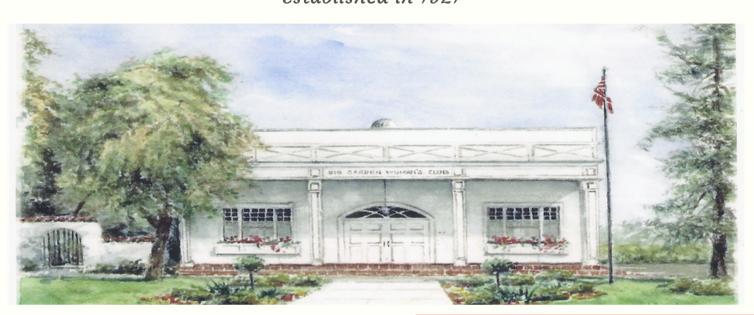
THE FIG LEAF Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

Fig Leaf submission deadline - November 20 Board Meeting - November 2, 9:30 am General Session/Social - November 11, 11:30 am - 1 pm Masquerade of Fall Colors - November 14, 10 am or 3





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President's Message



Irene Wiegand

Dear Members,

It's starting to feel like Fall! The weather is cooling, the days are getting shorter and the leaves on the trees are beginning to change. Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions are still in place so we will once again convene on the front lawn for our November 11 General Meeting.

Chairs will be set up on the lawn and box lunches will be provided. We will have a brief memorial service for members who have recently passed, and our speaker will be Dean Gould, a veteran and Sierra National Forest supervisor. The meeting will begin promptly at 11:30 am to allow time for socializing after we conduct our business.



Our October meeting was very successful thanks to a large turnout! The October committee, chaired by **Joanne Bazarian** and **Valerie LeMay**, did a fabulous job decorating and handing out lunches. We had a few extra lunches which we were able to sell.

It was so nice to welcome and meet our five new members - Nancy Ackers, Alexandra Franco, Elizabeth Rush, Cindy VanDerHorst, and Jennifer Zenovich. Thank you to Kim Gould and Kathy Dennen for the warm introductions.

I share with great sadness that we lost another dear member, **LaVerne Horg**, on October 16. I hope everyone received the E-blast about her passing. She will be sorely missed.

On a happier note, I would like to extend our best wishes to **Pam Henderson** on her marriage to Curt Cowling this month. We all wish you both many years of happiness!

Please visit our Fig Garden Woman's Club Facebook page to see the YouTube video produced by our member and Fresno State's First Lady, **Mary Castro**. In it, she thanks us for everything our club has done to support the students and the university.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendars for the next board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 2 at 9:30 am in the clubhouse, and (as mentioned above) our general meeting on the front lawn on November 11 from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

With kindest thoughts, Irene



Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes October 5, 2020

Call to order: President Irene Wiegand opened the meeting at 9:38 am.

VP announcements: Jennifer Huelskamp thanked Kim Gould and Ann Caldwell for the snacks and holiday decorations. The Calling Committee is doing a great job collecting RSVPs for the October general meeting. Lunch for the October meeting will be provided by Pardini's. It will be a boxed lunch which will include a tri-tip sandwich, broccoli salad, etc. Lunches can be picked up via a drive-thru or members can choose to social distance and eat outside at card tables. Currently, we are still too large a group to hold our meetings inside and safely social distance.

Minutes: Recording Secretary, Nancee Smith reported nothing new to add. Susan Simpson motioned to approve the minutes. Sue Castro seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that as of September 30, 2020, the Bank of America checking balance is \$27,061.08. Total funds are \$118,444.34. (This includes checking, Endowment, Building Maintenance Fund and Memorial Building Fund.)

Correspondence: Correspondence Secretary, Pam Henderson, was absent because she is eloping and on her honeymoon. Congratulations to the new Mrs. Pam Cowling!

President's Report: Irene Wiegand suggested that the Amenities Committee come up with some ideas for a wedding gift for Pam Henderson. We had a successful September meeting. Approximately 100 of our 165 members were in attendance to pick up their handbooks and social distance. Thank you to Ann Caldwell for the lovely decorations and sunflowers for the meeting. Audrey Ward delivered several handbooks. The remaining handbooks will be mailed. The parking lot rentals brought in \$750.00 for September. We will have a short meeting on October 14, where we will introduce the new members and have a box lunch.

Endowment: Janelle Dunn announced that the Memorial Building Fund has a total amount of \$10,327.00.

