



FORT BRAGG GARDEN CLUB

News & Notes

Spring 2024



Native spring flowers in a member's garden: Baby Blue Eyes *Nemophila menziesii*, Tidy Tips *Layla platyglossa*

A note from your President

Happy Spring! We are about to complete a year of much growth and many firsts-- our membership is at 48 as I write. In April we will elect a new Board of Directors for a two-year term. Our Club has much to look back on with satisfaction over the last two years. And much to look forward to. Next up our April 27 Plant Sale and Pop-Up Boutique.

We are proceeding with plans in support of the NGC program **Plant America, Feed America**, growing food for the Food Bank and harvesting food for the Food Bank at Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. Details below.

I continue to be enthusiastic about the Garden Club's ability to help us adapt to change and new demands. Learn more below of our accomplishments and plans for education, conservation and service.

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CLUB NEWS

Plant America, Feed America

Our Club has two projects in alignment with the NGC program for 2023-25, *Plant America - Feed America*, to help feed the hungry across America. First, led by Alan Foss, Becky Ellis and Carmen Magano, we are growing food for the Food Bank at S. Lincoln St Community Garden in Fort Bragg. Second, the Club is taking responsibility for harvesting the vegetable garden at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden and delivering the produce to the Food Bank. This project is led by Tina DeLucchi.

You will find valuable information and news about NGC in the newsletter National Gardener. Subscribe here: <https://gardenclub.org/national-gardener>

Our Scholarship Plans

In support of CGCI's plans to increase scholarships to better reflect how expenses have grown for students, our Scholarship Committee, chaired by Kay Rex, voted in the fall to increase the amount of our scholarships to \$1500. The scholarship application period is open now. The Committee is working closely with Fort Bragg High School to offer support this year specifically for students going to Mendocino Community College.

You can stay in touch with 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/>

Our Educational Presentations

For several years now, we have asked members at the April meeting—and last year online as well—for feedback on the monthly presentations at our meetings. We also ask what people most want to learn, and for other program ideas and speakers. In response to input from members, who asked for more hands-on experiences, we held two very hands-on and maybe hands-dirty classes. Early reviews were positive.



In February, following her presentation on seeding, biodynamic gardener Sydney Grange (r.) helped us seed flats and pots with veggies, herbs and native plants for ourselves and our Plant Sale.





At our March meeting, members made origami with pollinator seed-paper under the direction of member Alan Foss.

FBGC Events April—June

April 8 Membership Meeting, 1pm, MCBG Education Center

Program: Julia Dakin, *Seeds of Resilience*

Meeting agenda includes election of new officers.

Saturday April 20 – Earth Day at Noyo Food Forest, 12PM—4PM – we will have an information booth

Saturday April 27 – Annual Spring Plant Sale & Pop-Up Boutique 10AM—2PM, Main Street, Fort Bragg

May 13 Membership Meeting: Pot Luck Lunch & Garden Tour 1:00PM
Home of Laura Welter, 552 S. Harold St., Fort Bragg -- Tour: A thriving container garden. Induction of new officers.

May: Sidewalk Gardens to Bragg About

This community-wide contest is our signature event, led by Laura Welter for several years now; nomination period and further details on our website.

May 19 - 22 CGCI 2024 Convention, Sacramento

June 2 - 5, National Garden Clubs 2024 Convention Denver, CO

Monday June 10– *Celebrate Our Gardens*—Dessert Gala 6:30—8:00PM

Scholarships & Awards Presentation 7:30pm

Fort Bragg Presbyterian Church, 367 S Sanderson Way, Fort Bragg

The evening will include a silent auction and raffle of garden-themed and garden related items or activities. Enjoy finger food, desserts and beverages, mingle with recipients of this year's scholarships and winners of Sidewalk Gardens to Bragg About. It's a chance to brag about the Club too. Invite your family and friends. More details and opportunities to help will follow soon.

Thanks for reading. See you soon.

Your president,
Cornelia Reynolds

