



# Folsom Garden Club

Neighborhood Gardeners since 1934

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## July/August 2011 Newsletter

"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you...I could walk through my garden forever." — Alfred Lord Tennyson

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#### **Nominating Chairperson**

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**September 1, 2011**

**Business Meeting @ 10:00am**  
**The Rotary Clubhouse in Lew Howard Park**

**Guest Speaker:** Ken Menzer, City Arborist, City of Folsom

**Be Green:** To aid in saving the earth, bring your own cup

### **July Birthdays**



2 Dorette Carlson  
3 Nina Sanders  
10 Denny Wiemers  
16 Gerald (Jerry) Meza  
22 Donna Brennan and Mary Ann Pancheri

### **August Birthdays**

2 Carol Hamilton  
3 Barbara Peterson  
17 Ron Byrd  
26 Karl Hallfeldt  
30 Faith Faraci and Dorothy DeWitt

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

**National Garden Club** [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

## The President's Corner

President, Joye Gephart  
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My theme for 2011-2012  
is a Haiku for Folsom Garden Club

*Our rich heritage  
With fertile growth resulting:  
Service becomes us.*

Serving the club as your next president, I have to acknowledge the many years of accomplishments that have gone before. I hope to honor those years of our past while continuing to build an organization ready for the future. No one could aspire to those goals alone. It will take every one of us who has a passion for gardening and giving back to make that happen. I trust you will be there to experience the growth for yourself! You may be contacted for ways you might help us accomplish this.

The planning meeting was a mine of information to the President and the Board. Thanks for each who attended. And have a great summer now that it is truly here!

*Joye Gephart*

## Mark Your Calendars

### Folsom Garden Club Events

**\* No Business Meetings in  
July and August \***

**Sept 1 – 10:00am – First Garden Club  
meeting of the 2011-2012 year.**

### Other Garden Activities and Events

**June 23 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm – Turf Alternatives**  
Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street.  
For reservations and info call (916) 355-7252

**July 9 - Irrigation Field Day**, San Juan Water District,  
9935 Folsom-Auburn Road

**July 14 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm – Landscape Mistakes and  
Misconceptions**, Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma  
Street. For reservations and info call (916) 355-7252

**Aug 6 – Harvest Day**, Fair Oaks Park, Fair Oaks. Kids  
growing strong. Much help is needed. If you can help  
contact Sue Bennett, 916 791-9459

**Aug. 25 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm – Right Plant Right Place**  
Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street.  
For reservations and info call (916) 355-7252

## *The Installation Luncheon was held June 2, 2011*



The newly elected Board of Officers for the 2011 – 2012 year was ceremoniously installed by Erin Angulo. From right to left: Joye Gephart, President; Jan-Can Prendergast 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Gail Fitzpatrick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Sharon Barnett, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Sally Berry, Treasurer; Daphne Ebbage, Alternate Recording Secretary; Joyce Roderick, Recording Secretary; and June Jones Alternate Recording Secretary.

There were 52 who attended the Installation Luncheon.

27 members have paid their dues for next year, so that's a very good start!

Raffle \$94.00  
Hodge-Podge \$37.00  
Silent Auction \$373.00

## *The Folsom Garden Club Board of Officers for 2011 - 2012*

*President Joy Gephart*



*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents – Gail Fitzpatrick and Sharon Barnett*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jan-Can Prendergast*



*Treasurer – Sally Berry*



*Nominating Chairperson – Erin Angulo*



*Recording Secretary – Joyce Roderick*



*Recording Secretary Alternates – Daphne Ebbage and June Jones*



## 2011 Scholarship Winners

Joyce Roderick introduced the scholarship winners, *Brenna Jones* and *Megan Olson*. Both were students from UC Davis. They each were presented with a one thousand dollar scholarship.



**Megan Oslin** - This is the third scholarship our Club has awarded to Megan. She is a junior at UC Davis with a major in Horticulture. She plans to graduate from UC Davis in one year and we all agreed that we wanted to help her in this final year of her education. She started at American River College in 2003 and has continued taking as many classes as she could while working to put herself through school. She has shown great perseverance and enthusiasm and in her own words she says: "In discovering horticulture I found my passion."



**Brenna Jones** – Brenna enrolled at UC Davis in the fall of 2008 and is now a junior with a major in Landscape Architecture. She has maintained a 3.945 GPA at Davis. She says in her letter that sustainability is an issue of great importance to her and she wants to make it the focus of her career. She goes on to say, "I care about preserving the environment because to me there is nothing more important than the opportunity for a healthy and fulfilling existence for those alive now and those who will be part of future generations."



## Membership Dues for the 2011-2012 Season



The FGC Annual Membership Dues are \$25.00 per member (a spouse can be added for an additional \$5.00 per year), and are due as of July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be delinquent as of September 15<sup>th</sup>. To be included in the new yearbook, your dues must be received by the club meeting on September 1, 2011, and are delinquent by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. The new yearbooks will be distributed at the October 6<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

You may also send in your renewal by mailing your check, made out to **Folsom Garden Club**, to the Treasurer: Sally Berry, 7000 Chalet Way, Pilot Hill, CA 95664. If you have any questions call Sally at 916.933.4885.

## CONTEST

### YEARBOOK COVER DESIGN

FGC announces a contest this summer to produce the new yearbook cover design. The new board will select the top 3 entries at our first meeting in August. Then 2011-2012 yearbook design will be chosen by a secret ballot vote of the membership at the September meeting.

The cover design should not be larger than 5" by 8".  
It may be black or in color.

The design should be in a digital format once completed.

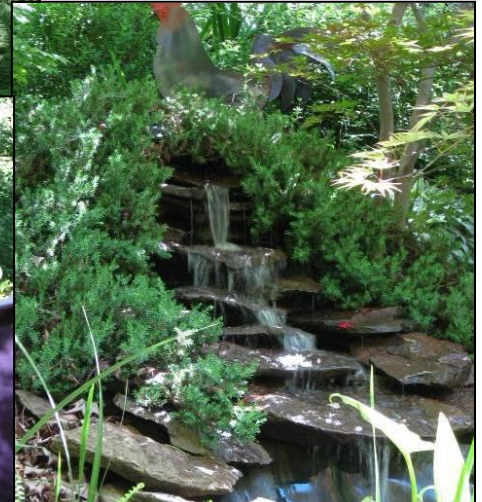
It needs to be received by deadline July 31, 2011. Contact President Joyce Gephart 916 715-1418

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***Field Trip to Pauline's Garden – May 26, 2011***

**This garden began over 48 years ago under 70 towering Valley and Live Oaks. There are over 180 Japanese Maple Trees of various cultivars as well as 11 water features. This Backyard Wildlife Habitat was certified by the National Wildlife Federation and is home to owls, red-tail hawks, tree squirrels, deer, raccoons, opossums, doves, wild turkeys, quail and a vast diversity of birds. There were about twenty-five who came to see this lovely garden.**



## Gardening Tips

- **Feed roses.** After their initial big burst of spring bloom, they've worked up an appetite while depleting a lot of energy. Trim off the spent flowers then fertilize with a balanced mix (such as 12-12-12). Make sure to water the bushes well before adding any fertilizer (that prevents chemical burns of the foliage).
- **Water plants:** take advantage of cool morning hours, use daytime shade. Water plants deeply and less frequently. Water potted plants carefully on very hot days. Water compost pile areas.
- **Plant for autumn** vegetable crops.



- **Buy bags of Ladybugs** to keep your garden free of pests naturally. Ladybugs eat nectar as well as insects, so to attract and keep them, grow some of their favorite nectar plants - if you like growing herbs, try some dill, cilantro, fennel or yarrow. Flower growers: try cosmos, sweet alyssum, coreopsis, marigolds and geraniums. They also like lilies and other cup-shaped flowers to hide in.
- **Use straw mulch** to help control weeds and cool soil.
- **Train vines** on support structures.
- **Get up early** to work in the cool morning hours.
- Read, listen to music, relax and sleep in the shade.

## *Dirt Gardener's Field Trip to Sally Berry's Garden – June 8, 2011*

Sally has worked in her garden for about 20 years, putting in one flowerbed at a time. As you can tell one of her favorite colors are shades of blue. There were about twenty-six who enjoyed the afternoon in Sally's garden.



## FGC Member's Photo Gallery



As announced at the June Meeting, Sally Berry is now the Webmaster for the FGC Website and she is going to create a members only section of the website. One of the new sections in Members Only will be a Member's Photo Gallery. We have so many members now and it is very difficult to get to know everyone, so we thought a photo gallery would be helpful. Sally is starting things off with her photo:

Let's get this project rolling so we will have it ready for the September Meeting. If you have a photo of yourself you can submit, please send it to Sally at [sallyaberry1@gmail.com](mailto:sallyaberry1@gmail.com). If you don't have a picture let Sally know and Sally and/or Diane Stout can take a picture of you at the next meeting. Thanks for your help in this project. - **Sally Berry**

## Plant Pick from Garden Gate e-notes (Courtesy of Terra Nova Nurseries)

### 'Mac 'n' Cheese' and 'Tomato Soup' coneflowers *Echinacea* hybrids

You've probably noticed that coneflowers aren't necessarily purple anymore. These two colors — golden yellow and tomato red — will fill out the rainbow of flower colors quite nicely.



Besides being pretty, these plants have the same hardy constitution that coneflowers are known for. Both varieties have upright habits with good branching, which means there will be plenty of those 4- to 5-in. flowers for you to enjoy. And you're not the only one who will be excited about them. Butterflies love coneflowers while they're in bloom, and goldfinches feast on the seed heads that are left in fall.

## Controlling Yellow jackets — from Garden Gate e-notes

Yellow jackets, a type of wasp, are technical beneficial—they kill other insects. But because the sting of this aggressive ground bee is painful, preventing injury outweighs the benefit.

To protect yourself, only approach the nest during the cool of the day—early morning or early evening. However, you need to know exactly where the entrance is. A pair of binoculars comes in handy for watching from a distance.



Once you locate the entrance, there's no need to resort to chemicals. Simply invert a clear glass bowl over the hole. Have a bucket of soil handy to pour around the rim to make sure it's sealed. Surprisingly, these pests won't dig a new exit, so they eventually starve. Even after you stop seeing yellow jackets, wait another week before removing the bowl. Then fill the entrance hole right away so another group of insects doesn't move in.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS -- We now have a total of 114 Members**  
**A new Year book for 2011 – 2012 will be available at the October 2011 meeting.**

Gary Stout

Elizabeth Glaze

**HELP WANTED**

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

- **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.