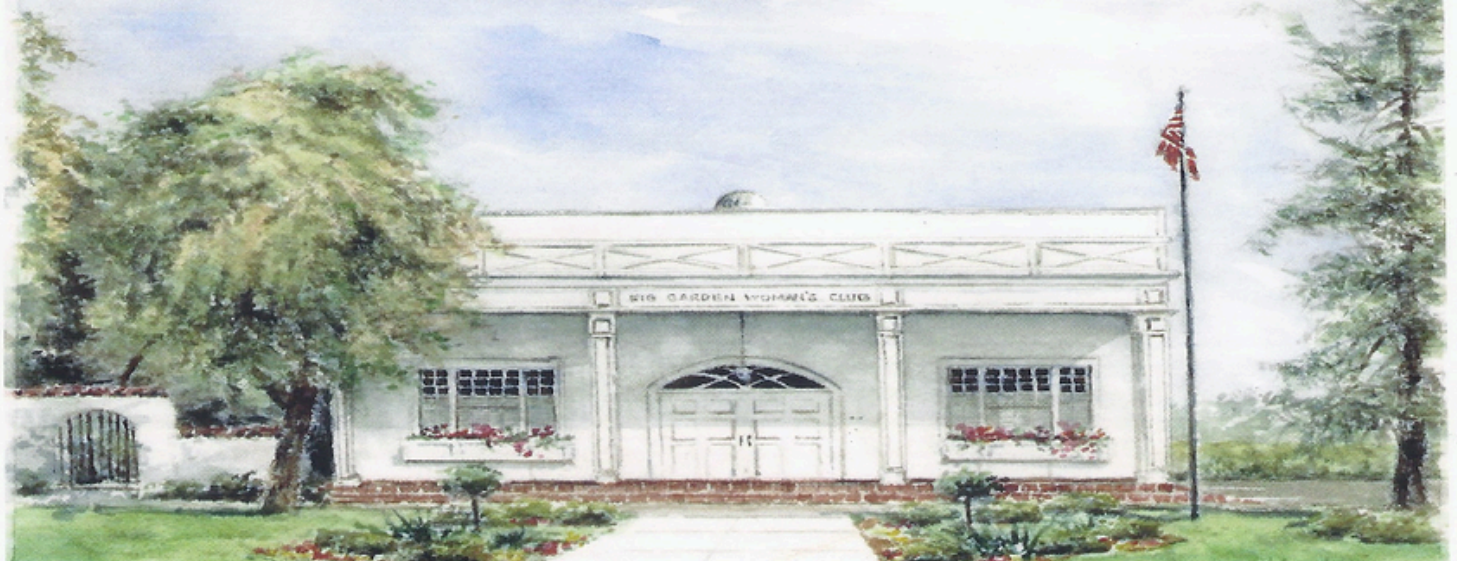


APRIL 2026

# THE FIG LEAF

*Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter  
Established in 1921*



## Important Dates & Events

- Annual Dues** - March 1 (due now/late May 31)
- Board Meeting** - April 6, 9:30 a.m.
- General Lunch Meeting** - April 8, 11:30 a.m.
- Movie Review** - April 10, 10 a.m.
- Knitting & Needles** - April 13, 10 a.m.
- Tea Time** - April 15, 10 a.m.
- Book Talk** - April 16, 10 a.m.
- Art & Flower Show/Tea Set-up** - April 20-21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Art & Flower Show/Tea** - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Fig Leaf Deadline** - April 30A
- Health & Wellness** - April 1, 10 a.m.
- Board Meeting** - May 4, 9:30 a.m.
- Fashion Show** - May 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



### *Executive Officers*

- President:** Desiree Ward
- 1st Vice President:** Debbie Reuland
- 2nd Vice President:** Suzy Wren
- 3rd Vice President:** Suzanne Crosina-Sahm
- Recording Secretary:** Charlotte Singer
- Corresponding Secretary:** Tamara Hargrave
- Treasurer:** Susan Simpson
- Assistant Treasurer:** Linda Gandolfo

### *Appointive Officers*

- Parliamentarian:** Maureen Boyle
- Historian:** Monica Balch
- Auditors:** Sharon Garabedian and Jeanette Tate
- District Representative:** Karen Tozlian

**Fig Leaf Editor:** Suzanne Crosina-Sahm



## President's Message

*Desiree Ward*



Dear Members,

April is here, bringing with it the beauty of spring—and yes, a little rain too! As we head into Spring, the rain in the forecast is a gentle reminder that “April showers bring May flowers.” It’s the perfect time to look ahead to all the wonderful events we have planned.

I’d like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our members who came together to make our Antique Show a wonderful success—especially our chairs **Patricia Cortez** and **Kim Gould**; our pre-party chairs **Sue Castro** and **Stacy Pacheco**; our café chairs **Allison Alexander** and **Lynn Baldwin**; and all those who worked throughout the sale. Your dedication, countless hours of work, and attention to detail made the event truly outstanding. We are so grateful for all that you bring to our club.

