



Newsletter of the Paradise Garden Club, Paradise CA [newsletter@paradisegardenclub.org](mailto:newsletter@paradisegardenclub.org) [ParadiseGardenClub.org](http://ParadiseGardenClub.org)



Spring is blooming in our California gardens.

As spring awakens across Northern California, our gardens burst into color and life once again. Early blooms like tulips, our famous daffodils, and anemones brighten borders while native wildflowers such as California poppies, lupines, and buttercups add splashes of orange and violet and gold along our hillsides. Ornamental trees such as flowering plums, dogwoods, and magnolias are also at their showiest, painting neighborhoods in soft pinks and whites. For those who love fragrance, lilacs and jasmine are ideal

seasonal choices that fill gardens with their unmistakable perfume.

Beyond the beauty of blossoms, many local gardeners are busy preparing for the warmer months ahead. This is the perfect time to plant vegetables like lettuce, peas, and carrots, or to establish drought tolerant favorites such as lavender, sage, monkey flower, and yarrow, which thrive in our Mediterranean climate. Mulching and mindful watering ensure that our landscapes remain both vibrant and sustainable as rainfall tapers off. What truly makes our Paradise and greater Butte County gardening community special is the care and creativity that every gardener brings to their piece of earth. Whether you are tending a backyard oasis, a raised bed, or a few pots by the porch, every bloom adds to the shared beauty of our town and helps feed and nourish our pollinators.

Our garden club continues to grow thanks to the spirit of connection and stewardship that defines our region; neighbors swapping seeds, sharing advice, and celebrating the joy of cultivating life in our Northern California homes.

This month's garden club meeting will be at the Terry Ashe Community Center at 1:00 on April thirteenth. This month we are going to celebrate our club with a tea party allowing a co-mingling and sharing of gardening experiences. We hope to see you all there. T3

*Todd*

**PGCI General Meeting, April 13 at 1:00**

*Members Tea Party & Garden Gab*

Tina Lewis will give a short presentation on the medicinal uses of teas.

Bring your favorite snack to share. Tea & coffee provided.

## Index

1. Prez Greeting & Meeting Time
2. Index, Upcoming Events & Thanks to Speaker
3. Beautification Report 1
4. Beautification Report 2 & 2026 GT Update
5. Penny Pines, in memory of Ward
6. California Tree School
7. California Tree School details
8. Board Meeting Minutes & Newsletter ad
9. General Minutes & Publicity Help Needed
10. Contemplate

## Upcoming Events

Paradise Garden Club meets every second Monday of each month at 1:00 at the Terry Ashe Center. All are welcome. Odd months we bring cuttings, plants or seeds to share while even months we share food snacks. **\*Bring your own beverage.\***

### PGCI General Meeting, April 13th at 1:00 p.m. "Members Tea Party & Garden Gab"

Bring your favorite cookie or healthy snack to share. Tea provided. Let's get to know each other better. Relax, sip tea, listen to fellow gardeners catch up on gardening questions, problems, ideas and dreams.

### PGCI General Meeting, May 11th at 1:00 p.m. Working on Garden Tour Boutique items to sell.

### PGCI General Meeting, June 8th at 1:00 p.m. Post Garden Tour Review/details soon.

## Master Gardener News

For detailed information and to sign up go to: <https://ucanr.edu/site/uc-master-gardeners-butte-county>



**HODGE'S FAMILY NURSERY**  
**Upcoming Events**

**April 4**  
**Sip & Stroll Saturday**  
Wyld Flour Food Truck at Hodge's. 9-4

**April 14**  
**Honeybee at Hodge's**  
Free homeschool event. Register online. 12-1

**April 25**  
**Our 42nd Annual Spring Celebration**  
Local vendors, raffle, spinning wheel with prizes, face painting, food trucks. Free! 10-3

## Thank you to Ellen & Michelle

Thank you Ellen for bringing PGCI Master Gardener speakers! **Michelle Graydon of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation** was our speaker on March 9th presentation, titled: "Bring Back the Pollinators." Over fifty people attended and learned from the power point visuals that reinforced every point local expert, Michelle, made about the importance of creating and conserving the habitat for our all-important pollinators! Because of their critical contribution to plant reproduction and diversity, pollinating species (insects and other invertebrates) are considered keystone indicators of environmental health. Our challenge now is to retain and practice what we learned from her to attract and retain pollinators such as bumble bees, native bees, and Monarch butterflies to our gardens.



Gardeners and other people focused on implementing earth friendly endeavors enjoy learning together.



*Thank you our Vice President, Anne, for finding such great speakers!*

# Beautification Team Report

Sometimes, actions speak louder than words...



