



Beyond the Garden Gate

Elk Grove Garden Club

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Laguna Town Hall
3020 Renwick Avenue, Elk Grove
Doors open at 10 am
Program at 10:30



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Special Event hosted by EGGC with Gardeners of the Grove and the River Valley Garden Club

We will kick off our 2022-23 season of activities with the highly anticipated talk by Garden Designer and Author, Rebecca Sweet. Her topic is Refresh Your Garden Design With Color, Texture, and Form.

Only street parking is available so please try to carpool with your friends. You will be able to pull up to the front of the Laguna Town Hall to drop off passengers. There will be a designated parking space for the speaker, and signs posted on traffic cones for ADA (handicap) parking, carpool parking (in the back of the building) and all else is general parking.

Your RSVP is needed so that we can make a really good guess on seating. If you are not sure that you responded earlier, please do so now and include the name(s) of your guests. **RSVP to adamswiley@me.com.** The beautiful flyer prepared by Jan Fetler is on the next page.

When the meeting ends at about 11:45 am, there will be a 15 minute break followed by a brief **Signup Session for Committees and Groups** for the coming year. **Snacks will be provided.**

To make it easier to determine which committees, groups, and dates for bringing refreshments you wish to sign up for, you will receive a list to ponder ahead of time. Likely this will reach you 3-4 days before the meeting. The process should be brief, easy, and delicious too.





Join Us!

Thursday, September 8
Doors open at 10 am
Program begins at 10:30 am
Laguna Town Hall
3020 Renwick Ave., Elk Grove

Refresh Your Garden Design With Color, Texture and Form

Learn how to take your garden to the next level by using timeless design principles in unconventional ways.

Presented by

Rebecca Sweet

Garden Designer and Author



RSVP by September 1: Mary Adams-Wiley, adamswiley@me.com

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Message from the President Mary Adams-Wiley

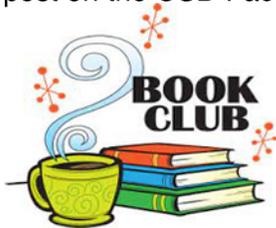
Although we had a summer break from Garden Club meetings, many of us were busy preparing for the fall activities. The focus of this newsletter is a review of the summer and preview of what is up next. I truly hope that next month we will receive some articles or ideas shared by members. Send your submissions to Silvia Boggs or Olinda Cortez.

In June, Susan Muckey and I represented the club at the grand opening of the Historic Nicolaus Dairy. Photos are posted on our Facebook page.

For the past few years we have donated funds to a local Montessori school's garden. When I inquired about their current needs, I found that their other location which is in the CSD building on Elk Grove Blvd was a better place to contribute as they have ambitious plans for a new garden. I met with them, saw their professionally-drawn plan, was quite impressed, and pleased to present a check toward phase 1 of their new garden.

I also met with the Elk Grove Community Garden President, Bernadette Fenwick, saw their gardens, heard about plans for expansion, and presented their check. In a second meeting we shared thoughts, ideas, and goals for our two groups.

Bernadette will be 1 of 3 speakers as part of a Sharing Program at our December meeting. Beginning in late September we will post our meeting invitation on their Facebook page as part of our effort to especially attract stay-at-home moms and dads to our meetings. We will also post on the CSD Facebook page soon.



The book club met, and had a lively discussion of *The Last Garden in England*, by Julia Kelly. Attendance was poor when we met at District 56 Cafe so we met this time at a member's home, served refreshments, and received the kind of response we wanted.

With 7 members present some new decisions were made. The book club now has a Moderator, Christine Burnett, beginning in January will meet quarterly, not every 2 months, chose a new day to meet, and has a short list of titles to consider later. The next step is agreeing on a name. While there were a few suggestions, additional ones from the

membership are welcome. If you have a name to suggest, contact Christine Burnett.

We selected a new park to replace the Laguna Town Hall Rose Garden. In the fall we expect to plant a butterfly garden at Mendoza Park, not too far from our Gil Albiani Recreation Center meeting location.

The Board met in July, several members joined in, and VP Susan Muckey offered many options for meeting programs. By the end of the meeting we had a list, and she immediately lined up some great speakers which you can read about on page 4.

I'm excited about all our planned activities which include 2 workshops soon plus a rose pruning demonstration in January, propagation workshop in March, and 3 field trips for the year (November, January, and April). I encourage all of you to participate and volunteer for that is the easiest way to get acquainted and make new friendships.

