

Newsletter

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2014 - 2015!

Our Fiscal year goes from JULY - JUNE. So please renew TODAY AND
BRING IN YOUR FRIENDS! We love to welcome new members.

Please mail your: **\$50.00** check Payable To: **BLACKHAWK BLOOMERS**
OR send your Club Number to:

Tracey Lauer
4150 Fox Creek Ct.
Danville, CA 94506

email: Lauer.tracey@gmail.com

* Next year if you renew with club number it will be automatic*

**P.S. Please disregard if you have already sent in your check, and thank
you!!**

BLOOMER SOCIAL

DATE: FRIDAY Sept. 5th

Location: Tracey Lauer's Home
4150 Fox Creek Ct.

email: Lauer.tracey@gmail.com

TIME: 4-6 p.m.

RSVP to Tracey with your choice of wine, appetizer or both!



Top Picks from Our President

The new fiscal year 2014/2015 has officially begun for our Blackhawk Bloomers Garden Club and your Executive Committee has already met and formulated a budget that will support another great year of programs, community outreach and donations. Sharon Jones and her committee are looking for donation suggestions from our membership.

Thank you, Tracey, Anna, Lynn and Eileen for your time and effort on the budget. It will be presented at our September 16 Board Meeting.

Huge congratulations go to our very own Blackhawk Bloomer Eileen Rice who was named the Bert A. Bertolero Gardener of the year 2014 in June! (See story.) Her photo is on the check out counter at Navlets!

Please put down all the dates for upcoming Bloomers events that you will find in this Newsletter. We don't want to miss seeing you at our meetings and socials. First up is our kick-off Social on Friday, September 5th at the lovely home of Tracey Lauer. I hope that you are all enjoying these hot summer days and your gardens are getting enough water. We need a rain dance!

Here are some conservation tips for your garden from the gardeners at Filoli:

Drought response Recommendations For Your Garden

Many of these practices apply to any year in California, but they are particularly applicable for 2014:

1. Thoroughly check your irrigation system for any troubles. If you are not comfortable performing this type of check yourself, consult an irrigation specialist.
2. Regularly monitor your irrigation system throughout the year to identify troubles as they arise and address these as quickly as possible.
3. Make sure to schedule irrigations for pre- or post-dawn start times with the exception to plants susceptible to flower fungal disease (Botrytis) like petunias.
4. Consider transitioning to drip or micro-spray irrigation wherever possible to conserve water.
5. Cut back irrigation of woody plants so that they receive 40% of what they have in the past.
6. Refrain from adding new plants to your garden this year. Choose low water using California natives, Mediterranean plants or succulents if you must plant.
7. Faced with reduced food in their natural environment, expect deer to be more brazen about feeding any time of day and feeding on plants that are typically considered "deer proof." If browsing deer have been an issue in your garden in the past, this may be a good year to consider installing a fence.

Florally Yours,
Shirley Lowes
President 2014-2015



Welcome new Blackhawk Bloomers Board 2014-2015





Bert Bertolero's

2014 Gardener of the Year


Eileen Rice Blackhawk Bloomers Garden Club

Eileen has been a member of the Blackhawk Bloomers Garden Club since 2006 and just recently completed her second term as President. She, with the help of her son Patrick, manage the Blackhawk Bloomer's website, along with publishing the club's newsletter. Eileen established the 'Dig in the Dirt Program' at the Tassajara Hills Elementary School, where she is a volunteer teacher's aid.




The 'Dig in the Dirt' program is a regular gathering of Blackhawk Bloomers club members to maintain the school's courtyard beds and to plant edibles. Eileen is an "Old School" gardener who likes to thin and divide plants, along with harvesting and saving seeds. She is the Blackhawk Bloomers resident horticulturalist when it comes to plant identification, insects, and herbs. She received \$100 which she plans to donate to the Bloomer Dig in the Dirt project and the club will receive \$100. Eileen will be presented her award at our September meeting.

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Bloomer Board Meeting,
September 16-
Ladies Lounge Lakeside
Clubhouse 10 am.



