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As fall settles over northern California, we are reminded of the quiet beauty this season brings, golden leaves, cooler mornings, and the chance to refresh our gardens for the months ahead. Here in our little corner of the state, we may not have the dramatic seasonal changes seen elsewhere, but we still enjoy the shift in pace that autumn offers.

We are a small but active garden club, and our members are as passionate as ever about cultivating beauty, sharing knowledge, and fostering community. Whether it is swapping seeds, planning seasonal plantings, or simply enjoying time together in our gardens, we remain dedicated to the joys and rewards of gardening.

I hope this fall brings you inspiration, growth, and perhaps even a few surprises in your garden beds. Wishing you a season filled with color and calm.

This month's meeting is on Monday October 13th at the Terry Ashe community center at 1pm. The topic will be Master Gardener Phil Filbrant and he will be talking about weed identification and management. It looks to be a informative and helpful meeting.

I hope to see you there. T3



This is a nibbles month. Bring your favorite healthy snack or dessert to share.



October 13th at 1:00 p.m. Weed Identification and Management

Presenter: Phil Filbrandt, Butte County Master Gardener

This workshop explores the nature of weeds. Phil will address tools to correctly identify weeds, hands on practicum, strategies for weed control and a quick primer on chemical controls as a last resort.

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Beautification Team Report



This last month of August was dark, so we did not do our usual work days. September saw continued warm weather and a pickup in our work schedule.

We groomed the library garden by removing sweet peas and weeds. The sweet peas are so successful within the tall grasses.

The only garden that does not have that pesky weed is the Monument. We worked there to remove weeds in and around the outside of the wooden frame. Todd replaced the water controller so no more worries about skipping regularly scheduled watering.

Work at Foster triangle was completed. The burned brown tips of all the iris were cut back and it looks so much better. We removed lots of low spreading weeds and thinned some mint. By working just a few hours at a time at our gardens we kept ahead of the plants we didn't put in and took loving care of those we chose to plant.

Come join us for some fun and camaraderie.

Jeudie



Our thanks go to Carol Cullen of the American Iris Society Region 14. Carol demonstrated how to care for iris and brought some to share with us in addition to the take home hand outs, a very helpful reference guide.



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, October 13th at 1:00 p.m. *Weed Identification and Management*

Presenter: Phil Filbrandt, Butte County Master Gardener

This workshop explores the nature of weeds, and why it's important to correctly identify which weeds you are battling. Phil will offer tools to help with this, including a hands-on practicum. Primary strategies for weed control are Integrated Pest Management methods. We'll have a quick primer on chemical controls, for when they are needed as a last resort.

PGCI General Meeting, November 17th at 1:00 p.m. *Irrigation*

Presenter: Dave Duncan, Butte County Master Gardener

Drip irrigation is arguably the most efficient method of providing water to trees, crops, gardens, and landscapes. The surface drip irrigation emitter system was first developed in Israel, where the dry climate makes water conservation a necessity. This workshop will provide an overview of different options available for drip irrigation systems and how to install them. You will also learn how to troubleshoot and inspect your system, and how to make repairs when needed.

***Please note the date change. Once again, Terry Ashe Rec Center will be closed on Monday, November 10th for the Veteran's Day holiday so our meeting will be the following Monday, the third Monday of the month.**

PGCI General Meeting, December 8th 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!

Seed Swap!!! Details on Page 4.

~ Buttes District News ~

October 2025 Plant and Seed Swaps!

All of these are held in Butte County

Saturday, Oct. 11, (10:30 am to 1 pm) ~ Oroville Library

Bring saved seeds (non-GMO) and home grown plants, then swap for others. This is a way to share and get new seeds and plants. Lake Oroville Area Garden Club will have a small presence.

Saturday, Oct. 18, (10 am to 1 pm) ~ Oroville Botanic Garden & Education Center @ Dunstone Memorial Hall garden, 4790 Foothill Blvd. Oroville

Annual free "Seed and Scion" swap and a plant sale to boot. Plus a talk by PG&E about planting the "Right Tree in the Right Place", and a free tree give-away. Demo on how to correctly plant a tree. Items for sale will be Atlas gardening gloves, and Sims olive oil. A cake walk is included for the kids.

Sunday, Oct. 26, (10:30 am to 1 pm) ~ Chico Library CNPS

California Native Plant and Seed Swap ~Butte Co. Library, 1108 Sherman Ave. Chico

The Neighborhood Habitat Certification Program will be holding its community California Native Plant, "Seed and Plant Swap" on October 26, 10:30 am-1 pm.