We are especially looking forward to our General Luncheon Meeting on April 8th, where we will honor our past presidents and recognize their lasting legacy and contributions to our club. **Annie Anderson** and the Contributions Committee will also highlight the beneficiaries of our philanthropic efforts—a meaningful reminder of the impact we are able to make together in our community.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming Art & Flower Show and Tea, always such a beautiful and inspiring event that showcases the creativity and talents of our members. I hope to see you there enjoying tea and delightful treats as you peruse the art and flower displays curated by our hostesses **Christine Monahan** and **Trisha Monahan-Dutra**, along with their committee.

And finally, we are approaching the Fashion Show—our last fundraiser of the year! This is such an important event for our club, and we need everyone’s support to make it a success. Whether you attend, bring a guest, donate, or help spread the word, every bit makes a difference. Let’s come together to celebrate, have fun, and finish our fundraising year strong.

Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm, generosity, and commitment to the Fig Garden Woman’s Club.

Wishing you a joyful Easter and a beautiful spring season.

With gratitude,

*Desiree Frey Ward*

President, Fig Garden Woman’s Club





## Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes March 3, 2026

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

**First Vice President:** First Vice President Debbie Reuland thanked Allison Alexander and Suzanne Crosina-Sahm for the lovely treats. Debbie also reported that she came upon a mess in the coffee room this morning. When using the clubhouse, please clean up after yourself and your committee!

**Approval of the Minutes:** Recording Secretary Charlotte Zylka Singer explained that there was an error in the approved minutes of the January 5, 2026 Board Meeting. Corresponding Secretary Tamara Hargrave made a motion to amend the minutes to insert the word 'requests' after the word donation on page 3 of the February Fig Leaf, second line, in the paragraph titled Corresponding Secretary. The motion was seconded by First Vice President Debbie Reuland, voted on, and approved. The minutes were amended. Charlotte also said that the February 2, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes which were attached to today's emailed agenda required approval. There were no additions or corrections. Corresponding Secretary Tamara Hargrave made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Second Vice President Suzy Wren. The motion was voted on, and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that the Club's B of A checking account, as of February 28, 2026, had a balance of \$42,087.75. The investment accounts had a combined balance of \$157,134.30 for a total of \$199,222.05. Income for the month of February was \$5,677.52 and expenses were \$6,881.80 for a net negative balance of \$1,204.28. Susan further reported that to date income from the Antique Show was \$4,259.38, Antique Pre-Party was \$710.00, and Bubbles and Bingo was \$2,154.07. Susan reminded the Board that the annual dues of \$250 are payable on March 1, 2026 and the deadline is April 1, 2026.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Corresponding Secretary Tamara Hargrave informed those present that the Club had received one donation request from the Salvation Army, thirty Contribution Committee requests, a newsletter from the Valley Center for the Blind, and one invitation for Hope Now Banquet. Tamara added that she had written a thank you note to Kristine Walter who won the winning bid at the Bubbles and Bingo live auction for a gig to be played by the Ginger Blue Band. The Club also received thank you notes from First Tee Fresno and Armenian Museum of Fresno.

**President's Report:** President Desiree Ward informed those present that Member Libby Borchardt had broken her wrist, was having surgery this morning, and asked everyone to think happy thoughts for her. Desiree reminded everyone that the Fig Leaf is the club's primary and comprehensive source of communication. The Fig Leaf comes out on the fifth of each month and can also be found on the club's website. E-Blasts are only to be used to supplement the Fig Leaf with unexpected changes and time sensitive matters. For example, should a section need to be cancelled an E-Blast may be sent to the membership. E-Blasts are not to be used to conduct committee business.

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**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Program:** Second Vice President Suzy Wren announced that the guest speaker for the March 11, 2026 General Luncheon Meeting will be the President of Fresno City College Denise Whisenhunt.

**Membership:** Third Vice President Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reminded all in attendance that she will be ordering name badges on March 31, 2026. If you need one, email her and the cost is \$7 cash or check payable to FGWC to be given to Treasurer Susan Simpson.

**Fig Leaf:** See above information in the President's Report.

**Contributions:** President Desiree Ward reported that Chair Annie Anderson could not be present but that the committee was requesting an increase in their budget. Their budget currently is \$18,000 plus \$2,500 from the Mary Vaughan family donation. Desiree read the committee's request which was the following: "The Contribution Committee would like to report that we've received 36 applications this year. This amount is six more than the 30 we received last year. This year, the amount requested by the applicants is \$153,000. Due to the large ask, the Contribution Committee is requesting additional funds this year. Currently, we are budgeted to receive \$18,000. Our committee is set to receive an additional \$2,500, but that is money that has been designated by Mary Vaughan's family to be given out in her memory. We are asking the board to consider, AT LEAST, an increase of \$5,000, but we would sure love more. We appreciate that fundraising for this year has not been completed, but we'd like for the board to discuss this, and make a decision in the next few days. Our timeline, moving forward, is that the Contribution Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 5th to make the final decision in designating funds. We would like to have the final amount, in hand, before going into the meeting. As soon as we've made our final decision, we'll be giving the executive board the list of recipients by Friday, March 6th. We will include the organization's names in the April 2026 Fig Leaf."

