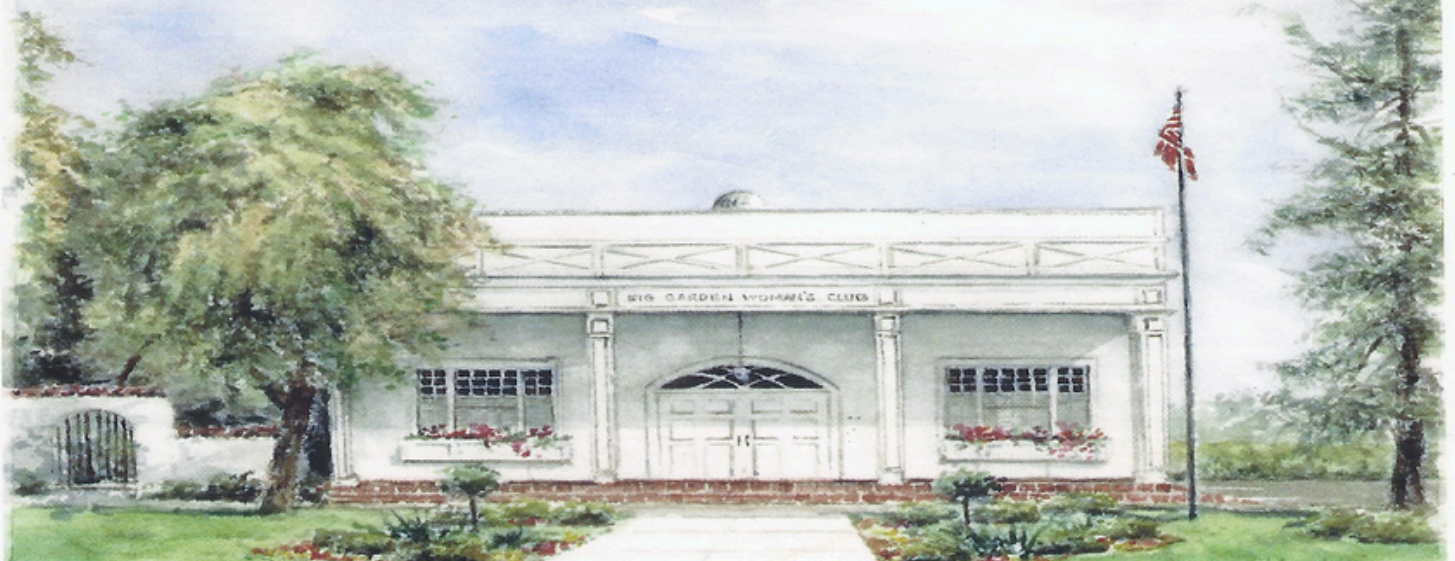


MAY 2026

# THE FIG LEAF

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



## Important Dates & Events

- Annual Dues** - Due now/late May 31
- Fashion Show** - May 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Marathon Bridge** - May 7, 1 p.m.
- General Lunch Meeting** - May 13, 11:30 a.m.
- Movie Review** - April 10, 10 a.m.
- Knitting & Needles** - May 18, 10 a.m.
- AnTEAque Time** - May 20, 10 a.m.
- Book Talk** - May 21, 10 a.m.
- Annual Survey Deadline** - May 31
- Fig Leaf Deadline** - May 31
- Joint Board Meeting** - June 1, 9:30 a.m.
- Health & Wellness** - June 3,
- Marathon Bridge Luncheon** - June 4, 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch Bunch-Annesso Pizzeria** - June 10, 11:30 a.m.



### *Executive Officers*

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- 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*

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

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

*Happy Mother's Day*

**to all who nurture, guide, support,  
and love; we honor every kind of  
motherhood and the many ways it  
touches our lives.**

## President's Message

*Desiree Ward*



Spring has been a beautiful season of creativity, generosity, and fellowship at Fig Garden Woman's Club. Our recent Art & Flower Show was truly a celebration of the many talents within our club. Heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated chairs, **Christine Monahan** and **Tricia Monahan-Dutra** whose vision, time, and hard work brought this wonderful event to life. Every detail reflected care, creativity, and artistry.

