

SEPTEMBER 2023

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

- Cinema Group** - September 8, 10 a.m.
- General Lunch Meeting** - September 13, 11:30 a.m.
- Out to Lunch Bunch** - September 17, 10:30 a.m.
- Knitting & Needles** - September 18, 10 a.m.
- Book Talk** - September 21, 10 a.m.
- Fresno Art Museum tour** - September 22, 12 noon
- Board Meeting** - October 2, 9:30 a.m.
- General Lunch Meeting** - October 11, 11:30 a.m.
- Oktoberfest** - October 14, 5 - 9:30 p.m.



Executive Officers

- President:** Teresa Kirkorian
- 1st Vice President:** Kim Gould
- 2nd Vice President:** Desiree Ward
- 3rd Vice President:** Becky Morlock
- Recording Secretary:** Suzanne Crosina-Sahm
- Corresponding Secretary:** Liz Conner
- Treasurer:** Susan Simpson
- Assistant Treasurer:** Linda Boyajian

Appointive Officers

- Parliamentarian:** Mary Vaughan
- Historians:** Monica Balch, Marie Slater
- Auditors:** Marsha Wagner, Susan Pappas
- District Representative:** Eleanor Rojas

Fig Leaf Editor: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm



President's Message

Teresa Kirkorian

Dear Members,

I am honored to serve as your 2023-24 Fig Garden Woman's Club president. A special thanks to last year's president and my friend, **Marsha Wagner**, who brought her expertise in management, business savvy, and lots of fun to our club -- I have some big shoes to fill! I want to thank our board members for their help and guidance during the summer. A special thank you to **Susan Pappas** for working all summer on our handbook. The handbook and our online handbook are our reference guides for the year and Susan has once again done an amazing job! I'd also like to recognize our treasurer, **Susan Simpson**. Susan works year round to keep our club current in all financial business. Susan is incredibly organized and is highly respected for her expertise and professionalism. I would also like to thank **Suzanne Crosina-Sahm**. Each month, Suzanne creates our beautiful *Fig Leaf* newsletter. She is an accomplished public relations and marketing professional, and we are so fortunate for the time she dedicates to our club. This year she is also our recording secretary! Thank you to these amazing women. I am truly in awe of their talent and kindness.



I hope you all had a great summer. Fall is just around the corner and so is our first general lunch meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 11:30 a.m. In the past we have started our year with a coffee meeting, but we had an overwhelmingly positive response when we voted to start our year off with a luncheon. Due to our busy agenda and additional new members, we will not be able to host any guests for our lunch this month. Susan Pappas will be distributing our handbooks, and the online version of our is always available at figgardenwomansclub.org. Simply click on "sign in" on the home page (located on the upper right side of the page) and you will have access to current handbook information.

Please plan to attend our luncheon. We will be covering many topics including our fabulous Fall events.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,
Teresa

"Even in the chaos of everyday life, moments of gratitude remind us to hold on to the good things."

Brit Morin





Fig Garden Woman's Club Joint Board Meeting Minutes June 5, 2023

Call to order: Outgoing President Marsha Wagner called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Minutes for the May meeting were in the Fig Leaf for review. There were no corrections or additions. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Allison Alexander reported that as of May 31 the club had cash and cash equivalents of \$ 212,548.00. In May we collected dues and other income totaling \$20,050 and had expenses of \$18,507.50 and transfers to the Memorial Fund and Building Maintenance Fund. Still waiting on dues from 32 members, they have all been contacted.

Corresponding Secretary: Dottie Troisi reported that there was no correspondence sent. Received five donation requests. Received one invitation. Received four thank you notes from recipients of club donations, and one from Lighthouse Recover Center for our donation of items to them after Trash to Treasure. No thank you notes sent from the club.

President's Report: Marsha reported that we had a successful year, made a lot of money, and made some improvements in how we use technology. We are in great shape as a club and have a wonderful new president taking over. Marsha turned the meeting over to Teresa.

Amenities: Chairperson Marla Speechly reported that the Amenities committee sent out 60 cards for the month of May. For the year 2022-'23 year, the comm 457 cards and provided 13 meals to members.

