NOVEMBER 2026

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

Trash to Treasure Pre-Sale Pary - November 4, 5-7 p.m.
Trash to Treasure Sale - November 6-7, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Board Meeting - November 9, 9 a.m. social/9:30 a.m. meeting
General Lunch Meeting - November 11, 11:30 a.m.
Health & Wellness - November 9, 10:30 a.m.
Marathon Bridge - November 12, 1 p.m.
Movie Review - November 13, 10 a.m.
Maker's Market - November 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Create & Connect - November 16, 10 a.m.
AnTEAques - November 18, 10 a.m.
Book Talk - November 19, 10 a.m.
Thanksgiving - November 26
Fig Leaf deadline - November 30
Marathon Bridge - December 3, 1 p.m.
Santa's House - December 5, 10 a.m. - noon



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Co- Presidents
Suzanne Crosina-Sahm & Debbie Reuland
1st Vice President
Charlotte Singer
2nd Vice President
Tamara Hargrave
3rd Vice President
Suzy Wren
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Judith Osterloh
Corresponding Secretary
Debra Riley
Treasurer
Susan Simpson
Assistant Treasurer
Linda Boyajian

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Parliamentarian: Maureen Boyle
Social Media/Historian: Linda Gandolfo
Auditors: Sharon Garabedian & Jeanette Tate
District Representative: Karen Tozlian

Fig Leaf Editor: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Co-Presidents' Message

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm & Debbie Reuland



Dear Members,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we find ourselves reflecting on how much we have to be thankful for. At the top of our list are the wonderful women who make the Fig Garden Woman's Club so special. Your friendship, generosity, and enthusiasm are what make our club thrive!

Speaking of gratitude, what a fabulous Harvest Cocktail Party our new members hosted! It was an evening filled with delicious food, festive cocktails, and wonderful company. A heartfelt thank you to **Jody Bertolucci** and **Margaret Lujano** for co-chairing this delightful event, and to all our new members who made it so memorable.

Now we're gearing up for our biggest fundraiser of the year — Trash to Treasure! An enormous thank you to co-chairs **Kim Garcia** and **Ellen Vietti** for their incredible organizational skills and dedication to this huge undertaking. Thanks also to **Lori Hamada** for coordinating delicious lunches for our hardworking volunteers, and **Jennifer Huelskamp** and **Irene Wiegand** for planning what promises to be a fabulous Presale Party.

Next up is our Maker's Market! What better way to kick off your holiday shopping? A big thank you to **Nancee Smith**, who has once again worked her magic organizing this popular event. She's sold out every vendor booth, so expect plenty of unique gifts and goodies!

Our November General Luncheon will be especially meaningful as we remember and honor our dear members who have passed away this past year. We'll also celebrate Veterans Day with a special guest speaker, paying tribute to those who have served our country. Please see page 6 for details.

A friendly housekeeping reminder: If you'd like to be on the agenda for a Board or General Meeting, please contact us in advance. We'll email agendas the day before each meeting so you can print a copy to bring along.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, our theme, ***"Rooted in Tradition, Growing Together,"*** feels especially fitting. We're grateful for the friendships and traditions we share and the memories we're creating together.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and gratitude!

Warmly,

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm & Debbie Reuland
Co-Presidents, 2026–2027
Fig Garden Woman's Club

Fig Garden Woman's Club
Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Co-President Debbie Reuland.

President's Announcements: Co-President Debbie Reuland said that the microphones were currently not working. Suzanne Crosina-Sahm was traveling and will not be at the meeting today.

First Vice President: First Vice President Charlotte Zylka Singer thanked members Ann Caldwell, Karen Tozlian, and Sharon Garabedian for the lovely treats.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Judith Osterloh reported that the June 1, 2026 Joint Board Meeting minutes were presented. There were no additions or corrections. Suzy Wren moved to approve the minutes as written, and Sharon Garabedian seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the minutes were approved. Judy also said that the Board Meeting minutes for August 31, 2026 were emailed with today's meeting agenda. There were no additions or corrections. Sharon Garabedian made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Desiree Ward. 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 9/30/2026, had a balance of $24,740.30. The investment accounts had a combined balance of $144,295.92 for a total of $169,036.22. Income for the month of September was $2,460.00, and expenses were $4,396.52, for a net negative balance of $1,936.52. She highlighted the Makers Market for an income of $1,655.00 so far.

