



THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

A CGCI & NGCI AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

In October, north coast gardeners often enjoy a second summer. We happily work in our gardens, enjoying the beautiful weather, and hope that when the rainy season arrives, it will rain only at night!

ESGC visits the North Coast Nursery on October 20 at 10:30 a.m.

In anticipation that the entire month of October will be *amazing*, ESGC will abandon meeting indoors, and instead enjoy a field trip to the North Coast CNPS Nursery located at the Freshwater Farms Reserve on Myrtle Avenue. The Volunteer Nursery Manager of the North Coast CNPS Nursery, Chris Beresford, has planned the tour of the nursery. They also will offer plants for sale

In 2017, the nursery moved to the Freshwater Farms Reserve location. It was a former native plant nursery but had been vacant for many years. Dedicated volunteers spent many hours to restore the site to a working native plant nursery. Today, the volunteer-run nursery has the reputation of providing a large variety of quality plants.

Afterwards a home tour, hospitality and business meeting is planned at the home of members Maria and Tom Krennek.

INSPIRATION

"We need to see the beauty in fall. Browning seed heads are quieter colors, but they give the garden visual interest and architectural structure into the fall after blooms have faded. We need to embrace it." - Carla Hetzel, Horticulturist at Chanticleer Gardens

HORTICULTURE REPORT: DIVIDING HOSTAS GEORGINA PACE

Early fall is the perfect time to cutback damaged and weathered hostas; and, the best time to divide and transplant overgrown hostas to power them back to life next spring. As a bonus, you will have more plants for your garden and some to share with your gardening friends or to pot up for a plant sale.

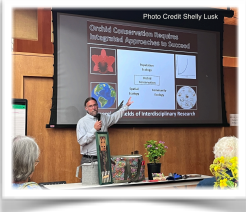


Once the plant is cutback to within an inch of the ground, dig around the perimeter then slide the shovel deeper to lift the root ball out. Turn the root ball over (it's easier to see the roots) and divide it by slicing through the roots with

even-sized cuts (4 or more inches). Dig new planting holes to twice the size of the cutting. Add compost and soil to the planting hole and set the new division so the crown of the roots is level to the surface of the ground. Add more soil and compost around the cutting as needed and water thoroughly. Do not fertilize until spring. The cuttings may send up a few new shoots and leaves but they will die back with the first frosty days. Remove the spent or dead foliage as this can harbor both insects and disease over the winter. Resource: Old World Garden Farms. September 2023.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:—SHELLY LUSK

For our first meeting of the season on September 15, guest speaker Dr. Benjamin Crain reported on the success of in-depth studies of the vulnerabilities of orchids in their native regions in order to understand how biologists can best implement



programs to preserve the various species.

FROM THE EDITOR: CONTRIBUTORS WANTED

Putting together this newsletter has not been the toughest assignment I have ever had, but it hasn't been the easiest, either. Every month I try to collect submittals from various member contributors, because a well-rounded product is more likely to have a little something for everyone.

I inherited the newsletter from Chuck, who did an amazing nine-year run. I'm not familiar with the entire history of this newsletter, I am only aware of it as a two-page printable document. This means there are a total of eight quarter pages. Ideally, the President provides a quarter page message, and the VP provides a quarter page description of upcoming programs. The Horticulture/In My Garden feature takes up two quarters. On the second page, two quarters comprise the standard information we always include: birthdays, calendar, officer information, etc.

This leaves two quarters of a page I need help filling each month. From our team leaders I could use periodic reports about the status of your projects. Examples of this would be the Zoo Crew, the Plant Sale, Garden Therapy, Arbor Day, County Fair, Scholarship announcements, or any other project we have taken on. With so many activities, any one leader would only need to report once or twice a year. When there is a little extra room I add a review of the prior month's meeting, and I am looking for a contributor to submit a little write up occasionally.

Other members could help by contributing learning moments from a District or CGCI meeting they attended. Keep in mind, we try to include as many photos of our members actively engaged in these events as possible, so the actual writing can be rather brief.

Finally, I need all members to consider contributing to the "In My Garden" section, as

well as someone interested in helping Georgina with the Horticulture Report. The more members we have pitching in at this endeavor, the more interesting it will be for the readers, and the easier it will be for everybody. I look forward to hearing from you-SL



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Sandy Bates-01, Wendy Robertson-07,
Vickie Aust-08, Margaret Zlatkoff-09,
Karen Burgesser-12

THE CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

10/01 HGB Summer Music Series
10/15 HBG Summer Music Series-finale
10/20 ESGC General Meeting
10/27 Humboldt District General Meeting
10/28 Full Moon, Harvest Moon
10/31 Halloween

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