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Rooting For You

Debbie Kolmodin, Community Projects Chair

It is never easy to let someone go. But sadly, we must.

Nancy Clark is retiring from her job in Sacramento and relocating to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to be near her family. As co-president this year, Nancy presided over our February general meeting for the last time.

Nancy has uplifted the River Valley Garden Club in so many ways. Despite having a full time job, these past five years she has devoted countless hours to helping our club grow and flourish. The tasks Nancy has taken on are many. Two years as president, and multiple years as co-president, and along the way she has conducted tool sharpening demos for the community, held workshops and board meetings at her home, embellished the planters at The Local Bean, helped design, plant, and rehabilitate the planting beds and irrigation at the country club, and wrote an article for RM Neighbors Magazine.

But that's not all. Nancy has been the communications chair, kept the membership list updated, was part of the Workshop and Community Outreach Committee, and has created and maintains the club's website. In addition, Nancy has graciously offered to continue to maintain our website from her new home in Idaho.

It has been a genuine pleasure having Nancy as a friend and fellow gardenista. What a marvelous gift to connect with someone who shares the same passion for gardening and gets it when you both walk into Green Acres and feel like you're in a gardener's Disneyland.

So we say farewell, Nancy, and send you with a wish for many blessings in the next chapter of life. Please know that the people you've helped, befriended, and touched here will always be grateful for your friendship and place in their lives.

May your soil always be rich and fertile and bring forth abundance and joy. We thank you Nancy #1, for sharing yourself with all of us.



Fare Thee Well Nancy

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We honored Nancy by gifting her with a beautiful floral glass birdbath, and of course, a snow shovel.

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall softly on your fields.  
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand."

~ Irish Blessing



## Local Events

### [Shepard Garden & Arts Center Spring Sale](#)

March 14-15, 2020, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

This is every gardener's "not to be missed" event. It is attended not only by the Center's club members, their friends and neighbors, but also by people from throughout the region. During this two day sale, Shepard Garden and Arts Center clubs are offering plants, garden items, pottery, jewelry, books and collectibles for sale. Food will also be available.

In past years over 2,000 people attended this event, so you might want to get there early for the best pickings.

### [Madman Bamboo](#)

Saturday, March 21, 2020, 9 am - 4 pm, Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

Along with other plant vendors, Madman Bamboo will be at the Shepard Arts and Garden Center on Saturday, March 21. Sean, of Madman Bamboo, is bringing mostly unique clumping bamboo plants with some running bamboo plants to Shepard Garden and Arts Center. Plants are sold on a first come, first served basis. Arrive early for best selection. You can text Sean at (916) 300-6335 to verify varieties before making the drive.

### [San Fran-Nor Cal Flower and Garden Show](#)

April 2-5, 2020, 10 am - 6 pm, Cal Expo

In 2019, due to unresolved scheduling issues at the Cow Palace and the pending State Legislature's move to tear down or sell off the Cow Palace, the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show was moved to Cal Expo, in Sacramento where the Sacramento gardening community enthusiastically embraced the move to their home town.

Still without a suitable facility in the Bay Area for the 2020 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, the decision was made to wait until 2021 to hold the next San Francisco Flower & Garden Show. A new event to be produced by Cal State Enterprises and held at Cal Expo, April 2020 will be available for the enjoyment of garden enthusiasts from all over the State. The San Fran-Nor Cal Flower & Garden Show has been born. You can attend the show or be part of it. See below for further information.



**SPRING SALE**  
SHEPARD GARDEN & ARTS CENTER  
3330 MCKINLEY BLVD, SAC., 95816, EAST  
MCKINLEY PARK  
14 - 15 MARCH 2020  
FLOWERS, ART,  
PLANTS, JEWELRY,  
YARD ART, HAND  
MADE CRAFTS, &  
ANTIQUES  
FOR SALE!!  
FREE ADMISSION WWW.SGAAC.ORG  
OPEN 10 AM TO 4 PM



SRVD Spring Sale  
Nancy Compton, District Liaison



Okay Gardenistas....it's time for us to show our STUFF!

The Sacramento River Valley District will hold a spring sale at the Shepard Art & Garden Center on.....

**Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15**

**9 a.m.—4 p.m.**

**Location: Shepard Art & Garden Center**

**3330 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento**

Along with sixteen other clubs in the district, our garden club will be selling plants, planters, garden art, birdhouses, annuals, perennials, organic fertilizer, and you never know what else!

So.....here's what we need you — our members — to donate:

- plants, seedlings, pots, interesting garden art, wind chimes, bird houses.....essentially anything pertaining to gardening.



Berniece Jones is taking the lead on this, so get your items over to her by **Thursday, March 12** and she will take it to the event. To contact Berniece, call (916) 354-2873 or via email at [bmjones7465@gmail.com](mailto:bmjones7465@gmail.com)



## To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow

**Nancy Compton, District Liaison**

We are so fortunate to be gardeners, because it makes us believers. In a world where the future often seems cloudy and division marks our society, we gardeners sow affection for those who will come after us. They may sit under a tree we plant or enjoy a daffodil from a bulb we set years before. Our endeavors reflect the need for clean water, healthful air, an enriching earth, and a nourishing environment for all.

We plant lilies and love, peonies and patience, rutabagas and respect, marigolds and meditation, hollyhocks and hope. We plant today for tomorrow, because we believe in the future. Gardeners help create a better, more beautiful tomorrow.

We inspire each other by coming together to learn, share, and create. Nature inspires us. We are concerned about bees that help grow food and flowers, and the birds and butterflies that lighten our hearts. We're gardeners, you and I, and we're making tomorrow a better place, one blossom at a time.

