

CASCADE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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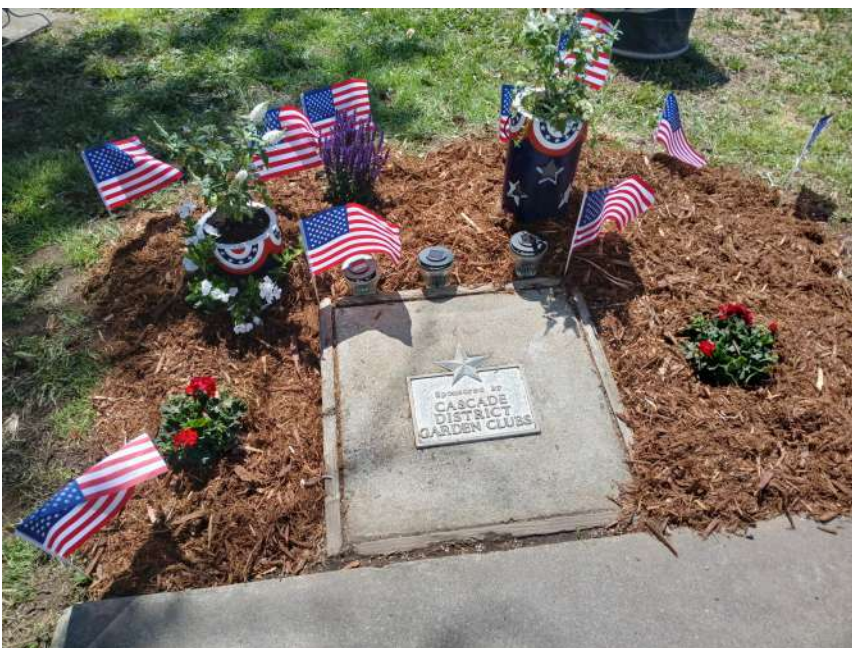


Cascade District Blue Star Memorials

Our Cascade District has 9 Blue Star memorials, which is pretty awesome! In the April newsletter, photos were shared about Shasta Lake Garden Project repainting the blue star on their By-Way Memorial in their Veteran's Memorial Garden in Shasta Lake City.

Cottonwood Garden Club has really cleaned up their special Blue Star marker, an intermediate style marker that was installed in 1968! It is located in the little Front Street park which the garden club owns. They gently refurbished it, and decorated with red, white, and blue for the 250th birthday on July 4th! National Garden Clubs Inc. has this focus on red, white, and blue as the big project for this year all across the country!

Barb Parker-Griess, Cottonwood club member, reached out to "Enjoy," the local magazine published in Redding, to see if they might be interested in publishing an article about Blue Star Memorials. Barb, and Judy Paul, District Director, shared lots of details, locations, types of markers, etc. with Claudia Mosby, one of their reporters. This article will be published in the November issue of "Enjoy." So watch for when this publication becomes available, and check out how our district is making Blue Stars shine!



Here is a list of the other markers in our district:

Red Bluff 1 & 2, N & S I-5, Herbert Miles rest areas

Tehama District Fairgrounds

VA Outpatient Clinic, Knighton Rd.

Northern California Veteran's Cemetery in Igo

Veteran's Memorial Hall in Anderson

I-5 N bound O'Brien rest area 2 miles N of Shasta Lake bridge. This marker needs to be replaced due to vandalism.

The Great Sunflower Project

By now, those sunflower seeds you planted as part of this project, should be up and blooming nicely! And if you did choose to participate, remember to make your three, five minute observations and record your data <http://www.GreatSunflower.org>



Barb Parker-Griess, who organized this project for all of our garden clubs, as well as local Women's Clubs, recently shared an email with reminders and hints for data collections. It is not too late to send in data, and she said you do not just have to use a sunflower to count your pollinators. Any plant will do, and that information can be entered when you go to the website.

On November 10, 1-4pm, Barb and other volunteers are planning a **"Pollen Palooza"** event to celebrate our participation in the project! This fun time will be held at Anderson City Hall, 1887 Howard St. in Anderson.

There will be some speakers and presentations on pollinators, native plants from Ghost Pine Nursery, origami butterfly crafting project, gift baskets, cake and beverages. All club members are invited, and admission is free! So mark your calendars and please join us as we celebrate all the awesome pollinators which are so essential to our world!

Cascade Arrangers Guild

Do you have a hidden interest in learning more about floral design, and entering designs into flower shows? How about just enjoying viewing the designs and wondering how it was done...

Well, the objectives of the Cascade Arrangers Guild are to promote interest in creative design in floral arrangements, to improve quality of members' designs, and encourage participation as an exhibitor in flower shows.



We would love to have more folks join our Cascade Arrangers Guild and practice floral designs, styles, mechanics, and much more. You will gain experience and confidence with guided practice and suggestions. It is a great opportunity to grow and learn.

The meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 10am. Set up of designs begins at 9:30am at Neighborhood Church, 4684 Rhonda Rd. in Anderson, just past the big Walmart center. Anyone can join our group, you don't have to be a garden club member, and visitors are always welcome! Dues are \$25.

The Cascade District and the Arrangers Guild will be sponsoring the annual NGC Flower Show on March 12, 2027. The theme for the show is "Spring Symphony." We will be thrilled to have many of our district members enter a design or some horticulture! Come join the FUN!

Pictured is a tubular design created by Dottie Renstrom, Red Bluff Garden Club

Cascade District Fall Meeting

The Fall District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22. It will be hosted by Lake Californian Garden Club. The meeting, which is open to all club members in our district, will be at the Lake California Clubhouse, 22451 Rio Alto Drive, Cottonwood. Registration is at 9am, program on *Food Preservation* starts at 10. Business meeting and lunch will follow. Cost is \$25. Contact your club president to RSVP by October 2. RWGC will do the flag pledge, CGC the inspiration.

Please remember to bring: **Your club's silent auction basket (value of \$50)**
President's oral 3 minute club update, goals for year,
something new and interesting you are doing, etc. Please bring a written copy for the minutes.

We hope to see all club presidents, officers, and many club members join us to celebrate **"The Autumn Harvest"** with Lake California Garden Club! Remember to RSVP as your name needs to be on the list to get into this gated community.

Any questions, contact CC McDermott: ccmail2021@gmail.com



Water Wisdom: Making Every Drop Count, CGCI 95th Convention

We had our first kick-off planning meeting for our hosting of this convention August 14 at Anderson City Hall. About 22 members were in attendance, sharing great ideas and enthusiasm! We formed some committees and chair people volunteered to head them, so we are off to a good start.

Convention Overall Chair, Judy Paul

Treasurer, Lynne Caraway

Lobby, registration area décor, Dottie Renstrom

Goodie bags for participants, fillings, Redding Wonderland Garden Club

Workshops, Jill Cruz

Speakers, programs for 3 lunches, one dinner, Barb Parker-Griess

Hospitality, Debbie Bazan

Marketplace, Jill Cruz & Kit Reynolds

Raffle baskets, 12-15 needed, Carolyn Hoyum

Centerpieces, Cascade Arrangers will organize

Music, water them playlist, Sue Konersman

Meet and greet registration table, Anderson Valley Garden Club

Tour ideas, transportation, JoannMoore, Barb Parker-Griess, Kari Cattanach, Judy Paul

Publicity, news, Facebook, Charlotte Rodriques, CC McDermott

Chairman are getting ideas, information, etc. We will meet again at a date yet to be determined, sometime in October probably, to check in, share, and plan for the next steps. We will need participation and help from all club members in our district to plan and execute the best convention ever up here in the North State! I am thinking we should call ourselves the **"Water Warriors!"**

Mark your calendar...

Our first Cascade District Executive Board meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 12:30-2:30pm, at the Anderson Library Community Meeting Room. The new Cascade District yearbooks will be ready for you. I will be attending the CGCI Fall Board Meeting at Harris Ranch August 31-September 2, so may have new information to share. I do have some ideas and goals for this new year and will be seeking your input. As District Director, I want to continue to use these board meetings as a “working together” meeting with open sharing, questions, and helping each other for what is working for you, like we did last year. Please come with a goal for this year, ideas to share, or concerns we can problem solve. If we work together, we will all be more successful in our garden club objectives!



A few of our club happenings...

Thank you to Shasta Lake Garden Project for their presentation of “*Winter Gardening*,” with a Master Gardener. It was helpful information, plus they served several very tasty winter salads! This happened on August 20th.

Cottonwood Garden Club will have a Plant Sale September 18 & 19 at the Lion’s facility in Cottonwood.

Red Bluff Garden Club is taking a bus trip to Ruth Bancroft Gardens as well as two other Bay area nurseries on September 16. Leave the driving to Mt. Lassen Transportation and join us. Seats are still available, total cost of day is \$80. Call Lora Rains, 530-519-9121 for more information and to reserve your spot

Red Bluff is also having their annual Fall Luncheon on October 10. Location of this fun event is the Red Bluff Community Center, doors open at 9am. Joel Rainey, from Chico, is the speaker for this “*Informed by Nature, Landscape Design*” presentation. Hat contest, centerpiece drawings, silent auction, prizes, and new this year, a Marketplace to shop for plants, baked goods, garden delights, and more! Tickets, \$45 are still available for this day of garden inspiration, delicious catered plated salad, and FUN! Call Judy Paul, 530-300-5013.

Cascade District Fall Meeting, October 22 (see page 3)

Pollen Palooza, November 10, 1-4 pm (see page 2)

Lake California Garden Club is having their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 14. This always has lots of wonderful gift ideas, and they are looking for more vendors. Call Patricia, 530-347-6820 for more information or questions, or email 5455pepper@gmail.com

Watch for fall native plant sales at Turtle Bay and native plant societies for some great plants for your yard.

Garden clubs offer so much learning and fun! See what works for you and your schedule and come and join us!!