
RIVER PARK GARDEN CLUB

February 2018 Newsletter

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NEXT POTLUCK: FEBRUARY 15

Thursday, February 15, 6:30 PM at Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard. Members will bring entrees, salad, and desserts. Please bring plates and silverware!

FEATURED SPEAKER:

Greg Gayton, manager at Green Acres Nursery, will give Garden Club members a sneak peak at what's new in the nursery this spring. Greg knows all about the newest varieties and what grows best in the Sacramento area, so come with

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Feb 15 – RPGC Potluck

Thu, 6:30 PM, Shepard Garden & Arts Center

In our upcoming potluck, Green Acres manager Greg Gayton will preview new plants and varieties for Spring 2018.

Feb 7 – Floral Design Class

Wed, 9:30 AM, SGAAC

The Sacramento Floral Design Guild is offering an floral design tutorial. For a \$20, which includes flowers and a container, you will make your own arrangement and take it home. Contact Guild President Jan Goehring (JGoehring5329@yahoo.com) for more information.

Feb 10-11 – Sac Weavers Open House

Sat & Sun, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, SGAAC

Feb 24-25 – Sogetsu Ikebana Show

Sat & Sun, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, SGAAC

Mar 11 – SGAAC Annual Cleanup

Sun 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

With more than 1,500 visitors at the last Fall Sale, Shepard Garden and Arts Center needs volunteers to help it put on a fresh, clean face for the upcoming spring sale.

Mar 17-18 – Spring Sale

Sat & Sun, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, SGAAC

Apr 7-8 – African Violet Show & Sale

Sat 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Sun 11:00 AM, SGAAC

Apr 15 – RPGC Potluck

Thu, 6:30 PM, SGAAC

April's potluck will feature Daisy Mah, who curated Land Park's WPA Rock Garden for more than 25 years.

Apr 21 – CSUS Arboretum Tour

Thu, 9:00 AM, CSUS Arboretum

A tour of the CSUS's living collection of trees and other plants, located just west of the J Street entrance to campus, will be guided by Professor Michael Baad, Curator and Director of CSUS's Arboretum.



Members celebrate the holiday season at the River Park Garden Club Annual Holiday Brunch.

NEWS

Mar 17-18 Spring Sale: Call for Volunteers and Garden Item Donations

On Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, the River Park Garden Club will set up shop at Shepard Garden and Arts Center's annual Spring Sale.

The RPGC will selling members' donated items, like cuttings, pots, and decorations; proceeds from the sale will support the club's community events and beautification efforts.

You can donate items to sell at the Spring Sale by delivering them to Lynn McCormack at 5315 E Street (call 916-455-4159), or to Lee & Therese Ruth at 5397 Hale Ct. (916-457-0822).

Better yet, volunteer for a shift at the sale! The sign-up sheet will be passed around at this upcoming potluck on February 15.

Anne's Yard

by Anne Fay

After seeing a beautiful small blue-feathered bird recently, snacking on the fallen berries of a Chinese Pistache tree, I wondered how I could attract such creatures to my backyard. In addition to fresh water and habitat, of course I need to consider food sources. Because I don't care for feeders, I am considering toyon or dogwood for berries, western redbud for flowers and seedpods, and yarrow that attracts tasty insects. So, what was that bird I saw? After consulting my Field Guide to Western Birds, I'm thinking a Western Bluebird (a type of thrush) or Lazuli Bunting (a finch). Happy birding!