Program: Second Vice President Tamara Hargrave reported that Nathan Gilbert, Regional Director for Better Business Bureau Mountain West and Pacific Southwest, will be speaking on how to avoid phishing scams at the General Meeting on October 7, 2026.

Membership: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported for Third Vice President Suzy Wren and reminded members of the Harvest Cocktail Party on October 21, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Corresponding Secretary: Corresponding Secretary Debra Riley reported that mail is currently being forwarded to the Club at 4550 N Van Ness Blvd, Fresno CA, 93704. She received the old gardener's key. Debra also reported that she printed seven copies of the October Fig Leaf. Six copies were mailed to members, and one copy was kept for the Historian. Due to the length of the newsletter, costs for printing and mailing have increased.

Board Trustee Reports: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported that she posted a calendar in the kitchen for everyone to review and use to make changes in their own handbooks. Dates for the Card Party,

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Marathon Bridge, and Mahjong have been changed. The Card Party has been moved from January 20, 2027 to February 18th, 2027. Judy Boro is the chair.

District Report: Karen Tozlian reported that the San Joaquin Valley District will meet again on November 12, 2026 in Sonora, CA; she plans to attend.

Preservation & Planning: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported for Chair Teresa Kirkorian and said that there will be upcoming maintenance performed on the building.

Supplies: Co-President Debbie Reuland reminded members to report by texting Allison Alexander of any supplies needed for the Club.

Grounds: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported that Marie Slater is the new chair for grounds. The new gardener will be coming once a week on Tuesdays.

Social Media: Chair Linda Gandolfo had nothing new to report. She reminded members to reach out to her or add notes when signing up for the website so that she can identify names to email addresses. Members can share the Fig Garden Woman's Club Calendar to another Calendar app such as Google Calendar.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Scholarship: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported for Chair Pamela Vogel that one of the scholarship recipients will be speaking at the General Luncheon on October 7, 2026.

Fig Leaf: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported for Suzanne Crosina-Sahm that the deadline for submissions to the Fig Leaf is the last day of the month. Please submit entries for the Fig Leaf as early in the month as possible.

WAYS AND MEANS

Handbook: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported that there are outstanding payments for handbook advertisements.

Maker's Market: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported on behalf of Chair Nancee Smith. Distributing fliers in the neighborhood mailboxes is not legal. A member suggested giving fliers to the local news desks. We can post fliers at La Boulangerie, Hungry Bear Cookies, and local office buildings.

Trash to Treasure: Co-Chairs Ellen Vietti and Kim Garcia reported for Trash to Treasure. Kim requested that members sign up to work shifts. On October 26, 2026, the POD will be picked up. The next dropoff days will be Friday, October 9, 2026 and Friday, October 23, 2026 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. On October 19, 2026, Gilberto and Kim Garcia will be moving the furniture to organize the Clubhouse. On October 20,

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the fixtures for the boutique and jewelry will be set up. On October 21, 2026, the tables will be set up for the Harvest Party. On October 23, 2026, the POD will be unpacked, and Trash to Treasure set up will be on October 26th through the 30th. Ellen commended Linda Gandolfo for making a flyer and posting it so fast. We will not be doing paper fliers this year, as they have not been used in the past. Ellen announced that we have a new banner. There are yard signs available in the POD that can be checked out. The Van Ness Neighborhood yard sale will also be used during this time, and we will be posting signs for the Trash to Treasure event for people to see.

Trash to Treasure Pre-Party: Co-Chair Irene Wiegand reported that the pre-party will be on November 4, 2026 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Lions Club Glasses: Lions Club Glasses and Hearing Aid donation boxes are in the Ladies' restroom.

E-Blasts: Co-President Debbie Reuland reminded members to include contact information on all E-Blasts. The email needs to be written and sent to Debbie and/or Suzanne Crosina-Sahm for approval and then will be sent to Annie Anderson for distribution via email.

SECTIONS

Out to Lunch Bunch: Judy Osterloh reported for her Co-Chair Riley Gould. There was a lovely turnout at the Fort Washington Country Club Brunch on September 27, 2026. The event was attended by 27 members and guests. Riley Gould thanked Lillian Weiland for helping set up the brunch. Future luncheons: December 16, 2026, the Old Spaghetti Factory, at 11:30 a.m. and January 27, 2027, Max's Bistro and Bar, at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets are available.

