

River Park Garden Club

April 2013

Newsletter



**Next Meeting: Thursday Evening, April 11, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
Ferguson Hall, Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr.**

“Quail Ridge Flora and Fauna,”

Frank Maurer—Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy

Quail Ridge Reserve is a haven of wild and open space on a peninsula overlooking Lake Berryessa. Frank will talk about its history, preservation efforts, and its flora and fauna.

For information about joining the River Park Garden Club visit our website at www.riverparkgardenclub.yolasite.com, or call Mary Lou Tucker at 457-9702.



A potluck will be followed by the general meeting and program.
Bring an item for the potluck and your own plate and utensils.



Lee Ruth to be Inducted to Cooperative Hall of Fame

The River Park Garden Club is proud to announce that long time member of 20 years, past president, and current Vice President, Lee Ruth, will be inducted into the Cooperative Hall of Fame in Washington D.C. in May of this year. According to the Cooperative Hall of Fame website, www.Hereos.coop, Lee's "service on the Agricultural Council of California led to his commitment to the cooperative business model. He helped found the California Center for Cooperative Development – twice – and the California Association of Cooperatives. He has always used and continues to use his service on various boards to promote the cooperative way of business. As Co-chair of the national Rural Cooperative Development Task Force, he was instrumental in creating the Rural Cooperative Development Grant program, a USDA source of funding for rural cooperative development that now supports the work of 29 cooperative development centers across the country. Demonstrating commitment, innovation, and leadership, he has mentored cooperative developers, started cooperatives, developed resources for cooperatives, and won favorable legislation for cooperatives in California." Congratulations to Lee, we are proud to have him serving the River Park Garden Club! 

Events & Announcements

At the Center — Shepard Garden & Arts Center

- April 6-7 African Violet Show & Sale
- April 20 Iris Society's Iris Show, 1-5
- April 21 Iris Society's Iris Show, 10-3

RPNA

- *The next RPNA Meeting will be April 18, the Block Captains meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and the Board will follow at 7:30 p.m.—Caleb Greenwood School library. Come support the RPNA!
- *The Spring General Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 10—Noon in the Caleb Greenwood Cafeteria.



Shepard Garden & Arts Center Spring Sale News!

What a success!! This year, the Garden Club focused on selling plants and garden related items. Big THANKS to Therese Ruth and Pam Myczek for planting all of those gallon plants that were sold out—GOOD JOB!! A million thanks to all (too many to list) who donated plants and other items for the sale, the Garden Club made \$466.50! Also, a very special thank you to the volunteers who worked the sale: Anne Fay, Lynn McCormack, Ron McCormack, Pat Smith, Pam Myczek, Ellen O'Keefe, Lee Ruth, and Therese Ruth.

Anne's Yard

It's Spring. Yay! So why am I depressed? Maybe it's because it's felt like Spring for the last 2 months. Really, it's been more like a cool summer: Comfortable, but oh so dry. The air is dry. The soil is hard. The plants are thirsty. When I go shopping, it will be for drought-tolerant varieties,



like pineapple guava, rosemary, and California fuchsia. Check out the UC Davis Arboretum All-Stars for great suggestions for water-efficient trees, shrubs and perennials. You can search the database by type, size, and light conditions. See arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