**Preservation and Planning:** Member Teresa Kirkorian reported for Chair Martha Stewart that the committee has agreed that awnings are needed on the east side of the clubhouse. The best bid was obtained from Mid Valley Tent and Awning. The cost is \$3,000 for three large awnings which will match those in the front of the clubhouse and includes installation. The awnings will be available in four to six weeks. Teresa made a motion to approve the purchase of the awnings for \$3,000 to be funded from the Memorial Building Fund. Since the motion came from a committee, a second was not needed. There was some discussion. The motion was then voted on and passed unanimously. We'd also like to invite representatives to our April Luncheon to receive their checks, like we did last year. Please also confirm that we will be able to extend the invitation to the recipients for the luncheon. Thank you for considering an increase to our budgeted amount. Annie Anderson, Contribution Committee Chairperson."

President Desiree Ward commented that at the beginning of the year, the Board adopts a budget based on projected income and expenses. This year it included a deficit of \$6,260 with the hope that the fundraisers would make up that difference. Desiree added that so far the fundraisers have done well

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*March 3, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, continued*

and there are two more upcoming. That being said, it does take a lot to fund events and keep the clubhouse going plus costs continue to rise. This was followed by extensive discussion with the highlights being: First Vice President Debbie Reuland said that dues don't cover cost of lunches (\$27.95 times nine lunches) and annual Federation dues (\$25 each) for members; Treasurer Susan Simpson said not all of the revenue goes to costs and philanthropic pursuits but 15% of annual revenue must go to the Building Maintenance Fund to cover clubhouse maintenance. Currently, year to date we are in the black and have \$5,762 which isn't much of a cushion to cover surprise repairs; and Member Sue Castro suggested that annual club dues be increased by \$25 to \$50 dollars. Sharon Garabedian commented that Annie Anderson and her committee do a wonderful job vetting the applicants. Sharon added that the committee can opt for various amounts to organizations from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and it looks for those who do not receive a lot of funding from the federal and state governments. President Ward informed those present that the Executive Board had met and discussed the matter and decided that it didn't see a viable way to increase the Contribution Committee's budget this year. Member Monica Balch added that should there be additional revenue at the end of the year, the Board could then give more to the Contributions Committee. Discussion ended without any motion to increase the budget for the Contributions Committee.

**Preservation and Planning:** Chair Martha Stewart reported that the committee had received approval to install awnings on the east side of the clubhouse, slurry seal the parking lot, and repair and clean the stage curtains. The Committee has also learned that there needs to be additional handicap parking.

**Grounds:** President Desiree Ward reported that the Board had previously approved some planting out front but that the committee had made a motion for an additional \$4,600 plus \$850 to fix the fence and irritation, grind tree stumps, and plant some trees and shrubs in the garden area and on the northside. Since Irene Wigand wasn't present, the motion was tabled.

## **WAYS & MEANS**

**Antique Show:** Co-Chair Kim Gould announced that they had found a vendor, Greg Grannis, who has a shop in the Tower District, for the outside area. The same dealers are returning, and flyers were provided by Member Stacy Mullins and the Fresno Coin Gallery. Kim and Co-Chair Patty Cortez will be sending a press releases. Kim will be at the clubhouse to collect donations for the club's booth on March 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the March General Luncheon Meeting. Kim also said that she is working on setting up classes to be held on Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m.

**Antique Pre-Party:** Co-Chairs Sue Castro and Stacy Pacheco reported that the "party of the year" is open to members and guests and vendors and their guests. There will be food and beverages. Tickets are \$20 each or two for \$35.

**Fashion Show:** President Desiree Ward informed those present that the quote from Pardini's for the lunch and venue is \$8,600. Desiree said that the hope was to keep the price low enough to encourage attendance but costs must be covered. Desiree then asked what those in attendance thought the ticket



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price should be. After discussion, the group consensus was to have the event and for tickets to cost \$65. Silent auction coordinators Stephanie Mullins and Natalie Nuttall requested donations no matter how small. They will be collecting donations at all of the club's meetings. Chair Shirley Zaver said there will be tables of ten, dessert will be included but there will also be desserts for purchase, and tickets are now for sale. President Desiree Ward then asked the membership to support and attend the fundraiser. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Bubbles and Bingo:** Co-Chair Hope Rosky thanked her committee for their hard work. Hope reported that the Ginger Blue Band played at Bubbles and Bingo and donated a gig for auction at the event. Hope thanked Guest Kristine Walter and Member Irene Wiegand for participating in a bidding war and congratulated Kristine for prevailing with the winning bid of \$600

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

**Penny Pines:** Chair Barb Moen passed the donation jar and reported that donations for the quarter from December through February were \$418.27 for a year to date total of \$827.27.