Special appreciation to the talented artists who shared their beautiful work, the ladies who created stunning tablescapes and centerpieces, and our entertainers, Nate Butler and our own **Pamela Alexander**, who filled the room with music and joy. Thank you as well to the ladies who prepared delightful treats for all to enjoy, and to our past presidents, who graciously served tea and added such charm to the afternoon.

Guests also enjoyed informal fashion modeling featuring selections from Nonnie's House, adding a touch of fun and flair to an already memorable event. The day was a wonderful reminder of the magic that happens when members share their talents, creativity, and generous spirit.

Now we turn our excitement to our upcoming Fashion Show, "Spirit of Giving." I hope you've reserved your place, because this is an event you won't want to miss. More than a beautiful afternoon, it is an opportunity to celebrate our contributions to the community and raise funds that allow us to continue our legacy of philanthropy. We'll have wonderful raffle prizes, curated auction items, and—a sweet tradition returns—the dessert auction! Bring your friends and join us for an afternoon of fashion, fun, and fundraising.

Looking ahead to our May Luncheon, we will induct our 2026–27 Executive Board. Please plan to attend and congratulate these remarkable women as they step into leadership and begin a new year of service to our club. Their willingness to lead ensures that Fig Garden Woman's Club continues to flourish.

As we celebrate all we have accomplished together and look toward new beginnings, I'm reminded once again that the spirit of giving truly lives in this club—through your time, talents, and generous hearts. Thank you for all you do to make our legacy so extraordinary.

Fondly,

*Desiree Frey Ward*

President, Fig Garden Woman's Club





## Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes April 6, 2026

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

**First Vice President:** First Vice President Debbie Reuland thanked Treasurer Susan Simpson for providing the snacks.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Recording Secretary Charlotte Zylka Singer explained that there was a printing error in the March board meeting minutes in the April Fig Leaf but that the minutes were substantively correct. Note: correct copies of the minutes were provided with the meeting's agenda. Corresponding Secretary Tamara Hargrave made a motion to approve the March 3, 2026 board meeting 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 had, as of March 31, 2026, a balance of \$55,173.81. The investment accounts had a combined balance of \$150,724.07 for a total of \$205,897.88. Income for the month of March was \$24,093.25 and expenses were \$10,933.33 for a positive net of \$13,159.92. Susan further reported that net income from the Antique Pre-party was \$2,585 and the Antique Show was \$11,265. Income made from the Antique Show was as follows: vendor rentals \$4,431, admission tickets \$3,260, lunches \$3,203, and club booth \$5,040.25. Susan also reminded everyone that club dues are due, and that she will be mailing a check in the amount of \$3,925 to cover the Federation dues.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Corresponding Secretary Tamara Hargrave said that the club had received in March of 2026 one donation request from Hope Now, one newsletter from the Valley Center for the Blind, and she sent three thank you notes to Members Sandra Knudson, Linda Gandolfo, and Maureen Boyle for their generous donations to the club.

**President's Report:** President Desiree Ward thanked the chairs of the Antique Show Patty Cortez and Kim Gould. Desiree congratulated all who were involved in making the event very profitable. Desiree commented that the pre-party was lovely and thanked its Co-Chairs Sue Castro and Stacy Pacheco and said the cafe was fabulous and thanked its Co-Chairs Allison Alexander and Lynn Baldwin. Desiree announced that at the general meeting this Wednesday, we will be honoring the past presidents and awarding the recipients with Contributions Committee funds. Desiree also reminded everyone present to look forward to the Art and Flower Reciprocity Tea in April and the Fashion Show in May.

**District Report:** CFWC San Joaquin Valley District Representative Karen Tozlian reported that she will be attending the district meeting this Thursday, April 9, 2026 in Shafter.

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

**Contributions:** President Desiree Ward reported for Contributions Chair Annie Anderson



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and said that the beneficiaries have been invited to the General Luncheon Meeting this Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Committee member Sharon Garabedian said that it was a wonderful group who are very excited and appreciative and were chosen because they need funds the most and have the biggest impact on those in need in our community.

**Clubhouse:** First Vice President Debbie Reuland reported for Co-Chair Irene Wiegand and said that the restroom faucet had been fixed. Member Kim Gould said that Irene usually calls the housekeeper when housekeeping services are needed.

**Membership:** Third Vice President Suzanne Crosina-Sahm announced that there are about 20 openings and 20 applications for membership have been received. The committee will be reaching out this spring to those who have submitted an application, and the new members will be introduced at the September General Luncheon Meeting.

