



April 2020 Newsletter

NEXT EVENT: Meetings cancelled until further notice

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Prez Sez....

Elsewhere in this issue of the WCP, is a memo from Cheryl (Plant Sale Chairman). Her memo highlights the fundraising efforts necessary to help support our Club since we won't be having a Garden Tour for some years to come.

All garden clubs go through seasons of fundraising difficulties; and several successful activities are frequently shared to help other clubs consider those as possible for their group.

PGCI has two very special annual expenses that we just don't want to give up; our Town Beautification projects (Daffodils Across the Ridge), for one, and the Horticulture Student Scholarships at Butte College. Those two combined equal nearly \$5,000.

I personally feel that our Garden club has been blessed with a new (and unexpected) source of income; donations. You have heard me read a few letters from other garden club members that have sent us money; even within just a few days after 11/8/18. Although the frequency of those type donations has dropped off, we do still get some.

Since I don't have the opportunity to read letters at the April meeting; I am including the complete text of two recently received, and the donation amounts.

Greetings to the Paradise Garden Club!! I bought a couple conifers from CONIFER KINGDOM and I received a memo re your club's situation. Enclosed please find a check for \$100.

I've belonged to both iris clubs and several garden clubs in California, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Fresno GC.

Now I'm in Montana and belong to Stevensville Garden club and one iris club in Missoula.

Wishing your club, the best from now on!!

Leslie Lowney

Florence, MT 59833

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - continued

March 17, 2020

My wife and I would like to donate \$500 to the Butte College Foundation towards a horticulture, botany, or landscape scholarship from the Paradise Garden Club.

I lived in Butte County (Gridley) in 1954 working for Libby. I knew all the peach, pumpkin, and olive growers in the County. I also met my wife (deceased) while living in Gridley.

My daughter, Linda Goddard, lives in Paradise and is a member of the Garden Club.

Sincerely,

Rollo and Winnie Adams

Redmond WA 98052

I didn't just include these letters because I can't read them to you, but that there are still people who we don't know, that care enough about what we do, to send us monetary support.

I also see some of these letters as an inspiration to pay-it-forward when the opportunity arises. I hope you do too.

I go to the PO Box, I open letters (while sitting in the parking lot) and read letters like those above, and then I take a deep breath, wipe my eyes, and continue my journey. We are Blessed! Can you dig it?

Ward Habriel



I would like to include my personal thank you to all the club members that have sent cards or calls to check on Cheryl during her time of back surgery and recovery. She has a long recovery time ahead and is having a little less pain every day. Thank you all,
Ward

SPARE TIME – NEED A PROJECT?

By Cheryl Habriel

Now that we’re all practicing “social distancing” and there are no stores open for spontaneous shopping, what should we do with our time?

Gardening is still a safe option. Specifically, you could start propagating, dividing or planting seeds for the Garden Club’s June plant sale. Without a Garden Tour this is one avenue for generating revenue to support the activities of our club.

A few guidelines. Plants must be in virgin planting mix in clean containers. Containers can be used ones but please disinfect them first. This is to eliminate soil born pathogens and is required by the State.



Choice of plants – think, “What would I like in my garden?

What is blooming at this time, etc?” Please label your cultivars and any special requirements so customers can see at a glance if they can use them in their garden. Unidentified plants are hard to sell to novices who may not know the watering and sunlight requirements, whether or not it flowers or how it spreads.

At this point in time we’re not sure how many plants we will receive from Butte College so to make this sale a success we need all of us to participate.

The sale will be held in a lot next to the CMA Church on Clark Road. They have very generously made this space available to us at no cost and will also provide water for the plants. **The dates are Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th.**



We want to hear from you!

Submit articles (maximum words: 350), photos, and other news worthy information for inclusion in the Watercan Post by emailing them to our Editor at newsletter@paradisegardenclub.org

Submission Deadline: First Tuesday of each month.

Editor: Linda Goddard



Save the Date!

2020 PGC Plant Sale

Friday June 5th & Saturday June 6th

We will be needing volunteers to help with:

- ◆ Advertising
- ◆ Setup
- ◆ Pricing
- ◆ Staffing
- ◆ Transporting plants from Butte College (truck & trailer preferred)
- ◆ Storing and watering plants until sale (a couple of weeks)



The sale will be held at Paradise Alliance Church

[Click Here for more information about the PGCI Plant Sale](#)



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