**SECTIONS:**

**Marathon Bridge:** President Desiree Ward reported that the event on Thursday, March 5 is set to go.

**Movie Review:** President Desiree Ward reported that the section will be meeting Friday, March 13 at 10 a.m. to review the movie "Traffic."

**Knitting and Needles:** Chair Vanda McArthur said the section will be meeting Monday, March 16. Bring a craft project involving thread.

**Book Talk:** Chair Margaret Nordstrom announced that the section would be meeting on the fourth Thursday in March because of the Antique Show. Come on March 26th and discuss a book you have read.

**Tea Time:** Chair Kim Gould reported that, due to the Antique Show, the March section is cancelled.

**Out to Lunch Bunch:** President Ward said that the section would be meeting on Monday, March 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Red Lobster. Call Chair Sue Stephens or text Member Donna Strickler to RSVP.

**Health and Wellness:** Chair Hope Rosky announced that the section will meet Wednesday, March 4, at 9 a.m. at Scout Island for a nature hike. So far, 12 people have signed up. You must sign a waiver to participate. Waivers have been sent in an E-Blast and will be available at the facility. The section will then meet on Wednesday, April 1 for chair yoga taught by Member Joanne Bazarian. Due to the Fashion Show, there won't be a section event in May. The last section of this program year will be held on Wednesday, June 3.

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**NEW BUSINESS/30-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Members Tracy Jensen and Mariann Powell said that they have an idea to present to the Board of updating and publishing a 100th anniversary book on the history of the club. They have updated president reports but would also like to include information from the last twenty years. The cost to print 200 copies adding about ten pages to the last publication has been estimated to be about \$1,600. President Desiree Ward invited both Tracy and Mariann, after the financial information has been pulled out, to go through the materials at the clubhouse. Currently, there are 24 boxes of Club materials in storage at the Fresno State library. The matter will be further discussed and may be brought up as a project to possibly be included in next year's budget.

The next FGWC Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on March 9, 2026,

*Charlotte Zylka Singer*

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

## Membership Dues

*Susan Simpson, Treasurer*

Club dues of \$250 and are due now and may be made via check mailed to:

FGWC  
P.O.Box 5012  
Fresno 93755

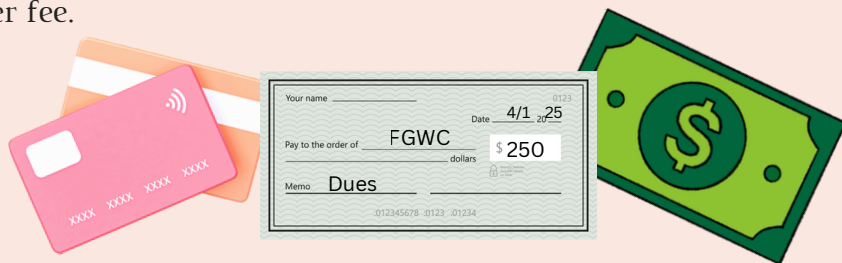
The club accepts cash, check and credit card. To pay by credit card, members may call me at (559) 903-8002. Be advised that per a recommendation and acceptance by the Executive Board, the use of a credit card will incur a \$10 charge to offset the transaction fee.

Payment may also be made at the board meetings and general meetings.

Dues are delinquent May 31<sup>st</sup>. If they are not paid before the end of May will require the member to reapply to the club and pay the \$100 new member fee.

Thank you for your prompt payments!

Susan





## Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes March 11, 2026

**Welcome:** President Desiree Ward welcomed the members and guests to the March General Luncheon Meeting.

**Collect:** Member Eleanor Rojas led the membership in reciting the Club's Collect.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Song:** Member Martha Stewart led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and in singing "Yankee Doodle" and "Happy Birthday" to Member Tracy Jolly. Member Pam Alexander provided accompaniment on the piano.

**If These Walls Could Talk:** President Desiree Ward read an excerpt by the 1993 President of the Club reflecting on her year - a tree fell, the 20 year old stove had a gas leak with repair costs of \$600, the dishwasher quit with repair costs of \$600, there was a flood in the ladies restroom costing \$700, the door locks were rekeyed, there was a roof leak, the sprinkler heads were replaced, a lock was installed on the side gate, and round tables and padded chairs were purchased. Desiree thanked all of the past presidents who have kept the old clubhouse going.

