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Welcome to July, garden club members. This year's tour is behind us and it was a wonderful event. Two busy days full of fun, friends and filled with plants. Not only was it successful socially, but Margaret, our treasurer, assured me that we made money from it too. The feedback coming back from the participants touring the homes was universally positive with strong praise going to the homeowners who were so gracious as to allow us to showcase their homes, and the artists and musicians were well received. That collaboration with local talents deepens and strengthens the experience of our garden tour and helps to tie together our whole community.

Next month's meeting is on July 14th at 1:00 pm at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center. Our own Kathleen Elliott will be sharing her knowledge once again. This time we will be learning about how to grow a Zen Garden. July is also a plant share meeting, so if you have any plants, seeds or cuttings that are doing particularly well, or you just want to share your garden wealth please feel free to bring them so that others may enjoy them.

We are dark in August, which means we are not going to have a meeting on August 11th but be assured that we will be back in September for more fun and games. Until that time enjoy the amazing California weather, get out and garden, and of course reap what you sow.

Thank you T3

**PGCI General Meeting, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Installation of Officers & speaker Kathleen Elliott**

Master Gardener & owner of Mountain View Landscape Design  
 will help us understand how to create a Zen Garden.

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*\*This is a plant share month so please bring a plant, cutting, or seeds to share.\**



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## Beautification Team Report

Summer weather has yet to really hit us though we know the hot days are coming soon. We go out to our gardens for two hours from 8:00 to 10:00 and may start earlier as the days get toasty.

We were at the Library Mound removing the ever present Sweet Peas and weeds. We trimmed a bunch of dead straggly branches from various well-established plants and picked up the remains of the last daffodils. The plants we put in weeks ago are doing well. We might put in some more colorful plants to freshen up the area.

Many of us worked at the PID Garden this month. There was focus on the removal of portions of overgrown sage. It spreads with underground runners and is proving to be a large project. No doubt this will be a job addressed each time we are working there as well as pulling more Sweet Peas and weeds. This garden is at the planning stage. It will be fun exploring the options. It is on the north side of the PID office property. Please go look at it and give Jeudie your feedback and find out our workday schedule.

Grab your gloves and hori hori and join us for a morning. We'll be there, knees down and butts up.



Beautification Team at work at PID garden. Photo by Joyce Hummel

*Jeudie*

## Upcoming Events

Paradise Garden Club meets every second Monday of each month at 1:00 at the Terry Ashe Center. All are welcome. (Odd months we bring cuttings, plants or seeds to share.) and even months we share food snacks.) **\*Bring your own beverage.\***

### **PGCI General Meeting, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Installation of Officers and *Healing Gardens***

Presenter: Kathleen Elliott, Master Gardener, and owner Mountain View Landscape Design

Quiet, solitude and a connection with nature can be vital to one's peace and even help speed recovery from illness. Kathleen's presentation looks at several gardens designed specifically for this purpose and then explores ways in which we can create therapeutic, healing spaces in our own home gardens.

#### **Installation of Officers**

Meet current board members and find out what each one does. Perhaps there's a position you might like so come discover where you might fit in. Currently, there is one open position, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in charge of advertising, and it might be waiting just for you.

#### ***NO MEETING IN AUGUST.***

*Enjoy your vacations and gardens. We'll see you back September 8 at 1:00 pm.*

### **PGCI General Meeting, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. All Things Iris**

Presenter: Carol Cullen, American Iris Society Region 14

Carol's presentation will include types of irises along with dividing and planting and more. Questions encouraged.

### **PGCI General Meeting, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Tentatively scheduled: *Irrigation.***

### **PGCI General Meeting, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Tentatively scheduled: *Weeds***

**Please note the date change. Once again, Veteran's Day falls on the second Monday of the month and Terry Ashe is closed. Our meeting will be the following Monday, the third Monday of the month.**

### **PGCI General Meeting, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. PGCI Member Panel and Holiday Celebration**

Our own garden club members will share their individual and collective expertise in a variety of areas including tool maintenance, native plants in the garden and more. Bring your questions and your expertise. We all have something to share!

### **PGCI General Meeting, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. All Things Roses Especially Pruning**

Presenter: Tee Bower, Paradise Garden Club Member and Rose Enthusiast

January is the time, and Tee will show us the proper steps for successful rose pruning and maintenance.



