

BEYOND THE GARDEN GATE



Elk Grove Garden Club

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MARCH MEETING

March 10, 2022

Gil Albiani Recreation Center
8830 Sharkey Avenue, Elk Grove
Coffee and social at 10:00 am
Meeting at 10:30 am.

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ROLL CALL

What are you planting this month?

EDITORS

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PROGRAM

Speaker of the month



Bryan Young is our speaker this month. He is an exciting speaker who is pivotal in maintaining and restoring the Bufferlands in Elk Grove. Bryan Young graduated from the University of California, Davis with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology. He started his natural resource management career working on a native grassland seed production farm in Winters, California. He is currently the Natural Resource Supervisor for Regional San. His job duties include the management of more than 2,000 acres of open space surrounding the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment near Elk Grove. This land, known as the Bufferlands, serves as a buffer between the treatment plant operations and the surrounding community while providing high quality wildlife habitat to hundreds of wildlife species. For nearly 30 years, Bryan has been part of the team responsible for restoring and enhancing the wildlife habitat of the Bufferlands.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Rivera

As I write this, there are spring-like temperatures during the day while the next two evenings have frost warnings. Cover up babies! Spring is three weeks away, but the nights are still winter cold.

Warm welcome back to returning members Jennie Hertzler and Pat Pereira. Here's information for updating your Yearbooks: Jennie Hertzler, 6113 Laguna Center St., #167, Elk Grove, CA 95758, (916) 430-6689, jlh080@gmail.com; Pat Pereira, 8355 Polo Crosse Ave., Sacramento, CA 95829, (916) 682-2875, bnppereira@frontier.com; and correction for Julie Sutphin's email which should be: jannkuz@yahoo.com

Azaleas were just planted around the bench at Lichtenberger. Thank you for the great job to Mary Anne Strohmaier, her husband, and Josh Branco with help from his son, Mason, nature explorer, bench supervisor and smart kid.



Here's a shout-out to Tenley Willock for stepping up as the club's new Facebook Admin. It's beautiful. Check it out.

A lifetime of gardening. There is always something to learn in gardening. I encourage everyone to try their hand at different things. Let's be like Mason, explore, enjoy yourself, sit a spell and take it all in. The friendships that develop in gardening will last long after the flowers have faded.

Linda



Minutes of Elk Grove Garden Club

February 10, 2022

President Linda Rivera called the meeting to order at approximately 10:40 am. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by MaryLee Trimmer.

Additions to the Agenda: Nil

Celebrating Members: The following groups were recognized by name in a membership recognition list on the agenda: new members, those who have been members for over 10 years, 15 years, and those designated as honorary members.

Program: Jessy Parker, UCCE Master Gardener, *Every Drop Counts*.

Roll Call Question: What is your favorite flowering bulb? *Daffodils*.

Minutes: September and December 2021 Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report in the Newsletter. Receipts from the Silent Auction - \$386.72; January 25 Balance on checkbook - \$4179.33; Community Fund - \$347.65

Tips and Techniques: Vivian Sellers provided information on drying roses and using them in attractive arrangements.

Sunshine: Mary Tolan-Davi reported: (a) two "thinking-of-you" cards were sent to Susan Maggy, and following Susan's passing, a sympathy card was sent to the Maggy family. (b) a card was also sent to Mary Willis. Leslie Haynes advised members of the dangers of low potassium levels.

New Business:

Rebecca Sweet will be the guest speaker at our September 8th meeting. Members of *Gardeners of the Grove* and the *River Valley Garden Club* will be guests at this event. A donation has covered the fee.

Maureen Slocum volunteered to contact the Elk Grove Congregational Church regarding EGGC's deposit for use of the hall.

Vivian Sellers and Punky Dias volunteered to be on the Nomination Committee chaired by Leslie Haynes. The slate of officers will be presented in April with voting in May.

Vice-President. Mary Adams-Wiley was elected to this vacant post. She will continue serving until the end of June 2022 when new officers will be installed.

Club dues: Vivian Sellers informed that in the past, dues for new members who join the Club after the 1st of January pay half the price of full membership dues. Mary Adams-Wiley confirmed this procedure.

Program evaluation. Volunteers are needed to examine forms currently in use. Leslie Haynes will analyze completed forms for evaluation of guest speakers.

SRVD's raffle - EGGC is responsible for donating an item for the raffle at the SRVD Meeting on the 15th September. Members agreed to donate a Green Acres \$30. Chris Duane volunteered to visit Green Acres to obtain the card.

Josh Branco. CSD provides staff to assist the EGGC team in the relocation of roses and those which need to be completely removed for disposal. In addition, CSD's technicians maintain the irrigation system and provides fertilizer and mulch. He noted that he observed that the number of EGGC members who tend the rose gardens had increased.



UP COMING EVENTS

March 2022 - Garden Tutors; Topic: Garden Designs; Location Gil Albiani Recreation Center

April 2022 - Andy McDowell, MG; Topic: Succulents; Location: Gil Albiani Recreation Center

May 2022 - Maria Shiffler and Julie Sutphin, Wholehearted Blooms, Inc.; Topic: Growing Cut Flowers and Herbs Without Breaking the Irrigation Bank; Location: Gil Albiani Recreation Center

June 2022 Luncheon Mimi's cafe



Susan Muckey	8
Cathy Jow	8
Donna Williams	13
Silvia Boggs	29

TIPS OF THE MONTH

I probably would have skimmed right past the Monarch article, except that last year Mary Tolan-Davi told me about what a bad year it was for the Monarchs. She had just returned from the central coast and had seen and heard all about it. She has a beautiful children's book on Monarchs, and if you ask nicely she might even share the title and author. Having that conversation certainly increased my awareness. Just goes to show that we need to talk to each other more about what bothers us such as Mary T-D's report last year and what gives us hope — Mary A-W's discovery that this is a significantly better year.

Mary

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-02/monarch-butterflies-lift-spirits-in-return-to-california-central-coast?fbclid=IwAR0D7FAC88T_Uu-N5Wpsq0guilGj4Z1FjIF9nZAYYGZlqFurZso8_K82DrM

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