Paradise Animal & Control Shelter: Special March Workday

Steve & Ellen introduce their granddaughter to gardening



Laughing the weeds away creates good energy



Under the knee is a unique weeding technique.



A "laid back" weeding technique leaves not a weed between them.



All of these weeding techniques work. Note the beautiful, tidy plant bed.



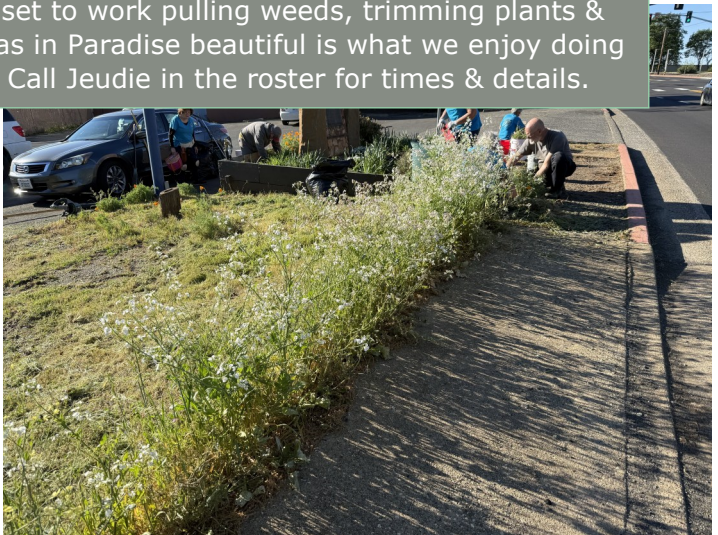
Gardening with the Beautification Team is crazy fun.

# Beautification Team Report

Another March workday assignment for the Beautification Team was the Monument near Riebes.



Todd used the weed eater to cut down the high grass nearby, leaving the hedge of wild radish flowers for the bees to enjoy. Team members set to work pulling weeds, trimming plants & deadheading. Drive by, take a look. Making areas in Paradise beautiful is what we enjoy doing together. You're welcome to join us anytime. Call Jeudie in the roster for times & details.



## 2026 Garden Tour Preparations Update

Thanks to The Home Garden Search Team: Anne, Toby, and Ellen, we have six homes confirmed for our 2026 Garden Tour. The Ad Team (Margaret & Jeudie) are in the process of securing ads for the tour book. These ads pay for the book printing and are a useful way to connect attendees to local businesses. The third team (Linda G. & Nancy) is in the process of compiling the tour book for printing. We hope to have the tour book printed and ready by April 30.

We still need helpers to turn out & iron items for the boutique. Wendy sews them & looks forward to your help. Contact her through the roster.

Also, do you have a craft we can have a few do during our PGCi meeting in May? So far there will be garden steps to paint and small stones to paint or write a message on. Supplies provided. We appreciate your ideas. Contact Anne through the roster.

# *Penny Pines*

*You planted trees!  
Your contribution to Penny Pines  
will help reforest an area for beauty,  
watershed protection and timber production.*

*the USDA Forest Service  
and the  
Plumas National Forest  
commend*

*the Paradise Garden Club  
for your 344<sup>th</sup> donation  
In Memory Of  
Ward Habriel  
to the future of National Forests in California*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curt O'Connell'.

*Forest Supervisor*



# CALIFORNIA TREE SCHOOL BUTTE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Agriculture and Natural Resources Forest Stewardship



*"A DAY OF FORESTRY AND FIRE EDUCATION LIKE NO OTHER!"*



## 4.18.2026

8:30 AM-5:30 PM

PARADISE HIGH SCHOOL  
5911 MAXWELL DR.  
PARADISE, CA 95969

**A DAY OF LEARNING FOR ANYONE WHO LOVES TREES!**

FOREST  
OBSERVATION

REFORESTATION  
AT A GLANCE

CONIFER  
IDENTIFICATION

AND MUCH  
MORE!

FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT AT [LINK.UCANR.EDU/CATREESCHOOL](http://LINK.UCANR.EDU/CATREESCHOOL)

With over 20 local and regional professional presenters, the day has so much to offer.