**Introduction of Guests:** Five members introduced their guests.

**President's Report:** President Desiree Ward told those present that the Club began in 1921 and the clubhouse was built in 1926. Desiree said that all the club's members are part of its legacy and are the reason the club continues to thrive. Desiree thanked the members for being here. Desiree also thanked Member Linda Watkins and her committee of new members for the wonderful Valentine's Day Cocktail Party. Desiree thanked Alisa Martin for the flowers, Bebe Frank and Suzanne Swanson for the decorations, and Avnell Daniels and Karla Nichols for the champagne. Desiree went on to thank Member Lillian Weiland for hosting the Get Acquainted Coffee event in her lovely home and thanked Co-Chairs Hope Rosky and Joanne Bazarian for putting on the rocking Bubbles and Bingo event.

**Program:** Second Vice President Suzy Wren introduced the speaker Denise Whisenhunt who is the 13th President of Fresno City College. Ms. Whisenhunt holds a B.A. degree in Political Science from UC San Diego and J.D. degree from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law and has 24 years of administrative leadership experience in the California Community Colleges system. Dr. Whisenhunt informed those present that FCC is having its 115th anniversary and was the first community college in the state and the second in the nation. She said that she was raised in Fresno in a family committed to higher education and was very happy to have returned to serve the students and the community. Dr. Whisenhunt said that more than 60% of CSU students and more than 40% of UC students begin in community college. She added, although parity has not yet been attained, that women in medical,



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legal, aeronautical, and engineering professions have dramatically risen. Dr. Whisenhunt is especially proud of FCC's First Responders Center and that enrollment is up 20% at the technological campus located in West Fresno. She said that the FGWC is part of the solution in lifting women and community college students in our community and thanked us for our investment in higher education. Dr. Whisenhunt extended an invitation to all to join her and the Fresno Historical Society for a walk of the campus to be held on April 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order:** President Desiree Ward called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m.

**First Vice President:** Vice President Debbie Reuland thanked Member Sharon Garabedian for filling in for Member Libby Borchardt and leading the committee consisting of Members Pam Alexander, Pam Vogel, Eleanor Rojas, and Linda Boyajian in decorating the tables and serving tea. Debbie said that the centerpieces are available for \$10 each.

**Minutes:** Recording Secretary Charlotte Zylka Singer informed the membership that the minutes from the February 11, 2026 General Luncheon Meeting were published in the March 2026 Fig Leaf. There were no additions or corrections. Third Vice President Suzy Wren made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Member Julie Keitges. The motion was voted on, and the minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that the Club's B of A checking account, as of the end of February 2026, had a balance of \$42,087.75. The investment accounts had a combined balance of \$157,134.30 for a total of \$199,222.05. Income for the month of February was \$5,677.52 and expenses were \$6,881.80 for a net negative balance of \$1,204.28. Susan further reported that income from Bubbles and Bingo was \$2,154.07 and that she would have more to report soon on the Antique Show and Pre-party. Susan reminded members that annual dues must be received by April 1st and that there will be a \$10 charge to use a credit card.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Corresponding Secretary Tamara Hargrave informed those present that the Club had received one donation request from the Salvation Army, thirty Contribution Committee applications, a newsletter from the Valley Center for the Blind, and one invitation for Hope Now Banquet. Tamara added that she had written one thank you note to Kristine Walter who won the winning bid at the Bubbles and Bingo live auction for a gig to be played by the Ginger Blue Band. The club also received thank you notes from First Tee Fresno and the Fresno Armenian Museum of Fresno.

**President's Report:** President Desiree Ward informed the membership that a lot of time at the February 2026 Board Meeting was spent on finances. Desiree reported that because the Contributions Committee had received lots of requests that the committee had requested that their budget be increased. Unfortunately, an increase isn't feasible at this time but she hoped that the upcoming fundraisers would do well. Desiree asked the membership to support and attend both the Antique and Fashion Shows.



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Desiree reported that the board's goal was to keep the cost down for the Fashion Show but the ticket price also needs to cover the cost of the luncheon and venue. It was decided that the ticket cost would be \$65.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Contributions:** President Desiree Ward for Chair Annie Anderson said that the Contributions Committee had received requests totalling \$153,000 but had a budget of \$18,000 plus \$2,500 from the Mary Vaughan family donation. The committee had spent hours considering the 36 applicants and decided on seven organizations to receive the \$18,000 and one organization to receive the \$2,500 Mary Vaughan donation. The chosen are a mix of the familiar and some new. The list of the proposed recipients was given to and approved by the executive board and would be announced at the April General Luncheon Meeting. Desiree, on behalf of Chair Annie Anderson, thanked the members of the Contribution Committee for their hard and thoughtful work.

**Fig Leaf:** Fig Leaf Editor Suzanne Crosina-Sahm advised the membership that the deadline for submitting articles in the Fig Leaf is the last day of the month and that publication is always on the 5th of the following month. The Fig Leaf is the club's primary and comprehensive source of communication. Club members are to use the Fig Leaf and NOT the E-Blasts to conduct club business. The E-Blasts are to only be used for unexpected changes and sensitive matters.

