### NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

**July 2024** 

WELCOME GARDENERS! www.dagc.us



### DAGC GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

- We meet at the Alamo Women's Club located at 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo, on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to June. There are no meetings in July and August. Savory and sweet appetizers and beverages are provided by members.
- Parking is available in the parking lot, on the street and over flow parking is available
  across the street at the Creekside Community Church. Please do not block
  homeowners' mailboxes in the area.
- General meetings begin at 9:30 A.M. and end at 11:45 A.M. Refreshments are served before the meeting and during the intermission.
- Attendance is taken at the Membership Table located inside the club house foyer. Be sure to pick up your magnetic name badge and get your ticket to win prizes from our Sponsors. Please return your badge to the table upon leaving.
- Members must attend a minimum of three General Meetings a year (September April) and actively support all club functions.
- Our Sponsors donate plants and garden items which will be raffled off during the
  meeting. Check the ticket you received when you signed in to see if you are a winner.
  You must be present to win. Winners will be asked to write a thank you note to the
  Sponsor.
- The *Sign-up Table* will have clipboards for you to sign up for tours, workshops, community outreach projects, committees, and other activities.
- There will be a *Plant Exchange* table at each meeting. Bring plants you have started, extra bulbs, fruit, seeds, books, pots with drainage holes and anything garden related.
   If you bring something, feel free to take something. If you didn't bring anything, be sure to leave a donation. Donations go towards luncheon events.
- Bring cash or checks to our monthly meetings as our speakers bring plants, and
  program related items to sell. We support the Penny Pines Program for the reforestation of the Lake Shasta National Park. Donations are collected in a basket that
  is passed around during the meeting. If you write a check to D.A.G.C. with Penny
  Pines in the memo line, it is tax deductible.
- There will be a Project Produce table for food donations given to the Contra Costa Solano Food Bank. Bring canned and packaged goods. Check the expiration date.

### **DAGC MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:**

- Monthly Programs with Guest Speakers
- Horticulture Speakers / Question & Answer
- Tours
- Workshops
- Monthly Plant Exchanges
- Opportunities to provide Community Outreach.
- Monthly door prizes from our Sponsors
- Monthly newsletter, The Flowerpot (add communications@dagc.us to your e-mail accept list)
- Annual Membership Directory which provides all members' contact information, Board Members, Standing Rules and our club Bylaws. It cannot be used for sales or solicitations. It is for club business only.
- Opportunities for Floral Arrangements
- September– Welcome Back Brunch Members only.
- December Winter Event (tickets are sold for this fabulous event).
- June Officer Installation Lunch-Members only

OUR CLUB THRIVES DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR MEMBERS, WHO VOLUNTEER. SHARING IS CARING. REACH OUT TO ANY OF OUR CHAIRPERSONS TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN HELP WITH. THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS FOR YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED AND FORM FRIENDSHIPS.





JOIN A COMMITTEE!
BECOME INVOLVED.
IT'S THE BEST WAY
TO MEET PEOPLE!

# Join A Committee . . . Contact the Chairperson.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This group prepares the room for our General Meetings by coordinating the food and beverages. There is no heavy lifting or setting up chairs or tables. You will need to arrive by 8:30 am and assist with clean up at the closing of the meeting. A great way to meet members.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This committee participates in a variety of activities such as making floral arrangements for hospice patients, gardening at Tao House, volunteering to sort food at the Food Bank, etc.

Look for a sign up sheet at the Sign-up Table.

# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS GROUP

This group is on call to assist if one of our members needs some extra help. Maybe they have had surgery or have a sick family member. You will be called upon to lend a hand. Bring food, make calls...whatever is needed!

### **General Information.....**

- Board Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at members' homes.
- Dues are collected from April 1st to May 1st. After May 1st, membership openings will be offered to those on the Wait List.
- Book Bees is a monthly book group.
- Lunch Bunch meets at local restaurants after each monthly meeting October, November, January, February, March, April and May.
- The Website—<u>www.dagc.us</u> includes the directory of all

members, our Bylaws,

- newsletters, Standing Rules, activity calendar, recipes, and club history.
- Foodies will tempt you with a tour, cooking demo, recipes and a fun social environment.
- E-Mail blasts are sent out to all members. The monthly newsletter, *The Flower Pot*, is mailed out this way as is recent club news. If you don't receive *The Flower Pot* by the first week of the month, notify the Membership VP.
- If you have an idea for an activity, let us know.

# Non-Members — You may bring guests to General Meetings during Oct-May, for a \$15.00 fee payable in cash. All guests will sign in at the Membership Table. The guest will be introduced at the opening of our meeting. A guest can be added to our Wait List after attending one meeting and returning the Wait List form. Non-members may attend special activities as long as no member is denied.

### **Opportunity Tickets**

Fabulous floral arrangements can be won at our monthly meetings. Be sure to purchase your Opportunity Ticket(s) before or during the meeting for a chance to win an arrangement designed by our Artistic Arranger or the floral Designers who present a program.

# INSTALLATION LUNCHEON <u>COMMITTEE</u>

This is our last meeting of the year, in June. We install our new board for the

next year. This committee will choose the theme, arrange décor and coordinate the luncheon.



## WINTER EVENT COMMITTEE

This committee helps plan our December Winter Event. This committee will meet to decide on the theme, program, food, centerpieces etc. This is a fun activity that allows you to be creative and make it a grand affair,. Another great way to meet members.

# Our Sponsors.....

Alamo Ace Hardware (10% discount.... garden center only)

Summer Winds Nursery—Dublin Lucky Garden Hydroponics (10% disc.)

Orchard Nursery - Lafayette

Plant and Pottery Outlet - Sunol

Reagan Nursery – Fremont

Sloat Garden Center – Danville

Cottage Jewel – Danville

Please visit our sponsors and remember to thank them when you patronize their establishments.

Their addresses are on the website.