



### ***A Message from the RWGC Outgoing President***

*Dear Members of the Redding Wonderland Garden Club,*

*As my time as President of our wonderful garden club draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each of you. Being your president has been a truly rewarding experience, and I am so proud of what we have achieved together.*

*Over the past two years, our club has blossomed in so many ways – whether through our successful plant sales, Spring Flings in the Lavender Fields and Enchanted Forest luncheons, and the joyful monthly workshops that have inspired us all. None of this would have been possible without your dedication, creativity, and shared passion for gardening.*

*I am thrilled to pass the torch to Kathy Woods, who I know will continue to nurture and grow this wonderful organization. Please join me in offering your full support as we enter this next exciting chapter.*

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve, May your gardens flourish, and may our club continue to thrive for many seasons to come.*

*With warm regards and best wishes,*

*Debbie Bazan*

### **STANDING & SPECIAL PROJECTS**



#### **Penny Pines**

Penny Pines is a Reforestation/Forest Education Program sponsored by the Garden Club Members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. working with the USDA Forest Service. To read a detailed explanation of the program go to the CGCI Newsletter:

**<https://www.californiagardenclubs.com/penny-pines/>**

A Penny Pines donation was made in honor of Carol Cowee's husband, Jim.

#### **Sunshine**

A sympathy card was sent to Carol Cowee for the loss of her husband, Jim. Get well cards were sent to Pat Kirby, and Melanie Thornburg's husband. Thank you Lois for the wonderful work you do for "Sunshine."

Lois reminded members to be sure to let her know when someone needs a "Little Sunshine." Also, she could use some more greeting cards, i.e. sympathy, get well, and thinking of you cards. If you have extra 'new' cards please bring them to the next meeting.

## Roots, Shoots, & Gardening Boots

Starla Crowell graciously offered her garden for members to tour June 9th. A walk through Starla's garden is like a fairytale! Everywhere you look there is something special tucked into it. Garden fairies must be very happy here! Thank you Starla for hosting this special tour.



Starla in her garden



Seashore theme



Kathy Wood's  
centerpiece



Wheelbarrow fairy  
garden



Rabbit bench



Concrete bust planter



Another vignette to rest a spell



Having fun!



Happy fairy garden



Come sit a spell...

## Garden Therapy

Wednesday, May 6th members participated in arranging Special Mother's Day bouquets. Twenty-five arrangements were spread out between Mercy Oaks Village, Sundial Assisted Living, and Vista Hills A Brand New Day. Good job girls bringing smiles and joy to many faces!



We received a special thank you note...  
*Thank you for the lovely flowers for Mother's Day  
The residents at Mercy Oaks Village are still  
enjoying the beautiful colors and joy they  
brought to our community. Thank you so much  
for blessing us.*



## Scholarships

Judy Maung and Cheryl Wheeler, Scholarship Co-Chairs, have read the Shasta College Scholarship applications. Several names were selected and forwarded to the Shasta College Scholarship Committee. The finalists will be determined and we will be notified of the recipients.

Shasta High School Awards Night was May 27th. Marcella Christie received the RWGC Award. She plans to attend Chico State in Ag Business.



Judy Maung presenting the RWGC Award



Marcela Christie is well on her way to Chico State University. She will be majoring in Agricultural Business. She also wants to start her own flower business.

## Arbor Day

National Arbor Day was observed on Friday, April 24, 2026. This annual holiday encourages people to plant, nurture, and celebrate the vital role of trees in our environment

Arbor Day Co-Chairs Billie Evans and Kari Cattannach purchased an October Glory maple tree from Luna's in Palo Cedro. The tree was planted during the school's "Special Farm Day" at Columbia Elementary School, April 23rd. Students were very attentive and interested in the planting of the tree.

Billie Evans took unsold vegetable plants from the plant sale, and maple seedlings from her yard to Mrs. Myers class for a Mother's Day project.



School Garden



## General Meetings

April 6, 2026 –

The Spring Fling was a huge success! Kudos go out to all the worker bees who worked so hard to bring it all together. This year's Spring Fling truly was an extravaganza to behold!

Pat Malotte and Joan Gordon, Horticulture Chairs, said it is time to grow plants for the Spring Plant and Craft Sale May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you haven't started plants, you can purchase pony packs, repot them and watch them grow!

*The Covered Wagon* is an annual local history publication released by the Shasta Historical Society in Redding, California. First published in the 1940s, this yearly magazine features short stories, essays, poems, and historic photographs focused on the heritage and pioneers of Shasta County. This year they ran a 5-page article about RWGC's 75th Year Anniversary! Thank you Lois Schubert for finding the magazine. The magazine will be kept with the secretary's notes for members to look at.

