



Beyond the Garden Gate

Elk Grove Garden Club

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Thursday, June 11

June Picnic

Installation of Officers and Picnic at the home of Gayle Martin, 8984 Mooney Rd, Elk Grove - 10am. Questions, call Gayle at 916-600-8971.

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Messages from our Co-Presidents

Dear Elk Grove Garden Club Members,

It has been my honor and privilege to collaborate with all of you during the 2025-2026 garden year. Collectively, we successfully accomplished our club's goals and purpose as follows: *The Elk Grove Garden Club nourishes a love of gardening through informative programs and knowledge-sharing, and builds community through club- and city-focused activities and friendships among members.* We had excellent speakers and a diverse and robust program of field trips, garden tours, classes and several community projects which we supported with club donations. Moreover, our club was awarded the **Blue Ribbon Achievement Award** during the May 19, 2026 Sacramento River Valley District meeting. Congratulations to each and every one of you and thank you for all your valuable contributions!

We started the garden year with approximately 50 members. I am pleased to share that we now exceed over 70 members and the inquiries to join continue! Many of the members from the former club, *Gardeners of the Grove*, opted to join our *Elk Grove Garden Club*. We have embraced and enjoyed the active participation and friendly enthusiasm that all new members bring to the club.

As we conclude the 2025-2026 garden year, I want to extend a heartfelt “Thank you” to all our *Board Members, Special Assistants to the President, Standing Committees, volunteer Groups* that maintain the gardens, *Projects and Activities* leaders, event coordinators, *Refreshment Teams and Coordinator*, and last but not least, to my special colleague in this journey, *Co-President, Ana Weekley*. Thank you all for your friendship and unwavering support, I have learned from all of you! Although excited for the year ahead, 2025-2026 garden year will hold a special place in my heart for years to come!

-Juana Zamora

Dear Garden Club Members,

As we draw near to the end of another beautiful year, I find myself pausing to reflect on what a truly wonderful season it has been. From the first blooms of spring to the abundance of summer, every moment has been a joy shared with all of you.

I am deeply grateful for the incredible help and support we have received from each and every one of you. It has truly been an honor to serve as your Co-President this year, and I am very much looking forward to the privilege of serving again in the coming year.

I also want to take a moment to thank you for all of your wonderful ideas and your willingness to volunteer for so many different roles throughout the year. We simply could not have done it without you;

your dedication and enthusiasm are what make this club so special.

There is so much to look forward to! We are brimming with excitement for the new season ahead, and cannot wait to see all of the fresh, creative ideas that you, our members will bring to the table. This community never ceases to inspire us.

A Special Recognition

We are proud and delighted to announce that our club has been awarded the prestigious **Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement for 2025.**

This honor belongs to all of you: thank you for making it possible!

Wishing each of you a wonderful summer filled with backyard barbecues, beautiful blooms, and bountiful harvests! 🌻🍅🥕

With gratitude and garden gloves,

-Ana Weekley

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Help in the Rose Garden

Come and Smell the Roses!

Like roses? Want to learn more about how to grow roses? Come and help in the Lichtenberger Rose Garden on Wednesdays at 9am. All you need is gloves, pruner and a bucket.

The Rose Garden is in need of helpers. Interested? Contact Mary Anne Strohmaier at 209-747-8330.



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Dues are Due!!

May and June are the months that our dues are collected for the following year. Early collection helps the board on the local, district and state level to plan for the following year.

I will be receiving dues at the June meeting. The amount is the same- \$25.00. If you prefer to mail your dues, please send the checks (not cash) to my home address

Susan Muckey
10324 Spiva Road
Sacramento, CA 95829

All cash payments should be placed in an envelope with your name on.

Thanks-**Susan**

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Garden Checklist ~ ~ ~ ~

By Jan Fetler

June



- Use a shovel or screwdriver to see how deep the soil is wet. Change watering, if needed.
- Plant vegetable seeds outdoors: beans, cucumbers, melons, squash, pumpkins, corn, etc.
- Plant eggplant and tomato seedlings.
- Begin harvesting onions and garlic.
- Fertilize vegetables.
- Solarize vegetable beds if soil-borne diseases and weeds are a problem.
- Keep citrus evenly moist but not wet through fall, when rain begins.

- Protect fruit harvest from birds, squirrels and other pests. Continue through summer.
- Continue fruit tree summer pruning.
- Thin grape leaves around grape clusters to allow good air movement.
- Dig and divide crowded spring-flowering bulbs after leaves have died.
- Make sure mulch around plants is 2 to 4 inches deep. Keep mulch away from stems and trunks.
- Bury food scraps 6 to 12 inches into the compost pile to deter pests.
- Limit pests and diseases: whitefly, spider mites, squash bugs, citrus leafminer, leaf footed bugs and fire blight.



July

- Deep, thorough watering, spaced 3 to 4 weeks apart can be enough for most trees and shrubs.
- Start vegetable seeds indoors, or in a sheltered area: broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower.
- After fruit tree harvest, continue summer pruning to allow sunlight onto interior wood to develop fruiting wood.
- Prune apricots and cherries starting in late July to allow cuts to heal before winter rains.
- Continue leaf thinning around grape clusters.
- Prune back lavender by one third to one half after flowering to promote a second bloom.

- Mulch to control weeds, conserve moisture and keep soil cooler.
- Compost pile not “cooking?” Check for moisture and dampen if needed.
- Keep the garden clean to limit pest and disease problems.
- Limit pests and diseases: whitefly, spider mites, squash bugs, citrus leafminer and leaf footed bugs.



August

- Check trees and shrubs to make sure they are watered.
- Test your watering system for leaks, plugged or broken parts-. Are plants getting water? Continue monthly testing until fall rains start.
- Plant vegetable seeds outdoors: cabbage, carrots, lettuce, mustard, turnips, etc.
- Start seeds indoors for broccoli, cabbage, kale, and bunching onions.
- Check citrus in pots to be sure roots haven't blocked drain holes.
- Continue to prune apricots and cherries before the end of August to allow cuts to heal before winter rains.
- After cane berry harvest, cut canes that bore fruit to the ground. Tie up four to six of the new canes.
- Fertilize roses.
- Keep diseased and pest infested plants, fruits and vegetables out of the compost pile.
- Limit pests and diseases: whitefly, spider mites, squash bugs, citrus leafminer and leaf footed bugs.

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Calendar Upcoming Events

- May 9** (Sat.) 9am till 3pm
Chrysanthemum Plant Sale
Sacramento Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento
- May 9/10** (Sat. & Sun.) 9am till 3pm
East Sac Garden Tour
David Lubin Elementary Fundraiser
Tickets now on sale
<https://www.eastsacgardentour.com>
- June 6/7** (Sat. & Sun.) 10 am till 3pm
Bromeliad Show & Sale
Sacramento Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento
- June 13** (Sat.) 9am till Noon
Master Gardeners Open Garden
Fair Oaks Horticulture Center
11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks
<https://sacmq.ucanr.edu/?calitem=604924>
- August 1** (Sat.) 9am till Noon **(don't miss this)**
Master Gardeners HARVEST DAY!
Fair Oaks Horticulture Center
11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks
<https://sacmq.ucanr.edu/?calitem=604924>

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Elk Grove Garden Club Leaders

Co-Presidents – Ana Weekley and Juana Zamora

Vice-President – Marilyn Peterson

Secretary – Mary Lou Lange

Treasurer – Susan Muckey

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