**Preservation and Planning:** Chair Martha Stewart reported that the awnings in the rear of the clubhouse have been installed and the stage curtains cleaned and repaired. Martha said that purchasing new sheds has been postponed. Martha added that repairing the parking lot has become more complicated than expected but the committee is working on it.

**Scholarship:** There was no report.

**Bylaws:** Chair Sandra Knudson educated the Board of Trustees on the process of amending the bylaws. Amending the bylaws requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the members present at a general luncheon meeting. First, the amendment must be presented to the Board of Trustees, then introduced at a general meeting then published in the Fig Leaf, and finally voted on at the next general meeting. Sandra reported, since the process takes at least two to three months, that for the 2026-2027 year there isn't time to raise the club dues. Sandra added that first the Executive Board should discuss the club's financial situation and make a recommendation. Sandra said that the committee chairs must be aware of their budgets because if they want more funds or want to spend more than is in their budget the matter must go to the executive board and the general membership. President Desiree Ward added that raising the dues is something to think about and will be looked into early next year. Desiree added that lunches cost approximately \$30 a piece and about 135 members attend each general luncheon meeting, so dues do technically cover lunches but all 200 could attend the luncheon meetings plus there are the Federation dues and rising costs of maintaining the clubhouse to consider.

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

**Antique Show:** President Desiree Ward thanked Co-Chairs Patty Cortez and Kim Gould. Desiree also thanked Antique Show Pre-Party Co-Chairs Sue Castro and Stacy Pacheco and Cafe Chairs Allison Alexander and Lynn Baldwin. Co-Chair Patty Cortez thanked everyone involved and said it was a great success. Co-Chair Kim Gould thanked Member Ellen Vieti for helping with press coverage, Member Stephanie Mullins and the Coin Gallery for donating the flyers, and Hostess Chair Joyce Gaskins and Refreshment Chair Riley Gould.

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**Fashion Show:** Chair Shirley Zaver announced that the event will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Tickets are available for purchase. There will also be a raffle and raffle tickets will be \$5. The committee is seeking donations of five to six items for the raffle. Shirley thanked Member Janelle Dunn for selling tickets and arranging table assignments. Shirley said there will be “surprise” table centerpieces which will be available for purchase, and she is considering asking Vicky Luna from the Lighthouse and other Contributions recipients to model. There will be donation slips for tax purposes on hand. Shirley estimated that about 60-65 tickets have been sold. Fashion Show Silent Auction Co-Chairs Stephanie Mullins and Natalie Nuttall are accepting donations for the silent auction. Contact either of them to arrange for them to pick up donations. Member Ellen Vieti is assisting Shirley with press releases, and tickets are also for sale at the Fresno Coin Gallery.

**Handbook Advertisements:** President Desiree Ward reported for Chair Lillian Weiland and said, with authorization from Treasurer Susan Simpson and Member Janelle Dunn, sales have begun now and proceeds will be applied to the 2026-2027 year's revenue.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Art & Flower Reciprocity Tea:** President Desiree Ward reported for Co-Chairs Christine Monahan and Tricia Monahan-Dutra and said that the event will be held on April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

**Community Impact Committee:** Chair Libby Borchardt announced that the committee will be serving dinner this Saturday, April 11, from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the City Center. To date, five have signed up to help. They need a total of ten volunteers.

**Penny Pines:** Chair Barb Moen passed the donation jar. Barb reports quarterly on the amount donated.

**SECTIONS:**

**Health and Wellness:** President Desiree Ward reported for Chair Hope Rosky and said that chair yoga led by Member Joanne Bazarian was a hit. The section won't be meeting on May 6, 2026 because of the Fashion Show. The last section of the year will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

**Movie Review:** President Desiree Ward for Chair Becky Morlock said that the section will be meeting this Friday, April 10, at 10 a.m. to review the movie “Me and Earl and the Dying Girl.”

**Knitting and Needles:** Chair Vanda McArthur said the section will be meeting the second Monday, April 13, 2026, at 10 a.m. Come and bring a project you are working on.

**Tea Time:** Chair Kim Gould announced that the section will be meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 10 a.m. The theme will be floral, so bring an antique with flowers to discuss and learn more about.

**Book Talk:** Chair Margaret Nordstrom said that the section will be meeting the third Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 10 a.m. She also reminded all who were present that the section meets in the summer, too.