**Membership:** Third Vice President Suzanne Crosina-Sahm informed those present that she has received 16 applications for membership and is accepting more. When the number of openings is known, Membership will be reaching out in the Spring to applicants. Also, should members need a new name badge, please let Suzanne Crosina-Sahm know by email by March 31 and pay \$7 in cash or check made out to FGWC to be given to Treasurer Susan Simpson.

**Preservation and Planning:** Member Vanda McArthur announced for Chair Martha Stewart, due to complications and the rising cost of oil, that the resurfacing of the parking lot had been postponed.

#### **WAYS AND MEANS:**

**Antique Show:** Co-Chair Kim Gould said that there are flyers on the luncheon tables, that she will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., collecting donations for the club's booth, and that on Saturday, at 2 and 4 p.m. there will be classes on "Howto Host a Bridgerton Tea Party." Co-Chair Patty Cortez announced that there are envelopes on the luncheon tables for pie donations and if members are on the Antique Show committee that signups and work shifts are on the board in the kitchen. Member Allison Alexander invited members and guests to eat lunch at the show. There will be soup, salad, and sandwiches.

**Antique Show Pre-Party:** Co-Chairs Sue Castro and Stacy Pacheco announced that the "best party of the year" will be held on Thursday, March 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for one and \$35 for two and give members and guests a chance to preview the sale.

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**Fashion Show:** Chair Shirley Zaver reported that the event will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Pardini's. Tickets are \$65 each. Member Pam Alexander will be organizing the dessert tables. There are signup sheets for volunteers who wish to donate desserts. The committee will be wrapping the desserts the day before the event. Co-Chair Stephanie Mullins thanked those who have already made donations for the silent auction and said they are in need of more. They are accepting donations at the April general luncheon meeting or contact her or Co-Chair Natalie Nuttall to arrange for them to pick up the donated items.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Art and Flower Reciprocity Tea:** Co-Chairs Christine Monahan and Tricia Monahan-Dutra thanked their committee and said that the event will be on Wednesday, April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be tearoom modeling and topiaries for purchase from Cliff Finch's Topiary Zoo. Member Kelly Swertfeger is organizing the tea sandwiches and sweets. There is a signup circulating for those who wish to assist with food. Co-Chair Christine Monahan thanked Member Dena Reynolds for her advice on how to organize the event.

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

**Penny Pines:** Chair Barb Moen passed the donation jar and reported that donations for the quarter ending in February were \$418.27 for a year total of \$827.27. Barb thanked the membership for their donations to support reforestation of our forests burned by wildfires.

**Community Impact Committee:** President Desiree Ward reported for Chair Libby Borchardt and thanked those who made over 250 valentine cards which were delivered to local veterans living at the Veterans Home. Desiree said to look forward to future events that the committee is planning.

**SECTIONS:**

**Movie Review:** President Desiree Ward for Chair Becky Morlock said that the section will be meeting Friday, March 13 at 10 a.m., to review the movie "Traffic."

**Knitting and Needles:** Chair Vanda McArthur reported that the section would be meeting Monday, March 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Come and bring a craft project involving needles and thread.

**Book Talk:** Chair Margaret Nordstrom said that the section would be meeting the fourth Thursday of this month, March 26 at 10 a.m.

**Tea Time:** Chair Kim Gould reported that, due to the Antique Show, the section would not be meeting in March.

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**Out to Lunch Bunch:** Chair Sue Stephens announced that the section would be meeting at the Red Lobster on Monday, March 30 at 11:30 a.m.

**Health and Wellness:** Second Vice President Suzy Wren reporting for Chair Hope Rosky said that about 12 met at Scout Island in March for a nature walk and to learn about the facility which is owned by the Fresno County Office of Education. The section will be meeting Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 9:15 a.m., for chair yoga to be taught by Member Joanne Bazarian.

**Marathon Bridge:** Chair Mary Ann Hendrickson informed those present that the section meets on the first Thursday of every month at 1 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS/30 SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Member Barb Moen said that a pin with the letter “B” had been found in the Penny Pines donation jar.

Third Vice President Suzanne Crosina-Sahm informed those present that the St. Paul Ladies Society is having an Armenian lunch with 22 vendors this Saturday, March 14, 2026, at St Paul Armenian Church. Tickets cost \$25.

First Vice President Debbie Reuland announced the next San Joaquin Valley Town Hall lecture featuring Jeopardy Host Dan Jennings will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. There will also be a twilight event on March 24, 2026, at the Paul Shaghoian Memorial Concert Hall. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with music by the Ginger Blue Band and food trucks. The lecturer at 7:00 p.m. will be John Volathen who will speak about the “Lessons from the Thai Cave Rescue.”