**PARADISE GARDEN CLUB  
June 9, 2025 Board Minutes**

Meeting commenced at 11:45 AM

Present: Todd Hummel, Cheryl Habriel, Margaret Hawe, Jeudie Lovell, Anne Pace, guests Wendy Wicklund and Tee Bowers.

The minutes from the May meetings approved.

Treasurer's report – May report not available yet.

**Membership** – 2 or 3 people joined during the Tour at the Hub,

**Scholarships** – Cheryl reported that Tristan Bosch from Butte College still has not sent the applicant information yet.

Board Positions – All positions staying the same. Tee to be added as an assistant to Membership.

**Garden of the Month** – the General membership will be polled if we have a GOM in July.

Next month's program will be Kathleen Elliott on Creating a Zen Garden.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35

Submitted by Cheryl Habriel, Recording Secretary

**PARADISE GARDEN CLUB  
June 9, 2025 General Meeting**

Meeting commenced at 1PM

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance – Todd Hummel

**Penny Pines**

**Business Meeting**

**Treasurer's report** – TBA

**Beautification** – Work done at the PID Demo Garden.

**Luncheon Celebrating Homeowners and workers at the Tour**

July's meeting speaker will be Kathleen Elliott on *Creating a Zen Garden*,

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Habriel, Recording Secretary



# The Grazing Garden

by Trish Bender

Walking around the garden this morning, I helped myself to a handful of blackberries and a bundle of grapes leaves from our backyard raised growing boxes. The grape leaves will be brined for dolmades. The blackberries never made it into the basket.



Thornless Blackberries do very well in Zones 5-9 and produce a running bounty for about 3 weeks.



Organically grown grape vines provide Vitamin-rich leaves that can be sauteed or brined and stuffed for a dreamy dolmade.

By the pond, I pinched oregano blossoms for my salad and some fresh rosemary to cook with Brussel sprouts and pecans later. I gathered a bowl full of plums from the front yard that the "night squirrels" had dropped. These will be washed and eaten over the sink as a mid-day snack or shared with neighbors along with fresh eggs.

Cherry tomatoes and fresh basil tempted me to pop them right into my mouth together, but I restrained myself. I will add them to the three Ichiban eggplants sitting on the kitchen counter and create something wonderful for Sunday supper.

By the front door I found Virginia pepper cress, a common weed that adds a wonderful zing to salads. If you like arugula, you'll love pepper cress. Heck, I don't like arugula, and I still love pepper cress.

In these quiet summer mornings, the garden surprises me with many gifts, but none so bountiful that I feel overwhelmed. Each is a small gift to savor in combination with today's other gatherings.



Virginia Pepper cress, *Lepidium virginicum*, is a misunderstood North American native plant that thrives in poor soil. All parts are edible and the seeds are an excellent substitute for East Indian black pepper which does not grow well here.

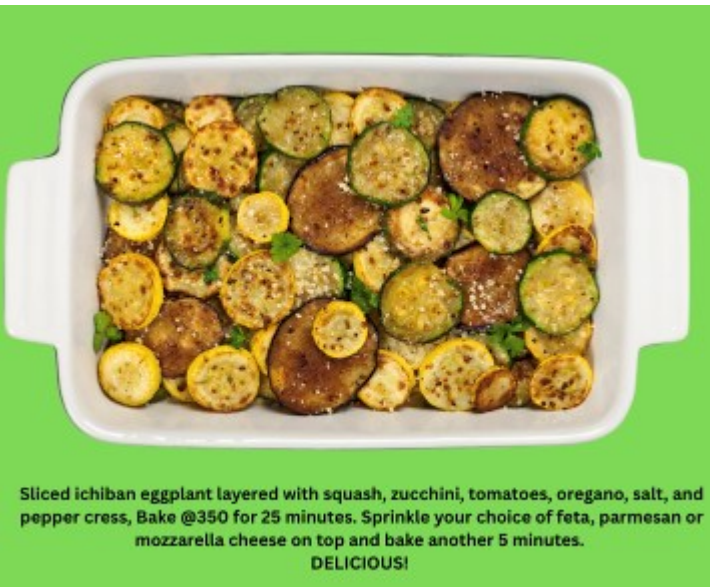
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Such is the gift of an edible landscape, or what I like to call, a grazing garden. In our modern pursuit of bigger, better, best, I really prefer the manageable offerings of a few things here and there. There is little work involved, and it usually lends itself to endless creativity in the kitchen. Rather than a second full-time gardening job, the grazing garden becomes an accidental meal plan, filled with impromptu combinations:



You owe it to yourself to try Lime infused Jasmine rice. Adding a few fresh bruised lime leaves to the water as you cook the rice imparts a fresh citrus flavor. Remove after cooking, then add your herbs of choice. Cilantro is an excellent addition for summer meals.