In-lieu of a speaker, Craft Chairmen Shelly Case and Debbie Childs led the members in crafting flower and vegetable garden stakes. The stakes turned out great, and everyone really enjoyed this project.



*Watch Your  
Garden  
Grow!*

## General Meetings (cont.)

**May 4, 2026**

The May 2<sup>nd</sup> Plant and Craft Sale was a huge success! Growing plants this year was a challenge, but members pulled it off! The Little Diggers Corner was a success, and was a good addition to the sale.

The Sunflower Project for 2027 was discussed. Quite a few members volunteered to grow the seeds, beginning in the Fall. There will be more information on this at a later date.

Carol Cowee asked for volunteers to help her with tidying up her yard and trimming her roses. In the true spirit of helping others, members stepped up and did a wonderful job!

Nominations were made for the 2026-2027 president and vice president. Congratulations Kathy Woods and Jean Young-Werbil!



Billie Evans talked about Arbor Day plans for May. Judy Maung helped out by looking up the date, which was April 24, 2026.

Pat Malotte sang a rousing rendition of her birthday song, with everyone joining in -- happy birthday Judy Hafner!



Plants for sale



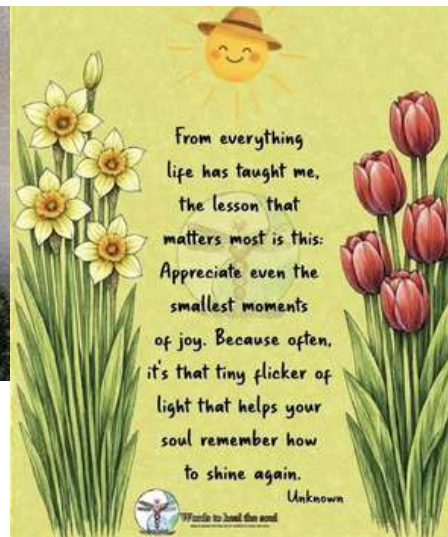
The Raffle Baskets were exceptional!



## Giving a Fellow Member, Carol Cowee, a Helping Hand



***Thank you for all the help!***



Here is member Carol Cowee's favorite quote from:

*Gardens: An Essay on the Human Condition*  
by Robert Pogue Harrison  
(page 33)

"What holds true for the soil—that you must give it more than you take away—also holds true for nations, institutions, marriage, friendship, education, in short for human culture as a whole, which comes into being and maintains itself in time only as long as its cultivators overgive of themselves."

## General Meetings (cont.)

June 1, 2026 –

### Annual End-of-Year Meeting & Luncheon

Thank you hostesses with the mostest Jean Baross and Debbie Bazan for hosting the last meeting of the year at Jean's lovely home! A regular meeting was held before breaking for lunch and a refreshing swim.

New officers were installed for 2026-2027: Kathy Woods, president, and Jean Young-Werbil, vice president. Congratulations!

Outgoing President Debbie Bazan thanked her board: Jean Baross, Kari Catanach, Bob Prevot, Pat Malotte, and Sue Eppstein for all their support during her presidency.

Lois Schubert was honored as the Garden Club Member of the Year. Lois has been an icon of this garden club for many years. She is a dedicated member, who truly cares about the success of the club, as well as its members. She is an historian, a plant connoisseur, and has a special way with words. As the club's "Sunshine" person, Lois sends beautifully written, heartfelt notes and cards to members who need it. Lois is the epitome of what being a garden club member is all about. Congratulations Lois!

Happy Birthday to Shelley Case, Kathy Woods, and Tina Woolam.

Announcement: Roots and Shoots and Gardening Boots will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at Starla Crowell's home.



## General Meetings (cont.)

June 1, 2026 –



## RWGC Annual Spring Plant and Craft Sale

May 2, 2026

It was an extremely busy year this year! RWGC was responsible for hosting the Cascade District Winter Meeting in February (which is like a mini version of our Spring Fling). Then March 21<sup>st</sup> was our annual Spring Fling fundraiser. After that, May 2<sup>nd</sup> was our annual Spring Plant and Craft Sale! All of these events involved growing plants! The weather didn't cooperate very much, but somehow we managed to pull it off!

The plant sale fundraiser profits are used to help fund scholarships for college and high school students, and many other community projects. Throughout the year members propagate plants, start seedlings, and create crafts to sell. Our community looks forward with anticipation to this event.

This year we added something new, 'The Little Diggers Corner'. This project was proposed to be an educational community service project. It is a fun, hands-on space where kids dig into nature and plant their own seeds or plant starts to take home. They carried away some fun facts, a game to play at home, and their freshly planted seeds and/or marigold plants. They didn't even mind getting their hands dirty! This will be a continuing Special Project.



