

# River Park Garden Club

February 2014

## Newsletter

Thursday Evening, February 13, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

Our potluck begins at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting and program to follow.  
Bring an item for the potluck and your own plates and utensils.

## Program

### “River Friendly Gardens”

By Soleil Tranquilli, Owner,  
Tranquill Gardens



In order to continue attracting quality speakers, we are asking for larger turnouts at our general potluck meetings. If you are a garden club member and generally do not come to the meetings, please consider doing so, it is a great way to meet and socialize with some of your neighbors in a friendly and educational setting. Pass the word on to your neighbors as we are looking to increase membership in order to have the resources to continue attracting quality speakers. Meetings generally last about an hour and a half.

## Events & Announcements

**RPNA Meeting**— February 20, 2014, 7:30 p.m.  
Block Capt.'s, - 7:00 p.m., Caleb Greenwood School  
Library. **Come support the RPNA!**

**At the Center** — Shepard Garden & Art Center

Feb 22-23 Sogetsu Ikebana

Mar 22-23 Spring Sale, 10—4

April 5-6 African Violet Society



### Sunshine Report

It is with great sadness that we notify you of the passing of our dear friend and treasurer, Jim Hathaway on December 16. For the last 14 years that Jim was our treasurer he kept immaculate account of all Garden Club monies, he will be greatly missed. The interim treasurer will be Brian Brosseau, 5319 Shepard Ave, 95819.

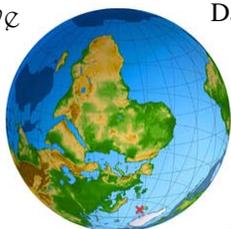
Long-time garden club member and former president Harriet Stephenson has had to leave River Park after the passing of her husband Ralph in October. She wishes everyone well and can still be reached at 927-0282.

### Spring Sale—March 22-23

The Shepard Garden and Art Centers' Spring Sale is fast approaching, it will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23. We once again are asking for volunteers to help work our booth and more importantly, to donate garden related items to the sale. We are looking for plants, pots, gardening tools, gardening books - anything gardening! Please bring your items to Lee and Therese Ruth's house, 397 Hale Court, during the week prior to the sale, or bring directly to Shepard Garden and Art Center on Friday afternoon March 21st, or during the sale on the 22nd and 23rd. Thank you very much for your donations and volunteer help.

### Anne's Yard

Our world has turned upside-down. It feels like we're in the southern hemisphere--warm and dry--the opposite of where we should be right now. The likelihood of a "March Miracle" is slim. So, our spring garden plans should focus on drought tolerant plants and water-wise design, because we don't know when our world will be right-side-up again.



### City of Sacramento Department of Utilities—

#### Tips for 20% Water Reduction Mandate

On January 14, Sacramento City Council voted to require water customers to reduce their water use by 20%. These tips were given as ways water users can cut back:

- ⇒ Complying with the City's current one-day-a-week watering rule, in effect until Daylight Savings Time, March 9, 2014 (saves more than 500 gallons of water per day for every day the water is turned off);
- ⇒ Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving (saves approximately 10 gallons per day);
- ⇒ Wash only full loads of clothes (saves 15-45 gallons per load);
- ⇒ Take 5 minute showers instead of 10 minute showers (saves 12.5 gallons with a water efficient shower head (2.5 gallons per minute));
- ⇒ Fix leaky toilets and faucets (saves 15 to 70 gallons per day);
- ⇒ Install a high-efficiency WaterSense-labeled toilet (1.28 gallons per flush) (saves 19 gallons per person per day).

More info at [www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/water/water-conservation.cfm](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/water/water-conservation.cfm)

