



May Bloomin' News

So, after our wacky winter don't know why I'm surprised by the current weird turn in the weather – sitting here writing this with dark gloomy skies, cold and rain pouring down. The bright side is my gardens are loving it and flourishing. I'm a 3rd generation native Californian but have always lived (and gardened) in temperate climates. One of my absolute favorite things about living here is, watching a plant, that is virtually non-existent after the snows melt, return to life, bigger and better than the year before. So, if it takes a bit of inconvenient weather to enable that to happen, I guess I need to just get used to it!

By now I suspect most of you have seen pictures from our meeting at Jollity Farms – from Charley and MaryLisa's discussion about the beginning of the farm and how much joy and work is involved on a daily basis; to the demonstration of the goat milking to the 2 major highlights of the day – feeding of the babies and sampling the wonderful goat cheese produced by MaryLisa and Charley. The line to buy the cheeses, soaps and lotions was long with lots of happy customers. The group was large and lively – the Jollity's assured me they enjoined us coming to visit as much as we enjoyed being there, they ask I pass along their appreciation and invitation to return.

A big round of applause and thanks to our own Mary Bourn for finding such an interesting venue and making all the arrangements for our visit – another great Bourn success! Hey, that could be a great book title, we just might need to start calling her “Jason”.

Well not to be outdone by our May meeting, we have another much-anticipated meeting coming up for June. Choral Engstrom (co-hosted by Carol McBride) has agreed to share her beautiful gardens at “Raccoon Hallow” for our meeting. There will be a presentation on California Roses by Melissa Cowan of Placerville Florist followed

by a yummy lunch catered by Fresh Mix. The buffet lunch is *\$20/person, please send your check to Carol McBride by Monday, May 27th*. More details are available in the attached flyer. Here are the key bullet points:

Date: June 5, 2019

Time: 11:00 am (we will do our socializing during lunch and the garden walk)

Location: 4501 Puerta del Sol Road, Camino

Not quite ready to close May off – the FOL Book Sale is taking place at Safeway on May 24th and the Craft team will be there selling our flags. Pat Schoggins has graciously donated her homemade dog biscuit for us to add to our sale. The dog biscuits are \$5 a bag (about half a lb. each) and according to Macie they are delicious, so I suspect a couple of bags will need to make their way home. So, let's see, flags and dog biscuits...maybe we call it the "Wags and Flags" sale.

June is stacking up to be a busy month with the Wagon Train activities on Friday June 7th where we are selling floats and flags. Then June 15th is the Rummage sale in conjunction with the monthly Rotary flea market – we have 4 stalls so looking for any and all donations. Carol Game is managing the Rummage sale again this year and still needs volunteers for several different activities. This was our single biggest fundraiser last year which enabled us to provide additional support to the community. We can really use your help, so if you have a couple of hours you could devote to helping please contact Carol at (909)342-2133.

July will start off with a bang with our July meeting, being hosted by Marleen Whelden, and another beautiful garden tour – Marleen is known for having many unusual plants or plants not normally grown in our area so really looking forward to getting some great gardening tips.

Look forward to seeing everyone at Choral's.

As always call if you have any questions or comments.

Barbara