Mary

Help Wanted Ad #1

Our December meeting will include a brief talk by Mary Tolan-Davi about the Petal Connection, a wonderful non-profit that collects tin cans, covers them with a burlap ribbon, adds fresh flowers, and delivers beautiful bouquets to our community members in a hospice program.

The group is low on cans so members are asked to start saving the 15-16 ounce size. They should be empty, washed, and the labels removed. You will be reminded when it is time to bag them up and bring them to a meeting.

Help Wanted Ad #2



Vivian Sellers needs several assistants to help with the Succulent Pumpkin Workshop for CSD on Saturday, October 15, 10 am - noon at the Wackford Complex, Poppy Room. With up to 40



participants ages 16 and up, assistants will field questions and help participants so they complete their creations in a timely fashion . Contact Vivian Sellers at 916 753-9850 about details and her expectations. Community members pay \$25 for the class, and the profit goes to CSD Scholarships for kids.

Help Wanted Ad #3

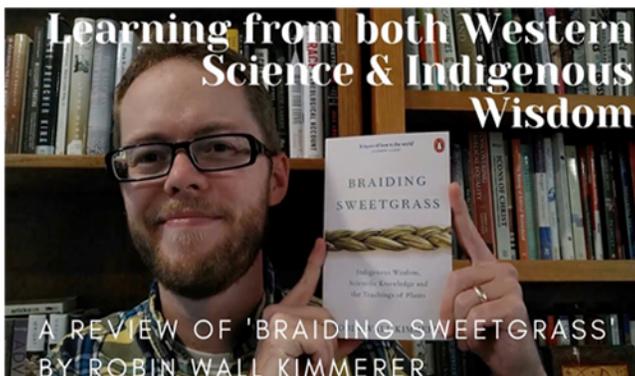


Susan Muckey needs several assistants to help with the Learn to Paint a Mandala Workshop for CSD on Saturday, November 5, 10 am - noon at the Wackford Complex, Poppy Room. Participants ages 16 and up will learn to make a mandala by painting a decorative rock. All supplies included; participants will receive a tool kit to make more mandalas. Contact Susan Muckey at samuckey@gmail.com about the date for a training class for assistants. **Mandala painting requires no talent or special skill.** Community members pay \$35 for the class, and the profit goes to CSD Scholarships for kids.

Next Book Club Book Discussion

The next meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday, October 18 at Martha Morris' home. The book is Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Refreshments will be served.

Please try this very enjoyable and short review of the book on YouTube. Click on below.



Find a brief review by Kirkus here:

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/robin-wall-kimmerer/braiding-sweetgrass/>

Calendar of 10 Meeting Programs

September 8, 2022: Refresh your Garden Design with Color, Texture and Form — Rebecca Sweet, Garden Designer and Author

October 13, 2022: Butterfly plants and more — Miridae Mobile Nursery (plants will be available for sale)

November 10, 2022: Botanical Arts, Crafts and More Fundraiser — This is a winter-themed event to support college scholarships. Shop for holiday gifts as new or gently used from selections of hand made items by creative artists and crafters, a raffle, silent auction, and tag sale. Orders will be accepted for Holiday Cookies to be delivered at the December meeting.

December 8, 2022: A Time to Share — Petal Connection, Mary Tolan-Davi; Elk Grove Food Bank Services, presenter TBA; Elk Grove Community Garden, Bernadette Fenwick; Simple Holiday Crafts, Susan Muckey

January 12, 2023: Selecting Landscape Trees for the Future — Pam Bone, UC Master Gardener

February 9, 2023: Spring Garden Tips to Save Time, Money and Water — “Farmer Fred” Hoffman, and Debbie Flower, UC Master Gardeners

March 9, 2023: Our Favorite Drought Tolerant Plants — Vivian Sellers and Jan Fetler, UC Master Gardeners

April 13, 2023: Vermicomposting, Tips for Success — Susan Muckey, UC Master Gardener

May 11, 2023: Caring for Irises in your Home Garden — Ruth Ostraff, UC Master Gardener Bulbs will be available for purchase.

June 8, 2023: Picnic and Installation of Officers at the Gazebo in Lichtenberger Park North followed by a caravan to the club's lovely rose garden in the south section of the park.