Book Talk: Chair Margaret Nordstrom reported that the book section will be meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

Create & Connect: Co-Chair Tamara Hargrave reported that this month has been canceled due to Trash to Treasure. In November, join us for gift wrapping.

AnTEAques: Chair Kim Gould reported that last month they discussed antique jewelry and posted on Instagram. This week the section will be presenting personal accessories such as purses, jewelry, and textiles on October 14, 2026, at 10 a.m. They will be talking about different periods and provenances. She invited members to bring their favorite spooky teacup.

NEW BUSINESS

Mahjong: Eleanor Rojas invited members to play Mahjong at her house on Thursdays. The group has started meetings for beginners to learn Mahjong. Speak to Chair Lori Hamada for information.

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Desiree Ward stated that the Christmas Gala will open for sign-ups at the Luncheon on Wednesday October 7, 2026. Members can buy tickets and make individual reservations; members may bring one guest. There will be assigned seating. The setup for the Gala will be held on December 7th and 8th. The price for tickets will be $60.00. Lynn Baldwin and Allison Alexander will be our Chefs this year. The Gala will be on December 10, 2026, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The next FGWC Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m. social hour and 9:30 a.m. business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on October 20, 2026.

Judith Osterloh
Recording Secretary
FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

November Luncheon: Honoring Veterans Day

Tamara Hargrave, Second Vice President



In honor of Veterans Day, we are pleased to welcome retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel John Cotter as our November luncheon speaker.

A Fresno State graduate, John served 30 years in the U.S. Air Force in a variety of leadership and operational roles before continuing his career in federal service with the Department of the Navy and the U.S. Treasury.

John will share the history and significance of Veterans Day, along with personal stories from his distinguished career. He will also recount his harrowing experience surviving the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon and how that life-changing event led him down an unexpected career path.

Please join us for what promises to be a fascinating and meaningful Veterans Day program!

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

Song: Chair Martha Stewart led the membership in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag".

Inspiration: Chair Bobbie Kirk inspired the Club to flip the narrative of a witch's hat from the historical symbol to a crown representing wisdom, spiritual power, and divine love. She noted that the witch once was the community healer, deeply connected to the earth and the powerful intuition within her. She called upon the women of the Club to lean into our intuition of grace and kindness toward each other. Bobbie encouraged Club members to always look upward, like the tall stature and point of a witch's hat. She related the wide brim of the hat to our capacity to shelter others, to expand our circles of compassion, and wrap our community in unconditional love.

Introduction of Guests: Scholarship Chair Pam Vogel congratulated the 22 awardees of the nursing scholarships. Blia Moua, scholarship recipient, 3rd semester nursing student, Fresno native, and Roosevelt High School graduate, was a guest. She will graduate with a degree in nursing in May 2027. She was drawn to nursing through her experiences caring for her grandmother and the combination of sciences, critical thinking, and compassion for others. After graduation, Blia is interested in working in the surgery department. She gave a sincere thank you to the FGWC for supporting nursing students as they pursue their future careers and shared her gratitude for the kindness, support, and generous investment in the future of nursing students.

Members introduced their luncheon guests.

PROGRAM
Second Vice President Tamara Hargrave introduced Nathan Gilbert, Regional Director for Better Business Bureau, Mountain West and Pacific Southwest. Nathan Gilbert is joined today by Karen Bryant from the San Diego Office.

Speaker: Nathan Gilbert encouraged the Club Members to adopt "pause and verify" when opening emails, messages, and other internet sites. He listed common scams about cryptocurrency or investments, romance and friendships, job openings, calendar invites, and emails that may be used as an avenue for scammers to gain your personal information. Nathan Gilbert gave four points to recognize a phishing scam:

1. There will be pressure to act now. Remember that it is not a real deadline;
2. The sender will be familiar. Call the person to verify it was them;
3. There will be a payment or banking invitation. Call the bank directly to verify; and
4. Pause and verify that the sender is legitimate.

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If a mistake is made, then speed is how you can proceed. Call the financial institution. Keep records and add time and date. Records may be used in investigations by the Police Department. If there is immediate danger, call 911; otherwise, call Fresno Police non-emergency line, 559-621-7000.

