THE SEQUOIA

EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

A CGCI & NGCI AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER

MISSED OCTOBER'S MEETING? Kevin Huntley, Humboldt County's own "Bug Guy," wowed attendees with his deep knowledge of local insects and native habitats. He brought his beautiful collection of many of Humboldt's native insects for us to appreciate. Learning about true bugs, bee 'scarecrows', pollination myths, insect eyes, buzz pollination, and wasp pest control has us looking forward to a "Part Two" presentation from Kevin!







NOVEMBER 20TH PROGRAM –
HANDS-ON CRAFT: SUCCULENTS & PUMPKINS!



Join us for a fun, festive centerpiece crafting session for the holidays.

TO BRING:
1-2 softball-sized **mini pumpkins**; a few **succulent sprigs**; wee **acorns**, tiny evergreen **cones**, autumnal **bits**; anything you find appealing.

Moss, whole nuts, and decorative spices provided. **Bring an apron!**



FAREWELL TO OUR FRIEND, LAURIE LOOMIS

We received the sad news that our beloved member Laurie Loomis has passed away. Laurie had been ill with a cold/flu, but it was a surprise to family and friends.

Laurie was a dedicated member of our club, working on the Garden Therapy team and the Zoo Crew. Laurie could always be counted on to help any projects. Laurie joined ESGC in 2024.

Help Needed for Dahlia Rescue! – Gretchen Zeigler

Remember our tour this summer through John Dimmick's fabulous dahlia gardens? John has recently decided to transition to an easier-to-maintain backyard; all those incredible dahlias must go, and pronto! We have already removed over 40 potted dahlias; now **the tubers in the ground need to be dug and stored for the winter.** We hope to share these with club members and grow them for our plant sale next year, *but we need help to do this!* **Gretchen will be going to John's over the next couple weeks to dig and bag tubers and would love to have help with this hard work.** We also need big paper bags, and cool, dry places for storage (garages work great). ***If you can help with digging, can donate large paper bags, if you have over-wintering storage space in your garage, please contact Gretchen, 707-499-3668.*** These are *spectacular* dahlias; wouldn't it be a shame to see them disposed of?



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A CGCI Blue Ribbon Club

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ESGC meets monthly, 3rd Friday
Agricultural Center 5630 S. Broadway, Eureka, 95503
Annual Dues $25 Individual, $35 Couple/Family

2025-2027 ESGC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President - HELEN STONE; Vice-President - SHELLY LUSK;
Secretary - WENDY ROBERTSON; Treasurer - ED WOODCOCK;
Director - SHIRLEY LIPA; Director - GRETCHEN ZIEGLER;
Past President – KAREN BURGESSER; Parliamentarian – vacant

NATIONAL, REGION, STATE, & DISTRICT OFFICERS
National Garden Clubs, Inc. President - Donna Donnelly
Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Director - Tanja Swanson
CA Garden Clubs, Inc. President - Adele Kelly
Humboldt District CGCI, Director - Ellin Beltz

A proud member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.;
Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.;
California Garden Clubs, Inc., and Humboldt District, CGCI

ESGC takes First & Second Group Awards, *Junque Arte* Exhibition at Morris Graves Museum of Art

Inspired by our beloved gardens and supported by the heaps of recyclables they generate, ESGC members transformed castoffs and cardboard into fun and imaginative sculptures and, by pleasing judge Kati 'Texas' Moulton, have added $150 to club coffers! Project lead Mare Johnston conceived playful representations of Seed, Flower and Fruit to reflect the major stages of growth of our favorite pastime. Mare and club members Winifred Creamer, Wendy Robertson and Nancy Hill built the art, on display at the 2026 Junque Arte exhibition at Morris Graves Museum of Art, through Sunday December 13. The pieces are for sale for $75 each, 60% of which goes to ESGC.



***SEED,* Second place award**



FLOWER



***FRUIT,* First place award**

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL REDEDICATION
11/11/26 @ 2PM

Sequoia Park Dahlia Garden
3414 W Street, Eureka 95503
(next door to Sequoia Park Zoo)



ARE YOU OUR NEXT PARLIAMENTARIAN?

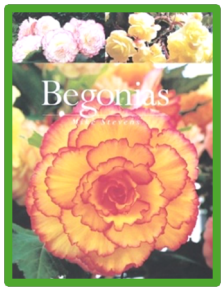
The Parliamentarian Officer provides guidance in club affairs in alignment with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) and the by-laws of the ESGC. Motions and voting are two areas where the Parliamentarian keeps us on track.

Do you love order? Are you (or are you willing to become) familiar with *RONR?* If you can see yourself filling this valuable position, please contact Helen Stone.

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

11/20/2026 - Hands-on crafting Pumpkin/Succulent centerpieces; Jefferson Community Center
12/18/2026 – HOLIDAY POTLUCK
Home of Maria Krenek
01/15/2027 – Propagating and Potting: a Hands-on workshop; UC Cooperative Agricultural Center
02/19/2027 – Eddie Tanner, Composting
UC Cooperative Agricultural Center
03/19/2027 – Butler Valley/ Carole Sund Center; UC Cooperative Agricultural Center
04/15/2027 – Spring Bottles & Blooms, an unjudged flower show; Officer Installation; UC Cooperative Ag Ctr
05/21/2027 – ESGC Hosts Humboldt District, CGCI-Quarterly Mtg. Theme TBD; UC Cooperative Agricultural Center
06/19/2027 – ESGC Annual Plant Sale;
Hayes & P Streets, Eureka.

BEGONIA CARE – Karen Burgesser



Begoniaceae, the begonia family, is quite diverse with over 1000 identified species and countless hybrids. They are found in rain forests and tropical to subtropical regions of the world, and fall into the succulent category, making them susceptible to frost in cooler regions. **Care over the winter will depend on the plant's root structure: fibrous, rhizomatous (non-tuberous) and tuberous or bulbous. Knowing your variety will determine overwintering practices.**

NON-TUBEROUS BEGONIAS:
All non-tuberous begonias are frost-tender! Ideal growing conditions:

- **Outdoor temps 54-76° F**
- **Good ventilation,** but out of cold winds
- **Suitable for containers** and as houseplants
- **Morning and afternoon light**
- **Humidity range 40--60%**
  (place pots on a tray of water-covered pebbles)
- **Free-draining soil**
- **Water when soil is dry to the touch**; *do not water leaves*
- **Fertilize every few weeks** in growing season when mix is damp (to avoid burning roots) and *STOP* fertilizing during dormant season
- **Pinch to improve branching**
- **Remove damaged or aging leaves** and spent flowers

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

- **Prefer cool to moderate temperatures**, indoors or out
- **Thrive on good air circulation,** warm and humid conditions
- **Protect from heavy rain and winds** (in a greenhouse or shade house)
- **To help ripen tubers for overwintering** give a dose of sulfate of potash and stop supplemental feeding
- **Pinch growing tip and side shoots** once good blooms have stopped and remove all flowers and buds
- **To encourage dormancy**, do not remove the leaves and stems until they turn yellow and fall off
- **Stop watering** and let the container and tuber thoroughly dry out
- **Gently remove the tuber** and break the stem and roots away; do not break the skin.
- **Remove any rot** and set in sun to complete drying
- **Store loose** or in some form of medium (i.e. pumice, perlite or vermiculite)
  in a well-ventilated and frost-free area
- **Check tubers once a month** for signs of rot or insects

Source: ***Begonias***, Mike Stevens, Firefly Press publisher