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## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

### HOORAH, SPRING IS HERE!

Welcome to the Leadership Message from a Home Gardener. If you enjoy eating home grown food and herbs, like using your hands, have a bit of time, then growing your own produce can be fun and easy. What a great way to include kids and grandkids with agriculture. There is nothing more satisfying than picking your own food or herbs from even in the smallest spaces. I enjoy the fruits and vegetables from my garden and hope to tempt you to give it a go.

Deciding on what to grow depends on a few factors; size of growing area, sunlight, available time as well as plant selection. One suggestion, plant what you like to eat or cook the most. If you love salads, possibly try a cherry tomato plant and some lettuce or spinach. If you value fresh herbs maybe try basil, thyme or rosemary for your favorite dishes.

If you are crunched for space or just don't want to have a large garden, then container gardening is a great solution. Containers can be a five-gallon bucket from previously planted trees or food grade five-gallon buckets. Try to steer away from any container that may have been used for paint or other solvents, you are going to eat the food that grows in them, so less chemicals the better. If you don't have room for a large container, then decorate your patio with potted fresh herbs. There are many products on the market that are made specifically for container gardeners that are lightweight and come in all shapes and sizes. When filling containers with soil, look for the container variety soils to provide a more lightweight solution.

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## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE, CONT.

Sunlight is another important factor in growing. Choose a sunny windowsill or south-facing patio. Six to eight hours of sunlight is what most vegetable and herbs need to thrive. Choose a spot that gets plenty of direct sunlight throughout the day. If you are limited on sunlight, consider planting carrots, beets or radishes; they are more forgiving from less sunlight than others. In a small space like raised beds or container gardening, it's important to make sure your plants are getting enough water and nutrients. Water them thoroughly but they do not like soggy soil. Food is another vital element in healthy plants. Most nurseries can assist you with the proper plant food. My personal favorite is FoxFarm.

Plant selection is truly important, select compact varieties. The nurseries are stocked full of choices right now, so don't delay. Potatoes are simply some of the easiest plants to grow. For example, find a five-gallon container, place four inches of rich soil at the bottom of the bucket, place two of your starter potatoes, cover the remaining six to eight inches of soil, water, and cover with a mulch, such as straw or dried leaves to keep the soil evenly moist on top. Water twice weekly and wait for the plants to poke out from the soil. Once the green part of the potato plant starts to wither, you can start to harvest some early potatoes. Salad greens are another easy crop to grow in a container and you can start them early in spring and harvest them for months.

So, if I've interested you, start small, plant things that you really like to eat. Find the right container size for you, sunny location, and remember to water. What better way to connect with what makes your meals more personal, tasty, and interesting since you grew it. Promotes healthy outdoor exercise and enjoyment. This is your chance to truly be a part of Farm to Fork. It's also one of the best ways to connect children and spark their interest to where their food comes from, by having them be a part of growing it. It always seems to taste better when you grow it yourself! If you are eager for more information on container/raised bed gardening, check online on sites like YouTube or just search google for any related subjects. Happy Harvest!

Kim Valverde  
RE/MAX Grupe Gold

\*\* Editor's note: This issue's Message is provided by Area Director for Escalon, Tracy and Farmington, Kim Valverde from RE/MAX Grupe Gold. Get growing!

## RED, WHITE & BLUE THIS FAIR IS FOR... YOU!

Leslie Avansino, SJ County Fair Exhibits Coordinator, is asking local businesses, organizations and individuals to partner with the Fair as a sponsor. Please go to [www.SanJoaquinFair.com](http://www.SanJoaquinFair.com) to find your level of support. Use this website to enter your jams, quilts, baked goods, etc. beginning April 1 to May 1.  
First Annual Motorcycle Show on June 2, register by May 1.  
First Annual Farm Equipment & Tractor Show on June 3, register by May 1.  
First Annual Truck Show on June 4, register by May 1.  
It is like the County Fair you remember from before! But, first you need to sign up! Make this Fair Comeback BIG!!!  
Contact Leslie at 209.609.4789 or [exhibits@sanjoaquinfair.com](mailto:exhibits@sanjoaquinfair.com) today!

