



THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

A CGCI & NGCI AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

The first Monday in September is the unofficial last day of summer. For gardeners in Eureka and the surrounding area, we traditionally enjoy the best of summer weather ahead - often into early November! There is still time for fall planting since our gardens are not quite ready for winter. What will you grow this fall?

The September 15 meeting finds ESGC members back at the Agricultural Center. Hospitality hosts greet us at 10:00 a.m., and we will have time to share our summer adventures, meet our newest members and hear some brief reports. The program begins at 11:00 a.m., and a brief business meeting will follow.

The program features a presentation from Dr. Benjamin J. Crain, the newly appointed manager of the Humboldt Botanical Garden, as well as a research associate of the

Smithsonian Institution. He attended Humboldt State's Department of Biology for his M.A. with a focus on ecology and conservation of plant diversity in Napa County and went on to obtain his PHD at the University of



Calypso orchid

Puerto Rico. He will discuss "Orchid Conservation: Combining Science and Education to Protect our Planets Most Diverse Plant Family."

INSPIRATION

"It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves." — Winnie the Pooh



HORTICULTURE REPORT: GEORGINA PACE

Why does deadheading play such a pivotal role for annual plants and flowers? For starters, in order to produce strong foliage and flower sets, annual plants need and use a tremendous amount of energy. Although watering and fertilizing annual plants on a consistent basis plays a crucial role in their overall success, so does removing a plant's dying flowers.

To form buds and eventually bloom, the plant continually sends a stream of energy to help the flower unfurl. Instead of stopping the flow of nutrients to a bloom after it opens, a plant will keep sending energy to it in an attempt to keep the bloom healthy. The longer an old bloom stays on a plant, the more energy it will burn trying to heal it. By removing the blooms as soon as they begin to fade, the plant can then focus all of its efforts on producing new flowers.

The key to deadheading is consistency. It is important not to allow your annuals to become full of old blooms. By removing spent blooms a time or two a week, you can keep a steady flow of new blooms on your plants for continual color all season long.

Resource: Old World Garden Farms. June 2023

AUGUST MEETING

ESGC members met at the Bayside home of certified Aesthetic Pruner, Carolyn Cooley, who demonstrated basic pruning tips for both the health and beauty of the plant taking into account the surroundings.



Photo credit Tony Gonsalves

2023 HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR

The theme for the 2023 127th Humboldt County Fair held in August in Ferndale, CA



was "Ribbons, Rides and Racing" For the past several years, ESGC member Tony Gonsalves has entered his hand carved birds in the Fine Arts category at the fair exhibits and has won a total of 8 ribbons. This year he created a hand carved water thrush standing in a water scene and was awarded a third place ribbon in the

amateur/ professional category. Congratulations to Tony!



A big thanks to a Wendy Robertson for preparing the trifold, to Cindy Humphry and Karen Burgess for providing plants and educational materials, for Tony and the rest of the crew for setting everything up, and an extra big shout out to Bonnie,



the Floral House manager who tended our plants during the 11 day event.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Ibby Gerner-17, Jeanette Woodcock-29, Tom Sellers-20

THE CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

9/3 HBG Summer Music Series
 9/9 HBG Annual Gala
 9/15 ESGC General Meeting
 9/17 HBG Summer Music Series
 9/22 Fall Equinox
 9/29 Full Moon, Harvest Moon

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