



FORT BRAGG GARDEN CLUB

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Helianthus bolanderi

A note from your President



Shhh

It's a secret !!!



The Club's Board of Directors has declared our meeting on October 9 **KATHY HOLMES DAY**. The goal is to surprise her, but we wanted everyone else to know. So please keep this confidence. Kathy will receive a newsletter beginning with the next page. And an elaborate plot is underway to distract her from doing her usual setup for the meeting. 😊

As Club Historian, Kathy is the person I would go to for details on her membership. So, I can't say exactly when she joined the Club, but it's over twenty years. She has held virtually every office at one time or another and was Club President from 2015—2018. She served most recently as Membership Chair. As she decided this year to step down from that position, this is the first year in a long time that she is not on the Board. The current Board decided to honor her contributions during her long and strong service. So, there will be a bit of a party on Monday with a food extravaganza. And I hope to see you there.

Thanks, Cornelia

P.S. If you can, come early at 12:45, so that a lot of us are there when she arrives.



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Our Club is growing! We now have 46 members.

Please join me for a very special gathering, our **Planting Forward Brunch, Sunday October 15 at Noyo Food Forest**—a celebration of our growing Club.

Enjoy coffee and pastry with new members and longstanding members, make and connect with friends—and talk about our growing Club.

- **10:30am**, NFF's gardener, Ryan Schneirl, will give a tour of the Learning Garden. The garden is looking fantastic right now. You will enjoy this even if you've been to NFF before. **Coffee and pastry will be available from 10:30 am.**
- **11am**, we gather in the **Shade House**. This is an opportunity for new and longtime members to discuss the Club, what we want to accomplish and how to engage members as we grow.

Our growth—CGCI designates us now Mid-size Club (!)—is only one important factor. Changes in the world around us are influencing every sphere of life. For the Club, they raise new problems and issues; they also as well as new ideas and opportunities—many of them generated by new members. These are in areas as diverse as outreach, education, fundraising and technology.

In planning discussions, this gathering has been called everything: a social, a retreat, a brainstorming, a planning meeting. I hope it will be a bit of those, and *less*—there *will* be an Agenda, but our discussion will be informal and, hopefully, even fun.

See you there, C

P.S. If you have a topic you really want discussed, let me know asap.

CLUB NEWS

FBGC Events October -- December

October 9 Membership Meeting 1pm, MCBG Education Center.

FBGC Board meets on the previous Thursday Oct. 5 at 1:30pm; the Zoom link will be sent to all members.

October 15 Planting Forward Brunch, Noyo Food Forest, 10:30 am Garden Tour, 11 am—1pm Social & discussion. Final agenda available beforehand.

October 17 Guest House Park Planting Day #1, 11am-12pm

October 24 Guest House Park Planting Day #2, 11am-12pm

November 13 Membership Meeting, 1pm, MCBG Education Center, **Program: Sakina Bush** on *Growing Native Plants for Wildlife*

FBGC Board meets on the previous Thursday Nov. 5, 1:30pm; the Zoom link will be sent to all members.

December 11 Holiday Plant Exchange & Luncheon, 1pm MCBG Education Center

FBGC Board meets on the previous Thursday Dec. 7, 1:30pm; the Zoom link will be sent to all members.

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Join Our New Facebook Group

Leslie Krongold is now the Club's Facebook "admin" and has started a **FBGC Facebook Group** which we encourage members to join. Thank you to Leslie for taking on this responsibility.

Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/248219897916723>

Fall Yard Sale Success



Some of the beautiful plants on sale at our Fall Yard Sale



Some serious shoppers were seriously shopping at our Yard Sale on Saturday Sept. 30. Our goal was \$1,000. And we just beat that, raising \$1,019 for our Scholarship Fund. It was a real group effort. Thanks to the many members who helped.

NEWS FROM CGCI & NGC

CGCI's 2023 new President, Carol Vallens of Porter Ranch, CA, has chosen the theme "Plant America: Planting the Seeds of Tomorrow, Today." Vallens' project will be "Building CGCI's Scholarship Fund." This project will increase the scholarship dollar amount awarded per recipient and/or increase the number of scholarships awarded beginning in 2024 to reflect the increased cost of attending a four-year college full time.

Following that lead, our Scholarship Committee has voted at its recent meeting to increase the size of our Scholarships in the 2024 award year. The exact amount will be determined based on funds available at that time.

The CGCI 2024 Winter Board Meeting will be held January 29-31, 2024. The meeting will be virtual via Zoom.

You can learn more about CGCI activities and opportunities by subscribing to the CGCI newsletter, Golden Gardens eNews. Use this link, you can also subscribe there to WACONIAH, the newsletter of the Pacific Region of NGC.

<https://www.californiagardenclubs.com/cgcinewsletters/>

Plant America, Feed America Program from NGC

Brenda Moore President of NGC has chosen the theme “Go Green – Plant America.” One of the projects based on that theme for the 2023-25 period is a campaign to help feed the hungry across America. Called *PLANT AMERICA - Feed America*. The project encourages every NGC member to help fight food insecurity.

How our Club will participate is one of the topics for discussion at our upcoming gathering, the Planting Forward Brunch, Oct. 15.

You can subscribe to National Gardener, newsletter of NGC here:

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

Thanks for reading. See you soon.

Your president,
Cornelia Reynolds