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**NEW BUSINESS/30 SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Desiree Ward said for Member Liz Looney that the membership had been invited to the Fresno Philharmonic's Link Up Music Education Concert. The event is free to members. Sign up with Liz to attend the event and meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 10:45 a.m. at the William Saroyan box office.

Member Ellen Vieti said that they are starting to get to work on Trash to Treasure. The committee will begin collecting rummage this summer.

Member Linda Boyajian said she had ticket information for the Master Gardeners' Garden Tour which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on April 11, 2026,

*Charlotte Zylka Singer*

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

## Membership Dues

*Susan Simpson, Treasurer*

### **CLUB DUES OF \$250 ARE DUE NOW AND CONSIDERED DELINQUENT ON MAY 31.**

The club accepts cash, check and credit card. You may make out your check to FGWC and mail to: P.O.Box 5012, Fresno 93755. 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.

If dues are not paid before the end of May, you will be required 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 April 8, 2026

### LUNCHEON:

**Collect and Pledge of Allegiance:** Member Eleanor Rojas led the membership in reciting the Club's Collect and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Song:** Member Martha Stewart led the membership in singing "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

**Inspiration:** Chair Bobbie Kirk told the membership about what she learned on her recent trip to France, Italy, and Sicily. Bobbie said that one can learn something new anywhere. It isn't about where you go but how you see it...with curiosity, with openness, with a willingness to step into the unfamiliar and let it change you, just a little. Bobbie urged those present to be curious, open, and unafraid to step beyond what's familiar. She suggested that we find connection in unexpected places, learn from every moment, and embrace the beauty of different perspectives. So, whether you're across the world or here at home, there's always something to discover, always a story waiting, always a chance to see the world and each other a little more fully. Try something new, go somewhere different, start a conversation you wouldn't normally have, and see what the world (and our club) has to offer.

**If These Walls Could Talk:** Member Libby Borchardt said for over 100 years the clubhouse has served as a gathering place for different community activities. During World War II the clubhouse served as a first aid training center. It also provided a venue for recreational activities and, along with the Fresno Council of Churches and the Fresno Women's Church Missionary Federation, Sunday church services for soldiers stationed at Camp Pinedale.

**Introduction of Guests:** Guests were introduced by Members Cara Peracchi Douglas, Lori Hamada, Suzy Wren/Charlotte Zylka Singer, and Barbara Wiedel.

**President's Announcements:** President Desiree Ward informed the membership that today we will be honoring the past presidents and meeting the Contributions Committee's recipients. Desiree thanked the past presidents for their leadership, dedication, and vision which have built a strong foundation on which members can continue the Club's work and for each of their time, heart, and talent to guide the club forward for which we are deeply grateful. Desiree also recognized the nonprofit organizations the club is supporting. Desiree said that their work makes a meaningful difference in the lives of so many and that the Club is proud to partner with them through these contributions. Today is not only about looking back with appreciation but also looking forward with purpose.

### Program

**Honoring Our Past Presidents:** First Vice President Debbie Reuland asked the twelve out of sixteen past presidents of the club introduce themselves - Kim Gould (2024-2025), Martha Stewart (2010-2012),



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Marsha Wagner (2022-2023), Maureen Boyle (2017-2018), Janelle Dunn (2019-2020), Juliette Hammel (2014-2015), Margaret Nordstrom (2011-2012), Irene Wiegand (2020-2022), Suzanne Swanson (2016-2017), Linda Lucido (2005-2006), Teresa Kirkorian (2023-2024), and Ellie Craig (2012-2013).

**Presentation of Contributions:** Chair Annie Anderson presented checks to the following recipients: Fresno Skateboard Salvage \$5,000; Fresno Philharmonic \$3,000; Central Valley Honor Flight \$2,000; Fresno Wildlife Rehab Service \$2,000; Wings \$2,000; CASA \$1,500; Fresno Rescue Mission \$1,500; Lighthouse Recovery Program Inc. \$1,000, and \$2,500 to Camp El-O-Win in honor of long time member Mary Vaughan's memory. For more information on the recipients, Annie informed the membership that there were QR codes on the luncheon tables for the link to more information about the recipients. President Desiree Ward thanked the recipients for their work in the community and thanked the membership for its support of the Club's fundraisers whose proceeds benefit organizations in our community.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** President Desiree Ward called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m

**First Vice President:** First Vice President Debbie Reuland thanked Co-Chairs Cara Peracchi Douglas and Betty Rush and their committee for the tea pot and book decorations on the luncheon tables. Since the books were donated by the committee to the club's library and the tea pots came from the committee member's collections, the centerpieces were not for sale. The budget for this month's decorations will go back to the club.

