



# FORT BRAGG GARDEN CLUB

*Serving the Mendocino Redwood Coast*

## News & Notes

August 2024



Left, Alan Foss and Carmen Magana at the Fort Bragg Farmers Market (note our new tablecloth).  
Right, some of the recent 40 pounds delivered to the the Food Bank from our Community Garden bed.

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### A note from your President

Welcome new members and longstanding members. I hope your summer gardens are thriving. Our Club is heading into another season with great programs and events, including two tutorial garden tours this Fall and our new Fall Garden Fair on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Details on these and more below.

Our participation in the **NGC Plant America, Feed America** program by supporting the Fort Bragg Food Bank is proving highly successful . We grow food at the S.Lincoln St. Community Garden and harvest food at Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. We have harvested 1,097 pounds of food at MCBG at last report. By the time you read this that number may be outdated. A team of two works on Tuesday morning and they could use extra hands right now with the garden at the height of seasonal productivity. If you can help at MCBG, call or text Tina DeLucchi, who leads this effort, 510-909-6704.

I am enthusiastic about our Garden Club's ability to help us create thriving gardens and adapt to change and new demands in our gardens and our community.

See you soon. CR

## CLUB NEWS

### ***Launching New Fundraising Event: Fall Garden Fair October 5, 10am-3pm***

First Presbyterian Church, 367 S Sanderson Way, Fort Bragg

As many of you know, we have needed a second annual fundraising event to replace the one ended by Covid, one that will complement our Spring Plant Sale. The idea for a Fall season plant sale grew into the Fall Garden Fair which will offer plants with information to ensure they thrive in the purchaser's garden. Our sale will feature educational tables and printed materials for native plants and winter garden vegetables. We will also have an array of succulents and landscape plants, as well as garden art and a Pre-Owned Table of tools and garden items. There will be a craft table and a refreshment table. Several other nonprofits including the Community Garden will participate with information tables. Board members have been growing native plants this summer, with varying success, and are now starting vegetables. If you are willing to grow some vegetables for the sale, contact Becky Ellis, 707-357-6581.

### ***Plant America, Feed America***

The success of our support for Fort Bragg Food Bank is dependent on the members participating. Thank you to Alan Foss, Becky Ellis and Carmen Magano, growing food for the Food Bank at S. Lincoln St Community Garden in Fort Bragg. And thank you to members who are harvesting the vegetable garden at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden weekly, led by Tina DeLucchi, with participation by Peggy Martin, Kay Rex and a roster of others as the summer bounty increases.

You will find more about the **Plant America, Feed America** program and information and news about NGC in the newsletter National Gardener. Subscribe here:

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

### **Our 2024 Scholarship Award**

In support of CGCI's program to increase scholarships to better reflect how expenses have grown for students, our Scholarship Committee, chaired by Kay Rex, increased the amount of our scholarships to \$1500. Sydney Robbins Berrettini, who will attend Mendocino Community College, was presented the award by Peggy Cullinane and Alan Foss on May 21, 2024.

You can stay in touch with CGCI activities and opportunities by subscribing to the CGCI newsletter, Golden Gardens eNews. Use this link; where you can also subscribe there to WACONIAH, the newsletter of the Pacific Region of NGC.

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

## Upcoming FBGC Events

Meetings and programs are held on the second Monday of the month, 1pm at Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens Education Center, September-November and January-April, unless otherwise specified. The presentations start at 1:15pm. Our January meeting is exclusively on Zoom; other meetings may be offered on Zoom. Members will be notified of changes by email, Facebook and our website. *Guests are always welcome at our educational presentations.*

### **Monday September 9 –Member Meeting, Presentation: *Lupines of California***

Author and educator Teresa Sholars, professor of biology at College of the Redwoods, will share her love of this beautiful native plant that has intrigued her for her many years on the north coast.

### **Sunday September 15 – *Planting Forward Members Brunch 11am–12:30pm*** Bay View Coffee Co 10450 Lansing St Mendocino

Come out for an informal brunch to meet new members and get to know your Club better. This is an opportunity to discuss ideas and plans for our growing Club.

### **Sunday September 22 – *Tour and Tutorial at Jug Handle Creek Nature Center, 11am to 12:30pm***, 15501 N. Highway One, Caspar, for members & guests. Our tour of the native plant nursery will include a demonstration of collecting and propagating native plant seeds and cuttings, learn how native plants are used in restoration projects, how they teach kids to participate in restoration projects and how to incorporate native plants into our gardens.

### **Saturday October 5 – *Fall Garden Fair, 10am–3pm*** First Presbyterian Church, 367 S. Sanderson Way, Fort Bragg. (See a copy of event poster on the next page.)

### **Monday October 14 – Member Meeting, Presentation: *Healing Herbs***

Local herbalist and author Karin Uphoff will introduce the power of healing herbs with focus on those in the *Xa Kako Dile*: Healing Herb Garden at Fortunate Farm.

### **Tuesday October 15 – *Tour of Healing Herbs Garden of Xa Kako Dile***: at Fortunate Farm, 1pm, for members & their guests

Thanks for reading. I hope to see you soon at these events.

Your president,  
Cornelia Reynolds



**RAFFLE  
EVERY  
HOUR**



*Learn Local  
Fall and Winter  
Gardening*



Garden Club 2024  
**FALL GARDEN  
FAIR**

*Enjoy a cup  
of hot cider*

**CRAFT  
TABLE**

**Saturday October 5  
10am – 3pm**

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg  
367 S. SANDERSON WAY

*Resilience for our gardens & our community*

**Native Perennials – Garden Art – Seeds  
Succulents – Fall & Winter Veggies – Pots**

**Garden Deals!!!**

*Used Tools, Garden Books, Pots, & Other Garden Stuff*

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*Janie's Dahlias    S. Lincoln St. Community Garden    Rhododendron Club*

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