



# Folsom Garden Club

Neighborhood Gardeners since 1934

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## May 2011 Newsletter

"When April steps aside for May, like diamonds all the rain-drops glisten;  
Fresh violets open every day: to some new bird each hour we listen." - Lucy Larcom

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**May 5, 2011**

**Business Meeting – 10:00 am**

**The Rotary Clubhouse in Lew Howard Park**

-- **Guest Speaker:** Jeannie Hanson, owner of Geno's  
Garden Design of Sacramento

-- **Election of Officers**

**REMEMBER** to bring your NAME TAG and  
plants/cuttings to the May meeting for SRVD sale

**Be Green:** - To aid in saving the earth, bring your own cup if  
possible.

### May Birthdays



5 Shari Shively  
7 Pat Brown and Jan-Can Prendergast  
15 Sandra Stefani and Ellen Morissette  
26 Karuna Ghimire  
28 Adrienne Coolidge  
29 Sharon Barnett  
30 Anna Lombard

SRVD - The Sacramento River Valley District  
[www.srvd.org](http://www.srvd.org)

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## The President's Corner

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Hello fellow gardeners!

We have already heard from many members volunteering to be involved in something – thank you!! Many hands make light work so they say, but it also helps us build new friendships and have fun!

Our big garden tour is just around the corner. Please help by selling tickets to friends, family, neighbors, etc. Remember, this is our only way to earn money for our scholarship program. I want to thank Brenda Dayton and her wonderful committee that has so much work over the last 9 months. A huge round of applause to all of you!

We also have several dirt garden events coming up, so check our newsletter for dates. Be sure to check out our website as well. Dianna Leight has been hard at work the past months redoing and updating it.

I want to thank several members that have been doing a lot of “behind the scenes” work: the **By-laws Committee**: Sally Berry, Joy Greene, Anna Lombard, Joye Gephart and Dianna Leight and the **Nominating Committee**: Diane Stout, Dianna Leight and Denny Wiemers. I truly appreciate all you have done to help our club get updated and moving forward.

See you at the Pre Tour on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Garden Tour on April 30 – May 1!

Yours in the love of gardening, --*Erin Angulo*

### April 7, 2011 Meeting of the Folsom Garden Club

Refreshments were prepared by Dan Knott, Brenda Dayton, Nancy Daniels, Nina Sanders, Mary Ann Pancheri and Anna Lombard; the outstanding table decorations were provided by Dorothy Populorum.



There were 67 who attended this meeting. The Raffle collected \$95; Hodgepodge -- \$56.30; Penny Pines -- \$40.41 (brings the total to \$190.41).

Three new members joined. Look below under **2010-2011 Yearbook** for the names.

### Plant of the Month – presented by Grayce Vander Broek



The Chinese fringe-flower, *loropetalum* Chinese zones 7 – 9. It's a fast grower, with dense growth of long arching branches which can be left natural or shaped by pruning. Give this one lots of room, though, as it's spread is quite large, up to 8 ft high and 6 ft wide. Plant in moist, well-drained soil, full sun to partial shade. Use in borders, containers, hedges, screens or specimens. In the spring, the flowers cover



the entire shrub! Once the initial show of flowers fade, you can get a new flurry of blooms by pruning the shrub.

# Happy 95th Birthday Gladys



Gladys received a bouquet of flowers, a birthday card signed by members of the Garden Club, and all sang Happy Birthday to Gladys.

Anna Lombard baked a wonderful birthday cake decorated like a vegetable patch garden with peas, carrots and heads of lettuce.

Gladys has been a member of the Folsom Garden Club since 1944. She served as

President of the club from 2000 – 2002.

Gladys has generously invited club members to her community garden to develop their skills in producing vegetables, fruit and flowers. Anyone interested in helping her in her garden would be greatly appreciated.



Contact Dan Knott if interested in a plot at the Community Garden. 988-1931.



