



The happy scarecrow points the way to the pumpkin patch.



Cynthia Brian in a flammable eucalyptus grove.

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Having had warning of the looming PG&E blackout, I had deeply irrigated my entire garden and hillside. An alert from EBMUD instructed that in a power outage, water must be used judiciously, so as a preemptive measure, I watered my landscape thoroughly, soaking the grass, shrubs, mulch, trees and fences. Throughout the summer, thrice, I had weed-whacked the tall grass surrounding my property and that of neighbors, pruned low hanging tree branches, and a week before the fire I had, thankfully, cut the dry perennials to the ground. These are steps I encourage all homeowners to undertake. Maintaining our landscaping is a never-ending task mandatory for both our pleasure and protection.

Let's participate in keeping the fire-breathing dragon away. Enjoy a safe and scary evening of Trick or Treating under the starry skies!

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Halloween!

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