

The Watercan Post



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The Prez Sez



Happy 4th of July to all our communities' gardeners. The garden tour went very smoothly and well this year. The new venue in the parking lot of the Butte Firesafe Council behind the old cobblestone pharmacy worked out quite well. Surrounded by tall trees, the area added a nice ambience provided tour patrons and our workers with much appreciated shade. The feedback from our homeowners about the tour was universally positive. Last month's meeting and luncheon in appreciation of their considerable efforts was a pleasant and well attended function.

Our new feather flags and the club tee shirts have been very popular, and we hope that with them we can continue to get the word of the club out to our community at large.

Just a reminder we will not be having a meeting in August to allow for post tour downtime for our members.

In June we saw some hot weather and we can reasonably expect more of the same in July and August so while it does help our gardens flourish it is easier for us to overdo it while enjoying them so remember to go inside when it gets hot and remember to stay hydrated.

Thank you,
T3

Todd

PGCI General Meeting, July 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Yum! Come ready to make your own treat. Everything is provided. Today is also an installation and recognition of PGCI Board officers. Afterwards, we will have a round-robin discussion. Do you have a question you've wanted to ask? Questions about how the Board works? Questions about your garden? Please bring a question for the round-robin discussion. We have so much knowledge to share with each other within our group. We'd like to hear from you.



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Upcoming Events

Paradise Garden Club meets every second Monday of each month at 1:00 at the Terry Ashe Center. All are welcome. (Odd months we bring cuttings, plants or seeds to share and even months we share food snacks.)

PGCI General Meeting, July 8 at 1:00 p.m. Installation of Officers and visioning for next year. What would you like to learn about? Where would you like to visit as a club? Other ideas?

August: NO MEETING. Have wonderful vacations, enjoy your gardens & stay cool.

September 9 at 1:00

Trivia Night at Nic's, Every Thursday night stop by Nic's located at 6256 Skyway for a free family fun trivia night from 6:00- 8:00 PM. Be sure to arrive early to save your spot and enjoy happy hour all evening.

Finale Friday Karaoke, The Elks Lodge will host karaoke on the last Friday of every month & this is the first one! Get ready to sing & have a great time, Friday, June 28th from 7:00- 9:00 PM. This event is free and for more information call 530-877-3977.

Ridge Produce Collective: Produce Market, 5505 Skyway on Saturday, June 29th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Enjoy a wide selection of fresh fruits and vegetables!

UC Master Gardeners of Butte County Workshops
Details on classes & locations go to <https://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops/>

Farmers Market Mobile, Sundays @10AM until most of the food is gone.
Location: Magalia Community Park, 13917 South Park Drive, Magalia

Chico Farmers Market, Saturdays @7:30am-1pm, Parking Lot, E 2nd St & Wall

Beautification Team Report



June found the Beautification Team at both the Elliott and Foster Triangles and the Library Mound. We averaged four to eight volunteers each work day. Many hands make light work. Sandy joined us last week and had this to say:

“How many times have you driven up and down the Skyway past Foster and Elliott where the triangles are and

have seen a bunch of derrière’s in the air. I’m serious! If you take a moment to look, you will see them. Members of the Paradise Garden Club, beautification group. The bent at the waist, ease in the knees, gloved handed soldiers with razor sharp focus, looking for weeds to pull and dead flower



heads to snip away. They gather every Thursday morning headed up by their spirited leader Jeudie Lovell, (for 8 years now) donning their hard to miss beautiful

blue matching Garden Club shirts and with their buckets and tools they happily tend to these gardens because it matters to them. This week I decided to join them. Not only did we weed and snip, but we also laughed and chatted and got caught up on each others lives. Many hands make light work...all for the love of it! And all for our benefit. We are the ones that reap the rewards. Why would people, who have their own gardens to weed, go out and tend to another? Why would they shamelessly stick their back ends in the air for all to see, for no money or fame? They do it for the love of their town, our town, for us! They do it because it delights their eyes when they drive by and see the beauty they created. So what are the perks for this simple gesture and giving of their time. Well, if they’re lucky, someone will honk their horn as they are driving by, which of course makes them stand up and wave and who doesn’t like to wave?”



Photos by Sandy Miller

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Sound like fun? Join us. For times & locations, call me, Jeudie. I’m in the roster.

Jeudie

For more on Sandy’s story tap here:

<https://starbrightcommunitystories.org/2024/06/23/paradise-garden-club-sandy-miller-240623/>

Photo by Ellen Michels



Congratulations

Congratulations to Joanie and Kathleen who completed the Master Gardener course. Here they are at the Master Gardener graduation ceremony.

