



# Oroville Botanic Garden and Education Center

## June Newsletter 2022

### Presidents Message

Hi everybody;

Good things seem to be coming our way, but more on that in July's newsletter, stay tuned.

Tree planting will be in full swing this Saturday at Nelson Sports Complex with Feather River Recreation and Parks Dept. We still have more trees to plant at Thermalito Schools and some replants and repairs to complete at MLK park.

The balance of our Garden at Dunstone Memorial Hall needs designing and planting. We have memorial funds to erect a gazebo, oriental style bridge and 7 Maple trees.

Please roll up your sleeves and join us.

Warmly,

*Susan Sims*

### THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone that took the time to vote for our officers. Your dedication to OBGEC helps make us stronger.

Results of the election will be in the July newsletter.

### June General Meeting

DATE: Monday, June 13, 2022

TIME: 6 pm

PLACE: Dunstone Memorial Hall  
4790 Foothill Blvd  
Oroville

### BONSAI TREES

Last week several members took a trip to Gridley to visit Ruben Rodarte, president of the Chico Bonsai Society, and his beautiful Bonsai trees. He has an extraordinary array of bonsai that captivate the senses. Some in his collection are close to 100 years old and older. Ruben explained many of the intricacies of keeping bonsais healthy and beautiful. He graciously took time to show us how to prune our trees. All of us that were there are ready to dig deeper into the bonsai world! It is a fascinating living art form.

Pictures (courtesy of Ruben Rodarte, Susan Sims, and Sandra Northam) on the next page.

To learn more visit the Chico Bonsai Society website at

[chicobonsaisociety.org](http://chicobonsaisociety.org)



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Jade



Cotoneaster



Flowering Quince



Maple Tree Forest



Crab Apple Tree



Old Maple Tree





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### KIDS CORNER

by Peggy Mitchell

People who enjoy shade and natural environments for children might consider starting a shaped shelter. Bamboo or wood poles, along with beans that like to climb, such as any pole or runner bean, will work. (Bush beans aren't recommended). Scarlet runner beans are especially nice, because of their brilliant red flowers. A bean with an interesting pod, like a purple pod pole bean, would also be fun to use.



### EYE SPY INSECT EVENT



We're back for the summer! This year we will also be providing hotdogs and S'mores! So, bring the kids (if you have them), a blanket to sit on, your favorite beverages and spend the evening with us under the stars.

Join us as we watch the small creatures of the night. Using white sheets and black lights we will attract insects for our viewing pleasure while learning about the ways of insects. This is a great outing for the kids, grandkids, and naturalists. So, come on out and enjoy the night and watch the show! Wear long sleeved shirts, [bring mosquito repellent](#), and bring any snacks you desire. This is a free event.

Put on by Oroville Botanic Garden and Education Center

Where: Dunstone Memorial Hall  
4790 Foothill Blvd  
Oroville, Ca

When: Friday, June 10  
Time: 8 pm

**We look forward to seeing you there!**





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### TREE PLANTING AT SIERRA AVE SCHOOL

We had a successful tree planting last month at Sierra Ave Elementary. Its always fun working with the Thermailito School District maintenance folks. They are always ready to work and pumped about what we are doing for the kids. This tree planting had a really cool aspect to it. We planted seven crepe myrtle trees—red and white. Guess what their school colors are?! Yep! Red and white (and blue...just couldn't find any blue crepe myrtles). They were planted right in front of the school! It will be pretty awesome when those trees are blooming!

Thank you also for all the help from several of our members. The tree plantings are always such fun! A day filled with smiles.



### OBGEC Mural

The shed mural is beginning to take shape. It has been a slow process due to unforeseen events for the creators but its coming along. Completion date is anticipated to be June 30.

Thank you to BAMA, Beatrice Richer, and her volunteers for making this project a reality.



Thank you, Linda Oslin, for the great pictures!







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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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Election results and new officer installation will take place this evening. We will also be discussing the next year's events, projects, and budgeting. Stop on by and join in the discussion! Ideas are always welcome.

#### Eye Spy Insect Event

Yes, we are coming back with this wonderful summer activity (June—Sept). We had great fun last year (see flyer posted on pg 2). This year we are adding hotdogs and s'mores to the mix. Come on out and watch the bugs and have dinner on us.

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#### Tree Planting

Coming soon! We will be planting 40 trees at the Nelson Sports Complex. A great addition to a frequently used area. Shade for the parents watching their kids compete! Yeah! Can't get much better than that. Please come! We can always use the help.

DATE: Saturday June 11

TIME: 9 am til finished

PLACE: Nelson Sports Complex

2290 6th Street

### UPCOMING EVENTS con't

#### Olive Festival

We will have an informational booth at the Olive Festival again this year. Volunteers are needed. If interested contact

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OR

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Summer time is here and it will soon be HOT! During those hot months OBGEC activities slow down considerably. Rest assured we are not sleeping though! Thoughts, ideas, and brainstorming are always in the works. If you have something you would like to see happen through OBGEC please drop us a line or give us a call. Your help, ideas, and creativity are the things that keep us growing.



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### Volunteers Needed!!

We need more members to help with our events, plantings, and general OBGEC business. If you would like to lend a hand your help is greatly needed! You don't have to have a green thumb! We can find something for anyone to do! Please give us a call or drop us an email.

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If you would like to see something in particular in the OBGEC newsletter please drop me a line! I'm always looking for more to add!  
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## Visit Our Garden

Dunstone Memorial Hall

4790 Foothill Blvd

Oroville, Ca 95966

### OBGEC Board Members

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Our Membership

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