

## **Gardens of SJC Master Gardener Report 2/21/2018**

Current garden committee members are: Michael S., Steve B., Kathy M., Debbi G., Dorris G., Ceil B. and Darcele V. February 15 was our first workday in 4 months. In attendance were Debbi G., Dorris G., Kathy M., an intern Vicki Giddens and myself. Debbi's pickup truck and my van were overflowing with bags of leaves and tied brush. Later 21 bags of leaves were picked up.

The rose pruning demonstration at 11am was successful with a dozen gardeners attending. I fielded a lot of questions, passed out cuttings for those interested in propagating, and was asked to do more demonstrations. One person said, "I've been pruning roses for 40 years. I came to see friends, because I thought I knew how. I can't believe that I learned so much today."

Debbi G. and Dorris G. have agreed to head the spring vegetable garden selections.

Judi B. submitted the garden to the TMGA Search for Excellence in 2015 and won second place. I submitted a TMGA Search for Excellence application for the garden this year. Winners will be announced at the annual banquet April 5.

The garden won a Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas grant in 2015, which was also submitted by Judi B. I submitted a BBMT grant application this year. Winners will be announced on March 1.

Our next workday is 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, March 15.