Paradise Garden Club Board Minutes

June 11th, 2024 Board Meeting

The board meeting was brought to order at 11:40 a.m. by our president Todd Hummel.

Todd asked if there were any additions or corrections to last month's board meeting. No changes raised and minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Margaret gave a summary on how we did on our garden club tour sales. Suggestions were given by board on how to improve the garden tour next year.

Beautification: Jeudie mentioned we will work this Thursday at the Elliott triangle. Start time will be 7:00 a.m. Come if you can.

Anne Pace said the garden club has teacups and saucers that are too small to hold a plant and have the plant survive therefore we have no use for them. Wendy suggested donating cups and saucers to the Elks Lodge in Paradise. The Elks Lodge has a big Tea Party event in April each year. Todd will coordinate with Wendy to collect teacups and saucers.

Installation of officers will be at the July meeting. Anne suggested the members at our general meeting, be given details on what's involved with each position available.

Board meeting ended 12:29 p.m.

Secretary Wendy Wicklund

Paradise Garden Club General Meeting minutes

June 11th, 2024 General meeting notes

The general meeting began at 1:04 p.m. with Todd welcoming everyone and leading in the pledge of allegiance. Todd opened the meeting by talking about our recent garden tour, our triumphs and maybe some changes for next year. More information to come.

Financial Report: Margaret also talked about the garden tour and what we made and our expenses. Margaret also gave her monthly report on how the club is doing financially.

Beautification Report: Jeudie mentioned that it's been so darn hot but the beautification team will persevere and meet this Thursday. Very early, at 7:00 a.m. to tidy the Elliott Triangle. Please come if you can. All are welcome.

We had a great turnout with about 40 people attending the appreciation luncheon. Everyone had a good time. Also, a big thank you to our members who set up tables and food for our luncheon. Job well done! You are so appreciated. We had plants left over from the plant sale and these plants were offered for free to take home.

Luncheon started at 1:15 p.m.

Secretary Wendy Wicklund



A special opportunity close by . . .

The Red Bluff Garden Club is sponsoring Flower Show School Course II to be held in Red Bluff, California, August 28-30, 2024. Attached please find the brochure and registration for this NGC, Inc., and CGCI supported school.

The Red Bluff Garden Club would love to see and meet garden club members from all of California. We also know that few Flower Show Schools are held here in the west! Join us!

Thank you.

Dottie Renstrom, Co-Chairperson, FSS

Red Bluff Garden Club

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone No: _____
 Email: _____
 Your Garden Club: _____

Fees:

_____ Full Course (2 days)	\$165
_____ Exam for Credit	85
_____ Design Day (8/29/24)	\$90
_____ Horticulture Day (8/28/24)	\$90
_____ RBGC Member (Full Course)	\$145

Total Remittance \$ _____

*Fees include morning snack and lunch.
 Special dietary requests cannot be accommodated.
 REFUNDS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE UP TO 3 WEEKS
 PRIOR TO START OF EACH COURSE.*

Make checks payable to:
 RBGC (Red Bluff Garden Club)
 Mail to: Fran Galantine, Registrar
 7711 Truckee Ave., Garber CA 96036

Registration Deadline
August 23, 2024

Initial: _____
 _____ I agree to accept Course outline via email, and will print & bring a copy for my use.
 _____ I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, or published by the Red Bluff Garden Club.

August 28-30, 2024
COURSE II

Schedule Day 1:
 8:00 am - 8:15 am Registration/Announcements
 8:15 am - 9:15 am Flower Show Procedure
 9:15 am - 9:30 am Break
 9:30 am - 11:00 am Horticulture
 11:00 am - 11:45 am Lunch
 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Horticulture (continued)
 1:15 pm - 1:30 pm Break
 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Practice Point Scoring
 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm Break
 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm Written Point Scoring Exam
 Clipboards will not be provided but are recommended.

Schedule Day 2
 8:00 am - 8:15 am Registration/Announcements
 8:15 am - 9:15 am Flower Show Procedure
 9:15 am - 9:30 am Break
 9:30 am - 11:00 am Design
 11:00 am - 11:45 am Lunch
 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Design (continued)
 1:15 pm - 1:30 pm Break
 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Practice Point Scoring
 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm Break
 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm Written Point Scoring Exam
 Clipboards will not be provided but are recommended.