Nathan Gilbert, D: 559-777-5648, O:559-222-8111
Regional Director nathan.gilbert@bbbcommunity.org or BBB.org

President's Announcements: Co-President Debbie Reuland announced that agendas will be emailed instead of being printed for the meetings. Debbie reminded members that the Handbook is an amazing resource for dates as well as the calendar in the clubhouse kitchen. Debbie stated that the Harvest Cocktail Party and Trash to Treasure are coming up; she encouraged members to take the initiative to help around the Club.

BUSINESS MEETING
Call to Order: Co-President Debbie Reuland called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

First Vice President: First Vice President Charlotte Zylka Singer thanked Suzanne Crosina-Sahm for donating some of the centerpieces. The centerpieces are for sale for $5.00. She also thanked Cam Maloy and Stephanie Veneski for helping her set up.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Judith Osterloh stated that the August 31, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes were approved at the October 5th Board Meeting with no additions or corrections. Judy asked members for approval of the September 9, 2026 General Luncheon Meeting Minutes, as published in the October issue of The Fig Leaf. There were two corrections listed for the minutes. Barbara Moen stated that the donation for Penny Pines by Joyce Gaskin and Kelly Swertfager will supply trees for one acre, not two. Audrey Ward stated that Sandra Knudson's name was misspelled. Judy asked for approval. Karen Tozlian moved to approve, and Sharon Garabedian seconded the motion. 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 9/30/2026, had a balance of $24,740.30. The investment accounts had a combined balance of $144,295.92 for a total of $169,036.22. Income for the month of September was $2,460.00 and expenses were $4,396.52, for a net negative balance of $1,936.52. Handbook ads are still being collected. The Makers Market income is $1,655.00. There will be a number for Trash to Treasure next month.

President's Report: Co-President Debbie Reuland encouraged members to read The Fig Leaf and use your handbook as a resource.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported for Third Vice President Suzy Wren that there are openings for 15 new members.

Preservation and Planning: Co-President Debbie Reuland reported that Chair Teresa Kirkorian is performing a reserve study to anticipate replacing things such as the air conditioning and to preserve the 100-year-old building. Kim Gould is currently working on a potential project to update the ladies' room.

Social Media: Chair Linda Gandolfo reported for Social Media. As of September 30, 2026, Facebook followers have increased by 80 to 1611. Instagram followers increased by 41 to 627, and the website has increased to 81 up 1. Linda encouraged members to join the website and download the FGWC calendar to their Google Calendar and download the pdf of the Handbook.

Penny Pines: Kim Gould reported for Chair Barb Moen. Reports are quarterly, and the next report will be presented in December.

Scholarship: Chair Pam Vogel thanked the 2025-2026 Scholarship Committee. She congratulated Blia Moua, scholarship recipient, on her wonderful speech.

WAYS AND MEANS

Makers Market: Chair Nancee Smith reported that Makers Market is sold out and applications for the waitlist are open. She is still looking for a food truck.

Trash to Treasure: Co-Chair Ellen Vietti reported for Trash to Treasure. The next dropoff days will be Friday October 9, 2026 and October 23, 2026. The POD will be unpacked and organized into areas on October 23, 2026. Ellen encouraged members to sign up for shifts using the link, and instructions are in The Fig Leaf. She stated that working Trash to Treasure is a great way to meet new people in the Club. Ellen highlighted that last year's Trash to Treasure raised $40,000, and the goal is to beat that number this year.

Co-President Debbie Reuland gave Ellen Vietti and Kim Garcia a shout out for working on Trash to Treasure all summer. She stated that working at the event is a lot of fun, does not require a lot of physical ability, and is a great way to make new friends.

Trash to Treasure Lunches: Chair Lori Hamada reported that there is a shortage of volunteers in the second week. Please sign up to bring assembled lunches by 11:30 a.m. Plan for 35 meals on workdays and 60 meals on sale days.

Trash to Treasure Pre-Party: Co-Chair Irene Wiegand reported that the pre-party will be on November from 5-7 p.m. Jewelry and boutiques will be for sale. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Handbook: Karen Tozlian reported on handbooks. The October Luncheon was the last time that the Handbooks will be brought to the meeting. If a member still needs a Handbook, please reach out to her.

