

The Bloomin' News

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Dogwood Garden Club of Pollock Pines

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THE AUTUMN LEAVES DRIFT PAST MY WINDOWS THE AUTUMN LEAVES OF RED AND GOLD

Yes! It is the time of the season. I want to give all of you who helped make our BABS very successful this year a BIG HUG!!! The Garden Team led by Lorraine Mumm and Marilyn Johnson arrived around 6:00 a.m. and were as busy as bees setting up in the corner of the park. WOW!!! Everything from seeds to plants, to stepping stones, everywhere you looked there was all things of garden interest. The books that were gathered by Doris Morley and her husband Don all year and housed at Heather Warner's garage arrived by the car and truck loads and were set up on the tables. The Bake Team leaders of Janet Sullivan, Nancy Schulz, and Mary Simpson arrived with yummy goodies to set up and entice all who would come by. The Basket Team leader Donna Carmichael had all her team's baskets front and center and looking so beautiful. Bunny's cashiers were ready to go at 8:00 a.m. Kea and her doughnuts and lemonade were there for all to enjoy. Our community along with our DGC members came and supported our DGC. Our net (after expenses) total was \$3,223.

This year there is no Ways and Means Team, as stated in the Board of Directors Minutes for Jan 09. This allows the entire membership the opportunity to present charities of their choice to the Board for consideration to *receive* money this year. *We are having a Board Meeting* on October 12th at the PP Community Center @ 3:00 p.m. Please contact me by phone or mail if you would like to be on the agenda for this meeting. If you are suggesting a charity we ask that you have an information sheet available with all the particulars, explaining

why you would like DGC funds to go to them. If you can not be there in person please have your information mailed to the PO Box for *the* club no later than Oct 6th.

I think this is a good time to discuss the last quarter of the year and do some financial planning for all our members. The dues for 2010 will remain the same: \$25.00. The Bloomin' News is available to download for free on the Yahoo website. We had made the change in July to doing the BN on line. The BN is still being mailed to 54 *members*, and due to the cost of printing and mailing there will be a change for 2010. The BN will be changed to a subscription: it will cost an additional \$15.00 to receive the BN by mail. The renewal dues will be due by Dec 31st. There will be a late fee of \$5 for dues not received by Dec 31st.

The renewal forms for membership *will* be available at the October and November meetings and also in the BN.

The Nominating Committee has a list of members that have expressed an interest in being officers for 2010. There will be nominations taken from the floor at the Nov. meeting and then a vote at that meeting to elect the 2010 Board.

The Christmas lunch at the Sequoia is in the planning stages. I *will* have a menu and a price for this in the Nov. BN. We all so enjoyed the Sequoia last year and will try for about the same cost as last year.

See you in October.

Mary bourn, President

September Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2009

President, Mary Bourn, called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. Vice President, Doris O'Connell, led the Flag Salute; there were no minutes from the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Becky reported that there is \$800.00 in the checking account and the full report is in the Blooming News. She also reported that we are officially a non-profit 5037 social club.

Our speaker was Anthony Pefley from A.B.'s Handyman Services. His phone number is (530) 647-0796 and he is available to help garden club members with a variety of tasks, gutter cleaning, snow plowing, etc.

BABS: Mary passed out flyers and asked if members would display them when they visited local businesses.

Books: Doris Morley asked members to sign up for two hour shifts on Saturday. She also needed one more pick up to pick up books on Friday and deliver them on Saturday morning.

Bake Sale: Nancy Schultz asked for four items per member or money donated. Bake something that will survive the heat and deliver items at 7:30 a.m.

Baskets: Donna Carmichael asked for help with raffle tickets on Saturday. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00 or 32 for \$20.00.

Equipment: Need help with tables, tents and signs – need help to set up at 7:00 a.m.

Gardening: Four plants from each member for the plant sale needed. Clean up the park on Friday, 9/11/09. Bring plants at 7:00 a.m.

Cashiers: Bunny has everything taken care of. Nominating Committee: June DeVille asked for names of anyone interested in running for office for next year. The committee is Marilyn Johnson, Doris O'Connell, Bunny Minkin and June DeVille.

