



March Bloomin' News

Well we finally got 2019 kicked off with a bang at a great meeting this month!! Over 30 people attended –it was so good to see everyone and catch up, hear all the war stories that Mother Nature provided.

We had a fantastic presentation by Robin and Mark Stanley. Robin is a Master Gardener and discussed ways to landscape your property to aid in fire prevention as well as providing many examples of plants that provide additional protection. Mark, retired CAL FIRE Chief Deputy Director, covered concepts of tree and other planting maintenance to reduce fuel for fire control. He provided insight into things he, as a Fire Chief, took into consideration when having to make a decision during a major fire of which property to protect – things such as fire maintenance of the property, building construction, ingress and egress of the property. Both provided many immediately actionable ideas as well some longer-term projects. I know I have already started to make my “To Do” list.

We have a fun meeting coming up next month. This is the replay of the cancelled February Potluck meeting with the theme of “A Few of My Favorite Things”. The WHEN and WHERE is:

When: April 3, 2019

10:30 to 11:00 am is socializing

11:00 to 12:00 meeting followed by the Potluck lunch

Where: Pollock Pines Community Church

6361 Pony Express Trail

Details of the Potluck can be found in the attached flyer – it also contains a sneak peek of the beautiful Spa basket being raffled off at the meeting!!

We are well into the planning of our monthly meetings for the balance of the year. If you haven't already done so, now would be a good time to mark your calendars so you don't miss anything. Here is the current line-up...

<i>Month</i>	<i>Location/Theme</i>	<i>Host</i>
May	Jollity Goat Farm	Mary Bourn
June	Choral Engstrom's home	Choral Engstrom
July	Marlene Whelden's home	Marlene Whelden
August	TBD	Norma Ray
September	Wildlife Rehab	Lea Snowden
October	TBD	Need Host
November	Pot Luck	Pat Schoggins

As you can see, we still need a Host for the October meeting. We have several possible options for locations that we are reviewing, so if you think you would like to host a meeting please let us know. It is lots of fun and we can provide assistance on the planning and delivery.

Other Activities:

The Craft team has been very busy and have already completed over a dozen flags – we are planning our first “Pop-up Sale” over Memorial Day weekend in conjunction with the FOL Book Sale. We will be looking for volunteers to work the Flag sales table so if you would be interested in volunteering a couple of hours of your time please get ahold of Pat and let her know.

We are in the planning stages for the Rummage sale this year but wanted to remind everyone that while you are doing your spring cleaning and filling those bags with donations please think about donating to the Club for the Rummage sale.

The Wagon Train is coming to town on June 7th and we have a booth at the Community Center celebration – so mark your calendars. We will be selling “Flags and Floats” – more information on this as the planning continues

So, we have a lot going on over the next couple of months, fun meetings and great fundraising activities – if you find yourself with any free time and would like to have some fun let us know, we can always use another pair of free hands.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the April meeting – so we can all share a few of our favorite things.

Barbara