

CLAYTON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

1. NEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2009 FOR CVGC:

Three field trips; Sonoma Horticultural Center with a trip to a small farm and orchid hobbyist nursery; Vacaville Herb Farm Tomato Tasting Day; Late Show Gardens

Held first time Fall Plant SALE with record earnings

During the Clayton Garden Tour recruited interested folks to sign up for the CVGC newsletter, many of whom throughout the year signed up for membership.

Club members assisted the Special Student (handicapped) Garden at the Diablo View Middle School by clearing out an obnoxious weed (nut sedge); setting up a solarization project; replacing soil; donating plants for the special students to replant in the vegetable garden.

Club member built an elevated raised bed for wheelchair access. The Diablo View Middle School is ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant.

We picked up 28 new members in 2009.

We launched the Clayton Valley Garden Club website www.ClaytonValleyGardenClub.org

Photos are posted on website of club activities

Club held first annual membership appreciation BBQ. Big success! Member spouses also enjoyed.

Open invitation to Diamond Terrace Residents to become members, no membership fee as we meet in their beautiful home.

Re-started Penny Pines collections and donations.

Set up membership committee to assist Membership Chair position which helped bring in new members; prepared welcome gifts to welcome new members at meetings; call absent members to make sure they are well; sent appropriate cards such as get well, sympathy.

Opened a CD to put a portion of club funds

Information Booth at the Farmers Market during Fall Plant Sale

Membership Renewal Questionnaires asking for suggestions and ideas; received good response

Baskets with donated items and handmade aprons (by club member) for CGCI Fall Board Meeting

Club approved to sponsor Diablo View Middle School into the CGCI/NGC Youth Membership Program Partnership with United Way and Chevron for "We Care Week". Chevron employees donated time to help set up solarization project at Clayton Library Bed

Monthly photos and articles in local newspapers.

Put an advertisement in the first time issue of the Clayton Valley Almanac

Put information about the CVGC on the City of Clayton website

Feature article was written about the CVGC in the Clayton Pioneer and in the Concordian newspapers.

Christmas Card, consisting of membership collage, was sent to the 2009 speakers and supporters of the CVGC and their projects with a thank you for their support in 2009.

An appreciation plaque and honorary membership was presented to R&M Nursery thanking them for their years of support, including use of their vehicle in the Fourth of July Parades.

Fabulous newsletter, on time each month, except January, the month CVGC does not meet.

Newsletter includes monthly Trivia question and award; monthly gardening tips, Question & Answer guy

Multiple work parties to benefit school, library, downtown Main Street Planter boxes, and Plant Sales.

CVGC Members watered downtown planters during drought when city water was shut off as the city cutback was 45%. Members coached downtown business to help with watering to help keep downtown Clayton color with plants.

2. Ongoing Annual accomplishments:

Club members are active as docents for the Clayton Garden Tour which benefits the Historical Society.

Spring Plant Sale bringing in record proceeds for the club

Members participated in the Clayton Fourth of July Parade handing out hundreds of California Poppy seed packets with CVGC information

Members help beautify the local area by upkeeping the downtown planter boxes and the Library Beds

Educational speakers at monthly meetings