Maria Mindt announced a garage sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Egger, Recording Secretary

POLLOCK PINES HAPPENIN'S

Active Aging Program (El Dorado County) – Join the Senior Health Exercise Classes specifically designed for you to help your mobility, balance and flexibility. Classes are held twice weekly in the Pollock Pines Community Church, 6361 Pony Express Trail, on Tuesday & Friday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Cost is only \$3.00 per class. Call Barbara Thomas at 644-3413 or certified Nia teacher Debbie Priest 530-409-2059. No equipment is required.

Sierra Banquet Center located at 3220 Ponderado, Camino, will be having a benefit dinner "Christmas in Hawaii" hosted by the El Dorado County Association of Realtors on September 25th. Dinner is 6-8:30 a.m. with music provided by Marty Cohn and The Sidekicks. Cost of the dinner is \$25, beer and wine drinks are \$5.00 the proceeds from this benefit dinner will help to feed the El Dorado County homeless residents. Contact Kathy DeBord 642-1234 or cell 916-716-8886 for additional information or Sue and Nick Demidoff at Sierra Banquet Center 644-0345 to reserve your meal for this highly popular event.

October Meeting

Our October 7th meeting will be held at the Troll Knoll 10148 Oak Canyon Drive, Penn Valley, Ca, 95946. This is just west of Grass Valley. You may look at their web site to see what the gardens are all about. Just click on www.trollknoll.com/.

You may bring a brown bag lunch or do lunch on your own in the Grass Valley area.

Meet at 8:45 because we will leave CVS (Longs) parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Directions will be provided at that time.

The following are directions from Mr. Morris
You can follow my thoughts. Go two snags and a very big oak tree North, turn west on the Silver River and come under the rainbow. Follow the colors up to the Land of the Far Western Rinkydinks. Everyone there knows Troll Knoll. Ask around for the Warthogs to come and lead you to the Entrance. Once they come, remind them their manners and suggest that you want to talk to the Troll. They will bring you. Or, consider Map Quest. In any event we will be glad to see you.

Darlene Grosz, Program Team

Basket Committee Results

The committee is very pleased with their final results...over \$1,000!!! As Basket chairperson I would like once again to thank my team for their hard work and wonderful baskets! Please remember Dogwood Garden Club ladies that most of the donations were made from Placerville merchants who need to be thanked because their donations were wonderful! They were: Camino Flower Shop, Tree House, Joanies, Dedricks Cheese, Greenstone Garden Structures, Mira Flores Winery, Flowers on Main, Winterhill, Camino Garden Center, Robinson's Pharmacy, Off Broadway, Narrow Gate Winery, Zia's, Holiday Market, Thomas Kinkade Gallery, Home Depot.

Also remember to thank our locals: Dante's Italian Restaurant, Snowline Station, Safeway, Crystal View station, Dramatics' Hair Studio, C&T's restaurant, True Value Hardware Store, Belle's & Beau's and Hot Rox. Our baskets were filled with fantastic donations. I would also like to thank my raffle ticket sellers and ticket filler outers...I had more than 2! Barbara you were a saint to stay the whole day. The basket winners were thrilled with their wins. Of course I couldn't have done it without our President Mary Bourn! Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Donna Carmichael, Basket Team Leader

WOW, LOOK WHAT WE DID!

We like to play in the dirt, nurture things along and then stand back and say "WOW, look what I did!" but, this time it is a collective "LOOK WHAT WE DID!" So many of you gardeners or not, contributed beyond our wildest expectations numerous plants, art, seeds and pots to the Garden Team.

The plants that did not sell at BABS were sold the following Saturday at the Community Rummage Sale or will be used in the planter boxes at Sly Park and at the Library. The Rummage Sale proceeds brought in another \$140.00.

A special thanks to Sue Nelson and her husband Walt for arranging and managing the Rummage Sale space.

From our hearts we want to thank each and every Club member that contributed to the Team's success.

Lorraine Mumm and Marilyn Johnson, Co-Leaders

A BIG, BIG, BIG THANK YOU

To my husband, Don, for his monthly book pickup at the Placerville (Barbara and George) library and at the Pollock Pines (Wendy) library. He also helped sort, box, and deliver the books to Heather and Kasey Warner's garage. Thanks also go to Fred Belt, Bruce Carmichael, Darlene and Gus Grosz, Becky and Bryan McIntyre, Anne Mintmier, Tom Schulz, Annie Tornicasa for picking up and delivering books to the sale. And all of those who volunteered to watch over the books during the sale and help load them when it was over! The books are a huge job and we appreciated your help.