District: Ann Caldwell stated that the district is currently meeting through Zoom. The state president is interested to know if we have any members that were affected by the fires and what is happening with the membership. Liz Looney lost her cabin of 89 years in the Huntington fire. Ann Caldwell will follow up after the next Zoom district meeting.



October Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Bylaws: Suzanne Swanson asked that, because of the world circumstances, we might vote on the bylaw changes at today's board meeting. Margaret Thompson moved that we set aside the current procedure for voting on the bylaws and that we vote on the three suggested changes today and for this time only. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Membership: Liz Looney announced that we have two new members: Alexandra Franco and Jennifer Zenovich. We have 173 active members. We had two prospective members but they have both declined to join. Liz Looney will reach out after a time to follow up with them. Liz Looney will continue to introduce new members in the Fig Leaf along with a short bio. We have a total of five new members that need to be introduced. Suzanne Swanson suggested adding a ribbon to the name tag to identify the new members. Other ideas included adding a sticker or engraving "member since..." on the name tags.

Grounds: Dottie Troisi and Jeannette Tate are continuing to trim the roses. The Grounds Committee is in need of more people. It was suggested to have a signup sheet for more volunteers at the next general meeting.

Community Projects

Preservation: Jean Thompson reported that Anthony Troisi has completed installing the shutters and the trim. Now that this project is completed, the committee is going to be looking at future improvements.

Little Free Library: The library has received several donations.

Reading Programs: Suzanne Swanson received a thank you note from one of the women who participates in the reading programs, showing that she is using a learned social skill.

100-year Party: Lynn Baldwin received great feedback from 30 members for suggestions for the 100-year party. Suzanne Crosina-Sahm will be the chair for the PR and Marketing committee. Lynn is in need of volunteers for other jobs.

Coffee: Linda Lucido stated that Lillian Macias Wieland will host a coffee when it's appropriate. The coffee is tabled it until further notice.

Movie Review: Becky Morlock stated that even though theaters are open, members are leery to be in the theater. Theater films will be postponed until February. From now until January, Becky will be recommending series that are on TV. There is a meeting on Friday, October 9th, at 10 am, to discuss a Hulu series called "Normal People."

October Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Fashion Show: Shirley Zaver and Carrol McCrumb have organized a fashion show, "Masquerade of Fall Colors" to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020, at 10 am and 3 pm. Each show will last about an hour and a half. Chico's and Soma will be presenting their fashions. There will be 20 card tables, with two people at each table. Tickets are \$20 per person, and we will accept cash and checks but no Square charges. Raffle tickets are \$5. Tickets will be available to purchase on October 14, 2020, at the general meeting. Members must choose the am or pm show when purchasing tickets.

Christmas Gala: Erika Hoppe was not available so discussion has been moved to the next meeting.

New Business

Suzanne Swanson complimented Nancee Smith on doing a wonderful job with the minutes. (*Thank you, Suzanne!*)

Dolores Monahan suggested having a brief memorial service in November for our members that have passed away this year. Irene Wiegant suggested that Dolores be the chair to put together a committee and return with a plan for this to occur at the November general meeting.

Adjournment: Irene Wiegand closed the meeting at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancee Smith, Recording Secretary



Thank you to these members who supported our club by advertising in the 2020/21 Handbook:

Cathy Amador, Joanne Bazarian, Betty Conner, Janelle Dunn, Kim Garcia, Nancy Gilgen, Diane Hill, Erika Hoppe, the Huelskamp Family, Pat Hunter, Teresa Kirkorian, Valerie LeMay, Linda Lucido, Christine Monahan, Marilyn Schutt, Janice Stevens, Audrey Ward, the Wiegand Family, and Lisa Woolf.

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Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes October 14, 2020

President Irene Wiegand opened the meeting at 11:55.

Collect chairperson, Joanne Bazarian, read the Club Collect and President Irene Wiegand led the Flag Salute.

President Irene Wiegand led everyone in a masked version of "Happy Birthday" to Vice President Jennifer Huelskamp. Happy Birthday to Jennifer!

Vice President Jennifer Huelskamp recognized the committee for setting up the tables and luncheon: Chairs Joanne Bazarian, Valerie LeMay, Lynn Baldwin, Libby Borchardt, Judy Gregerson, Dena Reynolds, Megan Thompson, and Lisa Woolf. Thank you! Regarding the lunch count for today: We had a lot of no-shows. Extra lunches sold for \$15. Vice President Jennifer Huelskamp encouraged everyone to be accurate when your callers ask if you will be attending.

