

OCTOBER 2023

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

- General Lunch Meeting** - October 11, 11:30 a.m.
- Cinema Group** - October 12, 10 a.m.
- Oktoberfest** - October 14, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- Knitting & Needles** - October 16, 10 a.m.
- New Member Orientation** - October 17, 9 a.m.
- Get Acquainted Coffee** - October 17, 10 a.m. - noon
- Book Talk** - October 19, 10 a.m.
- Trash to Treasure set up** - October 21 - November 2
- Trash to Treasure presale** - November 2
- Trash to Treasure sale** - November 3 - 4
- Board Meeting** - November 6, 9:30 a.m.
- General Lunch Meeting** - November 8, 11:30 a.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

Happy Fall!

I'd like to thank all of you who attended and participated in our first official September luncheon. Thank you to the luncheon committee for the fun centerpieces, **Kim Gould** for selecting our delicious lunch, our pianist **Pamela Alexander** for her beautiful music, **Martha Stewart** for leading us with our Collect, and **Kathleen Lehman** for the Inspiration. It is so nice to share these wonderful traditions at every meeting.

A special thanks to **Suzanne Swanson** for her presentation and update on Rescue the Children. Suzanne started the reading program at RTC in 2015. FGWC volunteers went through a vetting and training process prior to participating in the reading program, and Suzanne organized reading sessions with pre-school and school-age children. Many FGWC members brought their own books from home to share with the children, and the reading program was a great success. FGWC members, **Betty Conner** and **Carol Lambourne** saw the need to help the mothers at RTC. "Shine" started as a program that offered classes in floral design, spring hat decorating, Christmas wreaths, gift wrapping, and jewelry making. This has evolved into visits to hair salons for haircuts and shopping for clothing to prepare women for job interviews. As you can imagine, this program has given confidence and skills to help these women shine! Many thanks to Suzanne, Betty, and Carol who have made a huge impact on many lives at RTC and who exemplify our Club Collect:



"May we strive to touch and to know the great, common, human heart of us all and, O Lord, let us not forget to be kind."

October dates to remember:

October 11th: General luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m.

October 14th: Oktoberfest 5:30 p.m. (*reserve your spot now as this will be a sell-out!*)

October 17th: Get Acquainted Coffee: 10 a.m. - 12 noon, at the home of Marilyn Schutt

October 21-31st: Trash to Treasure set-up: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely,
Teresa





Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023

Welcome: President Teresa Kirkorian called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Vice President Announcements: Kim Gould thanked the lunch meeting chair, Shirin Assemi, and her committee for the beautiful centerpieces. Kim presented a Presidential pin from the National Federation of Women Club to President Teresa Kirkorian

Collect: Chairperson Martha Stewart led us in reciting the Collect.

Pledge of Allegiance: Martha Stewart led us in reciting the pledge of allegiance. Pamela Alexander played the piano as the membership sang "God Bless America."

Inspiration: Chairperson Kathleen Lehman presented a beautiful speech about September, a time of crisp air and pumpkin lattes. It's when we can set new goals, new adventures, and refuel before the busy holiday season.

President's Report: President Teresa Kirkorian thanked Susan Pappas for all her hard work on the FGWC Handbook. She also thanked Leesa Kazarian for securing the ads for the handbook, which paid for the book. Susan works all year round on the handbook. Teresa also thanked Vice President Kim Gould for all her help as they worked all summer plugging everyone into committees. She thanked her board and called them a "Dream Team" and especially thanked Sue Simpson, Treasurer, for all her hard work this summer.

Recording Secretary: President Teresa Kirkorian asked if there were any changes to the minutes. The minutes were approved -- Lisa Jelinek made a motion and Suzy Wren seconded it.

Treasurers Report: Chair Susan Simpson reported that as of August 27, the current balance is \$208,035.80. Income is \$1,235 and expenses are \$1,359.05. Most of the income came from ads in the handbook.

Corresponding Secretary: Chair Liz Connor reported that there was no correspondence sent, five donations, three invitations, two thank you notes, and five magazines, newsletters, and year-end reports

Makers Market: Nancee Smith reported that there are 35 vendor spots and only three spots are left. She asked for food truck recommendations. It will be held on Saturday, November 18, 9 .m. -3 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Oktoberfest: Chair Irene Wiegand reported that this fun event is back. It is on Saturday, October 14,

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5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. There will be beer, bratwurst, a lot of German food, and the Polkateers will provide musical entertainment. Irene said that only 30 tickets have been sold. If interested, call her. She will accept checks, Venmo, and credit cards. Put on your dirndl and lederhosen and come to this fun event!