Budget Report: Susan Simpson presented the budget for the 2023-'24 year that the committee developed with the help of Janelle Dunn. The budget is based our projections on a 200-member club, and will be available in the back of the member handbook.

Clubhouse Usage: Teresa Kirkorian reported that the piano has been tuned, the carpets will be cleaned this month and supplies will be updated before September. Two new members will be taking over the role of seeing over the clubhouse so Teresa can focus on her role as president.

Website and Social Media Report: Teresa reported for Barb Moen who couldn't be at the meeting. We currently have 641 Facebook likes, up by 6; 792 FB followers, up by 4; 324 Instagram followers up by 4; and website member resources is at 61, up by 3.

Preservation and Planning Report: Martha Stewart discussing the that she has been working on getting bids from plumbers and electricians and working to get hot water to both restroom sinks. Marsha received a bid of \$2300 to do both sinks. Still need the electrician's bids. Susan Simpson asked if we have capacity on our panel to pull the electricity needed. Martha replied that the plumber thinks we do, but we need to confirm with the electrician. Vanda McArthur mentioned that our club has the money for these projects

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and feels that we should spend the money to do it right; the members present were in agreement. Allison Alexander mentioned that we should also look into getting instant/tankless hot water heater installed to the kitchen because whenever we have an event, we always run out of hot water. Marsha will get bids from reputable and licensed plumbers and electrician and will bring to the board for approval.

2nd Vice President: Kim Gould reminded all members to sign the agenda. New keys will be distributed during the summer. If you need one sooner, contact Kim. She asked that members sign up for lunches and to bring snacks to board meetings.

Calendar: Teresa distributed copies and reviewed the 2023-'24 calendar. We have a full calendar with many club activities, as well as a member holding her wedding at the clubhouse on Saturday, October 7 and will be setting up on that Friday before. We still need committee chairs for the Art & Flower Show and We still need to add a new member orientation to the calendar. The full calendar will be printed in the member handbook and Teresa will email to the board. Marsha mentioned that with regard to Trash to Treasure, we should not be putting anything on the stage before the meeting. The sheds have been cleaned out and we can store items in them. There was some discussion about renaming Trash to Treasure. Deb Reuland saw that it used to be called "Treasure Days." Audrey Ward stated that we should keep it Trash to Treasure because people in the community know it by that name and Joanne Bazarian added that all our signs use that name. Betty Conner asked if we can move the Art & Flower show to April 24 since roses will be more abundant at that time. The day will be moved to the 24th.

New Business/Announcements:

Kim Gould reported that we will have another craft table at the Maker's Market and any member that would like to donate a crafted item for us to sell, please contact her. We will create a flyer to promote all of our public events at the Maker's Market. Also, she asked member to keep track of what they sign up to do.

Annie Anderson announced that 130 members have taken the membership survey.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, August 28, 2023

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB



Let's Celebrate Phyllis Graves' 105th birthday!

Life member, Phyllis Graves, who joined FGWC in 1986, will be celebrating her 105th birthday on September 10th!

Susan Pappas spoke to her recently and said Phyllis was as perky as ever. She resides in assisted living in Idaho to be closer to family. The Amenities Committee will send her a birthday card; however, we thought it would be very special if she received many more birthday cards from our members. Feel free to send a personal card to:

Phyllis Graves
4115 E. Clocktower Ln., #144
Meridian, ID 83642-4741



Membership Resources

Barb Moen

Please Note

The 2023-2024 Handbook and calendar are available in the "Member Resources" section on our website (figgardenwomansclub.org).

Social Media and Website

Barb Moen

Members are encouraged to submit photos of club activities that we can post on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and on the FGWC website.

Please send them to Barb Moen via text (559) 285-2933, or email, bcmoen@yahoo.com.

When submitting photos please include a list of names of people in the photo from left to right so they can be identified correctly. Please provide a signed photo release form if there are any guests in the photo. Photo release forms are available on the kitchen desk in the blue folder.



Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes August 28, 2023

Call to order: President Teresa Kirkorian called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Kim Gould thanked Susan Simpson and Desiree Ward for bringing snacks. Kim mentioned that we still have a few slots left for people to sign up to bring refreshments.