Schedule Day 3:
 8:00 am - 8:15 am Registration/Announcements
 8:15 am - 11:15 am Written Exam
 Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure & Design

*Exact layout of presentation is subject to change by instructors.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course II
 August 28, 29, and 30, 2024
 First United Methodist Church
 525 David Ave.,
 Red Bluff, CA 96080

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Course Instructors

The Red Bluff Garden Club is pleased to present two well-known and highly respected National Garden Club, Inc. Flower Show School Instructors to Northern California.

Horticulture and Flower Show Procedures:

David Robson is a retired horticulture and pesticide safety specialist with the University of Illinois. He is a National Garden Club Master Judge since 1992 and Flower Show School and symposium instructor since 2008. He currently serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Plant America Community Projects Grant Chairman, NGC Headquarters Grounds Chairman, Finance Committee Member.

Design:

Gina Jogan is a National Garden Club Master Accredited Flower Show judge and Design Instructor since 2002. She is an active member of numerous regional, State and local garden clubs. Gina's designs have been published in articles, magazines, manuals, calendars, and on-line.

Course II Curriculum

Design: Functional, Exhibition Tables; Petite Designs

Horticulture:

- Cut Specimens: Capitulum (sunflower, rudbeckia, Zinnia..)
- Arboreal: Conifers

Flower Show Procedure

*Course outline and information will be emailed to participants 4-6 weeks before event.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Flower Show Schools were formed to train Judges but they are also a great place to learn horticulture and design for Flower Shows exhibition and Flower Show Procedures. All Club members are welcome to attend all or part of the program with registration fees paid.

- Students must bring an 8.5" x 11" clipboard
- Students are required to bring Handbook for *Flower Shows 2017 Revised Edition* to class. 2017 edition (corrected July 2023) is available on line at the NGC website for free download or \$25 purchase. Homepage: National Garden Clubs, Inc. > Schools > Flower Show School > FSS School Resources

- Students are encouraged to read:
 - *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging* (\$30)
 - *Outlines of Period Flower Arrangements* by Hannay (\$5)

Both books are available at the NGC, Inc., online store, or from club library for checkout.

CERTIFICATION

Upon successful completion of three courses a student is referred to as a Student Judge and is eligible to join a Judges Council. After completion of all four courses with a passing grade of 70% or more and fulfilling the Judging Requirements, a student is eligible to apply to become a National Garden Clubs, Inc. Accredited Flower Show Judge.

For more information see:

<http://gardenclub.org/resources/ngc-schools-guide-forstudents-and-consultants.pdf>

Available Lodging:

- Hummingbird House, Red Bluff
701 Rio St., Red Bluff
530-727-7856
- Hampton Inn Suites, Red Bluff
520 Adobe Rd, Red Bluff
530-529-4178
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Red Bluff
2810 Main St, Red Bluff
530-528-1600

UPCOMING COURSES

Tentative Dates:

Course III: March 18,19,20 2025

Course IV: September 3,4,5 2025

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A Passion for Parsley by Trish Bender

Often when people walk around my Charleston garden, they comment on the beautiful Queen Anne's Lace and ask how I get it to grow so big. I just smile and tell them, "that's not Queen Anne's Lace, it's parsley."

Parsley flowers can get huge if given the opportunity to grow a second year. As a biennial, parsley produces edible leaves the first year and sets flowers and seeds the second year. After seeding, the original plant dies, and new babies sprout up around it. Seeds are easily collected for resowing. Simply cut the stalk a few inches below the seed head and hang upside a few days in order to dry. To harvest seed heads, first run a finger over the seed head and notice how easily seeds fall off. If you have to work at it, wait a few days and retest. Seeds are usually ready in a medium gray-brown color stage. If left on the plant, seeds will naturally drop off and grow new plants the following year.



While most people add a few parsley plants to their herb gardens, the latest trend is to scatter them among pollinator plants as the perfect host plant. Parsley provides an upright medium-green filler to your flowers and the leaves serve as a larval host for twenty species of caterpillars including the swallowtail butterfly. In bloom, parsley flowers provide nectar to bees, flies, wasps, smaller beetles, as well as skipper and hairstreak butterflies.

In the vegetable garden, parsley makes an excellent companion plant to brassicas, beans, tomatoes, and asparagus but gardeners should avoid planting it next to carrots or onions.

