

# **HESPERIA GARDEN CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2017**

The object of the Hesperia Garden Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. We are a community of people of all ages who wish to learn, do and grow. Come grow with us.

Membership is open to those interested in gardening and many related topics. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month (excluding the months of July and August) at 1:00 p.m. at the Percy Bakker Community Center, 9333 E Avenue, which is just south of Main Street in Hesperia. For more information, call Debra Ann Peterson at 760-403-6888. The Hesperia Garden Club has its very own Facebook page. Look us up.

The Hesperia Garden Club is a member of the Roadrunner District of California Garden Clubs, Inc. which belong to the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

**AT OUR MEETINGS...**We have Club T-shirts and aprons for sale, \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Our History Table is set up near the Ways and Means table at the back of the room. You may pick up any Newsletters from previous months that are on the table. There are photo books from past years that are fun to look at and items/articles that may be of interest to you. The collection buckets for used postage stamps benefiting Boys Town, pull tabs collected to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda, and Labels for Education to benefit Juniper Elementary School, are all located on the History Table. Cal Herbold donates plants and garden-related items for our Opportunity Table. For a small contribution you will have an opportunity to win something. And, be sure to check out the Ways and Means Table that sells fun items and lots of plants.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

What a great turnout we had for the Home Depot presentation last month. This is one presentation it seems like everyone goes home with something.

My trees are budding and my bulbs have all bloomed. It seemed like the winter months have gone by rather quickly and spring has sprung.

Some of us made the journey down to the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda to deliver the pull tabs and we took a tour of their facility. The Ronald McDonald House helps many people and they operate only with donations. It is very inspiring. Can you believe that we collected 46, 890 pull tabs (estimated) for such a worthy cause?

Today we will hear from our very own members Patricia Kriske and Joseph Chavez as they tell us all about cotton and flax...how to grow it and how to spin it. We may have time for some questions from the "What's in Your Garden?" jar.

A very special welcome to our newest members, JoAnne and Roger Goodsell and Roberta Lisiecki.

At our February meeting we had 50 members present and our guests included Roberta Lisiecki, Sarah Scott, Jim Pettigrew, Judie N., Cecilia Fidora, JoAnne Goodsell, Roger Goodsell, Gwen Mulleda and Sara Mulleda.

Our income for February was:

Penny Pines	\$30.60
Ways and Means	\$39.19
Opportunity	\$88.00
New Members	\$40.00
Casa Romantica Field Trip	\$455.00

There are lots of fun things happening in the next few months and we always love volunteers and participants in these events. We have the Home & Garden Show on March 31, April 1 and 2. PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE A WORKER. Sign-up sheets are available on the head table. Thanking you in advance. Remember without workers and volunteers for these events they would not happen and we have a lot of fun at the Home & Garden Show. Please be a part of the team.

Our April 11 regular meeting will be the Easter Bonnet Parade, our Easter Basket Contest and the Seed Exchange. Nominations for the Board for the 2017-2019 Club years will be presented at this meeting as well.

Claudia Marsh will be in charge of our new Workshops, which will be held at the Percy Bakker Center on the third Thursday of each month (except July and August) from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The first meeting will be a brain-storming event on March 16 so please bring any ideas you have on what you would like to cover at these Workshops. Please talk with Claudia if you have any questions.

The National Garden Club is having a photo contest. Please go to their website for more information.

HAVE A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Respectfully yours  
Terry Sampson

### **QUOTES OF THE MONTH**

The year's at the spring And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven; The hillside's dew-pearled;  
The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn;  
God's in His heaven – All's right with the world!  
Robert Browning

Your life is your garden, your thoughts are the seeds.  
If your life isn't awesome, you've been watering the weeds.

Gardening requires lots of water, most of it in the form of perspiration.

Leave space in your garden for the fairies to dance.

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

President Terry Sampson opened the regular meeting of The Hesperia Garden Club at 1:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ginny Kight gave the Inspiration. Our guests stood and introduced themselves. The Minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting were approved as read. Our Treasurer, Gail LaPointe, said that we have \$4,365.95 in our treasury and \$163.75 in Penny Pines. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit. Our members planted 19 trees since our last meeting.

Ted Benson, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, said that his team is actively working on making the bylaws easy to read and understand. Colleen Ferguson has been working with Lime Street School and would appreciate help. Colleen also said that the San Bernardino Regional Seed Library will be opening this spring. Linda West is substituting for Debra Ann Peterson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Please see Linda West if you wish to make a nomination.