Recording Secretary: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reported that the minutes for the Joint Board Meeting and this meeting will be published in the September Fig Leaf. She provided a few hard copies in case anybody would like to see them in advance of the September 5th publish date.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Simpson reported that as of August 27, the club had cash and cash equivalents of \$ 208,035.80. There is \$94,066.44 in our B of A checking account, \$69,419.58 in the Endowment Fund, \$31,380.24 in the Building Maintenance Fund, and \$13,169.54 in the Memorial Building Fund. We received income in August of \$250 from dues and \$985 for handbook ads.

Corresponding Secretary: Liz Conner was out of town and not present at the meeting so there was no Corresponding Secretary Report. She will report at the general meeting.

President's Report: Teresa thanked everyone for saying "yes" to their respective leadership roles. She reported that On July 23rd we had an endowment fund board of directors meeting. Present at the meeting: Joshua Brown our financial adviser from Edward Jones, Teresa Kirkorian, Kim Gould, Susan Simpson, Linda Boyajian, and Marsha Wagner. The following details were shared:

Endowment Fund:

Current value: \$70,540.28

Cash: \$2,851.47

Fixed income Equity: \$67,688.80

Current portfolio had a return of 4.68%

Distribution of funds is 60% stocks and equities and 40% fixed income (bonds)

Memorial Building Fund:

Value is \$13,167.11

A deposit of \$525.00 was made in honor of 2022-2023 deceased members.

A CD for \$13,000 will be purchased at an interest rate of 5.25% to mature in January of 2024.

Building Maintenance Fund:

Portfolio value is \$31,203.71. A deposit of \$9,036.06 was made in June to reflect 15% net profits from fiscal year 2022-23 fundraisers. This money will remain in cash value for emergencies.



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Teresa thanked Susan Simpson for taking minutes at this meeting and reported that there will be another meeting with Joshua in December.

District Report: District Representative Eleanor Rojas reported that she attended a workshop meeting this summer and was given three forms that we need to use to provide reports. She gave the forms to Teresa to put into use.

Standing Reports

Amenities: Kim Garcia and Karen Tozlian are co-chairing this year. The Amenities report will be published in the Fig Leaf. It was mentioned that Betty Connor is at San Joaquin Gardens (room 204) in rehab with pain in her hip. She will be having surgery on November 8. The club will send a card.

Contributions: Tracy Jensen had nothing to report at this time but will be meeting with her committee in October. She pointed out that she does not chair the scholarship committee that selects scholarship recipients. She and her committee work to select organizations that receive donations from the club.

Fig Leaf: Editor Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reminded the board that the deadline for submission is the end of the month for publication on the 5th of the month. She would prefer that you email information that you would like in the Fig Leaf to her so she can keep track of it. She places those emails in a file when she receives them, so nothing falls through the cracks. Texts messages are hard to keep track of.

Grounds: Dolores O'Neal reported that a new gardener is coming on Saturday. The tree donated to honor Anna Phillips has to be removed and proposed that we buy a larger, more mature tree to replace it. The sprinkler has not been working in that spot and she will get it resolved. The week of August 14th we learned the club had a broken sprinkler. Our neighbor to the north was quite upset and reported us to the Sheriff, the City Utilities Department, and other county offices. Teresa was able to get her gardener out to fix it, but we need to onboard an on-call plumber who can respond to situations like this. Irene received a call from the City Utilities Department who wants to inspect our sprinklers.

Membership: Becky Morlock met with her committee on Thursday, and they are implementing a mentoring program so each new members has somebody to sit with at meetings and can learn more about how our club works. We have no openings at this time; Becky has requested the waiting list from Kathy Dennen. Martha Stewart will stand in the foyer before every meeting to make sure members have somebody to sit with. Teresa applauded Becky and her committee for this new direction we are taking and their work to make new members feel welcomed and included.

