



Beyond the Garden Gate Elk Grove Garden Club

2023 Winner of the Mayor's Volunteer Award

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**Monthly Meeting
November 9, 2023**

**Gil Albiani Recreation Center
8830 Sharkey Avenue
Elk Grove**

Complimentary Continental
Breakfast at 10 am and Meeting



November Birthdays

Pat Baeta	11/07
Mary Tolan Davi	11/11
Barbara Gumbs	11/17
Kate Genato	11/28
Mary Adams-Wiley	11/29

Tenley Willock, Editor
Mary Adams-Wiley, Assistant Editor

65th Anniversary Edition

This month, we are celebrating EGGC's 65th Anniversary. Our Historian, Mary Adams-Wiley, will have a table setup at the meeting with memorabilia representing members from decades ago, plus an Anniversary Cake! We would like to thank Mary Adams-Wiley, Joan Freedman and Rosemarie Byme for sorting through and organizing a good deal of EGGC's materials to be preserved soon in the Sacramento Room of the Central Library in Sacramento. We would also like to thank Diana Raymond for her congratulatory letter and her comments on how the Club operated in years gone by.

Anniversary Message from Diana Raymond, EGGC member 2006-2018, Secretary 2007-2009, and President 2009-11. Diana now lives in Shelby, Montana.

Congratulations Elk Grove Garden Club on your 65th Anniversary.

In the late summer of 2005, I saw an article in the Elk Grove Citizen inviting potential new members to join the club on a field trip to a local garden. Imagine my surprise when I arrived at the local Grange Hall to carpool to the gardens. A car pulled in and Lois Andrews hopped out, ran over to my car, and jumped in the backseat stating, "I'll ride with you". Several other ladies joined us for the short ride to the private home on Bradshaw with the beautiful gardens.

In those days, one was required to attend two meetings prior to being invited to join at the third meeting, and only after a secret vote with 100 percent approval were you considered a member. This is why records show I joined in 2006 when I had been attending meetings for months before that. When the club met in member's homes, membership was limited to only twenty.

The club business meetings always followed a hot lunch, an educational program at the Grange Hall or a local garden tour.

When the club grew to a point where parking in the mortuary parking lot became difficult and the time often conflicted with services, we moved our meetings to the Jessie Wright Suites Building on East Stockton Blvd, then later to the Congregational Church. Not long after I joined I was asked if I would consider being a club officer. My answer was "ok, but I don't want to be president or secretary". So in the following election of officers, I was made secretary, and after a couple of years, president.

In about 2007, when Robin Pokorski was president of California Garden Clubs, she made a visit to our club inviting us to join them. After much deliberation, the club members chose to join in order to reap the benefits of membership. While we had an informal roster and list of past presidents for our club, we did not have a formal yearbook. As members of California Garden Club, it was recommended that we provide them with copies of our yearbook. One was created with their recommended format along with our new logo which was submitted to the awards committee and put on display at the Convention.

There have been many other changes to the club over the years, such as fund raising for scholarships, applying for grants, renovating and maintaining gardens through CSD, planting and maintaining Dahlias and Pollinator Plants at the Historic Nicolaus Dairy, and offering classes for the residents of Elk Grove. The Mayor's Volunteer Award presented last spring recognizes the value of the club's efforts on behalf of the City of Elk Grove.

But the most important part of the 65 year success of the Elk Grove Garden Club is you the member and your participation.

Message from the Co-Presidents

Maureen Slocum and Mary Anne Strohmaier

There is always something to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Season.

"Be Thankful for what you have, you will always end up with more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." *Oprah Winfrey*



The November Speaker, Bill Maynard

Bill Maynard is a Sacramento County Master Gardener and in Charge of the City of Sacramento's Community Garden Program in the Dept. of Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment. Bill oversees the 19 community gardens in the City Limits. He is also past president of the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA is a 44-year old national non-profit based in Atlanta). Bill will be presenting an overview of Sacramento County community gardens.

April EGGC Plant and Garden Craft Sale

Nancy Baldwin

The plant and craft sale is on! The club voted at the September meeting to proceed with a sale that will be held April 13, 2024. This will be our primary fundraiser for the year, and the money raised will be put toward our charitable efforts (scholarships and so forth). Vivian Sellars and Nancy Baldwin are co-chairing the event. There are several steps all members need to be taking now – and there is a way for everyone to participate. Please consider how you can help this group project. Here are things you can do now:

- Save empty 6-inch pots (for houseplants) and the trays you get from the nursery and bring them to the next meeting.
- Start propagating interesting plants (think color, form, shape). We want well-rooted plants by next April.
- Contact Vivian if you are willing to grow plants others have propagated by keeping them at your house, watering them, and generally babysitting them.
- Start working on garden-related crafts that we can sell alongside the plants.