## Garden Tour Information

1. Sixty out of 79 yellow signs were checked out. Thank you club members! If you want some more signs we have 19 left so please give me a call – 351-0862.
2. **Pre-Tour and Potluck – April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm**
  - a. For perishable food items please bring an ice chest to put your dish in and keep it in your car until after the tour.
  - b. Bring a jacket because it will probably be chilly.
  - c. There will be between 50-60 members and guests attending so we will have three groups of around 20 people leaving 7-8 minutes apart. The first group will be the homeowners and the members that bring hot dishes. (I know you are all hot dishes, but I'm talking about the edible kind).
  - d. Microwavable dishes would be great to speed up the heating process, but only if possible.
3. Thank you to the members who already paid for their tickets. Way to go!
4. A reminder that April 28 is the deadline for all the tickets checked out by members and cash and checks received need to be returned at the Pre-Tour and handed over to Dorothy, Nina and Bob. The (\$50) gift card contest ends on this date as well. Ticket Chairpersons are Dorothy Populorum, 985-0167, or [cameodap@comcast.net](mailto:cameodap@comcast.net), and Nina and Bob Sanders 984-3851, or [ninaandbob@comcast.net](mailto:ninaandbob@comcast.net).
5. Thank you to these wonderful FGC members.
  - a. Garden selection committee: Sally Berry, Nancy Daniels, Gladys David, Rhonda DesVoignes, Daphne Ebbage and me myself and I (I'm really three people didn't you know that?).
  - b. Rhonda DesVoignes who wrote the garden descriptions.
  - c. Charles Dayton who drew the map. There is one typo for Garden #4. It should be Baurer Circle not Bainer Circle. Neither Charles nor I caught that mistake. Sorry about the BOO HOO!!!
  - d. Sally Berry saved our club over \$140 by designing the tickets, posters and rack cards. Great job Sally!



- e. Sharron Anderson was our liaison between our club and the Folsom History Museum. They are selling tickets for us this year. Sandra and Dennis Stefani will be selling tickets in front of the museum for a few hours during the tour.
- f. Sally Berry and Anna Lombard arranged for the yellow banner to be made by a local business. The sign will fly on Riley and Sutter Streets.
- g. Dorothy Populorum handed out the tickets to the businesses and designed a beautiful invitation that we sent out to the homeowners inviting them to the Pre-Tour dinner.
- h. Joy Greene was our business liaison who set up days for members to sell tickets and hand out rack cards.
- i. Thank you, Charlyne Jordan from the Blossom Shop, for donating \$100 to the tour. Charlyne is an honorary member of our club.
- j. Dianna Leight and her daughter, Erin, designed the website and set up Pay Pal for selling tickets.

Thanks to all these people that I didn't mention that have helped on the tour preparations: Adrienne Coolidge, Lynn Emmick, Gail Fitzpatrick, Joye Gephart, Joyce Roderick, Nina and Bob Sanders, Suzanne Staley (our wonderful publicist), Diane Stout (our terrific photographer and newsletter writer), and Alice Wilcox. Not mentioned, but will be next month, are the great members who are volunteering during the tour: our Garden Host and co-Host Chairpersons, Gail and Alice are very dedicated and professional. Thank you!

We received \$200 more in sponsorships as I mentioned about Charlyne we received another \$100 from Folsom Lake Bank. Thanks Denny Wiemers for setting that up. Thank you all and enjoy yourselves during the tour. Let's hope for sunny days during the week of the tour. Go outside and do an anti-rain dance, but you better do so in the backyard; you don't want your neighbors looking at you funny. But maybe they already do! Just Kidding.

I'll see most of you on the 28<sup>th</sup>. My phone number again is 916-351-0862, and my address is 102 Tidepool Court, off Randall which is off East Natoma Street.

*Thank you! -- Brenda Dayton*



## TOUR TICKETS – “Gardens of Folsom” ONLY \$12

Tour tickets will be available throughout April. They can be purchased from Nina and Bob Sanders or Dorothy Populorum.

They are also available at Ace Hardware, Greenback & Madison; The Blossom Shop, 47 Natoma, Folsom; Green Valley Nursery, Green Valley Rd., El Dorado Hills; Folsom History Museum, Old Folsom, Sutter St.; and online at [folsomgarden.org](http://folsomgarden.org).

Members, if you are touring Sat. April 30, or Sunday May 1, please wear your name tags so that we can allow you to tour free. Many of us hosting gardens do not know those who recently joined the club.