Preservation and Planning: Martha Stewart reviewed our previous discussion about plumbing hot water in the sinks in the restrooms and kitchen. She has been working on getting bids from plumbers and electricians. After more research, it was determined that running a line under the floor wouldn't



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be efficient. Teresa said that we should continue to move forward with the project to plumb hot water to the men and women's restrooms. It has already been voted on and approved. Martha will continue to explore the different possibilities including a tankless water heater, a water heater in a cabinet in the men's room and will take into consideration any potential ADA compliance issues. She will get bids to ensure the project is done correctly.

Program: Desiree has been working with Suzanne Crosina-Sahm and Charlotte Hirasuna to develop a program of speakers that will appeal to the interests and intellect of our membership. Our first speaker will be at the October meeting; Lilia Chavez the director of the Fresno Arts Council will discuss the State of the Arts in Fresno.

Scholarship: Eleanor Rojas reported for Pam Vogel. Their committee selected a group comprising 16 very diverse nursing students at Fresno City College including 12 women and four men. Each will be awarded \$500. She recommended that going forward we consider giving \$1,000 scholarships to provide more of an impact.

Telephone: Chris Monahan thanked Diane Hill and Kim Gould for their help getting her up to speed. Each committee member will have 10 to 12 people to contact. We have the potential for 196 members to be at our lunches.

Website and Social Media Report: Barb Moen is in Minnesota, so Mary Vaughan reported for her. As of August 28, the club has 644 Facebook likes up by three; 796 Facebook followers, up by four; 324 Instagram followers up by seven; and website member resources is at 63, up by two. The most current club handbook and calendar are on the website in the Member Resources section. Annie can help members if they need help accessing it. Instructions are also in the Fig Leaf each month.

Clubhouse Usage: Deb Reuland suggested that we announce private events taking place in the clubhouse in the Fig Leaf. A member is hosting a wedding at the clubhouse on October 7 and will be setting up the day before. She received a \$1,000 check from Natalie Dodson of the California Education Fellowship who will be hosting a fundraiser at the clubhouse the morning of December 9th. It was suggested that we post these and other events on the calendar in the kitchen so Gilberto and the cleaning staff can expect when to clean and set up.

Ways and Means

Oktoberfest: Irene reported that their committee has been meeting and is well organized. They will be selling tickets at all of the upcoming meetings before the event on Saturday, October 14. There will not be hard copies of tickets; names will be at the door. They will need help running the Square credit card system and will talk to Allison and Ellie. Be sure to order your dirndl and lederhosen!



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Trash to Treasure: Linda Boyajian reported that set up days are October 23rd through the 27th, October 30th and 31st. The sale dates are November 3rd and 4th. Pre-sale will be on Thursday November 2nd from 5 to 7 p.m. Items at the presale will be full price + 50% to maximize our club profits and ensure that not all the “good stuff” is sold at a discount. We will be offering prizes to people donating items to the sale, so when you donate please write your name on the boxes so we can add you to the drawing. They still need a Facebook Marketplace chair to work on listing furniture and large items on the platform. If you have items to donate, please contact Linda or Frances Morrison. We can use the stage for holding donations after Oktoberfest.

Makers Market: Desiree reported for Nancee Smith. We will be host the Makers Market Craft Fair for the second time on November 18th. It will be a pop-up vendor fair like last year but we are utilizing the feedback from the survey to improve the event. We will do more advanced promotion to get more foot traffic. We are looking for local artisans and crafters and will not be accepting retailers like Mary Kay, Scentsy, etc. Vendor space is \$40. We are looking for a food truck that may want to come so patrons can buy lunch. Please let Nancee know if you have any suggestions.

Special Committees

Marathon Bridge: Mary Vaughan reported for Mary Ann. They have a full roster of bridge players for May 21st. The event is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Get Acquainted Coffee: Marsha Wagner and Diane Hill are chairing, The first coffee will be in the lovely home of Marilyn Schutt on October 17th from 10 a.m. to noon. Champagne will be served and need something to transport our flutes safely. Diane shared that she won't be at the first coffee because a dear friend passed away and services are that week.

Out to Lunch Bunch: Sue Stephens reported that we will be lunching at George's on Wednesday, August 30th and then will be having brunch at Fort Washington Country Club on Sunday, September 17th at 10:30 a.m. Please call her if you would like to join in on the fun.