## FACTS OF THE DAY

- According to Albert Einstein, if honeybees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.
- There are so many kinds of apples, that if you ate a new one every day, it would take over 20 years to try them all.

## WHAT TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN THIS FALL

### Clean Up and Clear Out

- Pull up old annuals and vegetable plants that are done for the year.
- Throw away any plants that had bugs or disease so they do not spread next year.
- Leave healthy roots in the ground to feed the soil microbes.
- Clear out weeds so they do not drop new seeds. Pull down tomato cages, stakes, and trellises

### Care for the Soil

- Spread a thick layer of shredded autumn leaves, straw, or compost over your garden beds to stop erosion.
- Plant a cover crop like clover or winter rye to keep the soil healthy through the cold months.
- Start a new compost pile using your healthy garden waste and dried leaves

### Plant for Fall and Spring

- Put spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils in the ground.
- Plant cool-season crops like spinach, kale, lettuce, and radishes if your area stays mild.
- Put new trees, shrubs, and perennials in the ground so their roots can grow before the hard freeze.

### Care for Perennials and Tools

- Cut back some dead perennial foliage, but leave plants that provide winter interest or food for birds.
- Bring tender potted plants and house plants indoors.
- Clean and dry your garden tools, and store them away for the winter
- Grab a cuppa and enjoy a respite while waiting for Spring

## TIPS & TRICKS

from "Gardenary"

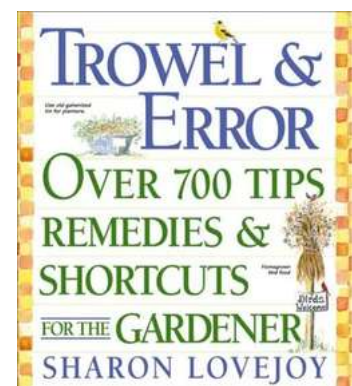
- Instead of fussing with tiny seeds and spacing them "just right," here's a simple hack: dump the entire packet into one bed. For leafy greens and root crops, mix seeds with a little sand, scatter it evenly, and water well. In a couple of weeks, the bed is bursting with green. It's one of my favorite easy gardening ideas for beginner gardeners because it removes the guesswork and guarantees daily harvests. Gardening doesn't have to be hard—it can be as simple as shake, sprinkle, and water.



- To test a watermelon with a straw, place a 3- to 4-inch piece of dry broom straw horizontally on top of the melon. Folklore says that if the melon is ripe, the straw will slowly spin or turn about 45 to 90 degrees. If the melon is unripe, the straw will stay still.