President Desiree Ward thanked Member Riley Gould for her technical skill at today’s meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on March 19, 2026,

*Charlotte Zylka Singer*

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN’S CLUB**




Fig Garden Woman's Club  
welcomes you to our annual  
Reciprocity Tea

*For the Love of  
Art & Flowers*

ART & FLOWER SHOW

**Wednesday, April 22**

**11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m**

Join us in our historic clubhouse  
4550 N. Van Ness Blvd.  
Fresno, CA 93704

Be our guest for tea and delights

Come enjoy beautiful art  
and flower displays

Sponsored by our members



# Social Media Report

Barb Moen, Chair



### Facebook

February Balance: 1,470

March: +41

**Total: 1,511**



### Instagram

February Balance: 551

March: +12

**Total: 563**

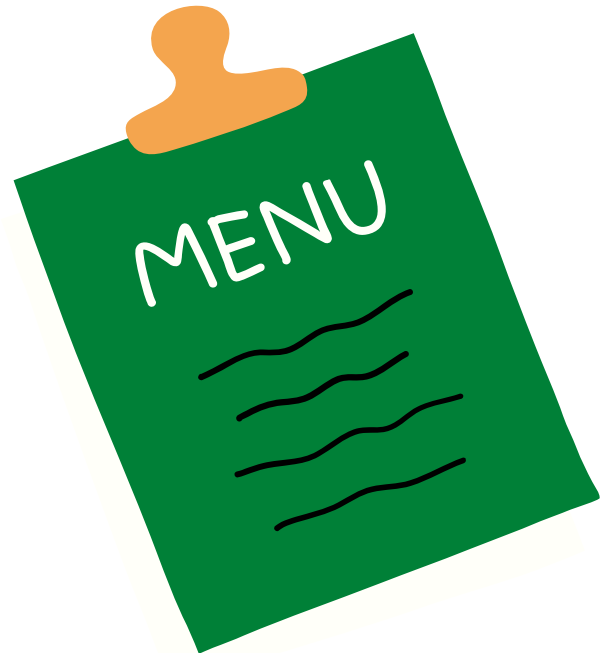


### Website

February Balance: 84

March: 0

**Total: 84**



## APRIL LUNCHEON MENU

Bruschetta Appetizer  
Italian Chicken Wrap  
Angel Hair Pasta Salad  
and Fruit



**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB  
PRESENTS**

# *Spirit of Giving*

**SPRING FASHION SHOW  
& LUNCHEON**

**6 May | 11 a.m.**

**Pardini's  
2257 W. Shaw Ave.**

**\$65 per person**

Raffle tickets  
& silent auction items  
also available for purchase

# Fashion Show

*Shirley Zaver, Chair*

## Get Ready for a Fabulous Fashion Show!

Our committee is working hard to make this year's Fashion Show a fun and unforgettable event!

**Silent Auction:** As always, the success of our silent auction depends on generous donations. We know you have creative ideas, so please consider contributing to help make this a memorable part of the day.

**Sweet Treats:** We're bringing back our fabulous dessert auction! With Mother's Day just around the corner, you'll have the chance to indulge in a selection of wonderful desserts, the perfect way to celebrate the special women in your life. Please consider signing up for a dessert auction donation.

**Reservations:** Secure your spot at the board meeting, the luncheon, or by calling Shirley at (559) 367-1033. Tickets are \$65 per person, with tables of 10 available. Join a group or sit on your own, the choice is yours!

**Fashion Lineup:** Be inspired by fabulous fashions from Macy's, Chico's, and Nonnie's House. Combined with great music, a delicious luncheon, and a full house of friends, this is one event you won't want to miss.

We can't wait to see you there!



## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

The 2026 Fashion Show's Silent Auction Committee is actively seeking donations for the silent auction, which will take place throughout the May 6, 2026 Fashion Show event.

We are seeking gift baskets, gift cards, clothing, art....you name it! The Fashion Show Silent Auction is always a big hit, so please reach out to family and friends in the community.

To drop off donations, please contact Stephanie Foster-Mullins at (559) 301-0995 or Natalie Nuttall at (559) 904-4441.

Please join us to be part of the Silent Auction Committee, or feel free to drop by to drop off donations.

THANK YOU!



## Community Impact Committee

*Libby Borchardt, chair*

On April 11, our members are invited to join a meaningful evening of service at Fresno Mission's City Center.

Volunteers will help serve dinner to individuals and families in need, providing not only a warm meal but also a welcoming, compassionate presence. Your time and care can have a lasting impact on those we serve.

Time: 4:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

There are 10–15 volunteer spots available. If interest exceeds capacity, we can arrange additional dates.

For more details or to sign up, please contact Libby.



## Health & Wellness

*Hope Rosky, chair*

After a fabulous experience in March to Scout Island, the Health & Wellness group was treated to a special chair yoga workout with our own, Joanne Bazarian, on April 1st...No foolin'. Joanne demonstrated exercises that people can do in their own homes. Her passion for yoga came shining through. Thank you Joanne for demonstrating your expertise with our group.