Dois Morley, Book Team Leader

In My Garden
By Marilyn Johnson



Putting Your Garden to Rest

Now that fall is on the way it is time to start thinking about putting your garden and yard in order for its winter rest. It's time to deadhead spent blossoms, pull up annuals and prepare for winter protection. Even if you don't live in snow country winterizing will pay off next spring. Potted plants left out on decks need winterizing too.

Mulching is the best way to protect your plants and then next spring the mulch can be worked into the soil around your plants to provide extra nutrients and keep the soil loose. Nature gives us one of the best mulches available. All of those leaves that fall off and need to be raked and bagged make wonderful mulch. Pile them around and between your plants to provide insulation from a freeze yet they allow water to seep down to the dormant root system. Never cover your plants with plastic as it will freeze to your plant and cause more damage than good.

One word of warning about mulches. Keep cocoa-bean mulch away from dogs. Cocoa-bean mulch has a delicious aroma of chocolate and dogs love chocolate. They will be attracted to this mulch and gobble it up. Chocolate can be lethal to dogs and at the very least will make them very sick.

Let's don't forget our fine feathered friends this winter, they too need special attention. You can help them out by making a simple winter treat.

Simply melt 2 Cups lard (any meat fat collected over time and chilled will do) with 1 Cup of peanut butter, then stir in 2 Cups cornmeal and place in a wax paper lined cake pan and freeze. Once frozen cut it into squares and it's ready to hang in suet cages or push it into the crevices of pine cones and hang. This is a great project for children and can be easily doubled. To make a fancier treat add nuts, oatmeal, raisins or birdseed.

Remember autumn brings...

Winds of Change

Autumn winds
Pulling and tugging,
Waiting for me...
To leave my home,
Find my destiny.
To float on air,
To see and be free,
But only for a moment
And then I must be
Just another leaf
Under this old oak tree.

Poem by Tracy Patterson, Birds & Blooms Magazine

For Sale

Golf Cart for sale. Has utility box on the back. Can be used for hauling garden supplies, wood, etc. \$1500.00 - all offers will be considered. Call Darlene Grosz at 530-644-2052

For Sale

Loveseat – Green southwestern pattern excellent condition. Asking \$175.00.

I also have many other furniture items. I had to combine three homes and now am in the process of trying to make room.

Contact: Leslie Sinclair at 530-644-4884

BABS RESULTS

BABS netted over \$3,000 this year! Here are the totals, which include pre-sales of raffle tickets, cash donations by members, etc., as well as September 12 sales:

Member donated cash (in lieu of baking) \$251.00
Baked goods sales \$649.95
Books \$696.70
Plants \$742.88
Raffle tickets/July 4th cake walk \$1,456.00

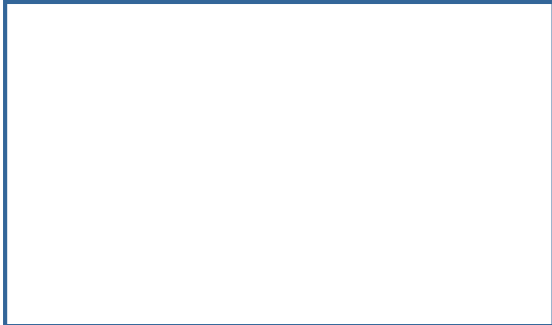
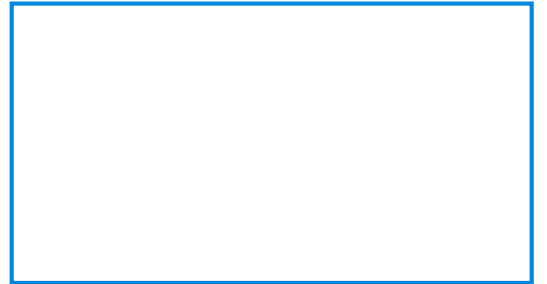
Gross Income \$3,796.53

Expenses (raffle basket items/tickets) \$573.32

Net Income \$3,223.21

Becky McIntyre, Treasurer

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Events & Program Page Programs for 2009

Oct. 7 Troll Knoll Home and Gardens in Penn Valley

The address is 10148 Oak Canyon Drive, Penn Valley, Ca 95946

Gather at 8.45 & leave CVS (Longs) parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. Directions will be provided at the CVS parking lot or you may get it from Map quest or Google.