This is an opportunity to get some free native plants to add to your gardens- just in time for planting season!

How this swap works:

You bring garden sourced native plants you have grown and/or seeds that you have collected to the swap and leave with other plants or seeds that others have brought.

- Plants or seeds that you bring must be clean and properly labeled with scientific name (to the best of your ability).
- For seeds, please include the year collected.
- If you don't have seeds or plants to share, come anyway because there should be plenty to share.

There will be an information table at the event to help you if you have question during the event.

Prior to the swap, questions may be sent to:

Deborah Halfpenny (neighborhoodhabitat.aas@gmail.com or

Jared Geiser (director@altacal.org)

Volunteers Are Needed!

If you would like to volunteer and help out at the event, please contact us soon at the above email addresses. Volunteers get first choice on plants and seeds!

Hope to see you at one of these events! Carol Jauregui, Buttes District Director/Liaison

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For detailed information and to sign up go to: <https://ucanr.edu/site/uc-master-gardeners-butte-county>

Workshops

Fruit Tree Care—Full

October 3, 10–11:30am

Honeybees

October 7, 10–11:30am

Creating a Backyard Blooming Meadow and Cottage Garden Look **NEW!**

October 11, 1–3pm

Weed Identification and Management **NEW!**

October 13, 1–2:15pm

Hands On Fruit Tree Pruning **NEW!**—Full

October 17, 10–11:30am

Gardening with California Native Plants **NEW!**

October 21, 10–11:30am

Is It Ripe? **NEW!**

October 24, 10–11:30am

Gophers, Moles, and Squirrels

October 28, 10–11:30am

**LOOK FOR THE PASH
DONATIONS CAN.**

Remember: Bring your
cans & bottles to
Northern Recycling. You
can donate a portion of
your proceeds to PASH.

Looking for a place to recycle your aluminum cans and bottles? This makes it easy.
Plus, you're helping your community. Down Clark Rd to American Way.

Cans for cats & canines <https://www.pashcares.org/>

Board Minutes, September 8, 2025

Meeting commenced at 11:50 AM Present: Todd Hummel, Cheryl Habriel, Margaret Hawe, Jeudie Lovell, Anne Pace, guest Wendy Wicklund.

The minutes from the July meetings were approved.

Treasurer's report – See attached report for details. PGCI will donate \$200 for the CGCI President's Project (scholarships).

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2026 Garden Tour - Cheryl reported we have had two meetings to discuss crafts for the 2026 Tour. There are several ways to help. Contact Cheryl for details.

Board Positions – we need a second vice president.

Upcoming Activities

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Meeting adjourned at 12:40

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Habriel, Recording Secretary

General Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2025

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance – President Todd Hummel

Penny Pines

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2026 Garden Tour Preparations Update

A few people are sewing some items and need one or more of you to take home the materials to turn out, press them flat and return them for finish work. Can you do that? Please contact Cheryl (in the roster) and she will connect you.

Meanwhile, here are the items on our idea/task board for you to consider:

1. Workers needed to turn out & iron various sewn projects such as cat mint sachets, cloth English cozies, cloth wallets.
2. Workers needed to stuff lavender sachets.
3. Workers needed to make smudge sticks of white sage & lavender.
4. Sew garden aprons, paint stepping stones, paint small rock art
5. Be a Boutique Station Keeper next June.

Examples of stepping stones for sale at our 2026 Plant Sale.
Unpainted, natural colors or imaginative. A happy supply of endless ideas.



Paradise Garden Club members,

We need one of our members to volunteer to be our Vice President of Publicity. If you have a friend or two who would enjoy assisting you in this endeavor, great. A few things this position covers:

- attend monthly PGCI board meetings
- gather information from fellow board members on upcoming events
- distributing that information to our for website updates, the newsletter editor, and various local news media including the Town of Paradise, the Paradise Chamber of Commerce, and local television stations.

Some of this can be done at home from your computer.

Why get involved? It is so much fun to be part of the board and make an impact in our community. Interested? Contact Todd or Anne in your roster.



You've got to love our native mullein. It keeps bees happy.