Trash To Treasure: Chair Kathy Powers reported there are only five weeks left before the sale. This is a major fundraiser and donations are needed. Kathy thanked area chairs Sharon Garabedian, Lilian Weiland, and Annie Anderson for all their help. Kathy reported they need a volunteer to take over selling the furniture on Facebook Market Place. If interested, reach out to any of the chairs. There was a drawing for those who brought in donations. Congratulations to those ladies who won gift cards. Kathy told the membership to bring their donations on October 14 and 15, as there will be another drawing at the October meeting.

Get Acquainted Coffee: Chair Marsha Wagner encouraged everyone to attend the fun event. It will be held at Marilyn Schutt's house at 1040 E. Santa Ana Avenue on Tuesday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Scholarships: Chair Pam Vogel reported that 16 scholarship recipients will be presented at the October luncheon. The 13 women and three men will each receive \$500.00 from our club.

Amenities: Chair Kim Garcia stated that she and her committee send cards for birthdays, sympathy, illness, etc. They also provide a meal for members and do hospital visits.

Rescue the Children: Chair Suzanne Swanson shared the history of the club's involvement in Rescue the Children. It is a reading program that is part of Fresno Rescue Mission. The club has volunteered there for three years. After COVID happened in 2020, we stopped, but we are again up and running. The program is located on Freeway 99 between Clinton and McKinley Avenues, where the old Tradewinds Motel used to be. Volunteer members go there to read with the children one Wednesday or one Friday each month. There are opportunities to do crafts or put on parties if approved process by the Rescue Mission.

Fresno Arts Museum: Carol McCrumb stated that the members who are interested will be meeting at the Fresno Art Museum to see the *Where the Wild Things Are* exhibit on Friday, September 23 @ 12 noon. Member Liz Looney organized the private tour.

Facebook/Website: Mary Vaughn filled in for chair Barb Moen who wasn't present. Facebook likes are at 644, up by three; Facebook followers are at 796, up four; Instagram Followers are at 324, up seven.



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Book Talk: Chair Margaret Nordstrom shared a little history of this group. They used to meet at members' homes, and always had a guest speaker. Now, it is on every third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse. Members can discuss any book that they have read. There are no assigned books.

Knitting and Needles: Chair Vonda McArthur told the membership that once a month they would make things and then sell them at a bazaar. Now, it's just members who enjoy needles and thread. There isn't any formal instruction. They meet on the third Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Movie Review: Chair Becky Morlock told the membership that the group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10 a.m. It is open to all members. Simply watch the assigned movie and then come prepared to critique it. The movie for this month is the Truman Show, starring Jim Carey.

Marathon Bridge: Mary Vaughn filled in for Chair Mary Ann Hendricks and stated that Marathon Bridge is ready to go. They have enough bridge players with one sub. If there are any members interested in next year reach out to Mary Ann.

Out To Lunch Bunch: Chair Sue Stephens was not present, so Teresa mentioned that the next lunch is Sunday, September 17 at Fort Washington Country Club. Members who are still interested should reach out to Sue.

30 Second Announcements:

Christmas Gala: Chair Shirley Zaver said the Christmas party is on Thursday, December 14 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a meeting next month before the October meeting. Shirley asked for suggestions for a caterer.

Trash To Treasure: Chair Kathy Powers mentioned there were clipboards around the room for members to sign-up for Trash to Treasure work weeks and sale days.

Contributions: Chair Tracey Jensen stated that there would be a quick meeting after the general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB



New Member Orientation

Becky Morlock, VP Membership

Fig Garden Woman's Club will offer an New Member Orientation on **Tuesday, October 17 @ 9 a.m.** at the clubhouse.

The orientation will be held at the clubhouse prior to the Get Acquainted Coffee 10 a.m. at the home of Marilyn Schutt (1040 E. Santa Ana Avenue).

The Orientation will cover dues, handbook, a brief history of the club, as well as events and activities. We will also discuss membership requirements, provide a tour of the clubhouse, and provide information about the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The orientation is also open to anyone who would like to join in the future.

Speakers will be President Teresa Kirkorian, Vice-President Kim Gould, Membership Vice-President Becky Morlock, Annie Anderson, and Ann Caldwell.

Please let me know if you are able to attend. Email your to RSVP: mxfifi@aol.com



Membership Resources

Barb Moen

Please Note

Carol Kloninger-Piper's
correct phone number
is
(559) 305-1738.