Welcome New Member
Renee Rose

Penny Pines raised: \$346.62 this
past year! Thank you Bloomers

Bloomer Directory needs Advertising
sales REP and advertisers to defray
cost of printing. Full page \$75 - 1/2
page \$50. You can be a sponsor for
the Directory as well. You can show
your support for Bloomers by buying
a "Congratulations Bloomers" ad or
wording of your choice for the same
amounts.

Start Saving Your Containers!
Container Sale is in February

Looking for Chairperson for the
Bloomer May Party & Garden Tour.
Call Shirley Lowes to volunteer
(925)208-1858

Save the Dates

September 24th 11:00 am at BHCC.

Floral Designer *Katherine Bergman* featuring designs from the romantic and whimsical to ultra modern. Come and enjoy a fun kick-off to the Bloomer year!



October 22nd 11:30 am at BHCC

Bill the Bulb Baron, an expert in deer resistant Narcissus Bulbs. He will be bringing lots of bulbs for you to purchase.

November...Day Away Trip being planned

December 10th Holiday Party at BHCC

January 28th 11:30 at BHCC

Jim "Doc" Hale, A man who wears many hats! To name a few: Wildlife Biologist, Naturalist, Leader of Hikes exploring our cultural history, and rescuer of baby owl at Bloomer Lynn Negovetich's home.

February 25th 11:30 at BHCC *Master Gardener Janet Miller* preparing the garden for Spring!

Lots more to come!

July Birthdays
Sally Klein 6th
Renee Rose 7th
Diana Israel 9th
Sherry Keely 12th
Joyce Farrell 16th
Olive Gidman 21st
Ann Taylor 21st

August Birthdays
Lotty Graham 1st
Sharon Jones 1st
Kris Plumer 9th
Bev Barnes 14th
Cindy Lindstrom 17th
Nola Padget 17th

BLOOMERS EXECUTIVE BOARD

2014/2015

PRESIDENT: Shirley Lowes
VP PROGRAMS: Eileen Rice
VP MEMBERSHIP: Tracey Lauer
SECRETARY: Lynn Negovetich
TREASURER: Anna Wilewski
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Eileen Rice

2014/2015 BOARD MEMBERS

Floral Design: Anita Rollins
Sunshine: Joyce Farrell (plants & Barbara Wilson (cards)
Hospitality: Theresa Pecoraro & Kathy Fox
CCGI Reps: Carol Nothern & Elaine Willman
Archives: Jodell Stout
Parliamentarian: Sharon Jones
Newsletter: Linda Marver
Penny Pines: Devi Schoenfelder
Meeting Cuisine: Jill Brennan
Meeting Reservations: Kim Modersbach
Publicity: Pepper Gillespie
Photographers: Kim Modersbach,
 Eileen Rice
Community Outreach (Donations) Sharon Jones
Dig in the Dirt Eileen Rice
Website Eileen Rice

Dig in the Dirt...
 See how our garden grows!



Last month and this month!



FYI...community event you might be interested in attending with your friends



Holiday Floral Design

for Holy Spaces & Your Home

– 2014 Theme –

Holiday Designs for Thanksgiving & Christmas

Friday, October 17

Led by: WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL Head Floral Designers, *Louisa Rucker & Mary Sims* will answer questions and share new techniques.

Morning Session

9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Coffee / Croissants 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, Lecture \$35 per person

Hands-On Workshop

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. \$65 per person

(includes light lunch, container, oasis, flowers for a hands-on arrangement) Please bring your own shears/clippers.

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

49 Knox Drive | Lafayette CA 94549 | LOPC.org **ATTENTION: Floral Team**

Number of people _____ X \$35 = \$_____ **MORNING**

Questions? Sherril Barber: 925-283-6203 Registration Forms: hiroko@LOPC.org

Number of people _____ X \$65 = \$_____ **WORKSHOP**

Total for the entire day, \$100. Make checks payable to LOPC and return along with this registration form. Keep the top portion of this flyer for your information. See more at LOPC.org