



THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

A CGCI & NGCI AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

ESGC WANTS YOU! Just as January 1 marks the beginning of the new year, July 1, 2023 marks the beginning of the new ESGC year. In this odd number year, it is time to hold elections for club officers. President Karen has appointed a nominating committee tasked to seek out a new leadership team for Eureka Sequoia Garden Club. ESGC members are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and talented. Will you say "yes" when the someone from the nominating committee "taps you on the shoulder" to ask if you will take a new role in July 2023? If you are interested, or would like to learn more please contact President Karen.

February Program:

ESGC will be hosting the Humboldt District, CGCI meeting at 11:30 on Friday February 17, at the Eureka Women's Club, in lieu of the regular meeting. Planning began in November, and the theme "**Gardening is our Cup of Tea**" was selected. The meeting will feature a luncheon, an opportunity drawing, a district-wide plant sale, a presentation by Levon Durr of Fungaia Farms and the Humboldt District CGCI business meeting.

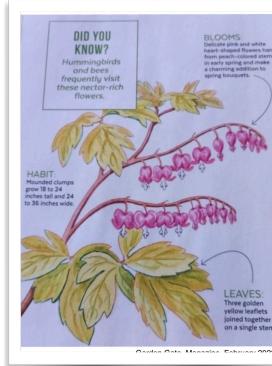
HUMBOLDT DISTRICT MEETING: SHELLY LUSK

ESGC members will start bright and early to prepare for the District meeting! Set up begins at 8:00 a.m. ESGC provides lunch, and Janet Biasca is organizing the menu and has a sign up of what is needed. Georgina has collected a wide variety of items for the opportunity drawing. All attendees are invited to bring plants for the plant sale. Watch your email in February for a sign up sheet for a time to help at the event. If you have questions, contact Sandy or Karen.

HORTICULTURE NOTES- GOLD FOLIAGE AND BULBS & BEES: GEORGINA PACE

Liven up your shade garden with 'Gold Heart' old-fashioned bleeding heart (*Lamprocapnos spectabilis*). The mounded clumps grow 18 to 24 inches tall and 24 to 36 inches wide. Low maintenance and fast growing, it's one of the earliest perennials to emerge in spring and makes a great food source for waking and returning pollinators. 'Gold Heart' makes an attractive companion for spring-flowering bulbs and woodland ephemerals. Planted next to later-blooming perennials like hostas and ferns, will help hide its fading foliage.

'Gold Heart' creates an impressive focal point when grown as a single specimen - with its golden yellow foliage and delicate pink and white heart-shaped flowers hanging from peach-colored stems. Resource: *Garden Gate Magazine*, February 2023.



Bulbs are highly efficient storehouses for plants. Under the snow or during a drought, bulbs protect the heart of new growth within a thick mantle of nutrient-rich starch --- baby food for the emerging flowers. This adaptation gives them an edge. When native bees awake from their winter slumber in early spring, nectar is scarce, but flowers like crocuses, snowbells, and hyacinths open their petals to signal hungry worker bees. Before the seeds of other plants are ready to burst onto the scene, bulbs take advantage of the empty spaces between seasons that challenge pollinators. This is what makes them so

valuable to gardeners who prize these little winged wonders. Resource: Calendar "Praise for Pollinators", Sue Sierralupe, 2023.

ESGC JANUARY MEETING REPORT: KAREN BURGESSER

The January program was "Where Did You Go and What Did You See?" Members shared photos of their adventures. We saw beautiful blooms found at the the Sequoia Park garden and the amazing Sky Walk at the Eureka Zoo. We headed South of the Border to Cancun to see the amazing tropical plants in neighborhood gardens. In San Francisco we saw ruins of the old Sutro Estate where some of the statuary remains and the Hidden Garden steps featuring colorful mosaics of plants and animals in San Francisco! Viewed an amazing outdoor garden of the Jardine De San Juan. Then off to the architecture and gardens of Italy, aboriginal art and the very dry landscape of Australia (and some kangaroos) and dwellings in the cliffs of New Mexico. Far across the Pacific Ocean, we the Garden of Eden in Maui, and walked through the bamboo forest. In Humboldt we saw the Prairie Creek trail after December storms. We found the treasures in a backyard garden, and were updated on the status of Humboldt's "Sugarbear", the National Christmas tree of 2021, and saw a perfect yellow rose. Now the question is "Where will you go next? What will you see next?"

Blue Star Memorial plaque restoration:

Shirley Lipa holds the plaque that was mounted on a stone at the former Eureka



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Chamber of Commerce site on Broadway. She has received the instructions and materials needed to restore the plaque, and will be doing the restoration. Once completed, the plaque will be remounted on the stone and ESGC will

be researching for a new site to display the memorial



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Simone Taylor leads ESGC members in creating teabag covers printed with the ESGC logo for the February District Meeting.

INSPIRATION

We all need a little time and space devoted to our own well-being. We can give so much more to others when we've given to ourselves.
- *Simple Country Pleasures*, February 2023



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Linda West-13, Carolyn Wilson-17,
Janet Biasca-18.

THE CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 2-5 Full Moon
- 2-14 Valentine's Day
- 2-17 ESGC General Meeting
- 2-17 Humboldt District Meeting

NATIONAL, REGION, STATE, & DISTRICT OFFICERS

*National Garden Club, Inc. President, Mary Warshauer;
Pacific Region Garden Clubs Director, Lana Finegold;
CA Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Lynne Batchelor;
Humboldt District Director, Maria Krenek*

2021-2023 ESGC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*President-Karen Burgesser Secretary-Simone Taylor
Vice President-Shirley Lipa, Treasurer-Janet Biasca
Director-Janice Beach Director-Linda West
Past Pres-Maria Krenek Parliamentarian-Chuck Goodwin*

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