Fresno Art Museum: Carrol McCrumb visited the museum to preview the Maurice Sendak exhibit and shared that it is beautiful and interactive. Our tour with a private docent is Friday, September 22 at noon and costs \$10 that will be collected at the door. Carrol expressed how important it is to expose our children and grandchildren to the Arts and encouraged members to bring them to see the exhibit.

Harvest Cocktail Party: Teresa shared that the board will be hosting the cocktail party on November 15th from 5 to 7 p.m. This is not a fundraiser; it is just something fun for our members.

Announcements:

Ann Caldwell announced that we need members to sign up to bring lunches for Trash to Treasure

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workdays October 23rd through November 2nd. Please plan to bring lunch for 30 people and bring to the clubhouse by 11 am for the days needed. The club will provide plates and napkins but not condiments. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the general meeting.

Kim Gould reminded everyone to sign in and sign up to bring a snack at future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted September 5, 2023

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB



Fig Garden Woman's Club

VENDORS WANTED!

For the **FGWC Outdoor Maker's Market Craft Fair**
Handcrafted & locally made products

Saturday, November 18, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Booth space available at \$40

4550 N. Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704
In beautiful Old Fig Garden

Call, text, or email for more information:

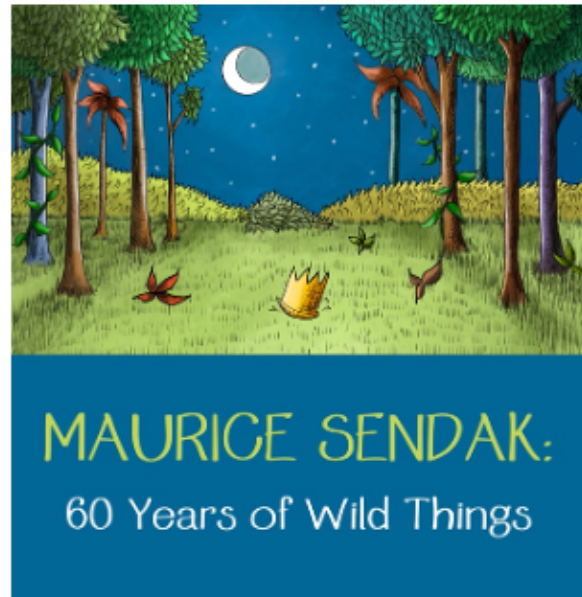
Nancee Smith
(805) 450-6505

or

sbnancee@hotmail.com



**Join Fig Garden Woman's Club members
for a docent-led tour of this special exhibition!**



Author and illustrator Maurice Sendak created one of the most beloved children's books of all time – *Where the Wild Things Are*. The exhibition features concept sketches, illustrations, and works on paper. At the heart of the exhibit are images from the cherished book and more. For more information on this and other exhibitions, go to fresnoartmuseum.org/current

Friday, September 22, 2023 – 12:00 pm



2233 N. First Street

**Free Admission for Museum Members or with a Guest Pass
\$10 for Non-members | Pay at the Door**

**All FAM galleries, exhibitions, and The Museum Store will be open.
No reservations required – just show up and join us!**

Questions? Contact Liz Looney @ 779-3820 or Carrol McCrumb @ 289-6088.



Out to Lunch Bunch

Sue Stephens

Mark your calendars for our Out to Lunch Bunch luncheons!

Sunday, September 17, 10:30 am

Fort Washington Country Club

10272 N. Millbrook

Champagne Brunch \$39 each

Make plans to join us.

Sign up at the September general meeting or call me at (559) 431-0528.