**Minutes:** Recording Secretary Charlotte Zylka Singer told the membership that the March 11, 2026 General Luncheon Meeting minutes were published in the April Fig Leaf. There weren't any additions or corrections. Second Vice President Suzy Wren made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Member Irene Wiegand. 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 had, as of March 31, 2026, a balance of \$55,173.81. The investment accounts had a combined balance of \$150,724.07 for a total balance of \$205,897.88. Income from the month of March 2026 was \$24,093.25 and expenses were \$10,933.33 for a positive net of \$13,159.92. Susan further reported that net income from the Antique Show Pre-Party was \$2,585.00 and the Antique Show was \$11,265.00. Susan is collecting membership dues and money for tickets to the Fashion Show. She will be sending a check in the amount of \$3,925 to cover Federation dues. Susan also was pleased to report that the club now has obtained a raffle permit. She thanked the Assistant Treasurer Linda Gandolfo for assisting her in counting the receipts from the Antique Show.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Corresponding Secretary Secretary Tamara Hargrave said that the club received one donation request from Hope Now, one newsletter from the Valley Center for the Blind, and she had sent three thank you notes to Members Maureen Boyle, Linda Gandolfo, and Sandra Knudson for their generous donations to the club.



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### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Membership:** Third Vice President Suzanne Crosina-Sahm said that the five name tags she ordered weren't ready but that she would put them on the name tag board. Suzanne informed those present that there were 20 openings and she had received 20 applications for membership. Suzanne said that the committee would be reaching out to those on the waiting list this month. New prospective members will need to submit annual dues of \$250, an Application Fee of \$100, and a head shot by May 31, 2026.

**Preservation and Planning:** Chair Martha Stewart reported that the awnings were up and the stage curtains refurbished. The committee had decided to postpone the purchase of new sheds. Repairing the parking lot has become complicated but the committee is working with contractors.

### **WAYS AND MEANS:**

**Antique Show:** President Desiree Ward thanked Antique Show Co-Chairs Patty Cortez and Kim Gould, Antique Show Pre-Party Co-Chairs Sue Castro and Stacy Pacheco, and Cafe Co-Chairs Allison Alexander and Lynn Baldwin for their hard work making the fundraiser a success. Desiree also thanked Refreshment Chair Riley Gould and Hostess Chair Joyce Gaskins. Co-Chair Kim Gould thanked Member Ellen Vieti for helping with press coverage, Member Stephanie Mullins and the Fresno Coin Gallery for donating the event's flyers, and the Cafe Committee for their great job. In addition, Kim thanked Treasurer Susan Simpson and Assistant Treasurer Linda Gandolfo for working the entire event and said that the club's own booth made over \$5,000 from all of the members' donations.

**Fashion Show:** Chair Shirley Zaver reported that the event, which will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, will include appetizers, champagne, lunch, and dessert. Shirley also said that there will be a raffle, silent auction, and desserts for purchase. The event's Silent Auction Co-Chairs Stephanie Mullins and Natalie Nuttall thanked the membership for their generous donations and said that they were collecting more. Member Sharon Garabedian announced that there was a sign up sheet out front for those who wished to donate desserts. Tickets for the event may also be purchased with cash or check at the Fresno Coin Gallery beginning this Saturday.

**Handbook Advertisements:** Member Hope Rosky for Chair Lillian Weiland informed those present who are interested in purchasing a handbook advertisement to email Lillian and put in the subject line FGWC Handbook Ad. Prices will be the same as last year.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Art & Flower Reciprocity Tea:** Member Hope Rosky for Co-Chairs Christine Monahan and Tricia Monahan-Dutra announced that the event will be held Wednesday, April 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hope asked that food donations be brought to the clubhouse by 10 a.m. on the 22nd so that the committee will be able to plate the food. Hope also reported that the set up for the event will be on April 20 and 21, 2026, from 9 a.m. until noon.

**Federation News:** CFWC San Joaquin Valley District Representative Karen Tozlian informed those



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present that she will be attending the next district meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026 in Shafter. Her report will be in the May Fig Leaf.

