



Proclamation

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Garden Club of Palo Alto

WHEREAS, on October 28, 1921, twelve ladies, led by Mrs. Frederick Wheeler, gathered together and formed an organization called the Garden Club of Palo Alto to encourage an interest in gardening, horticulture, artistic use of flowers and plants, and conservation of natural resources; to educate the community in these subjects; and to assist in the beautification of public areas in the City of Palo Alto and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Garden Club members have helped create interest in gardening and artistic use of flowers in public areas by providing flower arrangements or planting flowers, shrubs, trees, in public areas such as libraries, schools, City Center, Community Center, fire stations, hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Garden Club members have effectively provided education in gardening techniques from composting, hybridization, natural methods of pest control, vitalizing vacant lots for the planting of Victory Gardens to support our Veterans, and establishing special vegetable gardens to meet the needs of the unemployed, to developing the first tree map, tree labels, and a book of Palo Alto Trees; and

WHEREAS, due to the Garden Club members' vision of a public garden center that would provide educational programs and demonstration gardens to the public, the members of the Garden Club have been key in the establishment in 1985 of the Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden and it's continued support; and

WHEREAS, Garden Club members, through fundraising have given hundreds of thousands of dollars; purchased war bonds, gardening books for libraries, Christmas trees and wreaths for the City; have donated to Audubon Society for teacher scholarships, the California Council for Roadside Beauty, the Woman's Club for Garden Restoration; and pledge to plant 100 trees in the Palo Alto area in the Clubs 100th year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom DuBois, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby proclaim October 28th as the Garden Club of Palo Alto Day in the City of Palo Alto. We honor and congratulate the Garden Club of Palo Alto on its 100th Anniversary and commend it for its significant educational and horticultural contributions to the community.

PRESENTED: November 1, 2021

Tom DuBois
Mayor