Classes available include:

Getting to Know your Forest with Plant ID

Using Beneficial Fire

Reconnecting with Nature after Fire

DIY Mass Timber Panels Workshop

Forest Stewardship with Beneficial Grazing

Frequent Fire Dependent Ecology - Forest Human Fire Symbiosis

Forest Pathology

Reforestation at a Glance

Thinking Like a Forester: Field Observation Skills

And much more

Register today at:

[Tree School - Butte County](#)

Calli-Jane West  
Community Partner Liaison



**[buttefiresafe.net](http://buttefiresafe.net)**

Butte County Fire Safe Council  
*A non-profit, grassroots community organization*  
6569 Clark Rd, Paradise, CA, 95969  
PO Box 699, Paradise, CA 95967  
530-877-0984  
[buttefiresafe.net](http://buttefiresafe.net)

Meeting commenced at 11:30 AM Present: Cheryl Habriel, Margaret Hawe, Jeudie Lovell, Anne Pace. Guests Nancy Howe, Toby Brandtman, Wendy Wicklund and Linda Strand-Talmo. Absent Todd Hummel.

The minutes from the February meetings were approved (motion by Jeudie, seconded and passed).

**Treasurer's Report** – [\\$28,054.53 balance. Need a budget committee for 2026/27 Margaret, Cheryl and a member at large](#). [For more detail see separate Treasurer's report.](#)

**Membership** – several people are delinquent. Linda Strand-Talmo will help Margaret and hopefully take over in the future.

**Beautification** – Jeudie says with the warmer weather activity at the various gardens will resume. March 5<sup>th</sup> members cleaned and sterilized pots for the Tour. Wendy will purchase blocks of potting mix at Ace Hardware and drop off at Cheryl's. Members will have access then to use the soil for planting starts for the Garden Tour Plant Sale. Ellen asked on behalf of PASH for volunteers to do some weeding.

**Board Position** - 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president is still open. Nancy Howe will fill in temporarily until we get a permanent volunteer.

**Garden Tour** – We have 4 gardens for the 2026 Tour so far. The theme will be *All Around the Town*. Margaret and Jeudie will work on advertising.

**Today's Speaker** – [Michelle Grayson with the Xerces Society: Bring Back the Pollinators](#)

### Upcoming Activities

[April Meeting](#) – Member Tea and Tina Lewis on *Medicinal Uses of Tea*

[May Meeting](#) - *Crafts for the Garden Tour. Calli-Jane West (Community Partner Liaison, Butte Fire Safe Council) will introduce us to the Backyard Stewardship Guide.*

June 6&7 -Garden Tour. Sign-up sheets will be available in April for various jobs for the Tour.

Meeting concluded at 12:45 PM. Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Habriel, Recording Secretary

## Newsletter Welcomes Your Input

Photos for the newsletter. You know those times you gaze at the beauty in your yard or a plant you notice during a walk or drive? Email or text those photos and they'll find a place in the newsletter for everyone to enjoy. Please note the names of plants when possible.

Is there a plant, a tool, a gardening experience you'd like to share with the group? Email your write up and photo. Everyone will appreciate it.

Would you like to write a regular column for the newsletter? Let's talk.

Text or email Nancy. Contact info in the roster.

**Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice President Anne Pace

**Penny Pines** – Joanie outlined what Penny Pines is and how our donations help.

**Treasurer's Report** – \$28,054.53 balance. For more detail see separate Treasurer's report. We need a Budget Committee for the 2026/27 year. It will be Margaret Hawe, Cheryl Habriel and Toby Brandtman

**Beautification** – Jeudie announced we will help clear weeds at PASH this Thursday.

**Program** – Michelle Grayson with the Xerces Society: *Bring Back the Pollinators*

### **Upcoming Activities**

There are clean and sterilized pots available today for your transplants for the Tour.

April Meeting – Member Tea (potluck, club will provide beverages and teacups). Club member, Tina Lewis will give a presentation on *Medicinal Uses of Tea*

May Meeting - Crafts for the Garden Tour. Calli-Jane West (Community Partner Liaison, Butte Fire Safe Council) will introduce us to the *Backyard Stewardship Guide*.

June 6&7 -Garden Tour. Sign-up sheets will be available in April for various jobs for the Tour.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM      Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Habriel, Recording Secretary

Paradise Garden Club members,

We need one of our members to volunteer to be our **Vice President of Publicity**. If you have a friend or two who would enjoy assisting you in this endeavor, great. A few things this position covers will be to

- attend monthly PGC board meetings
- gather information from fellow board members on upcoming events
- distributing that information for our website updates, the newsletter editor, and various local news media including the Town of Paradise, the Paradise Chamber of Commerce, and local television stations.

Some of this can be done at home from your computer.

Why get involved? It is so much fun to be part of the board and make an impact in our community. Interested? Contact Todd or Anne in your roster.

# Contemplate



Spring celebrates life  
blooming colors, textures, shapes.  
Time, for fresh hope.