### **COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

**Community Impact Committee:** Chair Libby Borchardt reported that the committee will be serving dinner this Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the City Center. The committee could use a few more volunteers.

**Penny Pines:** Chair Barb Moen passed the donation jar and thanked the membership for their donations to reforest the wildfire burned areas of our local forests.

### **SECTIONS:**

**Movie Review:** President Desiree Ward announced that the section would be meeting this Friday, April 10, 2026 to review the movie "Me and Earl, and the Dying Girl." The film is available on Amazon for \$3.95.

**Knitting and Needles:** Chair Vanda McArthur said the section would be meeting the second Monday this month on April 13, 2026. Come and bring a project you're working on.

**Tea Time:** Chair Kim Gould said this month is a floral theme and invited members to bring an antique with a flower on it to discuss. There will be tea and snacks.

**Book Talk:** Chair Margaret Nordstrom reported that as usual the section would be meeting on the third Thursday of the month and that it meets during the summer.

**Health and Wellness:** Chair Hope Rosky announced that the section would not be meeting in May but that the final section meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 and will include healthy treats. Hope added that it has been an absolute joy to chair the section.

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

Member Liz Looney announced that in recognition of the club's contribution the membership was invited to the Fresno Philharmonic's Link Up Music Education Concert. The free one-hour long concert will be held on Wednesday, May 20. RSVP with Liz and meet at the William Saroyan box office at 10:45 a.m.

Member Sandra Knudson said the Master Gardener's Spring Garden Tour will be Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are flyers in the front.

Trash to Treasure Chair Ellen Vieti announced that it is only six months until Trash to Treasure. There will be a meeting for the department chairs on April 30, 2026, at 9 a.m. She will be ordering the POD on July 22, 2026 and drop off dates for rummage will be announced. The fundraiser will be held the weekend of November 6 and 7, 2026.

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Member Joanne Bazarian said that there is now a professional Shakespeare equity theater company in residence at the Warnor's Theatre. The company is looking for sponsorships. Joanne has started a group called the Fig Friends Forever and is collecting \$100 sponsorships. The theatre company will be performing THE TEMPEST April 24 - May 3, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on April 11, 2026,

*Charlotte Zylka Singer*

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

## Annual Survey

*Annie Anderson, Chair*

### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Each year, we check in with the people who make our club what it is—you! Our annual member survey is your opportunity to share how you'd like to get involved, offer ideas, and help shape the direction of our programs and activities in the year ahead. Your feedback truly matters, and we make it easy for you to participate.

#### Instructions for your phone:

- Open your built-in camera
- Point the camera toward the QR Code below
- Tap the banner that appears on the camera screen. This should automatically open your web browser and will take you to the 2026-2027 Annual Survey.

If you'd prefer to use your laptop or desktop, rather than your cell phone or tablet, here is the [LINK TO THE SURVEY](#).

Questions? Reach out to Annie at (510) 759-9057 or [eblastfgwc@gmail.com](mailto:eblastfgwc@gmail.com)

The deadline is May 31, so please take a minute to provide us with your valuable feedback.



QR Code





## Social Media Report

*Barb Moen, Chair*



### Facebook

March Balance: 1,511

April: +14

**Total: 1,525**



### Instagram

March Balance: 563

April: +6

**Total: 569**



### Website

March Balance: 84

April: 0

**Total: 84**

## Out to Lunch Bunch

*Sue Stephens, Chair*

Join us for lunch!

Please mark your calendars to meet your friends for lunch over this summer.

Limited seats are available.

### June 10, 2026 11:30 a.m.

Annesso Pizzeria 8484 Friant Road Fresno CA. 93720

### July 15, 2026. 11:30 a.m.

Los Amigos Restaurant 5088 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93710