While many treat parsley simply as a garnish, fine chefs use parsley in almost everything. Like salt, parsley enhances the flavors of other herbs and spices. When combined with thyme, chervil, and other herbs it becomes the base of Bouquet Garni. Added to cream sauce, it creates the classic English Parsley Sauce served over fish or chicken. In Latin dishes, parsley is combined with garlic and other spices to create Salsa Verde.

All parts of the parsley plant are edible. Leaves can be consumed raw, dried, or cooked. Stalks, roots, and leaves can be added to stock. Flowers and seeds can be sprinkled over salads or added to bread for added flavor.

Nutritionally, parsley is considered a superfood. (1)

Here's why:

- * Parsley has more vitamin C per ounce than lemons, oranges or any other fruit.
- * It also supplies Vitamins A, B, E, K, Beta-Carotene, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Manganese, Sodium, Potassium and Calcium
- * Research has shown that parsley aids digestion and stimulates the appetite.
- * Parsley neutralizes strong odors like garlic and onion.
- * Parsley flavonoids and antioxidants stimulate the liver, spleen, and endocrine organs.

While there are many cultivated varieties of parsley, three species are most commonly found in garden centers and seed catalogues. Each has its own unique flavors:



French, curly-leaf parsley (*Petroselinum crispum* var. *crispum*) has a mild flavor and is used most often as a breath freshening garnish or coarsely chopped raw in salads. The reason it is so often used as a garnish is because it helps curb bloating and indigestion after a rich meal. Curly parsley has a more mild flavor than Italian so use more in recipes than the flat leaf species.

Italian, flat-leaf parsley (*Petroselinum crispum* var. *neapolitanum*) has a bolder flavor and is used most often in cooked dishes or sauces.

Try adding a 1/4 cup each of fresh parsley and fresh oregano to the ricotta cheese in your next lasagna. You'll thank me!



Hamburg Parsley Roots

Hamburg, root parsley, (*Petroselinum crispum* var. *tuberosum*) is grown in colder regions for its edible root, eaten much like a carrot. Often sliced with skin on and cooked, it lends a nutty, earthy parsley taste to soups and stews. Its leaves can also be eaten.

Although it resembles parsnips, their tastes are very different. I love to boil one or two roots with potatoes, then mash them together.

Parsley can be directly sown in early spring to late autumn in Zones 8-11 where it will easily overwinter and bloom the next spring. For zones 2-7, it is best sown in autumn for spring sprouting or after the last frost in early spring for summer harvest.

To dry parsley, you can place individual leaves in a slow oven for 20-30 minutes then allow to air dry the rest of the way or set them in a dehydrator on very low for 4-6 hours. If you want to skip these steps, simply hang a bundle upside down in a dry location out of direct sunlight. Once fully dried, they can be placed in jars with a desiccant packet to be used over the next 6 months or so.

To save parsley seeds, cut the stalks about 8-10" below the head and bundle together. Hang upside down over a screen or bowl to catch the seeds as they drop. Another method is to simply run your thumb over the seed head set over a catching bowl. Make sure the seeds are grayish brown. Mature seeds will easily release. Store these in glass jars with desiccant or seed (coin) envelopes.

We lost a long time, hardworking member of our Paradise Garden Club team. On Saturday, June 22, Ward Habriel passed away. Each year, Ward and Cheryl have given countless hours to help the PGCI team make our annual garden tour and plant sale a success. This is in addition to many other ways Ward volunteered his time and energy to PGCI and our community. We will miss you Ward. Our heartfelt prayers go to Cheryl.



Photo by Cheryl Habriel

2024 Garden Tour & Plant Sale Review



Photos by Nancy Howe



The Goddard Garden Greeted by Norm as Linda discusses plants with visitors, you turn toward a dozen paths coaxing you through this wildlife habitat of wonder and bird song. Colorful blooms, multiple shades of greens and golds bring you to a hidden oasis, the bubbling sound of water, and the vibrant renewal of healthy native plants.



Photos by Nancy Howe



The Marcus Garden A luscious mixture of color, shapes and textures draw your eye as Jeff and Linda greet visitors. Trees, shrubs, roses, a gurgling fountain, and a pond of large Koi are among the discoveries through sunny and shady paths. The delightful music of Paradise Symphony volunteers adds to the peaceful ambiance.



Photos by Nancy Howe



The Dodini Garden

Gwen relaxed in the shade as Frank explained to visitors how to build some of his garden features. Frank built this labor of love postfire and it is a jubilant burst of happy plants complimented by various hardscapes and statuary. Can you see the deer amongst the foliage?

