

## February-March 2024 Newsletter

# River Park Garden Club

### **Greg Gayton is bonkers for gardens, gardening and gardeners!**

He talks about gardens a lot -- on his podcasts, speaking at myriad area garden clubs (like ours, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 15) and to customers in his capacity as a manager and community outreach staff member at seven Green Acres Nursery & Supply area locations, plus two new nurseries in Texas that he helped to open.

Gayton is a certified nurseryman and horticultural expert who has a passion for plants. He photographs 1,000s of them yearly for the company's catalogs. He's around them every day.

Yet, would you believe Gayton (below) does not have his own garden?



"I live in a townhome with no garden," he said. "However, I have favorite garden plots all over the area including my church's garden in Sacramento.

"At Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, we are about to plant a lot of olive trees. Our pastor wants to produce olive oil!"

Does he have a favorite plant?

"Definitely roses. Unlike perennials that bloom a week or two, roses bloom practically all year," he enthused. "Julia Child (right) is probably my favorite rose because it never fades and blooms all summer. I also like Firefighter, a deep red flower -- absolutely beautiful."

What does he do when he is not working?

"I don't know how to answer that. I am always working," he says. But he loves music and manages to find time to program the music for all the Green Acres nurseries. Sports? "Well, I am from Colorado, so normally I root for the Broncos, but right now, I am rooting for the 49ers."



He also makes room for one of his other passions, his dogs!

"I've got four of them," he says, with a smile in his voice. "One golden retriever and three chihuahuas. The chihuahuas just make you laugh. They have such personalities. I will never live without at least one (chihuahua)."

### What's New in the Nursery?

Greg Gayton will give us a rundown on these new plants as our next speaker -- Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Gayton will have living examples with him and will tell us why they are special for Sacramento gardens. Please bring your own dinner. Desserts and beverages will be provided.

# ***Fa la la la la !***



Farl and Susan Grundy

The Club's annual Holiday Brunch was a festive occasion, complete with a charming and tasty brunch table, holiday music and many new and old friends in attendance.



Betty Hill (left), Lisa Cirill and Therese Ruth



Hal Coburn (left) and Troy Fajerson

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Janice Stern



Lanni Butterworth



Debbie Eldridge (left) and  
Elfriede Vongeldern



Brian Brosseau (left), Lisa Crowe and  
Ron McCormack



Lee Ruth (left), Paul Townsend (center)  
and Charles Burgess



Karen Saylor & Jeannette Nardinelli