



# THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

A CGCI & NGCI AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

Almost 300 years ago Thomas Fuller, known as the Virginia Calculator, quoted that the month of March ***“COMES IN LIKE A LION, GOES OUT LIKE A LAMB”*** in his 1732 compendium. (Source: the Internet.) For gardeners, this might mean a few more weeks of rest before hitting our garden beds. However, after hosting a very successful Humboldt District CGCI meeting in February, ESGC members will be busy in March celebrating California Arbor Day, attending our monthly meeting, and making plans for ESGC's Fourth Annual Plant and Yard Sale. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THE DISTRICT MEETING A FUN AND INTERESTING EVENT!**

### MARCH PROGRAM

Our March 17th program, The Role of Native Vegetation in Habitat Restoration, will be presented by Doreen Hansen, Watershed Coordinator for Humboldt County Resource Conservation District. Doreen has been the Watershed Coordinator since 2011, and has worked to build relationships between landowners, community members, funding and regulatory agencies and organizations in the Lower Eel River watershed. The presentation will discuss how restoration projects are oriented to improve and enhance native vegetation and the need for habitat restoration (specifically the northern CA coast) and the role of native vegetation in restoration projects. Shown here is a photo of pickleweed- a CA native species in salt marshes.



### ARBOR DAY PREPARATION: MARCY FOSTER

ESGC has exciting news about our 2023 Arbor Day celebrations March 7-14. We will visit Hospice of Humboldt for the third year to plant two trees to fill out the area where we previously planted dogwoods. At Peninsula School we will plant a second apple tree to improve the odds the two little apple trees will be pollinated. And lastly, there are plans to plant a tree or shrub at TimberRidge, initiated by Margaret, the former ESGC Arbor Day coordinator. Watch your email for updates and plan on attending our celebrations.

### HORTICULTURE NOTES: GEORGINA PACE DIVIDING PERENNIALS:

Perennials grace our gardens year after year with their variety of brilliant colors and unique foliage forms. After a few years in the garden, these perennials may start to produce smaller blooms, develop a 'bald spot' at the center of their crown, or require staking. These are signs that it is time to divide; and spring is a great time. It's usually cooler and there's plenty of rain so plants aren't stressed out before or after being dug and replanted.



Over-crowded plants compete for nutrients and water. Restricted airflow can lead to diseases. Dividing the plants into smaller sections reduces this competition and stimulates new growth and more vigorous blooming. Since plants



grow at varying rates, division may also be used to keep plants that spread rapidly under control. And, there's a bonus! Division is an easy way to increase the number of plants in your garden, fill in those empty spots, and/or share with your gardening friends.

**Dig up the clump.** 1. *Dig deep and carefully* into the moist and softened soil around the perimeter to loosen the roots and isolate the clump. 2. *Shake, wash, or brush* excess soil from around the root ball. 3. *Pry or pull or cut apart* individual clumps. Each clump needs leaves and roots in order to grow. 4. *Replant* the separated clumps promptly so the roots don't dry out. Plant them at the same depth as before and water well. Mulch to conserve moisture. Resources: Better Homes and Gardens website, article by Viveka Neveln, September 2021. Garden Gate Magazine, April 2023.



**ESGC FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT: SHELLY LUSK**

As noted previously, we had a very successful combination District/ESGC

meeting in February. Levon Durr from Fungaia Farms was able to ZOOM in to tell us about the great work he has been doing using oyster mushroom mycelium (root system) to restore habitats contaminated with carbon-based chemical spills. Although the farm is closed to the public, they also sell mushroom growing kits for those of us who might be living in the shade of our beautiful redwoods and are interested in growing our own mushrooms, website: [fungaiafarm.com](http://fungaiafarm.com).

**INSPIRATION**

"Sitting in your garden is a feat to be worked at with unflagging determination and single-mindedness ... I am deeply committed to sitting in my garden."  
-Mirabel Birnstingl Osler, London 1925-2016.

**2023 ESGC PLANT SALE- SHELLY LUSK**

This month's article on dividing perennials comes at a great time, as it is time to start thinking about this year's plant sale. The sale will be on Saturday, June 17th, the Saturday before Father's Day. Like a tired Goldilocks trying to find the "just right" bed, we tried our plant sale in May, but it was too early, July was a little too late, but June was just right for the plants we had started to be ready! As before, we will be collecting garden-themed items for the sale.



**HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!**

Tom Krenek-07  
Karen Isa-10

**THE CALENDAR FOR MARCH**

- 3-07 Full Moon
- 3-12 Daylight Saving Time
- 3-17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3-17 ESGC General Meeting
- 3-20 First day of Spring
- 3-31 Scholarship applications due

**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*

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