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.



Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

Pam Vogel, Chair

Project Title: Fresno City College Nursing/RN Program

Budget: \$8,000 from Ways and Means

Project Completion: July 13, 2023

Committee Members:

Pam Vogel (Chair), Louise Armstrong, Pam Anderson, Jeanne Cochran, Kathy Coit, Janelle Dunn, Norma Ferraiuolo, Kim Garcia, Sharon Garabedian, Janet Hill, Tracy Jensen, Linda Lucido, Ann Lusk, Delores O'Neal, Marianne Powell, Eleanor Rojas, Suzanne Swanson, Marsha Wagner, Lenore Yousef.

Amount of Award: \$500 per student

Congratulations to our 2023 Scholarship Awardees:

Anthony Aguirre

Mahzabeen Ali

Veronica Alonso

Destiny Buford-Aye

August Eagle Crow

Tatiana Drees

Nena Grigoryan

Pangying Lee

Jaanna Lizzarazo

Jonathan Maldonado

Simranjit Mandair

Bryanna Navarro

Sabrina Serrano

Destiny Soltis

Maria Vega

Shirley Yang



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**

Santa's House

Irene Weigand

Santa's House is back again this year!

Our committee will meet this month to plan another fantastic event for you and your kiddos, but we want to remind everyone to mark your calendars for what has become a delightful holiday tradition.

Date: Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Cost: \$25.00 per child (ages 2-12)

More information will be provided in the November Fig Leaf.



Cinema Group

Becky Morlock, Chair

PLEASE NOTE:

Because the clubhouse will be getting ready for Oktoberfest, the October Film Discussion will be on Thursday, October 12 at 10 a.m. instead of our usual second Friday.

Film: The Truman Show

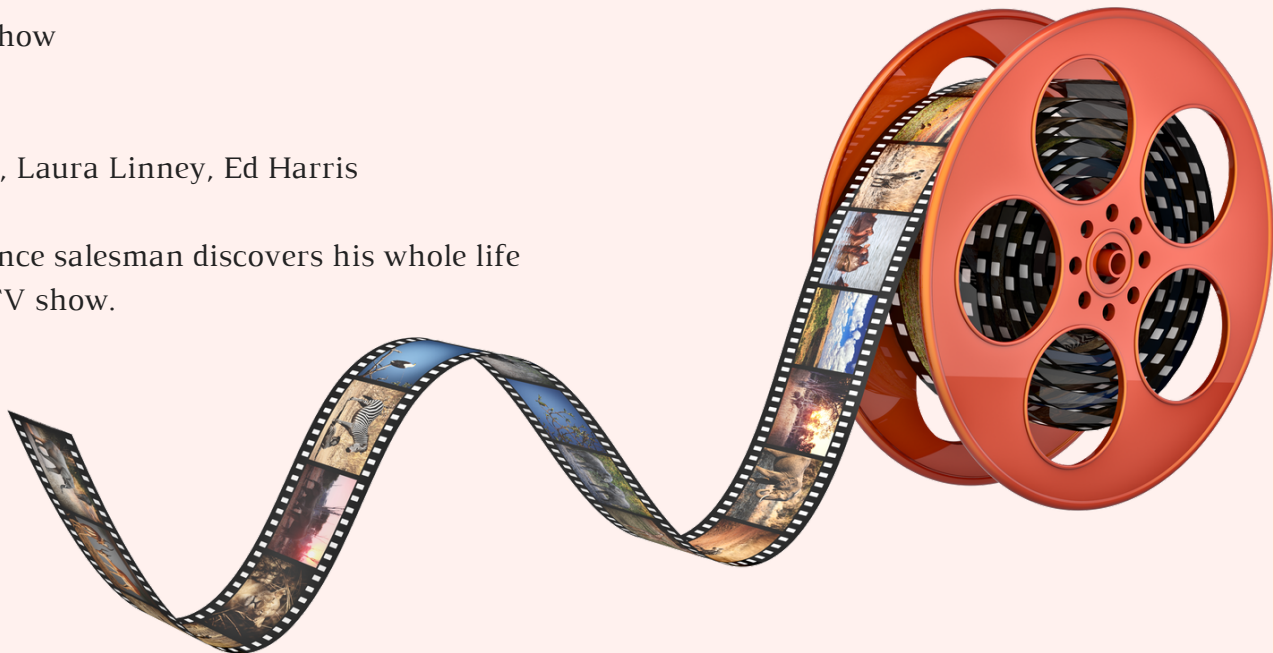
Year: 1998

Director: Peter Weir

Starring: Jim Carrey, Laura Linney, Ed Harris

Synopsis: An insurance salesman discovers his whole life is actually a reality TV show.