Photos by Nancy Howe



Mama's Magic Garden

Carrie has done a beautiful job bringing vitality and a good dose of whimsy to the garden her mother started long ago. A hammock invites rest, a hen house promises eggs, and everywhere lush plants abound alongside artfully placed collectibles. An artist from the Paradise Art Center shares her talents.



Photos by Nancy Howe



The Marongui Garden Craig & Susan greeted guests and directed them to scenic paths of well-established plants and trees. Multiple rock walls built to support and divide garden areas added a nice earthy texture in contrast to bright flowerpots. Tucked here and there are plants peeking out from rocky ledges or between limbs.



Photos by Nancy Howe



The Pace Garden

Bob & Anne greeted visitors coming into their postfire gardens. Bare, burnt ground five years ago is now transformed to healthy plant life of varying heights, shapes and textures in vigorous bloom everywhere. A food garden, a tiptoe through maples, a shady place to sit & sip lemonade. Each curve and path planted with tender loving care.

Photos by Nancy Howe



The Denofrio Garden Allison and Michael have a creative blend of new and old features giving a sense of nostalgia in the front yard brick work and garden art. The entire property is a journey through plants and places to sit and visit. The Denofrio's enthusiastically invited Butte County Local Food Network to place a garden to supply free food to the community on a generous portion of the Denofrio property.

Photos by Nancy Howe



Willow Springs Garden at Butte Valley Supply & Earthworm Soil Factory

Our first commercial garden on a PGCi tour, this garden has an expansive burst of herbs, flowers, and shrubs. A large pond with a marsh area is alive with a variety of birds and their riot of chatter and song. Remember to check out the large variety of yard art and signage inside the shop.



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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Backyard Water Features, presented by Connor Landscaping owners Scott and Paula Connor. Scott created the pondless water feature at one of our 2009 tour homes--the Wulburn residence on Sunset Oaks. This beautiful feature attracted a lot of positive attention during the tour.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July *Library Weeding*

July 16, Thursday, 9am, Grass Valley, Carolyn Singer's *Propagating Workshop*

No August Meetings

Sept. 8, Tuesday, 1pm, *Board Meeting* at Cindy Young's

Sept. 10, Thursday *Newsletter deadline*

September 14, Monday, 1pm, *Regular Meeting* at Paradise Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

Gail Brown, Skylake Gardens in Durham



President's Message, Donna Beronda

What a difference 12 months can make! Last year at this time, we were all choking on smoke and many of us had already been evacuated—some of us twice!! Our plants were choking on accumulated ash and life seemed surreal. This year, everything looks green and lush, and the weather has been mercifully kind to us so far. I hope each of you is enjoying your time in the garden as much as I am!!

Several months ago, I made a promise to the members of Paradise Garden Club that I would do everything in my power to ensure that we are able to access the resources of *California Garden Clubs*. Today we will vote on a proposed amendment to our bylaws (page 10) allowing us to use the 501 (c) (3) group exemption provided by California Garden Clubs. This is a huge benefit to our Club and to those wonderful community members who donate to our various projects, including the Garden Tour.

On June 19, we took another big step toward reestablishing our position with *California Garden Clubs*. Glenna Clark, Val Spencer, Jim Hart and I attended the first "Buttes District" meeting in several years. We have officially joined with our fellow area clubs (page 11,12) to reactivate our district. By the time you are reading this, we will have had a second meeting and begun work on a revision of the District By-Laws. Not only will this enable us to participate more fully in California Garden Clubs activities, it will give us more information about what other clubs are doing—both local and statewide. As an example, Dorothy Showmaker from Chico Horticulture has requested yearbooks from all Buttes District, hoping to put together a master list of local speakers. We have also set up a forum to exchange newsletters and other information about upcoming club activities.

Many of you may remember Julie West who talked about Butterfly Gardens at one of our meetings a couple of years ago. She is now First Vice President of *California Garden Clubs*, and made a special trip from Santa Rosa to Chico to help us reorganize our District. With her assistance, we set up the bylaws meeting and elected officers. Dorothy Showmaker and I will be Butte District Co-Directors for the coming year. We are joined by Donna Murrill as District Secretary and Jim Hart, District Treasurer.

Plans are underway for a formal *District Meeting* this fall. I hope each of you will make an effort to attend. It should be a great opportunity to meet other local gardening enthusiasts and to learn more about California Garden Clubs. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the District process, please let me know. We will need your support to really make this happen!



Contemplate



Blown in by the wind
I grew without permission
Just to bring you joy.

Haiku & Photos by Nancy Howe