Sliced ichiban eggplant layered with squash, zucchini, tomatoes, oregano, salt, and pepper cress, Bake @350 for 25 minutes. Sprinkle your choice of feta, parmesan or mozzarella cheese on top and bake another 5 minutes.  
DELICIOUS!

Eggplant sautéed with oregano, basil, tomatoes, and pepper cress. Green beans and garlic lightly tossed with fresh oregano and parsley. Grilled plums sprinkled with honey and mint. Rice flavored with lemon and lime leaves to impart a fresh, citrusy taste.

Such is the delight of a grazing garden. So, the question is, what are you eating today?

The National Gardener/Spring 2025 blog 6/9/25

<https://gardenclub.org/national-gardener>

### Garden Beauties

Scroll to last newsletter page to see who's visiting the yucca.



Confetti Lantana in Cheryl's yard.



Lion's Mane in Anne's yard.



Foreground: pink Yucca in Anne's yard.



# 2025 Paradise Garden Tour & Plant Sale Review



Wonderful volunteers, thank you! Together we make a successful team. Here are a few who covered set up, advice, the boutique, the raffle, register, and many other tasks.



Photos by Nancy Howe



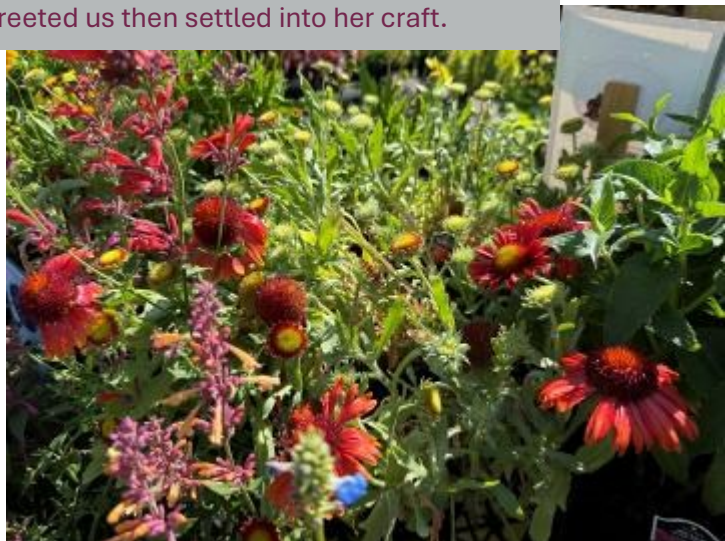


# DÉJÀ Vu (formerly Mendon's Nursery)

*Together—We Are Replanting Paradise™*



Artists from the Paradise Art Center & musicians from the Paradise Symphony Orchestra shared their talents at the addresses on tour. This artist warmly greeted us then settled into her craft.



Photos by Nancy Howe



Our 2025 business garden has a plethora of trees & plants that can thrive in Paradise. A large acreage to shop with many shaded areas of garden themed items. Plant in your yard, or gift a friend, this is the place.



In the following pages of gardens and landscapes, some were completely lost & then created post fire (2018), others partially survived, while a few altogether evaded the flames. With that in mind, these photos reflect a group of resilient Paradise gardeners. Thank you for planting and growing your creative imagination, and your heart for bringing beauty to the Ridge.

### The Habriel Garden 1



Photos by Nancy Howe



The Habriel Garden 2



Photos by Nancy Howe



## The Menicucci Garden 1



Photos by Nancy Howe



## The Menicucci Garden 2



Photos by Nancy Howe



## The Baxter Garden 1



Photos by Nancy Howe



## The Baxter Garden 2



Photos by Nancy Howe



## The Reynolds Garden 1



Photos by Nancy Howe



## The Reynolds Garden 2



Photos by Nancy Howe



## The Weidel Garden 1



Photos by Nancy Howe



The Weidel Garden 2



Photos by Nancy Howe



# Contemplate



Photo by Anne Pace & Haiku by Nancy Howe

Glittering shimmer  
A whirl and buzz seeking  
Delicious nectar.