Thank you,
Becky Cinema



Trash to Treasure

SHOPPING EVENT



Member Pre-Party
Thurs., Nov 2 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Sales Days
Fri., Nov. 3 - 8:30 am - 3 pm
Sat., Nov 4 - 8:30 am - 3 pm

4550 N. Van Ness Blvd. - between Gettysburg & Ashlan

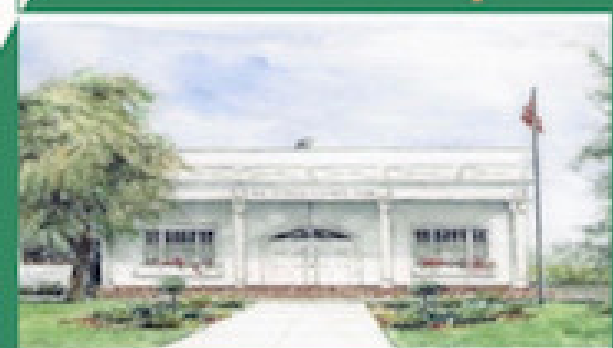


FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS



Join us outside on the grounds of our historic clubhouse
to kick off your holiday shopping

Saturday, November 18

9 am - 3 pm

Fig Garden Woman's Club
4550 N. Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93704

SHOP HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FROM 35 VENDORS

- Jewelry
- Lapidary
- Holiday crafts & hostess gifts
- Vintage tableware
- Doggy treats
- Sewn items
- Pillows
- Jellies & honey
- Candles & car diffusers
- Handbags & totes
- Children's books
- Wood items
- Metal decor
- Artwork
- Journals
- Signs
- Soaps & lotions
- Baked goods
- Photography
- Cork decor
- Mediterranean food
- Baby clothes & gifts



Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

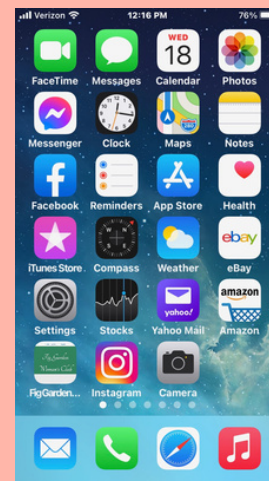
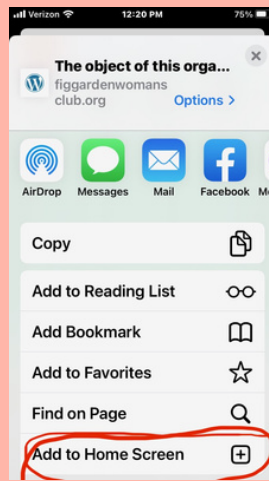
If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section, please go to figgardenwomansclub.org. You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

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.

Happy Halloween!
Barb





October Amenities Report for September 2023 Activities

Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian

CARDS

“Birthday” cards: Bobbi Herrington, Carol Kempen, Jeanne Cochran, Lorene Sorensen, Carol Kloninger-Piper, Karla Nichols, Gerry Wirant, Marjorie Harp, Sandra Knudson, Hope Rosky, McKenna Gould Wiegart, Marie Durney, Tracy Jensen, Sue Castro, Daisy Siemens, Susan Napolitano Krikorian, Joyce Gaskins, Kathleen Dennen

Three “Thinking of You” cards: Betty Conner, Linda Boyajian, Sue Stephens


“Get Well” cards: Betty Conner, Bobbi Herrington, Mary Nieson, Selah Anselmo, Lorene Sorensen

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* **October!**

- 1 Jeanette Tate**
- 2 Dolores O'Neal**
- 2 Sonja Robinson**
- 6 Dena Reynolds**
- 8 Avnell Daniels**
- 8 Barb Moen**
- 9 Mariann Powell**
- 11 Laurie Fry**
- 14 Jennifer Huelskamp**
- 14 Jessica Vivid**
- 15 Ruth Buchman**

- 15 Juliette Hammel**
- 15 Mona Llamas-Prieto**
- 16 Linda Richburg**
- 18 Christine Monahan**
- 22 Pam Cowling**
- 25 Frances Morrison**
- 26 Lisa Farnesi**
- 27 Annie Anderson**
- 29 Patricia Cortez**
- 30 Cathy Amador**