## BOOK NOOK

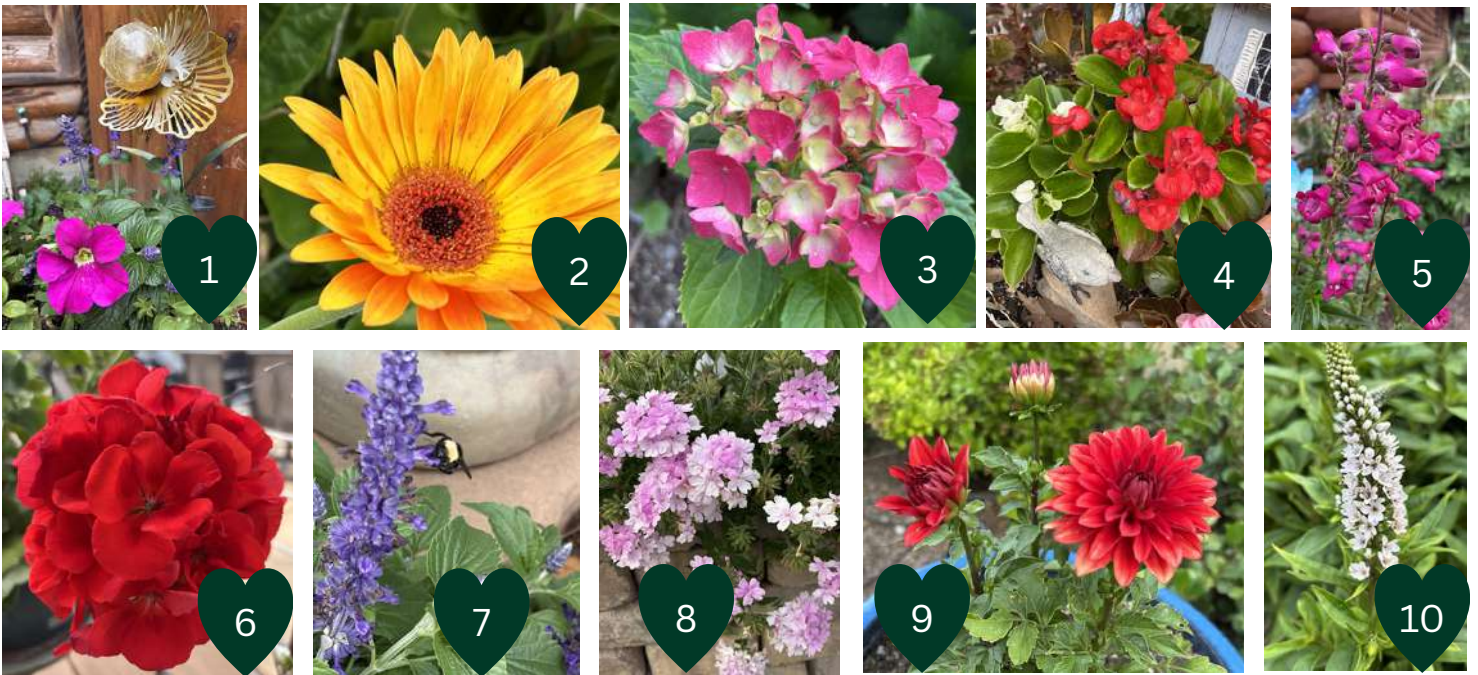


Submitted by Cheryl Wheeler

## MEMBERS' CORNER

### Photo Submissions from Members' Gardens...

Cheryl Wheeler has some pretty flowers in her summer garden. Can you guess what they are?



(For answers to the name of the flowers go to the bottom of page 14)

First blossom on  
Cheryl's cactus



**Good Morning from the Garden**  
🌸☀️ Wishing you a peaceful,  
happy morning filled with little  
moments of joy. 💕☕

Pretties from Debbie Child's Garden



Kathy Woods has a beautiful  
selection of hibiscus



Toni Avila's Pink  
Pandora Vine



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## Cascade District Garden Clubs News

**Flower Show – April 7, 2026** – “Country Blooms & Barnyard Dreams” – The Cascade Arrangers Guild and Cascade District hosted an NGC Flower Show at the Neighborhood Church in Anderson. There were 43 exhibitors bringing in 217 entries in horticulture, design, botanical arts, and education divisions! Several RWGC members participated, scoring some awards! There were many positive comments from participants, judges, and visitors who attended. First time exhibitors were recognized with a special badge made by Dottie Renstrom, chair of the show. Judges and 5 new student judges also got special badges. The show received a very positive evaluation by a team of three accredited NGC judges. This allows the show to be entered for a possible CGCI Flower Show Award. Here are examples of some entries:



**Mark your calendar.** The Cascade District will be hosting the CGCI Convention at the Red Lion in Redding June 7-10, 2027. The theme is “Water Wisdom – Making Every Drop Count.” All clubs in the Cascade District will be participating in the organization of this event. This is a big undertaking and will need many worker bees. Please be thinking about how you can help. There will be more information as the year progresses.

**The Great Sunflower Project:** All of our district clubs have expressed interest, with several members in each wanting to plant the Lemon Queen sunflower seeds. Later in the summer, participants will record the pollinators who visit the sunflowers on at least three different, five minute observation periods. After your observations, please submit your data at <http://www.GreatSunflower.org>

Check out the calendar at the Cascade District website for more events and details:  
<https://cascade-district.org/events/>

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## Coming Events

**Saturday, October 10, 2026** – *Red Bluff Club Fall Luncheon*. Keynote speaker Joel Rainey will talk about *Revolution Ponds and Gardens*. The theme is “Informed by Nature Landscape Design.” This event will be held at the Red Bluff Community Center, 1500 South Jackson Street. Be sure to pick up a flyer at the RWGC General Meeting. Reservations are required.

**Thursday, October 22, 2026** – *Cascade District Fall Meeting and Luncheon*. This meeting will be hosted by the Lake California Garden Club in Lake California Club House. Details will be coming soon.

For more information on these events check out: <https://cascade-district.org/calendar-of-events/>

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## MEMBERSHIP

**Shelley Case and Susan Agnew, Co-Chairs**  
**Please WELCOME our new members**  
**and be sure to add their names to your yearbook.**

*Toni Avila*  
*Callie Dean*  
*Dawn Jones*  
*Herb Morrison*  
*Julie Nagy*  
*Emma White*



### **Answers to Name of Flowers from Page 12**

1. Petunia, 2. Gerbera jamesonii, 3. Hydrangea Summer Sizzle, 4. Begonia,  
5. Pentstemon - Beards Tongue, 6. Geranium, 7. Mealy Cup Sage w/ bumble bee,  
8. Superbena Verbena, 9. Dahlia, 10. Gooseneck - Lifestrife

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