

December 2019

Round Up!



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

Our Annual **Cookiz Walk** was a huge success!



There was such a wide selection of delicious home-made cookies and baked goods, who could resist filling a clamshell container? **Thank you** to all our bakers and decorators. We had many happy customers and received numerous compliments. At the end of the day few cookies remained, and those were donated to the Botanical Gardens Festival of Lights.

Thank you all who donated treasures and plants to sell, and items used to decorate the hall. The set-up group gave Town Hall a festive and welcoming look. The floral arrangement area was neat and well-stocked. Exactly what was needed to create beautiful arrangements. Our floral arrangers did a wonderful job.



The ones I have still look great! **Thank you!** To show appreciation to a few local businesses with which we are associated, AmeriGas, the Senior Center, F.B.



Advocate News, Fort Bragg Library, and City Hall were each presented with a beautiful holiday floral arrangement to grace their entry areas.

Saturday's Cookie Walk volunteers were so helpful to Cookie Walk buyers and visitors. The room was filled with smiles and holiday chatter.

Our wonderful members who participated at this event wore more than one hat, so a big **Thank you!** to: Cornelia, Johanna, Janice, Tina, Diane C., Kay, Kathy H., Joan, Jenifer, Kathy S., Simone, Wendi, Ann, Patricia, Sue M., Ruth, Eileen, and a few significant others who lent a hand. My sincere apologies if I missed anyone.

- A couple cookie platters were left behind. If one belongs to you, please contact Joan at 707-962-9187.
- If you put up Cookie Walk **posters** and they are still on bulletin boards, please collect them to return to Kathy at our next meeting. She can use them again next year.

Moving right along!



Each year National Garden Clubs and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service give children in first through fifth grade the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention or conservation. Students create original drawings which feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and enter them in the **Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest**. All poster entries must be sponsored by a local Garden Club. We have for many years presented Smokey Bear information and collected posters from Redwood Elementary School students.



This year we will work with 1st and 2nd grade students in the KUDOS after-school program. On **January 7 and January 9**, we will meet with students in their classrooms from **3:30 to 4:30**. Committee members will select the top poster entries to present to Garden Club members at our January 13 general meeting. Winning posters will be decided by our members and sent on to the district level judging.

Help is needed to present information and guide students on **January 7 and 9**. I have included links where you can find more information about Smokey Bear, and the poster contest. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out and we can decide on a date to meet as a group and discuss how it will all work. (No teaching experience required!).



<https://smokeybear.com/en/smokeys-history/story-of-smokey>

<https://smokeybear.com/en/smokeys-history/about-the-campaign>

<https://smokeybear.com/en/smokey-for-kids/about-smokey>

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids/smokey-bear-woody-owl-poster-contest-parents-teachers>

http://gardenclub.org/resources/sbwo/2020_PromoFlyer.pdf

<http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/smokey-bear-poster-contest.aspx>

A little more 😊:





Our first potting party was held this month at Johanna's home in Fort Bragg. A handful of cheerful gardeners divided and potted many plants in preparation for our Spring Plant Sale. Thank you, Johanna and Kay, for an "afternoon of planting, conversation, and refreshments."

Anyone notice Donna's absence from our Cookie Walk event? We were in her thoughts, but her good deed was to be on hand to help with the continuing landscape project at NOYO Center for Marine Science 'Crow's Nest', of which Fort Bragg Garden Club is involved. Due to a change of schedule with the Americorp volunteers, Dec. 14 became their workday and Donna was there to move dirt, plant Baby Blue-Eyes, and represent Fort Bragg Garden Club.



Announcements:

- Smokey Bear Poster Contest - Redwood Elementary School, **January 7 and 9, 3:30-4:30**. Volunteers needed. Reply to this email.
- Next Board Meeting **Thur. Jan. 9, 1:30** at Tina's home. Everyone is welcome.
- Next General Meeting: **Monday, January 13, 1:00 p.m.** Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens Meeting Room. Laura Welter will demonstrate how to make a cement succulent container and how to pot and care for tabletop succulents.
- **Feb. 26** - Mendo-Lake District Meeting. We are hosting this meeting.
Place: Presbyterian Church, Fort Bragg
We will provide coffee, drink/water, morning pastries and fruit
Speaker: Cornelia Reynolds will present "Bee Gardening for Native, Wild and Managed Bees".
Lunch: We will provide hearty homemade soup, salad, and French bread
Cost: \$10 (to help cover costs, which includes renting the church hall)

Happy New Year! See you at our January meeting! - Peggy