Sue



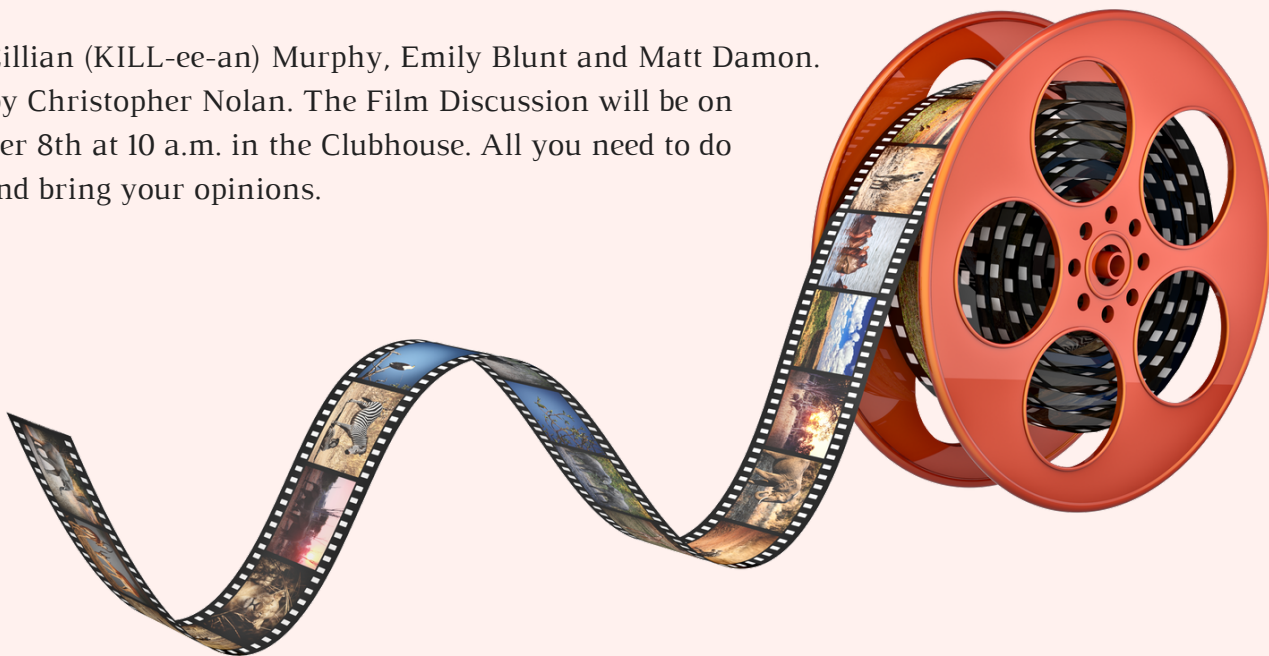
Cinema Group

Becky Morlock, Chair

September's film will be 'Oppenheimer' now showing in theaters. It is the story of J. Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the development of the atomic bomb.

The film stars Cillian (KILL-ee-an) Murphy, Emily Blunt and Matt Damon. and is directed by Christopher Nolan. The Film Discussion will be on Friday, September 8th at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse. All you need to do is see the film and bring your opinions.

Thank you,
Becky Cinema





TRASH TO TREASURE



We are asking for all members to search your closets, drawers, and garages for gently used items that you would like to donate to the upcoming Trash to Treasure.

The fun shopping event will take place on November 3rd and 4th. We're hoping for clothing, handbags, costume jewelry, boutique shoes, tennis shoes, holiday décor, small appliances, sporting goods, gardening tools, linens, toys, games, artwork, children's books, and collectibles.

This year we will again offer furniture on Facebook Marketplace for purchase. When you drop off your donations on either Saturday, September 9th between 9 to 11 a.m. or before the September 13th general meeting your name will be entered in a drawing for great prizes and gift cards.

When you email or text your furniture items before the September 13th General Meeting your name will also be entered in the drawing.

Please email furniture photos to:

Kathy.tpowers@gmail.com

Or text furniture photos to:

(559) 907-6507

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Linda Boyajian

Frances Morrison

Kathy Powers

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:30 TO 9:00 PM

GERMAN DINNER

BEER • WINE



**LIVE MUSIC BY
THE POLKATEERS**



**TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON
CALL/TEXT IRENE
TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS
(559) 974-7260**