E-Blasts: Co-President Debbie Reuland reminded members to include contact information for the E-Blast. The email needs to be written as it would be sent, and then, if approved, it will be sent to Annie Anderson for distribution via email.

Telephone: Chair Dena Reynolds reported that she has printed copies for the ladies on the Telephone Committee.

Get Acquainted Coffee: Co-Chair Teresa Kirkorian reported the two event dates for Get Acquainted Coffee. The first will be on Wednesday October 21, 2026, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Linda Richburg's house. Linda requested that no one park in front of a neighbor's house; please park across the street along the road. The second event will be on February 17, 2026, at Margaret Lujano's home, from 10 a.m. to noon.

SECTIONS

Out to Lunch Bunch: Co-Chairs Riley Gould and Judy Osterloh reported for Out to Lunch Bunch. The next dates are December 16, 2026, Old Spaghetti Factory, at 11:30 a.m. and January 27, 2026, Max's Bistro and Bar, at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets are available.

Book Talk: Vonda McArthur reported for Chair Margaret Nordstrom. The book section meets on the third Thursday of the month. Join us to talk about things you like to read and get recommendations from others.

Create & Connect: Create and Connect is canceled for October.

AnTEAques: Chair Kim Gould reported last month the section discussed antique jewelry and posted on Instagram. On October 14, 2026, at 10 a.m., the section will be presenting personal accessories such as purses, jewelry, and textiles. Kim also announced that Trash to Treasure needs earrings.

Community Impact: Chair Libby Borschardt reported that there was a great turnout to tour the Marjaree Mason Center. Libby invited members to donate coats to the City Center. She stated that coats for all ages and sizes, from infants to adults, are needed. She offered to pick up coats or coordinate if they are dropped off at the Club. Coats will be collected up to Saturday November 14, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS/30 SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mahjong: Chair Lori Hamada announced that the turnout for learning sessions of Mahjong has been successful. The first meeting to play Mahjong is October 20, 2026, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Clubhouse.

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Desiree Ward invited members to decorate a table for the Christmas Gala. Sign-ups are open today. Members can buy tickets and make individual reservations to include one guest. There will be assigned seating. The setup for the Gala will be held on December 7th and 8th, and the items will stay for the entire Gala. After the Gala, Desiree offered to be at the Clubhouse to arrange pickup of table decor. Tickets are $60.00.

Member Kathleen Lehman invited the membership to attend the Clovis Community Choir performance at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday October 8, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Co-President Debbie Reuland congratulated member Mila Istomina for earning a PhD in Economics and Mathematics. It was announced that Member Maria Schmitt received her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy this summer.

Co-President Debbie Reuland reminded members of the Town Hall Lecture featuring Norah O'Donnell, "Feed Your Patriotic Pride", on Wednesday October 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m., at the William Saroyan Theatre.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on October 20, 2026,

Judith Osterloh
Recording Secretary
FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Social Media Report

Linda Gandolfo, Chair

Facebook
Sept followers: 1,611
October: +118
Total: 1,729

Instagram
Sept followers: 627
October +12
Total: 639

Website
September: Accounts: 81
September: +8
Total: 89

Please Note

Carolyn Garrett has deleted the phone number listed in the FGWC currect handbook. Her new number is (559) 974-0502


Free entry!
Fig Garden Woman's Club
Trash to Treasure
Rummage Sale!!
November 6th and 7th
9am -3pm
Cash/Credit cards
Instagram/Facebook:
@figgardenwomansclub
4550 N. Van Ness Blvd.
Fresno, CA. 93704

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

Maker's Market Craft Fair

Fifth Annual

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

Saturday, November 14
9 am - 3 pm

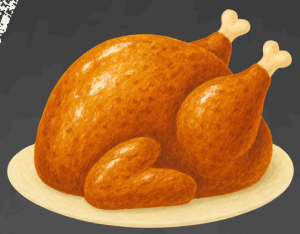
Fig Garden Woman's Club
4550 N. Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93704

SHOP HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FROM 44 VENDORS!

