

The Welcome Mat

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Message from the President

Happy Holidays, Fellow Redding Newcomers & Friends: I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are starting 2021 with virtual general meetings, and the first one will be on January 27th at 10AM. These will be abbreviated meetings (around 40 minutes) and will be open for all members who are interested in attending.

Vicki Burroughs has lined up some great speakers. In early January, we will hold Zoom classes for our membership so everyone can get used to the platform prior to our first general meeting.

Please watch for emails asking you to attend a Zoom class. It's really pretty easy after you get used to it. Hopefully in the not too distant future, we will be meeting at the Elks Lodge again.

Remember, begin each day with a grateful heart.

President Freddie Martin

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, January 19th at 10AM.

Secret Santa

Would you like to join in a gift exchange? Be Santa for another member?

Text **530.360.0314** or email **cheryl.zeh@gmail.com** to get on the list. Deadline is December 5th.

Then Santa's helper will send you the name & address of another member.

You will have until December 12th to pick out a gift, wrap it, & mail it to your recipient.

Then Let's Party! Remotely. Freddie will host a Zoom Party on December 18th at 4PM to open & share our gifts. We'll make sure everyone is comfortable with Zoom before the party day.

If we get a big crowd, we'll open our gifts in turns (last names A-I, J-R & S-Z).

Have a beverage ready to toast the holidays & our friends & families.

School Can Be Engaging

The Chico chapter of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) was completely online this fall and will be again in the spring semester, offering online socialization and educational opportunities for people 50+.

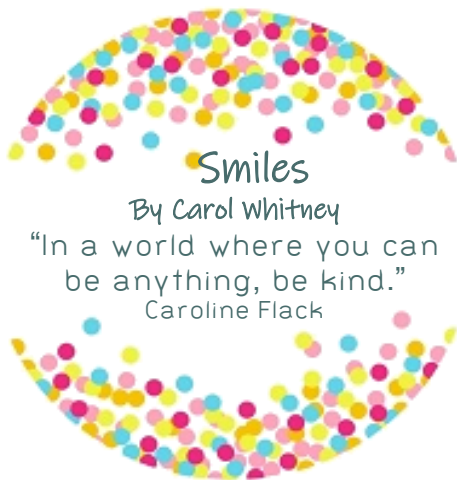
More than 50 classes were offered in the fall via Zoom, and more than 60 are planned for spring. Many are prerecorded so you can

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Did You Get Pie?

Kitchen Kapers wants to thank those who participated in the Thanksgiving pie orders for our scholarships. We had 10 pies ordered. Our pie makers were Sharon Chestnut and Ame Dodge. Thank you, Sharon and Ame, for your time and the love you put into those pies.
Adda Gripp

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Members Share

Tina Daquisto

Member since 2017

What is the worst purchase you have ever made? I have had several worst purchases. From clothes and shoes that were too small and consequently never worn, but were really cute, to a boat I had no car to tow it with!

If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be? I would love to live in many places for a short amount of time, but I have entertained the idea of Italy. Lots of history, great food, and charming people. We have spoken several times about getting a place there in the summer for a month. On the flip side, I would also like a beach property in the Caribbean - with beautiful water, rum drinks, books, and do-nothing days, or Israel.

If you could go back in time, where would you travel to? Late 1800s would be my first choice of where to time travel. Of course, I would have to be a princess or something. 🤔

What do you like as toppings on your ice cream? While not a great fan of toppings on ice cream, I wouldn't turn down chocolate syrup. No nuts or cherries.

What are you reading right now? *The Dutch House* was our book club's last read, and I enjoyed it very much. I like to read all genres, except science fiction. Our next book is *In An Instant*.

Who is the oldest family member you remember and what do you remember about him/her? Aunt Cornelia Rogers. She lived in Mullins, South Carolina. I spent a summer there when I was 11, and it was fabulous. I caught frogs, ate banana-and-mayo sandwiches late at night with my cousin, ran through the tobacco fields and hid in the smoke houses, ate watermelons in the garden, was introduced to eating the big meal at 2PM (life on the farm). First time to see the Atlantic Ocean.



What was your favorite TV show growing up? My favorite TV series was *Andy Griffith*. *Damn Yankees (1958)* was my favorite movie. When *The Million Dollar Movie* program began on TV, they ran *Damn Yankees* over and over again. I was glued to the set.

Did you have a nickname growing up? Valerie is my given name, but only banks and such refer to me with that name. My middle name is Kristina. My parents always called me Tina, and it stuck. From there it blossomed to Tink, Tinkala, Tuna, and T.

Ame Dodge

Member since 2011

What is the worst purchase you have ever made? A home in Orange County that was sabotaged by the previous owner. The inspector was a friend of the realtor, so he lied about the house condition. Absolutely our loss - no recourse!