### July 29, 2026 11:30 a.m.

Olive Garden. 6725 N Riverside Dr, Fresno, CA 93722

Contact Sue Stephen to reserve your spot! (559) 439 3692

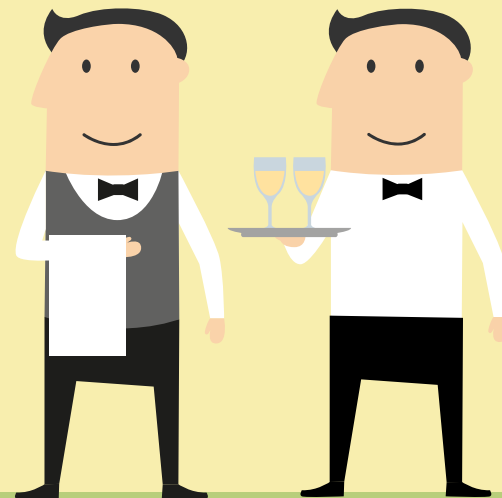




FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB  
PRESENTS

# *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



Join FGWC Members at a **FREE**  
**FRESNO PHILHARMONIC**  
*Link Up Concert*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 10:45 AM**  
**SAROYAN THEATRE**

See first-hand how your FGWC contribution benefits school children in Fresno County! In recognition of the Club's support of the Link Up program, the Fresno Philharmonic invites FGWC members to experience a Link Up concert FREE! Throughout the school year, more than 7,500 elementary students work with their music teachers to explore orchestral music using a recorder and their own voice. The year-long lesson culminates in a series of dynamic concerts with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra.

Meet Liz Looney at the Saroyan Box Office at 10:45 am. You will be escorted to your seats.  
Concert starts promptly at 11:00 am.

Please RSVP to Liz Looney @ [lizlooney@comcast.net](mailto:lizlooney@comcast.net).

# Fig Leaf

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, Fig Leaf Editor

Summer is just around the corner, and I'm definitely ready for it!

As is our tradition, the club will take a short break over the summer months. It's a chance for everyone to travel, spend time with family, or simply enjoy some well-earned downtime. As editor of the Fig Leaf, I'll be taking a little break as well.

We'll have one more newsletter on June 5th before our summer pause, with the next issue after that arriving on September 5th.

If you have news or announcements that need to be shared before the break, please send your content to me by May 31 (my usual end-of-month deadline).

Thank you for helping me meet my deadline!

Suzanne



## *In Memory and Forever in Our Hearts....*

**Ida Blackburn**, a member for 35 years,  
passed away on December 20, 2025.

**Jane Bragg**, a member for 20 years,  
passed away at home on February 19, 2026.

## MAY LUNCHEON MENU



Mesclun, steak,  
& walnut salad  
served with a roll  
and dessert



## Trash to Treasure

*Ellen Vietti & Kim Garcia, Co-chairs*

Hello Ladies,

We know it is hard to believe, but T2T is only six months away! Before we all go our separate ways for the summer, our committee has already been meeting so that we can "hit the road running" in September.

We will have a storage POD arriving on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and have scheduled dates when you can drop off your gently-used items. Please go through your closets, china cabinets, and cupboards and bring your treasures to the clubhouse on the following days from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Please separate your items in bags or boxes and label by department (e.g., housewares, women's clothing, garden, etc.) No furniture will be accepted.

Friday, July 24

Friday, August 14

Friday, August 28

Friday, Sept 11

Friday, Sept 25

Friday, October 23



## Health & Wellness

*Hope Rosky, chair*

A special thank you to Joanne Bazarian coming in to teach Chair Yoga at our April Health & Wellness class. Her knowledge regarding breathing, relaxation and exercises were embraced by all who attended. Thank you Joanne!

Next up:

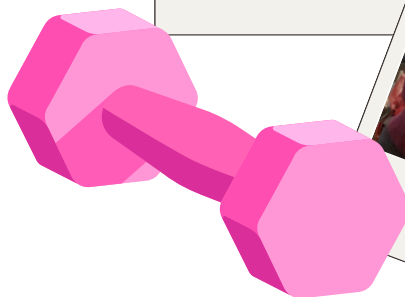
June 3rd Wednesday Walk, 9:15-9:50 a.m.

Exercise with Hope 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Healthy Eating 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Cheers to good health,

Hope





## Federation Report

*Karen Tozlian, District Representative*



The Woman's Club of Shafter hosted the San Joaquin Valley District (SJVD) meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2026, at The Wonderful Company Amenities Center. Fourteen clubs make up Area B of the California Federation of Woman's Clubs (CFWC). Area B stretches from Tuolumne County in the north to Ventura County.

The meeting agenda included introduction of CFWC officers, past presidents, district officers and chairs, SJVD club presidents, distinguished guests and various reports. Following lunch, Sonja Hults, CFWC Communications Social Media, installed the 2026-2028 SJVD Executive Board. The newly elected president, Angie Nelson, chose a circus theme for her two-year term, *All Together Under the Big Top*.

