

April 2019

Round Up!



A brief review of Fort Bragg Garden Club happenings, member activities, a glance at what's coming up, and a couple announcements.

Some of our members had fun identifying and learning about the plants, animals, fungi, and more during the first ever **BioBlitz** at the Mendocino County Botanical Gardens. A BioBlitz is an event where local



experts, and community volunteers document as many species as possible at a defined place and time. The goal was to learn more about the natural



surroundings and identify as many species as possible using the app iNaturalist which allows anyone with an account to help identify and document anything observed in nature including birds, bugs, plants, scat, marine life, and more. You can download this app to use at home or when out and about.

Earth Day! What a day. Thanks to Cornelia who made it possible for Garden Club to have a table at the **Earth Day** Festival held at the Noyo Food Forest. We distributed information and flower seeds, announced our plant sale, and talked plants with many interested visitors. Some of us also represented Bee City, U.S.A., with Cornelia taking the lead on answering questions and offering valuable information to bee enthusiasts. As if that weren't enough, she also represented Thanksgiving Coffee. Thanks also to Johanna, Laura, Tina, and Peggy for volunteering with this activity, and Ruth for her table display donations.



Spring Plant Sale! Talk about a well-oiled-machine! Everything came together flawlessly. From making and posting flyers and ads; to potting, nurturing, and donating plants; to providing materials, supplies, and food; weeding the AmeriGas property, and of course, being on hand to greet and assist shoppers and the curious. Total revenues received came to \$1373.50 (before taxes) to apply to Garden Club scholarships and projects. A big round of applause to all involved!



Looking forward:

Thursday May 2 - District Garden Club **Garden Trek**: Visit Diana Ford's home in Hopland to see beautiful irises. "She has a whole new large bed of seedlings this year, and she got some exciting news on Saturday. The American Iris Society just had their annual convention. As a new hybridizer, she had guested a new seedling iris... the final day of the convention, she learned her seedling WON a special centennial award for the best seedling growing in the five guest gardens. You never know if your seedling is going to



bloom too early for the gardens, or too late, or even bloom at all. And you're competing against some seasoned, experienced, hybridizers, known around the world. Yet, she won! We may be able to see this seedling still in her garden. Here's a picture of it in the National convention gardens." - Kitty

We will **meet at 8:30**, at the south end of the Botanical Gardens Parking Lot to **carpool** to Hopland. Don't forget to bring a sack lunch.

Monday, May 13 - Luncheon at **Mendocino Hotel**

\$20.00 per person

Soup and a half Turkey, Bacon, Avocado Sandwich.

Apple-wood Smoked Bacon, Tomato, Lettuce,
Mayonnaise on Sourdough bread

Mendo Veggie Sandwich.

Cucumber, Avocado, Fresh Sprouts, Tomato, Curry Mayo
on House Made Focaccia Bread

Mendocino Hotel Salad.

Organic Spring Mix, Candied Pecans, Dried Cherries, Feta
Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Fish and Chips.

Fresh Noyo Harbor Rock Cod, Red Seal Ale Batter,
Breaded with Seasoned Panko,
House made Tartar Sauce and French Fries

**Please let Simone Pisas know your meal preference so the Hotel can be notified in advance. ** smpisias@yahoo.com

Mark your calendars!

- **May 17-27** - Sidewalk **Gardens to Bragg About** nominations. Community members nominate appealing gardens that are visible from the sidewalk.
- **May 30** Gardens to Bragg About judging. Garden Club members are invited to join the judging team, to go out and evaluate nominated gardens. Interested? Let any board member know, and you'll be added to the list.
- **June 10** Sidewalk Gardens Awards - held at the Diederich Center - winning gardens are announced and our High School Scholarship Winners are recognized.

Attention Volunteers



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Sincerely and in appreciation,

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