PLANTING SPRING BLOOMING BULBS

By Charlotte Rodriquez of Red Bluff Garden Club

"The garden sleeps, but the gardener plans."
—Quote from the Facebook Page *Addicted to Gardening*
([Addicted To Gardening | Facebook](#))



You might be asking yourself, "What's so difficult about planting bulbs?" The truth is, it's not very complicated—just dig a hole and place the bulb inside. While that's essentially accurate, there's more to bulbs than meets the eye. They can be fascinating yet complex, and here are some

useful tips you can follow to ensure successful planting:

There are five types of bulbs to consider:

1. **True Bulbs:** These have nutrients stored around the stem and leaves.
2. **Corms:** These are swollen stem bases that grow partly or entirely underground.
3. **Rhizomes:** Like corms, these are horizontal underground stems that store nutrients.
4. **Tubers:** These are also swollen stem bases that develop underground and serve as food storage.
5. **Tuberous Roots:** Unlike the others, these are roots that store nutrients.

Each type has a unique structure and function in plant growth.

Fall is the best time to plan the integration of spring bloomers to fill in those bare patches among the perennials. Timing is crucial. A general rule of thumb is to plant spring-blooming bulbs in September or October*.

Things to Consider When Planting Spring Bloomers: First, if you have tear-shaped or tightly enclosed bulbs, soak them before planting. Some instructions recommend a 12-hour soak, while others suggest a 30-minute soak. Another factor to consider is whether to chill the bulbs or not. Many bulbs are now labeled as "prechilled," meaning there is no need to refrigerate them. Be sure to follow the instructions on the bulb packaging.

Remember, size is important when selecting bulbs. If you're choosing from loose bulbs, opt for the larger, tighter ones.

Next, consider the correct planting depth to encourage optimal growth. A good rule of thumb is to plant the bulb at a depth three times its height. For example, a two-inch bulb should be planted in a six-inch hole.

The trowel designed for bulb planting is typically narrow at the tip, allowing you to create a hole that is also narrow at the base. When you place the bulb in the hole, gently push and twist it to eliminate any gaps at the base. This is important because any space left can collect water, which may damage the bulb.

The common saying "pointy end up, roots down" is accurate; however, some bulbs aren't so obvious. If you aren't sure of the bulb's orientation, usually the roots are flat-based, and the swollen part is the top. One source suggested placing the bulb "sideways and let nature take its course."

To prepare your planting bed, start by loosening the soil. Bulbs require well-draining soil that doesn't have any standing water.

The ideal soil should be loose, loamy, fertile, and well-draining. Loamy soil is a mixture of clay, sand, silt, and a small amount of organic matter. Since you know your soil, you can enhance it by adding fertilizer. According to the *Sunset Western Garden Book*, it's recommended to either add fertilizer to the entire bed or include a tablespoon of fertilizer in each planting hole.

Now, you can space out your bulbs individually or group them together, depending on the size of your prepared bed and the type of arrangement you want. Grouping the bulbs makes a nice visual impact in the garden when the bulbs bloom in the spring, and grouping saves some planting time. Yes, bulbs need watering, especially in dry conditions. Finally, cover your plantings with mulch, such as dried leaves, straw, or compost.

Trivia tips for gardeners: If you are concerned about critters digging up your bulbs, you can try shaving soap in and on top of the hole or placing wire mesh on top of plantings. If you have bulbs and you are uncertain about planting them, go ahead and take the risk; just plant them anyway. There is so much more to learn about planting bulbs – embrace the opportunity!

*Editor's Note: Check your local planting guides for the best time to plant spring blooming bulbs in year specific area.



National Garden Club

<https://gardenclub.org/>

Upcoming NGC Grant Deadlines

Time-Sensitive Grants

- PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants
Deadline: October 15
Support for community-based gardening projects that make a visible impact.
- ESPOMA Grant Program
Open: October 1 – May 31
Receive Espoma plant foods and potting soils to support your garden club's project.
- AMES Tools Grant
Open: January 1 – March 1
Apply for high-quality tools to help your club complete its projects efficiently.

Open Year-Round

- Native Plant and Wildflower Grants
- Youth Pollinator Garden Grants
- Natural Disaster Grants

These rolling grants are available any time and offer support for specific needs—from youth education to recovery after natural disasters.

To apply for the PLANT AMERICA grant please visit www.plantamerica.org.

For all other grants visit the NGC Grants page for details, guidelines, and applications:

www.gardenclub.org/awards-and-grants

Let's continue to PLANT AMERICA for the next 100 years!

Interested? As a Paradise Garden Club member, you can get involved in this for our local area. Contact President Todd Hummel in the roster.

Contemplate



Gardens gone to seed
Woven intricate patterns
summer legacy.



Photo & haiku by Nancy Howe