

# February 2026



## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

How diverse are the trees of Forest Hill? In January's general meeting **Mike Sullivan** lead us on a virtual tour of San Francisco trees, and more specifically a detailed view of our neighborhood's most spectacular trees. Mike's presentation was fascinating and enjoyable. There were lots of great questions from the audience, who were captivated by what Mike had to say.

Thank you to **Linda Simonin** for chairing the meeting and arranging for Mike to be or guest speaker. Thank you to all the bakers, as well as those who helped with setup/take down: **Claudia Belshaw, Sandra McCormick, Eva Monroe, Laura Outsen, Mary Palmer, Stan Puck, Amy Quirk, Ann Rieger-Matthews, Linda Simonin, Julia Stroud, Amy Hartman,** and all who helped pitch-in. Many hands to create a sense of community and make providing great programs easier to manage.

If you are interested in being on the Forest Hill Garden Club Board or being more involved in the operations of the FHGC, please contact one of the Nomination Committee Members: **Sandra McCormick, Donna De Santis-Buoymaster, Debora Gaspari, or Maria Elena Hanley.** We are looking for more volunteers for next year.

Best,  
Ann Rieger-Matthews & Claudia Belshaw

### Meetings at the Clubhouse

Monday, February 2 – Meeting with Board & Standing Chairs  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM Hosted by **Eva Monroe**

Monday, February 16 – General Meeting  
1:00 PM-5:00 PM **“Bright Moments”**  
Flower Arranging Demonstration – see insert.  
Presenter: **Karen Ver Trinidad**  
Chaired by **Eva Monroe**  
Afternoon tea to follow

## NOTES: Upcoming Events

**Monday, March 16, 1:00 pm** - “Monet in Venice” a FAMSF docent presentation

**Friday, March 27, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm** - Wine and Nibbles, Garden Club/FHA potluck

## General Meeting, Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM (Program starts at 1:30PM)

Get ready for a burst of floral color and  
creativity at our February program:  
**“Bright Moments”**

Led by **Karen Ver Trinidad**, professional florist and floral business owner.

This lively and visually inspiring presentation will showcase the art of floral design. Watch beautiful blooms come together as our presenter shares insider tips, design secrets, and creative tricks for turning everyday flowers into stunning arrangements.

Whether you are an experienced arranger or simply enjoy something lovely on the table, this fun and engaging demonstration is sure to inspire and maybe even tempt you to try a new arrangement at home. No green thumb required. Come for the flowers, stay for the fun.

Join us for an afternoon filled with flowers, flair, and fresh ideas!



### Presenter Bio:

**Karen Ver Trinidad**, owner of *Bright Moments*, crafts floral designs out of her home studio in the Sunset. Designing with florals for gifting, the home, weddings and events, Karen's floral design style blurs the boundary between garden and contemporary. Rooted in community and sustainability, her intentional floral design methods begin with hyperlocal flower sourcing in partnership with regenerative farms committed to growing seasonal, low impact, and chemical-free flowers.

Find out more about *Bright Moments* through her [website](#) and [instagram](#).