and answer any questions they might have.

Refreshment Coordinator – we need 1 person.

Publicity Coordinator – we need 1 person.

Tips and Techniques – we would like 1 person give a short talk each month.

Botanical Arts and Crafts – a team leader & a group of crafters

Jerry Fox Swim Center – We need a group of 4 people. It only takes about 3 hours a month.

Refreshments – We will be signing up to bring refreshments 2 times a year.

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**Thursday,
September 12**

10a – social

10:30a – meeting begins
Gil Albani Recreation Center
8830 Sharkey Ave.

September Speaker

Luz Maria Robles – Public
Information office with the
Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito &
Vector Control District.

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September Meeting



The District protects your health by controlling disease-spreading mosquitoes, a major public health threat. Learn about the new daytime mosquitoes, no longer dawn and dusk.

Luz Maria Robles will provide us with the most up to date information and services.

September Birthdays

Sharon Saint, 9/4

Susan Horton, 9/9

Punky Dias, 9/17

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The Plant Table

What is a Plant Table? During the monthly meetings there will be a table for plants and other garden-related items for members and guests to take for FREE. This is a fun and economical way to take a plant home to learn how to grow it or add to your garden collection. You don't need to bring an item to get an item; we trust that you will donate when you can.

Plants can include potted plants and starts, clippings, seeds, bulbs/corms/tubers. Related items can include gardening books, magazines, tools, and pots, etc. Bring these items with you to the meeting, and put them on the table designated as the Plant Table. Fall is a great time to divide plants, and bring your extras to share.

Please let us know if you would like to be the Plant Table Coordinator.

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Did You Know?



Mockingbird Facts

- Female mockingbirds do not sing as much as the males do, and when they do sing, they are much quieter.
- Mockingbirds are known for their singing abilities. A male mockingbird can learn up to 200 different songs.
- A mockingbird sings all throughout the day and into the night
- A male sings different songs in the fall than in the spring'
- Mockingbirds tend to imitate other birds and sounds they hear.
- Mockingbirds can live up to 20 years in captivity.
- Mockingbirds usually hang out alone or in pairs.
- Mockingbirds are monogamous, which means the pair will stay together for life.
- A pair of mockingbirds will have 2 to 3 broods per year.
- The mockingbird is the state bird of Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida and Arkansas.
- President Thomas Jefferson had a pet mockingbird named "Dick."
- This bird is very territorial and will not hesitate to attack intruders.

Habitat: Mockingbirds are located all throughout the United States, Mexico and parts of Canada. They reside in fields, forest edges and backyards. They sit high in trees, on fence posts, and on utility lines and sing loudly. They also hop along on the ground looking for food. What do Mockingbirds eat? Mockingbirds are omnivorous. In the summer, their diet consists mainly of insects. During the fall and winter, they eat more fruit and berries than insects.

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Master Gardener Training 2025

Would you like to become a UC Master Gardener? If you are a Sacramento County resident and able to contribute 50 hours of community volunteer work within the first year after graduation, please continue to read about the training program.

https://sacmq.ucanr.edu/Master_Gardener_Training/

Applications will be available here Tuesday, September 10, 2024. **Last day for submitting applications is Thursday, October 10, 2024.**

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September Garden Checklist

By Jan Fetler

- Adjust your watering system to reduce water as days grow shorter. Or, let a smart controller do the work.
- Plant vegetable seeds outdoors: Asian vegetables (such as bok choy and Chinese cabbage), carrots, chard, kale, lettuce, radish, spinach, etc.
- Plant seedlings of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Florence fennel, lettuce and kale.
- Plant a cover crop if not planting a winter vegetable garden.
- Add compost to empty vegetable beds before replanting. Continue through the fall.
- Consider adding a new layer of mulch around your fruit trees. September can be hot, dry, and windy.
- Fertilize all berry plants and prune new growth on cane berries.
- Buy bulbs. Refrigerate hyacinth and tulip bulbs six weeks before planting.
- Balance compost piles by adding plenty of "browns" when adding a lot of disease-free fallen fruit.
- Limit pests and diseases: spider mites, squash bugs and leaf footed bugs.

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Calendar

EGGC Meetings/Events for 2024-25

2nd Thursday of the month at the
Gil Albiani Rec. Center, 8830 Sharkey Ave.

September 12 (Thursday) 10a social, 10:30a meeting begins

Other Events

September 7/8 (Saturday/Sunday) 10a till 4p

Begonia Show and Sale
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

September 14 (Saturday) 9a till Noon

Master Gardeners Open Garden
Fair Oaks Horticulture Center
<https://sacmq.ucanr.edu/?calitem=572626>

September 14 (Saturday) 9a till 1p

Native Plant Meet before you Buy
CA Native Plant Society
2140 Chase Dr. Rancho Cordova Learn more:
<https://www.sacvalleycnps.org/plant-sales/>

September 21/22 (Saturday & Sunday)

Native Plant Online Ordering
CA Native Plant Society
Pick up plants Sundays 9/29 & 10/6 more:
<https://www.sacvalleycnps.org/plant-sales/>

October 5/6 (Saturday/Sunday) 10a till 4p

Fall Plant Sale
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

Sacramento River Valley District Meetings

Open to all members. \$15 includes lunch, pay at the door. 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

Date: November 12, 2024 8:30a till 1:30p

Speaker: Bonnie Gault-Blue
Topic: Landscaping with Native Plants
More information in October newsletter

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Elk Grove Garden Club Leaders

Co-Presidents – Maureen Slocum and Mary Anne Strohmaier

Vice-President – Ana Weekley

Secretary – Mary Lou Lange

Treasurer – Susan Muckey

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