## APRIL MEETING - APRIL 26, 2023

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 26 at 5:30pm at San Joaquin Farm Bureau office at 3290 N Ad Art Rd, Stockton. All members are welcome, call your area director if you have any questions. Contact Krista McCoon at 209.402.5734 for more information. Potluck theme is "Think Spring"

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## CALLING ALL MEMBERS

### AGVENTURE: CAN YOU HELP?

**Tracy: Tuesday, March 28 at SJC Delta College Farm**

Note Date and Location Change!

Contact Krista McCoon at 209.402.5734 or [sjcagventure@yahoo.com](mailto:sjcagventure@yahoo.com)

### LEGISLATIVE TOURS COMING THIS SPRING!

Legislators' Tours locations and dates are firming up and are showcasing the beauty and benefits of San Joaquin County's agriculture industry.

Do you know someone in city government that you think would benefit from seeing agricultural industry up close? Do you have an agricultural business that would make an interesting tour stop? Please let Suzanne know, it may work out in one of these five tours slated for this spring.

Suzanne Longstreth and Terry Paoletti have set dates for March 29, April 12, May 17, May 31 and June 7. These are invitation only events. If you would like to attend a tour, if there is room, get your name on the list with Suzanne (209.838.2892) or Terry (209.481.2791).

### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Memorial Scholarship Applications are **due April 15th**. Applications are available to graduating high school seniors who are a son, daughter, grandchild, or niece/nephew of a current CWA member. Any major field of study can apply. Call Karen Cultrera 209.982.4945 right away for an application.

### MAY STATEWIDE MEETING IS MAY 7-8

The next SWM will be in Sacramento and the focus is on legislators and legislative matters that impact agriculture concerns. Stay tuned!

### SPRING LUNCHEON IN MAY

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023**

SJ CWA's Spring Luncheon and Chapter Meeting is on Wednesday, May 17th from 11:30am to 1:00pm. It will be at the Robert J Cabral Agricultural Center at 2101 E Earhart in Stockton. Watch your mailbox this month for your invitation, follow directions to RSVP for this event.

### SENDING SUNSHINE



Our deepest condolences to family and friends of San Joaquin Chapter Charter Member, Helen Burke. Helen helped out in so many ways over the years.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Joyce La Rossa. We're thinking of you, Joyce!

Get well wishes to Les Warren, Connie's husband. He is recovering from surgery. Get well soon, Les!

Send Sunshine to Suzanne Longstreth

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# WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE IN MARCH, 2023

## MONITORING THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

PHOTO: LYNN MILLER



Notice the level indicated on March 17, 2023, still well below the 1997 level but definitely a cause for concern.



## PARADISE CUT BYPASS

PHOTOS: GOFF PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMARY: LYNN MILLER



Paradise Cut is a bypass for flood control in high water years located near the confluence to Old River and San Joaquin River. It is approximately one mile from the community of River Islands, a planned community on a 4,900-acre site in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta in Lathrop.

As of this writing (3/25/2023) the San Joaquin River at the Mossdale Bridge on I-5 is at Monitor Stage 20.4 ft and is expected to hold that level through the next week or two. Flood Stage at Mossdale for the San Joaquin River is 28.5 ft.



## LOCAL FARMERS ASSESSING LOSSES

PHOTO: EDELE NORMAN



San Joaquin County farmers are keeping records of damages and losses due to winter storms.



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A tribute gift is a special way to honor or remember a loved one. Upon receipt of your contribution, an acknowledgement card will be sent to the person designated stating that a donation has been received. When you honor the memory of a loved one, you help further the education of SJ CWA members' children and grandchildren. Please send to: SJ CWA  
PO Box 31334  
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