Please note, there will not be class on Wednesday, May 6th as many of us will be attending the club's annual fashion show.

We will have a final gathering on Wednesday, June 3rd. There will be special healthy treats for our final meeting.

Here's to good health,  
Hope





## Bingo & Bubbly

*Joanne Bazarian & Hope Rosky, Co-Chairs*

What a fabulous time we all had at Bingo & Bubbly. Joanne and I were so fortunate that we had such a great group of women who helped make a difference. From the delicious food to the extra hand on deck, we were prepared and had many happy members.

A special thank you to the band Ginger Blue. They donated a performance to the highest bidder. We certainly did not intend this to be a fundraising event but we ended making well over \$2,000.

We will be looking forward to another fun-filled event next year.



**Co - Chairs Joanne Bazarian  
& Hope Rosky**



**Our popcorn ladies -  
Laurie Frye & Lorraine Smith**

## Cinema Group

*Becky Morlock, chair*

**DATE:** Friday, April 10 @ 10:00am

**TITLE:** Me and Earl and the Dying Girl

**YEAR:** 2015

**CAST:** Thomas Mann, Olivia Cooke, RJ Cyler, Nick Offerman, Molly Shannon, Jon Bernthal, Connie Britton.

**DIRECTOR:** Alfonso Gomez-Rejon

**GENRE:** Coming-of-age, Dark Comedy, Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** High-schooler Greg, who spends most of his time making parodies of classic movies with his co-worker Earl, finds his outlook forever altered after befriendng a classmate who has just been diagnosed with cancer.

Though the title may sound morbid, this is a very sweet and clever film that is completely life-affirming.

Open to all members, please join us.

Becky Morlock





## Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

The most up-to-date FGWC Handbook and Events Calendar are always available on our website in the “Member Resources” Section. **Both are updated as changes occur.** The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

To access the *Handbook* log on to our website at: [figgardenwomansclub.org](http://figgardenwomansclub.org)

Then select: Member Resources

Then select: Handbook



To access the *Events Calendar* log on to our website at: [figgardenwomansclub.org](http://figgardenwomansclub.org)

Then select: Member Resources

Then select: Events Calendar



To access to the *Member Resources* section, you must be registered on the website.

To register, log on to our website: [figgardenwomansclub.org](http://figgardenwomansclub.org) then select: Register (in the upper righthand corner).

After you have completed the form, you will receive an email stating that you now have access to the *Member Resources* section. For security purposes, only FGWC members are given access to this information.



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*Our Club Website at Your Fingertips, continued*

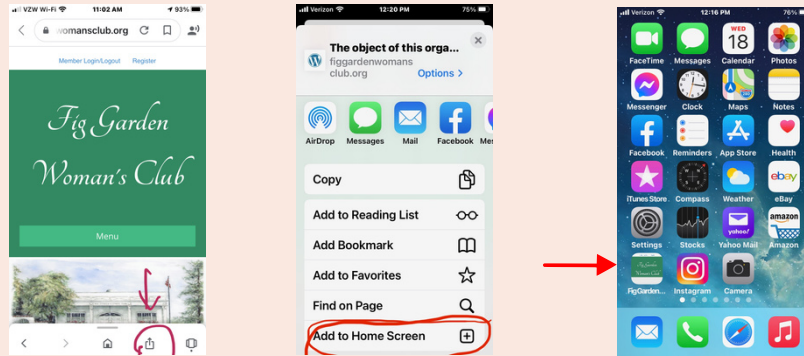
**PHONE OR TABLET ACCESS**

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".

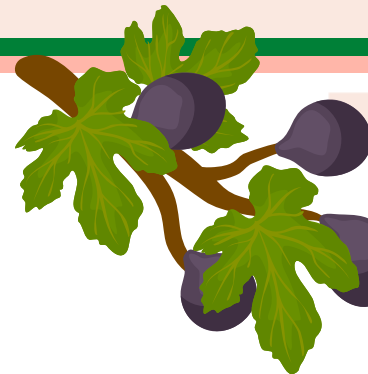
That's it! You're done. Just click on the icon whenever you want to check the webpage.



**For those of you with 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

Please contact Barb Moen if you have any questions or need help. 559-285-2933 or bcmoen@yahoo.com



**April 2026  
Amenities Report  
for  
March 2026 Activities**

*Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian*

The following courtesies were provided to members:

- Twenty-three Birthday Cards
- Six Get Well Cards
- Four meals
- and
- Six phone calls

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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members  
born in*

# April!



**3 Riley Gould**  
**4 Becky Morlock**  
**7 Lori Hamada**  
**7 Marla Speechly**  
**7 Teri Sager**  
**8 Lisa Woolf**

**9 Elizabeth Rush**  
**10 Nancy Swain**  
**10 Pamela Alexander**  
**14 Suzanne Crosina-Sahm**  
**19 Denise Price**  
**28 Lisa Jelinek**

