



THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

Summer adventures are coming to an end as gardeners feel and see the signs of fall peeking just around the corner. For ESGC gardeners that means heading back to the Agricultural Center for the September 16 meeting. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.



with light refreshments, a plant sale and at 10:30 a.m. a presentation by new member Jenna Catsos about the Eureka Street Art project. The 11:00 program features Shane Keller from Prairie’s Edge Permaculture Educational Farm. Shane arrived in Humboldt County in 1981 and was introduced to permaculture and bio-intensive gardening. For the past 10 years he has worked on farms and designed permaculture urban systems. With his wife Linda, they are establishing a permaculture education farm, retreat and event space, and offer guided tours on agroforestry practices in action, as well as a vibrant herd of Alpaca, and how they are raising fish in natural ponds. Shane says, “I, like so many of us, really love this area

and want to see it thrive both economically and ecologically.”

Due to current Covid outbreak and members health concerns please wear a mask to this indoors event. And as is always a good suggestion, please refrain from attending should you suspect you have, or have been exposed to, an infection. We can’t wait to see you next time.

**HORTICULTURE REPORT: GEORGINA PACE
HYDRANGEAS**

Hydrangeas are one of the most popular shrubs in America. Known for their nostalgia (grandmother’s garden), hydrangeas are elegant and eye catching and bring an old-fashioned feel to the landscape. This article will focus on four favored varieties.

Bigleaf (*Hydrangea macrophylla*) with the classic mophead or open lacecap are the most common. This species requires very little pruning and blooms on growth from current and previous years. Too much pruning removes potential blooms.

Smooth (*Hydrangea arborescens*) have big white or pink pompom blooms and sometimes called ‘Annabelle’. This species blooms on “new wood” with pruning in late winter or early spring. Pruning encourages new growth.



Panicle (*Hydrangea paniculata*) have gorgeous cone-shaped blooms that emerge white and age to shades of lime, parchment, pink and red with the coming of fall. Panicle should be cut back, at most, 1/3 to

1/2 in late winter.

Oakleaf (*Hydrangea quercifolia*) is an early blooming species with incredible foliage and amazing fall color. Oakleaf blooms on previous year's growth so prune when blooms fade.

Hydrangeas benefit from morning sun and afternoon shade. Feed once in spring with fertilizer high in phosphorus (15-30-15) to encourage blooms. They grow best in rich, well-drained slightly acidic soil. Newer varieties are more compact and do incredibly well in a large pot. One of the keys to growing hydrangeas is knowing when and how to prune particular varieties for the best flower display.

Resources: National Garden Bureau article "Year of the Hydrangea". And, White Flower Farm website.

ESGC MEMBERS VISIT SEQUOIA PARK GARDEN AND SEQUOIA PARK ZOO



Photo credit Tony Gonsalves

As summer winds down Club members enjoyed the last of their summer adventures with a tour of the various native plant beds that have been installed at the Sequoia Park Zoo. Led by member Gretchen Ziegler, the tour showcased the original beds installed approximately five years ago, as well as more recent plantings. With the help of the ESGC Zoo Crew the native plants have gained quite a bit of ground and it will be exciting to see what gets added at the new Bear and Coyote exhibit currently under construction. **Shelly Lusk**

INSPIRATION

Make a difference with your garden this fall by including some flowers for the bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. GP



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Ibby Gerner-17, Jeanette Woodcock-26

THE CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

09/10 Humboldt Botanical Garden Gala
 09/16 ESGC General Meeting
 09/17 Coastal Cleanup Day
 09/21 Talk Like a Pirate Day
 09/21 Humboldt District Meeting- Hosted by Southern Humboldt Garden Club at the Red Crest Community Grange from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. A \$5 registration fee covers program and a buffet lunch at noon. Please RSVP with Karen Burgess.

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