President Irene Wiegand announced that we have five new members. Irene Wiegand asked Membership Committee member Kim Gould to introduce members: Nancy Ackers (invited by Donna Strickland), Elizabeth Rush (invited by Claudia Andresen), Cindy VanDerHorst (invited by Ann Caldwell), Alexandra Franco and Jennifer Zenovich (both invited by Lynn Baldwin). All new members were presented with a yellow rose representing friendship and fellowship, along with a gift bag.

The Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020. Committee members are Carol McCrumb, Suzanne Swanson, and Shirley Zaver. Tickets are \$20. Raffle tickets are \$10. Raffle is for a \$100 gift certificate for Chico's and Soma. There will be two shows; one at 10 am and one at 3 pm.

Please feel free to attend the next board meeting on Monday, November 2 at 9:30 am. The next General Meeting is Wednesday, November 11, at 11:30 am.

Our rose garden is beautiful! Chairperson Dottie Troisi is looking for volunteers to help once a month.

Marsha Wagner contacted Mary Castro, wife of CSUF President, to deliver a message on our Facebook page.

Judy Gregerson has a virtual boutique. Please go online at www.Santasbag.com

Becky Morlock announced the film for the movie review for Friday, November 13 at 10 am, is "The Nice Guys".

Meeting was adjourned by President Irene Wigand at 12:14.

Respectfully submitted by Nancee Smith, Recording Secretary

Membership Moments

Elizabeth Looney, Membership Chair



New Member Spotlight

We are delighted to welcome two new members to our club, Alexandra Franco and Jennifer Zenovich! We look forward to developing new friendships with these lovely ladies who were invited by Lynn Baldwin.

Alexandra Franco

Alexandra was born and raised in Fresno, attending Bullard Talent and Bullard High School. Following graduation, Allie moved to Scotland and studied at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh earning a degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Marketing. After a brief stint in London, Allie returned to the U.S. and landed a job with Facebook to recruit engineers. Four months ago, she and her husband, Martin, and their young daughter, Sailor, relocated to Fresno where Allie and Martin continue working remotely for their respective dot.com companies. In her free time, Allie enjoys abstract acrylic painting, music, and British comedies. Lynn Baldwin is her proud aunt.

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Jennifer Zenovich

Jennifer was born and raised in Fresno, graduating from Bullard High School. She went on to St. Mary's College where she played soccer before completing her coursework at Fresno State where she earned a degree in Political Science while also playing soccer for the Bulldogs. She continued her studies at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, earning a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Communications. Jennifer recently moved back to Fresno and remotely teaches six courses in Communications and Women and Gender Studies for CSU East Bay and Berkeley City College. Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys bike riding, hiking, and walking her French bulldog.

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Membership Moments, continued



In Memorium LaVerne Horg June 17, 1928 - October 16, 2020

We are saddened by the loss of LaVerne Horg, a beloved active member of 31 years.

LaVerne was a strong supporter of the Antique Show and the Art & Flower Show and will be remembered as the lady who brought See's chocolates for those working the events. She will be missed by all who knew her.



Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

Our meetings and gatherings might look quite different these days. If you feel that you are missing out, you can learn more about what we've been up to on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

For our October General Session, our guest speaker, Fresno State's

First Lady and FGWC member, Mary Castro, delivered her

presentation to our membership with a YouTube video that you can find on our Facebook page.

Resources section, you will find our handbook, new members, calendar, and more.

You can find information like this and other news by following us on social media. And don't forget to check out our website at www.figgardenwomansclub.org and register as a member. In the Member





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MASQUERADE OF FALL COLORS

Tickets Available Now

Carrol McCrumb, Shirley Zaver, and Suzanne Swanson have been working on the Fashion Show to find a creative way to re-schedule the event that abides by the Covid-19 guidelines.

The Fashion Show will take place in our clubhouse on Saturday, November 14 with Chico's and Soma modeling on our stage. Their plan is to have 40 guests at 10 am, and 40 guests at 3 pm. There will be 20 card tables, with two people at each table.

A ticket for the event is \$20. There will also be \$10 raffle tickets sold for a chance to win gift certificates.

Carrol McCrumb is taking reservations and selling tickets so please just contact her at 289-6088 for tickets and information.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

and Our Rich History

Our centennial anniversary kicks off in 2021, and as we prepare to celebrate our club's 100-year anniversary, we be sharing historical information about Fig Garden Woman's Club.