*Thank you -- Dorothy Populorum*

## **REMINDER -- Silent Auction at June meeting**

During our June meeting we will be having our “Silent Auction.” The list of gift certificates are:

Bushnell Garden Nursery-(2 @\$50 each)-----	\$100
Flower Farm Inn – a bed and breakfast-----	\$125
Pottery World – lunch for 8-----	\$115
Village Nursery-----	\$50
High Hand Nursery-----	\$45
Snooks Candies on Sutter Street, Folsom-----	\$10
Great Harvest Bakery-----	A gift basket
Janeen Lafreniere, Handmade Garden related tote bag----	\$55

## REMINDER --Standing and Special Committees

Remember to sign up for at least one committee and help with a community project. Bring your completed list to the May meeting. Extra copies will also be available at the May meeting.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Folsom Garden Club Events

**April 28** – 4pm to 6pm – Pre-tour will be followed by a potluck dinner at Brenda's home.

**April 30 & May 1** – 11am to 4pm  
**"Gardens of Folsom" Tour**

**May 12 - 11 to 1pm** – **Bushnell's Nursery Tour**, 5255 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay

**May 26– 11 to 1pm** -- **Field trip to Pauline's Garden**, 3731 Del Road, Carmichael

**June 2 - 10am** -- **Business Meeting With Silent Auction**

**June 8 – 1 – 3pm** - **Sally Berry's Garden**

### Other Garden Activities and Events

**April 22** – *Earth Day* – Plant something

**May 7 – 10am to 4pm** – **Folsom Home & Garden Show** - At the Folsom Sports Complex – located behind the Folsom Home Depot

**May 14 & 15** -- Gardens *of the Hills*, El Dorado Hills Garden and Art Tour. Contact Marilyn Marcroft (916) 933-1799.

**May 15** – 1pm to 3pm - **Fred Farmer** coming to Sierra Nursery

**May 21** – 10am – **What's Blooming**, Old City Cemetery, Sacramento,

### Gardening Tips from the *Sac Bee*

- Watch out for slugs and snails
- Sprinkle wood ash or crushed eggshells around plants to deter snails.
- With warmer weather comes mosquito Season. Empty standing water out of saucers under pots. Also, eliminate any other standing water that may have accumulated during recent rains.
- **Pull weeds now!** Don't let them get a root hold. Take a hoe and whack them as soon as they sprout; that method is better than pulling.



- Fertilize roses, annual flowers and berries as spring growth appears. Use a balanced fertilizer, such as 10-10-10. That feeds roots and blooms as well as leaves.
- **If aphids are attracted** to new growth, knock them off with a strong spray of water or insecticidal soap. To make your own "bug soap", use two tablespoons liquid soap – not detergent – to one quart of water in a spray bottle. Shake it up before use. Among the soaps that seem most effective are Dr. Bronner's Pure Castile Soaps: try the peppermint scent.
- **Seed and renovate the lawn.** Feed cool-season grasses such as bent grass, bluegrass, rye and fescue with a slow release fertilizer. Check the irrigation system and perform maintenance. Make sure sprinkler heads are aimed properly.

# Hydrangeas – How to prune

Different types of hydrangeas need pruning at different times. So it's very disappointing when hydrangeas don't bloom for a season. If that happens, it is probably one of three reasons. Either it did not get enough sun, an early frost or cold spell killed the flowers buds or it was pruned at the wrong time.

To complicate the issue, different types of hydrangeas need pruning at different times. You will have to know what type your plant is. Hopefully you saved the label. If not, an educated guess can be made by looking at its foliage and flowers.

Blue pink and purple are the most common colors seen in 'mophead' hydrangeas. In



general, mophead and 'lacecap' leaves are relatively thick and crisp, somewhat shiny and often heart shaped. Their edges are coarsely toothed. They are approximately 4-6 inches long and 3-5 inches wide.

'Lacecaps' (H macrophyllas normalis)

'Annabelle' (Hydrangea arborescens). The blooms of 'Annabelle' may bring lollipops to mind. They are usually very large and made up of tiny individual blossoms. The blooms open green, turn white for 2 – 3 weeks, and gradually turn green again.