If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be? Hands down, I'd choose to live in Colorado Springs. Love it! I'd surely miss the ocean, however.

If you could go back in time, where would you travel to? I really enjoyed the fun and opportunities of the '50s and '60s, but once is enough. Those decades changed so much of life in America. I married my high school sweetheart when he returned from the Vietnam War in 1969. We had a big and beautiful wedding.

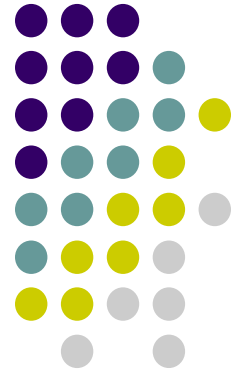
What do you like as toppings on your ice cream? Mmmm, I love, love, love all ice cream except mint chocolate chip. My favorite topping would be caramel and/or fudge-mocha.

What are you reading right now? I've recently discovered Karen Kingsbury's books. They are a mix of fiction and nonfiction. My all-time favorite nonfiction is the *Bible*.



December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 DARK Mexican Train	2 DARK Prospective Member Coffee	3 DARK Matinee & Critique DARK Round Robin (P)	4 DARK Coloring Craze
7 DARK Bunco DARK Mah Jongg	8 DARK Kitchen Kapers DARK Double Deck Pass (P)	9 DARK Redd Thumb DARK Charmers (B) DARK Ladies-Only Dine Out	10 <i>Welcome Mat Submissions for January</i> DARK Open Bridge DARK Hand & Foot DARK Why Cook Tonight?	11 DARK Quilt 'n' Friends
14 DARK Bunco DARK Ladies Bridge	15 10AM VIRTUAL Board Meeting DARK Ladies Open Pinochle	16 DARK Hand & Foot DARK Needlenuts	17 DARK Creative You	18 DARK Trum-pettes (P) DARK Outdoor Adventures
21 DARK Bunco DARK Mah Jongg DARK Writers Group	22 DARK Luncheon Party	23 DARK General Meeting DARK Charmers (B)	24 DARK Open Bridge DARK Book Review DARK Pick of the Vine	25 DARK Out-to-Lunch Bunch
28 DARK Bunco DARK Ladies Bridge	29	30	31 DARK Lucky Ladies (P)	



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The following cards
were sent in November

Get Well

Sandy Fisch broke her shoulder a month or more ago and has been on bedrest for several weeks.

Bev Schultz had serious surgery recently. She is at home and doing well.

Sympathy

Clarice Trickey's son recently passed away.

If you know a member who could use a little sunshine, let us know. We appreciate your referrals.

Roster Updates

Please remember to notify Membership Chair **Ruth Plato**
246.2473
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with any changes to your info

Ame. Cont'd

Who is the oldest family member you remember and what do you remember about him/her? My dad is my hero. He died in 1994 as a result of cancer. He was a saint and always so supportive and kind.

What was your favorite TV show growing up? There were a lot of short-lived shows in the LA area. Some of my favorites were *Topper*, *Hopalong Cassidy*, *Lone Ranger*, *Roy Rogers*, *Zorro*, *Lassie*, *Mickey Mouse Club*, *Sheriff John*, *Ed Sullivan Show*, and *America Bandstand*. Later some were *Ozzie and Harriett*, *My Friend Flicka*, *National Velvet*, *Odd Couple*, *This Is Your Life*, *Beaver*, *Father Knows Best*, *Dr. Kildaire*, *77 Sunset Strip*, *Millionaire*, *Alfred Hitchcock*, *Skipper Frank*, *The Fugitive*, *Love Boat*, *Laugh-In*, *Mission Impossible*, *LaVerne and Shirley*, *Mary Tyler Moore*, *Doogie Hauser*, and *The Wonder Years*.

Did you have a nickname growing up? My nickname was Amos or Amos and Andy.

December Birthstone

Known as a healing and balancing stone, turquoise's lore and traditions go back thousands of years. The Aztecs believed it was sacred and made masks and other adornments for ceremonial purposes. The captivating sea-green stone represents wisdom, tranquility, protection, good fortune, and hope. Ancient peoples believed in its profound power to protect, as well as its tranquil energy and its association with enduring love.

June Recchia

Member since 2009

What is the worst purchase you have ever made? Sleeping Pills. I didn't know at the time I am allergic to one of the ingredients and spent the whole night very awake and jittery.

If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be? Lucca Italy. It is one of the most charming villages I ever visited.

If you could go back in time, where would you travel to? When my daughters were very young, so I could focus more on enjoying them.

What do you like as toppings on your ice cream? Everything!