From information about those early days when our club was founded, right up to the present, the Fig Garden Woman's Club has made an impact on our area by bringing together community-minded women with the desire for "self-improvement and civic, state and national betterment."

Have you ever wondered why we are called Fig Garden Woman's Club?

On March 23, 1921, it was moved and carried that the club emblem would be a fig leaf, the colors would be green and white, and the club motto would be "Home and Community." Officers were elected, and it was also moved that the club would be named the "Fig Garden Women's Club." Shortly after, the club's secretary resigned, and a new member was elected and tasked with filing the official paperwork. Due to the new secretary's flowery penmanship, there was some confusion as to the name of the organization. The documents appeared to suggest our name was "Fig Garden Woman's Club" and papers were filed as such. Members thought it had a nice ring to it, so the new name stuck.

CINEMA GROUP

Becky Morlock, Chair



Hi Members.

We have decided to take a new tack on the film group for this next month. We are going to watch an "old" film on television. The movie is 'The Nice Guys' (2016), a detective comedy starring Russell Crowe and Ryan Gosling. It's funny; but if you don't think so, or if you do, please come on Friday, November 13 to the clubhouse and share your views with us - good or bad. We practice social distancing and wear masks, so it is safe. Please join us at 10 am.

For those of you who were not there when I became a new member (2018) to hear me introduce myself, I am a longtime film critic who has appeared on both television and radio. I have studied and watched all types of film since I was a young girl and it was my minor field of study in college. That doesn't mean I have all the answers; far from it, but I do notice many different aspects of films that maybe others do not.

Please join us, it is a lot of fun.

Thank you! Becky (Cinema) Morlock msfifi@aol.com (559) 696-9594

Do you have news for the Fig Leaf

If you have a report, announcment or other news that you would like to include in our club newsletter, the deadline to submit information is the 20th of each month.

Please send your information to Suzanne Crosina-Sahm at scrosinasahm@sbcglobal.net or you may text it to (559) 392-1685.



CARDS

Twenty-six "Birthday" cards: Nancy Ackers, Cathy Amador, Ruth Buchman, Patricia Cortez, Pam Cowling, Lucy Crawford, Avnell Daniels, Kristi Emo, Laurie Frye, Juliette Hammel, Pam Henderson/Cowling, Jennifer Huelskamp, Tracy Leffler, Mona Llamas-Prieto, Barb Moen, Christine Monahan, Francis Morrison, Dolores O'Neal, Valerie Pieroni, Mariann Powell, Dena Reynolds, Linda Richburg, Sonja Robinson, Jeanette Tate, Sue Van Doren, and Jessica Vived

Three "Get Well Soon" cards: Ruth Buchman, Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, and Geri Tolladay

Two "Sympathy" cards: Nancee Smith, and the family of our precious LaVerne Horg

Nine "Thank You for Being Kind" cards: Joanne Bazarian, Ann Caldwell, Sue Castro, Kim Gould, Valerie LeMay, Maggie Thompson, Geri Tolladay, Jessica Vived, and Lillian Macias Weiland

Twelve "Thinking of You" cards: Vivian Lew, Vanda McArthur, Carrol McCrumb, Ruth McWilliams, Barb Moen, Dolores Monahan, Patricia Norton, Mary Nieson, Betty Jane Pash, Julianne Patrick, Anna Phillips, and Carol Scott

Three "Welcome New Member" cards: Alexandra Franco, Elizabeth Rush, and Jennifer Zenovich

VISITS & PHONE CALLS

Three "Sweet Surprises" were delivered to: Ruth Buchman, Juliette Hammel, and the family of LaVerne Horg

Two "Random Acts of Kindness" blessed: Linda Lucido for our "Get Acquainted Coffees" and Jean Thompson for our "Little Free Library"

Various "Phone Calls and Visits" were made to: Ruth Buchman, Juliette Hammel, Geri Tolladay, LaVerne Horg, and to the family of LaVerne Horg (after her passing)

Our sweet Ann Caldwell baked delicious pumpkin muffins for the family of our dear angel LaVerne Horg

"Amazing things happen when women help other women." – Author Kasia Gospos



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October!

- Jeanette Tate
- 2 Dolores O'Neal
- 2 Sonja Robinson
- 4 Kristi Emo
- 5 Sue Van Doren
- **6 Lucy Crawford**
- 6 Dena Reynolds
- 8 Avnell Daniels
- 8 Barb Moen

- 9 Mariann Powell
- 11 Laurie Fry
- **12 Nancy Ackers**
- 14 Jennifer Huelskamp
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