You may bring a brown bag lunch or do lunch on your own in the Grass Valley area.

Nov. 4 Meeting at PCCCC. Election of Officers for 2010.

Dec. 2 Christmas Luncheon at Sequoia Restaurant, Placerville. Menu, prices and details to follow at a later date.

*Darlene Grosz & Mary Bourn
Co-Program Team Leaders*

Officer Nominations

The Nominating Team has the following interested candidates for Officers:

- President – Becky McIntyre
- Vice-President – Merle Neil
- Secretary – June DeVille
- Corresponding Secretary – DeDe Mello
- Treasurer – Marian Majestic

If you or someone you know is interested in being an Officer for 2010, please feel free to nominate them. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our November 4th meeting.

Bunny Minkin, Nominating Team Leader

ROSTER UPDATE

Linda Lucito: Remove the P.O. Box and use her home address for all mail.

Address: 5698 Little John Way
Pollock Pines, Ca. 95726

Good News! Linda and her husband Charlie have officially retired from the insurance business. Their daughter has taken over and now Linda and Charlie are free to play.

September BIRTHDAY BLOOMERS



Libra October 1 - October 22

- Marilyn Johnson** – October 7
- Tami Lee** – October 14
- Sandy Adams** – October 18
- June Short** – October 20



Scorpio October 23 - October 31

- Ginger DeGregory** – October 24
- Kathy Adams** – October 26
- Annie Tornicasa** - October 26
- Mary Bourn** – October 27

The second Wednesday of every month we get together to celebrate the DGC birthdays for that month and have lunch.

The October Birthday Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 11:30 a.m. at Applebee's, 3281 Coach Lane, Cameron Park, CA, Ph # 677-8677. Applebee's' has an outside covered dining area where we will be seated and they will provide separate checks.

Bunny Minkin is your September Birthday Luncheon Hostess. Please contact Bunny at 644-6685 if you need a ride.

I hope to see many of you there.
Janet Sullivan, Sunshine Team Leader

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DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name _____	Phone (_____) _____
Address _____	City _____
Email _____	Birthday (mo /
day) _____ / _____	

TEAM PARTICIPATION SELECTION

It is the responsibility of each member to support the Club by participation on at least one Team. Please indicate below which Team(s) you would like to join in 2010. Please circle your choices.

Book & Bake Sale	Historian	Program	
Decorations	Hospitality	Publicity	Sunshine
Gardening	Membership	Publishing	Ways & Means

DUES & "BLOOMIN' NEWS" SUBSCRIPTION FEE

_____ \$ 0 Lifetime Member Dues (does not include Bloomin' News subscription sent by mail)

_____ \$25 Dues paid or postmarked by 12/31/09

_____ \$30 Dues paid or postmarked after 12/31/09

_____ \$15 Paid Subscription to the "Bloomin' News" sent by mail (to cover printing & mailing costs)

_____ \$ 0 I will receive the "Bloomin' News" via our DGC website or obtain a copy from a friend

FOR TREASURER ONLY

Check Received: \$ _____ Cash Received: \$ _____ Date: _____

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Mail **fully** completed membership form and check made out to: Dogwood Garden Club by December 31st to: Dogwood Garden Club / Membership Renewal
P.O. Box 1074, Pollock Pines, CA 95726



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... About our Organization ...

The Dogwood Garden Club is a nonprofit organization established in 1971, and registered in El Dorado County, California, for the purposes of promoting local interest in gardening and the beautification of Pollock Pines, and supporting the establishment and continuance of the Pollock Pines Library. We contribute to local charities, schools, youth groups, service organizations and the EDC *Pennies for Pines* Program.

2009 Officers

President; Mary Bourn
Vice President, Doris O'Connell
Recording Secretary, Suzanne Egger
Corresponding Secretary, Donna Morrison
Treasurer, Becky McIntyre

2009 Team Leaders

Book 'n Bake Sale, Donna Carmichael

Communications, June Short & Sandy Wilson

Decorations, Donna Morrison & Pat Schoggins

Gardening, Lorraine Mumm & Marilyn Johnson

Historian, Sue Granno & Bunny Minkin

Membership, Carole McNamara
Parliamentarian, Bunny Minkin
Program, Darlene Grosz & Mary Bourn

Publicity, Merle Neil & Mary Bourn

Publishing, Marilyn Johnson
Sunshine, Janet Sullivan