Additional information:

The General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC), which is headquartered in Washington, DC, will hold its annual convention June 26-29 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The 2026 GFWC International Day of Service is Saturday, September 26, focusing on ending domestic and sexual violence. Clubs worldwide unite on this day to raise awareness, support survivors and gather resources. More information will follow as to how our club will participate on this day.

## Cinema Group

*Becky Morlock, chair*

**DATE:** Friday, May 8 @ 10 a.m.

**TITLE:** Fracture

**YEAR:** 2007

**CAST:** Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling, Rosamund Pike, Billy Burke, David Strathairn, Embeth Davidz

**DIRECTOR:** Gregory Hoblit

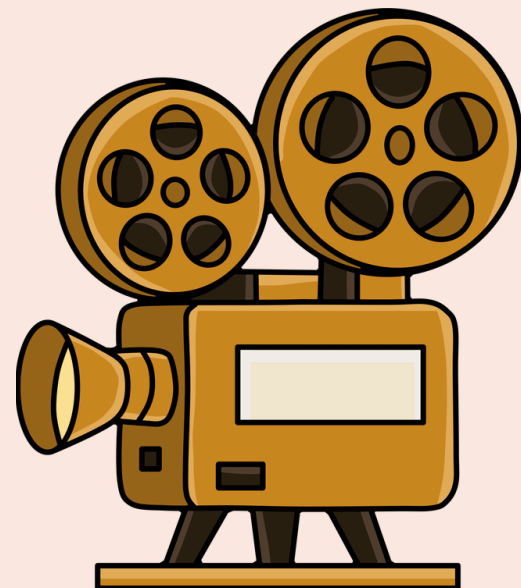
**GENRE:** Legal Thriller, Psychological Thriller, Crime, Drama, Thriller

**SYNOPSIS:** After shooting his wife, Ted confesses his crime and asks the court to move his case to trial. He represents himself against Willy, a successful lawyer. But there is more to the case than meets the eye.

Members, please join us to discuss this taught thriller. Excellent cast with great acting, please join us after seeing the film.

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*

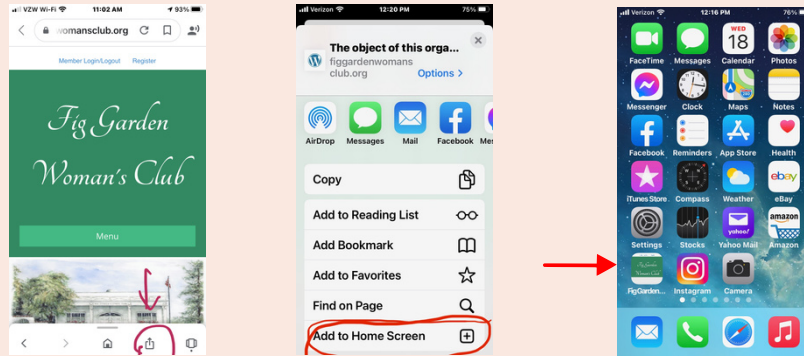
**PHONE OR TABLET ACCESS**

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".

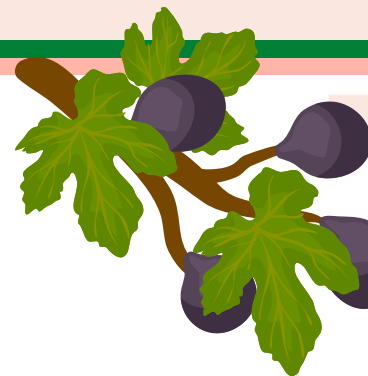
That's it! You're done. Just click on the icon whenever you want to check the webpage.



**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



**May 2026  
Amenities Report  
for  
April 2026 Activities**  
*Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian*

The following courtesies were provided to members:

- Twelve Birthday cards
- One Get Well card
- One Sympathy card
- Three phone calls

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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members  
born in*

# May!



**6 Charlotte Zylka Singer**

**7 Pamela Anderson**

**9 Diana Whitehead**

**13 Josette Arax**

**13 Tamara Hargrave**

**18 Georgie Henry**

**18 Hollie Slater**

**26 Martha Stewart**

**29 Vivian Lew**

**31 Loretta Bolin**