**Here are pruning tips** from three different sources. Hope this helps you figure out the best way to prune your hydrangeas.

<p><b>From:</b> Sac Bee, Saturday, April 02, 2011</p>	<p><b>From:</b> <a href="http://www.hydrangeashydrangeas.com">www.hydrangeashydrangeas.com</a></p>	<p><b>From</b> <a href="http://www.gardeningknowhow.com">www.gardeningknowhow.com</a></p>
<p><b>Big-leaf hydrangea (Hydrangea macrophylla)</b></p>	<p><b>METHOD I: Mophead and lacecaps (macrophyllas – usually pink or blue)</b> <b>For Oakleaf hydrangeas (white blooms, leaves shaped like oak leaves)</b></p>	<p>Pruning hydrangea bushes is not necessary unless the shrubs have become overgrown or unsightly. You can safely remove spent blooms (<u>deadhead</u>) anytime. However, there are a couple of deadheading tips to keep in mind for optimal results. Try to keep cuts above the first set of large leaves or only cut down to the last healthy buds. This ensures the safety of any developing blooms for the next season.</p>

The best time is late summer after the blooms of big-leaf hydrangea have faded. Branches that bore flowers should be cut to within a foot of the ground or cut back so that only two to four buds remain on the branch.

Many gardeners prune hydrangeas a second time in January because, while the plants are out of leaf, it is easier to identify and eliminate crossing branches and old wood. Removing old wood makes more room for new branches to sprout from the crown of the plant.

Prune these hydrangeas only in the summer BEFORE August (to be safe). Some experts believe these hydrangeas may be pruned even into August, but this might be risky. The hydrangeas may already have set their bloom buds for next year.

**METHOD II is used for:**  
*H. arborescens* (Annabelle types) and *H. paniculata* (PeeGee types) hydrangeas

These types of hydrangeas bloom on new wood (new stems). It is a joy to grow these type hydrangeas because they are determined to bloom every single year, no matter how they are treated. The only time they cannot be pruned is in the spring ('Annabelle') or in the summer (PG) when they are preparing to bloom.

**Big-leaf hydrangea** (*H. macrophylla*) includes the commonly grown mophead and lacecap varieties. Generally they are pruned in late summer after blooming has ceased. Do not cut any stems that have not bloomed, leaving healthy buds intact, they should be ok. Prune weak stems to the ground and cut or deadhead spent flowers and stems to the last bud...

**Oak-leaf hydrangea** (*H. quercifolia*) These hydrangeas are typically pruned in early spring, as their colorful fall foliage is oftentimes a welcomed sight in autumn. Many people also enjoy leaving the flower heads over winter for additional interest.

**Pee Gee Hydrangea** (*H. paniculata*) also known as Panicle, usually flowers on the current season's growth. Therefore, they are generally pruned in late winter or early spring just before summer blooming. They can be pruned in fall as well.

**Annabelle Hydrangea** (*H. arborescens*) are usually pruned in the summer following spring blooming. Some people choose to prune them to the ground in late winter or trim dead growth in early spring just prior to blooming.

## Community Projects – Join in the fun!

Photos of community projects which members of the Folsom Garden Club have volunteered their time: pruning roses at the Folsom Garden Club Park, planting at the Senior Center, helping at the Mercy Health Fair, pruning at Gladys' Rose Garden, the arch at the Folsom Garden Club Park





## 2009 – 2010 Yearbook

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS -- We now have a total of 109 Members**  
Add the following new members to the Membership Director in the Folsom Garden Club 2010-2011 yearbook.

Mary Chapman

Catherine Elliott-Shillings

Marcy Leach

### HELP WANTED

**Check at the meeting for sign up sheets or contact the person listed below.**

- **Cart or wagon - Book** exchange could use a cart or collapsible wagon to carry all the books from car to the meeting room and back again. Please contact Lynn if you have something to help her with this task at 294-9960,
- **Hodgepodge Table** - Please bring plants, cuttings, divisions, etc. to add to the hodgepodge table
- **Gardener of the Month** – Looking for members with interesting gardens to share in the newsletter. Contact Diane Stout @ 983-3204.