- Denim jackets
- Candles
- Tea Sets
- Journals
- Beaded items
- Baked goods
- Hair bows
- Pottery
- Jewelry
- Jam
- Press on nails
- Scarves
- Wood crafts
- Seashell creations
- Fine Art
- Doggy treats
- Honey & honey products
- Tote bags
- Evil Eyes
- Suncatchers
- Children's books
- Fairy items
- Leather jewelry
- Organic beauty products

ADMISSION IS FREE

Menu



November
Turkey, mashed potato, vegetable

December
Beef bourguignon, roasted potatoes, baby bells with onions

January
Tomato bisque starter, penne pasta with chicken, garlic bread

February
Corn chowder starter, chicken focaccia sandwich, orzo pasta salad

March
Choice of corned beef & cabbage OR chicken picatta, potatoes, carrots.

April
Italian bruschetta starter, Italian chicken wrap, angle hair pasta, fruit

May
Mesclun steak salad

Chef's choice dessert served wtih every meal
Vegetarian options available upon request

NO MEETINGS JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Fig Garden Woman's Club

Christmas GALA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 P.M.

$60 per person



Join us for the Fig Garden Woman's Club Annual Christmas Gala — a cherished tradition filled with friendship, festive food, fun, and holiday cheer!

Your ticket includes:

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Drinks
- Dinner
- Desserts
- Music
- Door Prizes

Buy now ---tickets are limited

Treat your kids and grandkids to

Santa's House!

Saturday, December 5
10 a.m. to noon
Fig Garden Woman's Club Clubhouse

$25 per child ages 2 to 12 $10 per adult



Don't miss the fun:

- Take a photo with Santa
- Make a frame ornament
- Write a letter to Santa
- Enjoy snacks, drinks & special treats
- Entertainment - prize walk!

For tickets and info contact
Jennifer Huelskamp
jhuelskamp@comcast.net
(559) 355-2601

Membership Report

Suzy Manfredo Wren, Vice President Membership

Harvest Cocktail Party

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful New Members for hosting such a festive and fun Harvest Cocktail Party! It was a delightful evening, and we were thrilled to see so many members come together to enjoy the festivities.

Special kudos to Jody Bertolucci for creating the delicious signature harvest cocktail, and to Jody and co-chair Margaret Lujano for bringing it all together so beautifully. We are so happy to have you as part of the Fig Garden Woman's Club!



New Members for Spring

I want to encourage our membership to be on the lookout for new members.

We have a list of four ready for next year but have openings for up to 15. So, if you have a friend who has expressed interest please invite them to our upcoming events. We have the November luncheon, Trash to Treasure next weekend, and Makers Market are all upcoming. Our friendship and community are ever expanding.

Christmas Gala - Reservations & Table Decorating

Desiree Ward, Chair

The excitement is building for our Holiday Gala on Thursday, December 10th! Tickets are still available at $60 per person, and we have a few tables available for those interested in decorating.

Gather your friends, add a little holiday magic, and create a beautiful table to make the evening extra special!

And, of course, come hungry! Allison Alexander and Lynn Baldwin will be cooking up a fabulous dinner that promises to be a delicious highlight of the evening.

Don't miss out on a wonderful night of friendship, festive cheer, and holiday fun. We look forward to celebrating with you! For reservations or to volunteer to decorate a table, please contact Desiree Ward at (559) 906-1551.

Community Impact

Libby Borchardt, Chair

The Community Impact Committee is collecting new and gently used coats for the Fresno Mission.

We will be accepting coats at the November 9th Board Meeting and the November 11th General Meeting.

You may also drop off coats at the City Center 2025 East Dakota Ave, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or you may call or text me at 559 301-8929, if you need me to pick them up.

Thank you,
Libby

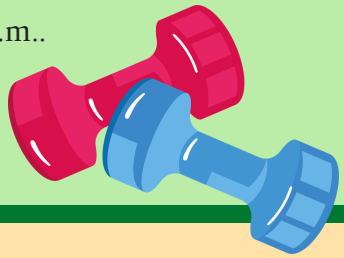


Health & Wellness

Hope Rosky,Chair

Please join us for the last Health & Wellness class for 2026. We will meet Monday, November 9th.

The Monday Mile will begin at 10 a.m., followed by class at 10:30 a.m., and then Women's Wellness Topics. We will end at 11 a.m..



Cheers to good health,
Hope

Fig Leaf

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, Editor

We're going to try something a little fun to see who is reading the Fig Leaf.

If you've gotten this far ...