Terry thanked the February Hospitality crew, Sharon Bartley, Claudia Marsh, Mary Ann Norton, Ginny Kight, June Clinkenbeard and Marilyn Reed, The crew for March consists of Dennis Vogel, Rose Baker, Colleen Ferguson, and the Chavez family. Terry said that volunteers are still needed for April and May. Linda Smeltzer and Linda West volunteered for April and Renee Hahn volunteered for May.

Under Old Business, Terry said that some members still have not picked up their membership packets. Clara Petrosky said that she has a book on Casa Romantica should anyone want to look through it. Clara reminded us that checks for the April 13 trip should be made out to The Hesperia Garden Club, \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Clara said we can either choose our own restaurant or bring lunch from home.

Last October's Hospitality crew donated the proceeds from the sale of their centerpieces to our Beautification Projects. Terry had a plaque made up at a cost of \$54 which will be mounted on a treated lumber post at Juniper Elementary School. Pictures taken during the delivery of the donated coats and blankets for the victims of the Blue Cut Fire have been posted on our Facebook page. Dennis Vogel said that the gardening class he is taking at Victor Valley College needs 5 more students or they will have to cancel the class. The class meets Monday nights between 4:00 and 8:30 p.m. although Dennis said it does not usually run that long. The Watershed Group is looking for two people to come out and speak with teachers and staff about how to get parents and teachers involved in teaching children about gardening. Donna Davis said she thought she would be able to do it. Terry said that we could obtain 100 packets of seeds for \$25. Linda West made a motion that the Club make this purchase. S/c.

Terry explained how the Seed Exchange works and said packets for putting seeds in were available at the round table in the front of the room. Pat Kriske will be in charge of the Home & Garden Show. About 110 empty pots were handed out to our members so we expect 110 plants to be donated for sale at the Show. The Hesperia Garden Club will make up a basket to be auctioned from the Roadrunner District table at the Home & Garden Show. Linda West volunteered to make up this basket as well as Debra Ann Peterson, Joanie Pierce, Linda Smetzer and Roberta Lisiecki. Shirley Brogdon volunteered to bring a suitable empty basket to our March meeting.

The trip to deliver our collected pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House will take place on February 28. We will meet at the Percy Bakker Center at 8:30 a.m.

The date for the District meeting has been set for May 23. There is a \$5 charge from which \$1 goes to the District and the remaining \$4 comes to The Hesperia Garden Club. The proceeds from all other fund raisers come to our Club. There was discussion on what time we should meet and Clara Petrosky made a motion that the social begin at 9:30 and the meeting start at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at the end of the meeting. S/c. Ted Benson said that nominations for District officers are still open. The election of new officers will be held at the May 23 District meeting.

We need to order a new supply of Club aprons. Donna Davis asked how many people would order aprons and eight hands went up. Pat Kriske made a motion that the aprons be ordered. S/c.

Claudia said that the people who found a red heart on the underside of their placemat could take the vase of flowers on their table home.

We broke for refreshments, the Opportunity was held and we adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Laverne Hileman, Secretary

### **REMEMBER....**

To bring in the plants you have been growing for sale at the Home & Garden Show if you will not be able to bring them in on set-up day, March 30 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

That the first Workshop – a brain-storming session – is only two days after our meeting, Thursday, March 16 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Percy Bakker.

To bring in your used postage stamps and put them in the Stamps bucket on the History Table.

To bring in your accumulation of pull tabs, to be placed in the appropriate bucket on the History table.

To bring in your empty plastic water bottles for Pat's neighbor who is using them to build an ecologically-friendly greenhouse. He's saving pull tabs for us, we'll save water bottles for his project.

To plan for the Easter Basket Contest, Easter Bonnet Parade and Seed Exchange, April 11.

The field trip to Casa Romantica is April 13. Do you have friends you would like to bring?

That helpers are needed for the May 23 District meeting. Have you signed up yet?

That June 13 will be a pot luck, our Flower Show and the Installation of New Officers.

### **PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR YEARBOOK**

JoAnne Goodsell, 9286 Jacaranda Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345, 714-331-4765,  
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Birthday 3/23

Roberta Lisiecki, 7211 Hawthorne Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345, 760-221-1223. Birthday 7/12