What are you reading right now? I'm just starting *The Evening and The Morning* by Ken Follett. It has 913 pages. and I love long books.

Who is the oldest family member you remember and what do you remember about him/her? My mother and her three sisters, and two are now into their 90s. My favorite is my aunt at 92. She has the most uplifting attitude despite having a very tough life.

What was your favorite TV show growing up? *Brooklyn Avenue*.

Did you have a nickname growing up? What else but Junebug.

Start of Winter

December Solstice in Redding California is on Monday, 21 December 2020 at 2:02AM PST.





Birthdays

They Will Light Up the Night Sky

This year, begin a whole new tradition of lights and festivities and discover an immersive experience for the entire family with the Redding Garden of Lights at Turtle Bay's McConnell Botanical Gardens.

Create new and lasting memories with all the unique colors, sounds, and scents of the winter season throughout Turtle Bay's curated gardens adjacent to the Sundial Bridge and the Sacramento River.

Turtle Bay will be hosting a *Garden of Lights* from November 27 through December 27.

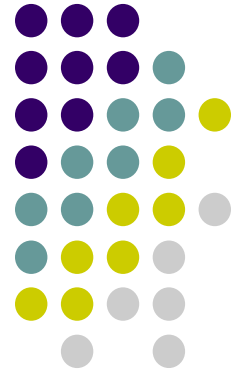
Explore winding paths leading through 10 acres of artfully illuminated and immersive displays exhibiting world-class design. Celebrate the natural world with wildlife and plant-themed exhibits unique to our region.

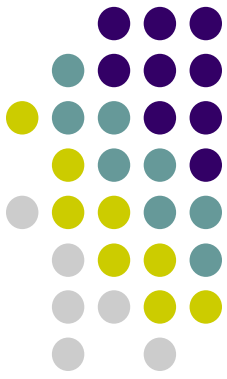
Tickets may be purchased online at

www.reddinggardenoflights.org

Please call Turtle Bay at 530.242.3123 for information.

Beryl	Hewitt	1
Marilyn	Shaffer	1
Mickey	Martin	3
Robin	Thomas	3
Sandy	Glass	4
Peggy	Niswander	4
Wilma	Bratton	5
Pamela	Cosentino	6
Kit	Harvey	7
Aloma	Butler	9
Donna	Harnden	9
Freddie	Martin	9
Merrilyn	White	9
Carol	Whitney	15
Betty	Ball	18
Karen	Roug	20
Carmen	Gertz	22
Kathleen	Seibel	23
Maile	Alfaro	24
Mabel	Lythgoe	24
Sherry	McCoy	26
Penny	DaVilla	27
Karen	Foss	27
Marjorie	Perry	27
Millie	Biren	28
Gail	Poling	28
Karen	Fyten	29
Barbara	Hempling	29
Louise	Wilson	30





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How to Access & Register on Our Website

1. Go to reddingnewcomers.com.
2. Click on User Login, which is located at the top of the page.
3. Click on Register. A new page will appear.
4. Enter the password **RNC2018** and click on Enter. A new page will appear.
5. Complete all the following information:
 - First Name
 - Phone Number
 - Mobile Number
 - Last Name
 - Email Address
 - Birthdate
 - User Name
 - Password
 - Confirm Password **(Be sure to remember your password. We will not have a record of what it is.)**

Important: If there are stars or dots in the password area, ignore them. They are simply placeholders and not your old password. Your old password will not work. You have to create a new password of at least 8 characters, containing one upper case letter, one lower case letter, and one number. For example, Doggie88 or Giants510 or 4Parrot6. You get the idea. Use anything as long as it's something you will remember.

6. Your registration will then need to be authorized. This may take a day to accomplish. Either Sharon Roberts or Carol Skill checks the website daily to activate new registrations.
7. When you sign in, the user name you will enter will be either your email address OR your username, and the password you will enter will be whatever you have selected.
8. If you have trouble, contact Carol Skill (fskill@shasta.com) or Sharon Roberts (jimandsharon@charter.net) for help.

School, Cont'd

watch at your convenience, and most of the live classes are being recorded so it's easy to catch up if you happen to miss one.

We have many new members from out of the area this year because of the convenience of online learning. Here is a link to our fall classes so you can see the variety:

rceonline2.csuchico.edu/olli/classes/schedule/2020f

Our spring class schedule is not quite finalized, but Debbie at 530.898.6679 or olli@csuchico.net can send you that link as soon as it is available.

And, if you are conducting meetings via Zoom or some other platform, we have a bank of volunteers who could meet with your group online to share information and answer questions. Just let Debbie know if that is of interest.

OLLI Website: rce.csu.edu/osher