**Oktoberfest attire encouraged
WEAR YOUR DIRNDL OR LEDERHOSEN**



Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

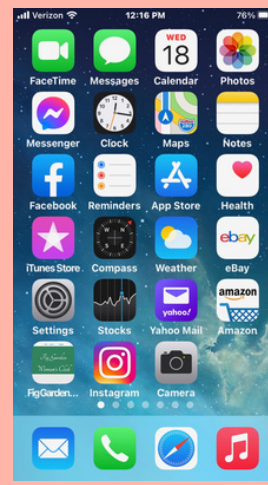
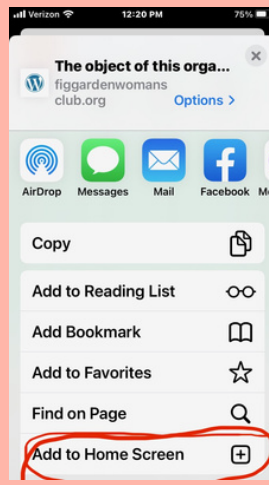
If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section, please go to figgardenwomansclub.org. You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

For new members who would like to add the FGWC icon on your phone or tablet for easy access, below are step-by-step instructions on how to do so.

For those of you with Apple IOS devices:

1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone’s or iPad’s internet browser.
2. At the bottom of the page you see a square with arrow pointing up. Click on it.
3. Click on "Add to Home Screen".

That’s it! You’re done. Just click on the icon whenever you want to check the webpage.



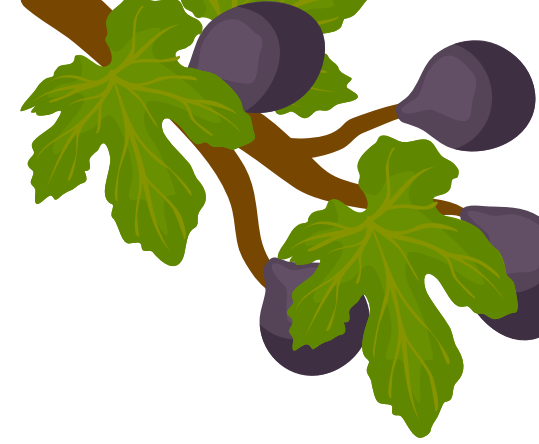
For Android devices:

1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone’s internet browser.
2. Touch the apps icon to display the apps drawer.
3. Long press the app icon you want to add to your home screen
4. Drag the app to the home screen page, lifting your finger to place the app

If you have any questions, I’d be happy to walk you through it or show you at the next meeting.

Here’s to a great year!
Barb





September Amenities Report for July & August 2023 Activities

Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian

CARDS

Twenty-seven “Birthday” cards: Marilyn Schutt, Cheryl Bird, LuAnn Joy, Irene Wiegand, Maria Prochazka, Cathy Frost, Brenda Joseph, Ann Lusk, Teresa Kirkorian, Cindy Shipstead, Rayma Northington, Maria Schitt, Mary Vaughn, Kathy Powers, Sharon Garabedian, Shelley York, Liz Conner, Kim Garcia, Betty Pash, Jenna Straeter, Virginia Dalena, Pam Vogel, Cynthia Rathwick, Kim Gould, Ida Blackburn, Sue Stevens, Valerie Goya

Three “Thinking of You” cards: Loretta Bolin, Kathleen Coit, Midge Barrett

One “Sympathy” card: The family of Lydia Graham

Two “Get Well” cards: JJ Krivochiev, Maggie Thompson

VISITS & PHONE CALLS

Various phone calls were made to a number of our precious club members this month.

No visits were made to club members during this time.



**KIM (559) 970-1930 AND
KAREN (559) 284-5951**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our members born in
September!

2 Roberta "Bobbi" Herrinton
4 Carol Kempen
4 Lorena Vaillancour Sorensen
6 Carol Kloninger-Piper
7 Karla Nichols
7 Gerry Wirant
10 Phyllis Graves
10 Annette LaRue
12 Monica Diaz
14 Jean Cochran

17 Marjorie Harp
18 Sandra Knudson
19 Hope Rosky
21 Marie Durney
21 McKenna Gould Wiegart
23 Tracy Jensen
26 Sue Castro
26 Daisy Siemans
27 Susan Napolitano Krikorian
29 Joyce Gaskins
30 Kathleen Dennen