*From an inspiration by Harry Matte given at the Sacramento River Valley District meeting on 2/17/2020*

## Club News and Events

### March Speaker Program: Roxie Jones, Wildlife Habitats

**General Meeting, March 24, 2020, 6:30 pm**

**Berniece Jones, Vice-president, Programs**

Learn how to create an enjoyable garden that invites wildlife. A master gardener since 2013, Roxie Jones spoke to our club a couple of years ago about sunflowers and was lively and entertaining. Roxy's own garden was on tour last year in April's, "Garden's Gone Native," produced by the Sacramento Native Plant Society. During her talk, Roxy will also discuss the [National Wildlife Federation's](#) program where people can learn how to "certify" their gardens as a wildlife habitat. This is going to be a great meeting. Don't miss it!

### Raffle Donations Needed

**Vivian Baier, Raffles**

A steady supply of raffle items is needed to ensure the success of the raffle program. So please check your cupboards (or extra Christmas gifts) as we need support from all our members. Should you not know, all the money from the raffles goes to underwrite the club's community projects. You are invited to bring a raffle item (which doesn't have to be garden related) to our meetings. Let's make it interesting! We all have items that don't "spark joy", but could be a treasure to someone else. If you have items to donate, please contact Vivian Baier at (586) 930-2105.





## The San Fran-Nor Cal Flower and Garden Show

**Pam McCabe, Co-president**

Some of you attended the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show that was held in Sacramento at the Cal Expo last year. Renamed the San Fran-Nor Cal Flower & Garden Show, the show returns to Sacramento again this year from April 2 - 5. It appears that the show is expanding since they plan to spread out over four buildings at Cal Expo. The organizers are asking for volunteers from local garden clubs.

Volunteers get free parking and a show ticket. The following volunteer jobs include: plant check, entry information booth, kid's activity area, professional garden building, and presentation stages. Shifts are four hour commitments 10 am - 2 pm and 2 pm - 6 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Grace Hardy at [ghardy1946@hotmail.com](mailto:ghardy1946@hotmail.com). Specify your available dates and times and preference in any of the locations. If you want to volunteer with a friend, indicate their name and contact information.

## Save the Date and Get Ready!

**Pam McCabe, Co-president**

The club has decided to have a plant and garden sale on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The money we make from the sale will fund our grants and scholarships. We need \$3,000 each year to fund two scholarships for horticultural students and one school garden grant.

The sale will be held at the Plaza Shopping Center in front of the coffee shop and the previous bistro. We need plants and garden art and supplies to sell. Get busy now and propagate plants – it would be great to have some unusual tomato plants since we will be close to tomato planting season. Think about creating picture tags to help our customers visualize what the fruit, vegetable, or flower will look like when mature. We'll need volunteers to help setup tables, assist customers and cashier, and clean up. Let Pam McCabe know how you would like to be involved.

## Welcome New Members

**Berniece Jones, Vice-president, Membership**

The garden club recently has welcomed six new, or returning members, who decided they wanted access to great speakers, workshops, field trips, and camaraderie with like-minded friends. Please welcome:

Linda Beagle, John Merchant, Chris Reuter, Deb Rooney, Margaret Watson, and Isabel Whaley



## Club News and Events, Cont.

### Terra Cotta Birdbath, March 22, 2020

#### Debbie Kolmodin, Workshops

Save the date for this winsome project. Create your own terra cotta birdbath embellished w/silk flowers, birds, bees, and butterflies.

**Instructor:** Stephanie Loera from The Lacy Sunflower

**Date:** Saturday, March 21

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** RMA building front area

**Cost:** \$30.00 RVGC members; \$35.00 non members

Class fee includes all materials. We will be painting the pot and saucer then gluing all the embellishments onto the pot to create this fetching birdbath! You will also receive a ticket for a chance to win a gift basket provided by our instructor Stephanie of The Lacy Sunflower, to be drawn at the end of the class!



### Floating Plant Arrangement, April 15, 2020

#### Debbie Kolmodin, Workshops

**Instructor:** Sue Golden

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Golden Pond, 3275 Sierra College Blvd., Loomis

**Project:** Floating Plant Arrangement

**Cost:** \$25.00 RVGC club member; \$30.00 non member. *NOTE: Class is limited to 14 people*

**Transportation:** Meet at RMA parking lot at 8:45AM. Those that are able to drive and take passengers please let Debbie know. We will carpool.

Bring clippers and wear comfy clothes. Dress for cooler weather as this will be in a garage or outdoor workshop area. The class fee includes one floating planter made by Sue Golden ready to create a water plant arrangement. All plants and planting materials are also included.

Lunch is at 1:30 at High Hand Cafe following the workshop.

Reservations have been made for 14 people. Better hop to it.



Only THREE spaces left.



## Wine Glass Decorating, February 22, 2020

### Debbie Kolmodin, Workshops

Wonder how painting wine glasses is related to gardening? Wine comes from grapes, right? One needs a vessel to drink that wine from, yes? That vessel should be attractive and festive, shouldn't it? Hence the need to paint the wine glass. We had a whole bunch of fun - complete with mimosas and snacks. There were six members and one guest who promptly asked "How do I join the club?" If you weren't there, you *really* missed out.

Check out our upcoming workshops in March and April. Complete workshop information is found [here](#) on our website or email me with your registration request at [cagodmother60@gmail.com](mailto:cagodmother60@gmail.com). Have a friend who's not a member? Well, they just might be interested in participating in a workshop. Invite them to sign up with you and get in on the fun.



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