Here are things you can do later:

- Volunteer to help with publicity.
- Sign up for the logistics committee that will be working to organize day-of-sale efforts (contact Nancy).
- Volunteer to work on the sale day – to greet people, answer questions, help buyers take purchases to their vehicle, set up and take down tables, etc.

We are very excited about the plant sale, and with everyone's efforts, know we can make it a big success.

2 Messages From Vivian Sellers

The Succulent Pumpkin Class Last Month

The Class was a great success thanks to all of you who contributed succulents and “stuff”. We had 22 attendants (3 were no shows). Several said they would be back next year! A special thank you to Maureen Slocum, Susan Muckey, Jennie Hertzler and Bonnie Marr, my wonderful assistants.
Vivian

Master Gardener Calendars

I will have the 2024 Master Gardener Calendar for sale at the meeting. This year’s theme is “...into the wild... Habitat Gardening”. Once again, it is filled with beautiful pictures and great information. The cost is \$12.00 payable by cash or check. Remember, they make great gifts.

Sacramento River Valley District (SRVD) Meeting

The SRVD meeting is November 14th. The cutoff date to let Linda Brett know if you want to attend is November 7th. The cost is \$15.00 and it includes lunch. The meeting starts at 8:30 am. Those wishing to ride share should meet at Burlington Coat Factory next to Burger King on Bond Road. If you have signed up to go, but find you are unable to attend at the last minute, please call Mary Anne Strohmaier at 209-747-8330 so we will not be waiting for you to show up.

New Yearbooks

The new yearbooks are here! The new yearbooks are here! Be sure to pick yours up at the November meeting. If you cannot attend you can ask another member to sign for you, pick it up and deliver it to you.

November’s Birth Flower

Chrysanthemum is November’s birth flower. Chrysanthemums symbolize friendship, happiness and wellbeing. Thought to have originated in China, they were originally cultivated as a flowering herb as early as the 15th century BC. Its boiled roots were used as a headache remedy, young sprouts and petals were used in salads, with the leaves brewed for a festive drink. Today Chrysanthemums are one of the most popular cut flowers used in floral arrangements.

Gardening Activities for November

- 1) Add a layer of Compost to garden soils to improve fertility.
- 2) Divide perennial plants that have overgrown their spaces.
- 3) Clean and sanitize bird feeders.
- 4) Good time to clean and sanitize your garden tools.
- 5) Plant hardy perennials, citrus trees and landscape trees.
- 6) Stop dead heading roses, letting them produce rose hips and become dormant so they increase their energy reserves.

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~~~~~ Shows and Sales ~~~~~

List provided by Jan Fetler, Editor of The Scarecrow, the Newsletter of the Gardeners of the Grove. Thank you, Jan.

November 18/19 (Saturday/Sunday) 10a till 4/2p **Chrysanthemum Society Show and Sale, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento**

January 17, 2024 (Wednesday) 6:30 till 7:30p **Preserve Citrus – Free on ZOOM Sacramento Master Food Preservers Register: <https://sacmfp.ucanr.edu/?calitem=570295>**

February 21, 2024 (Wednesday) 6:30 till 7:30p **Preserve Herbs – Free on ZOOM Sacramento Master Food Preservers Register: <https://sacmfp.ucanr.edu/?calitem=570315>**

March 9, 2024 (Saturday) 9a till 3p **Perennial Plant Club Gardener's Market, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento**

March 16/17 (Saturday/Sunday) 10a till 4/3p, **Shepard Garden & Arts Center Spring Sale, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento**

March 23 (Saturday) 10a till 4p, **Cymbidium Society Sale, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento**

April 6 (Saturday) 10a till 4p, **African Violet Society Sale, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento**

April 13 (Saturday) Time and location TBA, **Elk Grove Plant and Garden Crafts Sale**

April 13/14 (Saturday/Sunday) 8a till 5p, **Bonsai Assn. Show and Sale, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento**

~~~~~ Garden Tours ~~~~~

April 27 (Saturday) Times/Details TBA **Gardens Gone Native Plant Tour, California Native Plant Society**

April 27/28 (Saturday/Sunday) Times/Details TBA, **Gardens of Folsom Tour, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento**