



# Folsom Garden Club

Neighborhood Gardeners since 1934

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## January 2012 Newsletter

**"A garden is a delight to the eye and a solace for the soul." — Sadi**

**January 5, 2012**

**Business Meeting @ 10:00am**

**The Rotary Clubhouse in Lew Howard Park**

**Guest Speaker: Jeanne Neshem from Village Nurseries**, Jeanne will be informing us on the art of pruning various types of plants, shrubs, and trees, including fruit trees. Get your questions ready!

- - Please review the Proposed Standing Rules which will be presented at the meeting - -

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

### Folsom Garden Club – Calendar of Events (continued on page 6)

January 2012				
<b>3</b> 10am to noon	Take down Christmas tree Contact Dan Knott if you can be there.	Folsom Convalescent Home Natoma & Mill Street	Dan Knott	
<b>7</b> 9am to noon	Take down Christmas tree Exact time will be announced separately	Folsom Zoo	Dan Knott	
<b>12</b> 10am	Rose Pruning	Folsom Garden Club Park Natoma and Sibley Streets	Dan Knott	
<b>19</b> 11 am to 1:00pm	Dirt Gardeners at the Folsom Senior Center	Folsom Sr. Center Earlene Eisley & Cindy Davis of Eisley Nursery in Auburn will be discussing houseplants and herbs. Plants will be for sale.	Gail Fitzpatrick Sharon Barnett	

## *The President's Corner*

President, Joye Gephart



Holiday Lights and very Long Nights - that's what is happening in our neighborhood! I always think I will get more done since I'm inside more, not as much in my garden, but...where does the time go?! It will be a whirlwind for us with son & family coming from out of town for Christmas through the 2nd of January. I wish you and your families' happy holidays, great memories and a Happy New Year 2012!

### **Announcements:**

California Garden Clubs, Inc. our parent organization, is holding the annual convention right here in Sacramento in June 2012. Our District, Sacramento River Valley, is hosting it, a rare opportunity! We need one more person or group to adopt a raffle basket to fill up. The basket is to represent a theme, such as a season (i.e. spring or summer), a holiday, a section of Calif. (i.e. mountains, wine country, or the beach); activities such as gardening, or an outing, such as a picnic or camping. The value of the items should be \$50 or more. So, if you hit sales between now & next May or so, you can spend less than that & come up with a beautiful raffle prize. You may wish to keep your receipts as CGCI will forward a donation letter you can use for tax purposes. See FGC President Joye Gephart or Convention Chair, Ron Byrd, for any questions on this. The club will also have opportunities to volunteer on various committees. As we get closer, we will announce what they are. Be watching for them!

## **Holiday Party December 1**



Our annual Party was a wonderful success due to the efforts of our garden club members. Santa Dan, assisted by Reindeer Bob passed out gifts for the exchange. Nearly 60 members turned out for the celebration. Judy Hickey made beautiful center pieces and was assisted by Cheryl Gomes and Dorette Carlson in setting up the festive table decorations.

Members contributed \$19.40 for our Penny Pines Collection. And, as always, the food was delicious. Nina Sanders, chaired the event and coordinated the efforts of club members who worked their magic to set up our buffet tables. Nina was impressed by the nice variety of foods, "... we even had vegetarian offerings and many lovely desserts." She observed that "Good gardeners make good cooks." Sally Berry is collecting recipes to be shared at our website [www.folsomgarden.org](http://www.folsomgarden.org).

## January Birthdays

- 1 Diane Sullivan
- 6 Dan Knott
- 8 Lesley Kleemann
- 9 Marlene Knott
- 11 Marion Pedlar
- 14 Sharron Anderson
- 15 Byrnie Voiles
- 18 Patti Fisher
- 19 Sue Nelson
- 20 Laila Bottomly
- 22 Marilyn Starbuck
- 28 Marcy Leach
- 29 Ed Schaeffer

## Potluck Recipes

Share your recipes with fellow FGC members.  
Contact Sally Berry

### Plant of the Month

Rhonda DesVoignes explained that the California Native Plant "Toyon" *Heteromeles arbutifolia*, is also called California Holly, or Christmas berry and is believed to have been responsible for the naming of Hollywood. In the 1920's this plant grew wild in the Los Angeles area. In fact people were cutting so much *Christmas Holly* for holiday decorating that the County of LA passed an ordinance making it illegal to cut it. Toyon grows as an Evergreen shrub, California native, low in water use, and grows 6-15 feet tall, 4-5 feet wide, under 4,000 ft elevation. Red berries in fall/winter are eaten by several bird species.



### Wild Nights & Holiday Lights at the Zoo – November 26



Dan Knott, Janis Erickson, Adrienne Coolidge and Nina Sanders decorated a tree for the Wild Nights and Holiday Lights celebration at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary.

Below: An evening at the Zoo to see more than 60 decorated Christmas trees and Santa.



## Christmas Tree Decorating at the Folsom Convalescent Home – November 30



Carol McKee, Diane Sullivan, Gail Fitzpatrick, Dan Knott, Dorette Carlson and Diane Stout decorated the Christmas tree. Christmas Cards were delivered to the residents by Gail Fitzpatrick and Dorette Carlson.



## Christmas Lights at Sharron and Bill Anderson's



“We have collected Santas for a long time, even before Bill started being Santa for schools and charitable organizations. His train hobbies started with the founding of the Folsom, El Dorado, Sacramento Historical Railroad Association, in 1995. Since then our collection of trains, Santas on trains and accessories has evolved. The RR Crossing signal was custom made and given to us by Gary Putman a retired Union Pacific employee. Gary is also the race director for our annual Handcar Derby in May. The train next to the garage came from Mike Jimena of Sutter Street Theater, another RR enthusiast.”

**Sharron Anderson**

# HELP WANTED

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

- **2012 Garden Tour** – Helpers are still needed for many tasks for our April 28 and 29 Garden Tour. Contact Jan-Can Prendergast to help.
- **Chairperson needed** - June Installation luncheon. Contact Joye Gephart.
- **Newsletter Editor** – Dianna Leight has joined the crew, we're still looking for an additional person who would like to learn how to create beautiful newsletters! Contact Diane Stout.
- **Community Projects** – Lots of volunteers are needed to help with the community projects. Contact Adrienne and David Coolidge to see how you can help out.
- **Hodgepodge Table** - Please bring plants, cuttings, divisions, etc. to add to the Hodgepodge Table. Contact Carol Hamilton.
- **Members Photo Gallery** – Sally Berry is creating a “Members Only” section in the FGC website. To submit a photo of yourself, send to Sally. If you don't have a picture, let Sally or Diane Stout know and have your picture taken at the next meeting.

## Gardening Tips



- Give a drink to plants that rain doesn't reach, such as under eaves or under evergreen trees. Well-watered plants hold up better to frost than thirsty plants.
- Plant garlic and onions for harvest in summer
- Cut chrysanthemums to 6 – 8 inches above ground after bloom.
- Add color to the garden with calendulas, Iceland poppies, pansies and primroses.
- Plant bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, callas and Dutch iris.
- Rake and remove dead leaves and stems from dormant perennials.
- Chilly nights? Mulch, water and cover to protect tender plants from frost. Succulent plants are at particular risk if temperatures drop below freezing. Be sure to remove coverings during the day or those same plants may suffocate.
- Clean, sharpen and oil gardening tools and mower blades for best performance.
- Leave your automatic irrigation system off. Avoid walking on, or cultivating wet soil; wet soil compacts easily, resulting in slow drainage and poor aeration.
- Prune roses; check out the many rose pruning clinics around Sacramento.
  - Varieties that only bloom once a year should be pruned only after bloom.
  - Remove all leaves from rose bushes and rake up debris to control the spread of fungal diseases like black spot and ruse.
- Prune non-flowering trees and shrubs.
- Cut back warm season ornamental grasses to 4-6”



## Calendar of Events – Continued

February 2012

<b>2</b>	Monthly Business Meeting	Rotary Clubhouse Ellen Zagory from UC Davis Arboretum speaking on “Gardening for Beneficial Insects and Pollinators”	Gail Fitzpatrick Sharon Barnett
<b>16</b> 10:30-12:30 pm	Dirt Gardeners	Senior Center Marion Pedlar demonstrates painting birdhouses for indoor and outdoor use.	Gail Fitzpatrick Sharon Barnett
<b>26</b> 9 to noon	Open Garden Day	Fair Oaks Horticulture Center 11549 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks	

### 2011-2012 Board of Officers

**President**

Joye Gephart

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents**

Gail Fitzpatrick

And  
Sharon Barnett

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Jan-Can Prendergast

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Sally Berry

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Joyce Roderick

**Recording Secretary Alternates**

Daphne Ebbage  
And  
June Jones

**Preceding President**

Erin Angulo

**It's that time of year for pruning.**

Roseville Green Acres, 901 Galleria Blvd, will be holding pruning seminars noted below:

Jan 7, 2012: 10am - Rose care and pruning

Jan 14, 2012: 10am - Bare root fruit tree pruning and care

Jan 21, 2012: 10am - Rose care and pruning

Jan 28, 2012: 10am - Bare root fruit tree pruning and care

### Garden Club Websites

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

CGCI - [www.californiagardenclubs.com](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com)

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

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**A weed is a plant that has  
 mastered every survival skill  
 except for learning how to grow in  
 rows.**

**[Doug Larson](#)**