The first three people to send a text to Suzanne at (559) 392-1685 with your name and the words "I Read the Fig Leaf" will be presented a prize at the November General Lunch meeting.

Good luck!

Recipes from the New Member Harvest Party



Ginger Gold Rush

New member, Jody Bertolucci, treated everyone to a delicious signature cocktail at the Harvest Cocktail Party. Many of you asked for the recipe, so here it is! She discovered this delightful concoction in Saveur magazine. Cheers!

Ingredients:
1 oz. bourbon
1.5 oz. ginger liqueur
0.5 oz. fresh lemon juice
1 Brandied cherry

Directions: To a martini glass, add the brandied cherry. To a cocktail shaker filled halfway with ice, add the ginger liqueur, bourbon, and lemon juice, and shake vigorously until well chilled, about 15 seconds. Strain over the cherry into the glass.

Notes from Jody:
For the big batch version, I changed the proportions slightly. I used one part lemon juice (mostly Meyer lemons) to two parts Domaine de Canton French ginger liqueur, to two parts bourbon. I also added a couple of tablespoons of honey mixed into a third of a cup of water. Lastly, I used the crystallized ginger as a garnish.

Lemon Posset

Another delicious hit at our Harvest Cocktail Party was the Lemon Posset brought by new member Aimee Jacobs! It was the perfect combination of sweet and tart, and a delightful way to end a fabulous evening. Aimee was happy to share the recipe so you can enjoy this sweet treat at home



Ingredients

- 1 pint heavy cream (Use heavy cream; light cream will not set properly.)
- ⅔ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice, strained
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest

Choose your serving dishes. Use small cups or ramekins, or prepare lemon shells: halve the lemons lengthwise and carefully scoop out the flesh, keeping the shells intact. Reserve the juice.

Heat the cream. Combine cream, sugar, and zest in a large saucepan. Bring to a gentle boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar, then simmer for 3 minutes, stirring frequently.

Add the lemon juice. Remove from heat and stir in the measured lemon juice. Let cool for 10–15 minutes.

Fill and chill. Arrange the lemon shells snugly in a tray, or set out small cups or ramekins. Fill and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, preferably overnight.

Optional garnishes: Just before serving, top with fresh berries, a small mint leaf, a little lemon zest, or a dollop of whipped cream.

Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Linda Gandolfo, 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
Then select: Member Resources
Then select: Handbook



To access the *Events Calendar* log on to our website at: 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 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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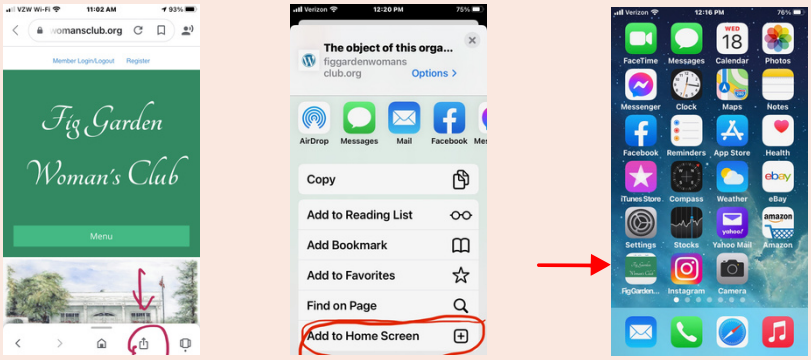
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For new members who would like to add the FGWC icon on your phone or tablet for easy access, below are step-by-step instructions on how to do so.

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.



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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 Linda Gandolfo if you have any questions or need help (559) 269-5888.

November 2026 Amenities Report for October 2026 Activities

Chairs: Alisa Martin & Lillian Macias Weiland

The following courtesies were provided to members:

Thirty Birthday cards
Seven Get Well card
Five Thank You cards
Two Sympathy cards
One Thinking of You card

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our members born in
November!

1 Karen Tozlian
1 Desiree Ward
5 Barbara Parnell
7 Judy Gregerson
8 Kristina Wettstead
11 Cynthia Hill
13 Mary Lopez
13 Cam Maloy
17 Lorraine Smith
20 Norma Ferraiolo
22 Monica Balch
22 Linda Boyajian
24 Claudia Andresen
30 Sloan Johnson

