



Beyond the Garden Gate

Elk Grove Garden Club

A Message from our Co-Presidents

Ana Weekley

Spring is here, and it started with a bang! We went from chilly days and sweaters straight into the mid-70s and 80s, and just like that, everything woke up. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly plants respond to such a rapid change in weather. If they could talk, I imagine they'd simply shrug and say, "No problem! I'll just put my blooms up faster!"

Honestly, it's the rest of us who had trouble keeping up! But if we take the time to truly observe nature, there is so much we can learn: adaptability, patience, and resilience. Our gardens have a way of modeling the very qualities we aspire to cultivate in ourselves.

A warm welcome to all of our new members! We are so glad you've joined us, and we look forward to getting to know each of you better throughout the season ahead.

Upcoming: Plant Sale April 11th

Please don't forget our plant sale coming up on April 11th! We are in need of help in several areas: donations of plants, transportation assistance, and, of course, food! So many of our dedicated members pour an incredible amount of time and energy into making events like this a success, and we are truly grateful. That said, there is always room for more helping hands. If you'd like to contribute or have any questions about how you can get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us. We are happy to help.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Easter and a beautiful, blooming spring season!

With gratitude and green thumbs,

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Thursday, April 9

10am – social

10:30am – meeting begins

Gil Albani Recreation Center

8830 Sharkey Ave.

April Speaker

Sandra Hatcher, Professor of Ikenobo will demonstrate Ikenobo Ikebana

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Refreshment Committee

April – Ana Weekley, team leader - Jane Evans, Marianne Folkers, Kate Genato, Loren Lewal, Rita Montez, Jane Olson, Pat Pereira, Margrethe Reed and Ines Wright

May – Tami Leise, team leader - Inge Biggs, Linda Brett, Gina Kan, Karen Lewis, Brenda Price, Vivian Sellers and Mary Lee Trimmer

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April Speaker



Sandra began her study of Ikenobo in 1994 after moving to Sacramento. She was the first recipient of the Ikenobo Ikebana Northern California Scholarship which was established in 2006 for independent advanced study at Ikenobo headquarters in Kyoto. In 2018 she was accepted to study at the Ikenobo Chuo Kenshu Gakuin in Kyoto. She is currently attending classes as a member of the first English speaking class designed to advance the study of Ikenobo. She has participated in the Ikenobo Study Tour in Kyoto, Japan eight times. She is a Senior Professor of Ikenobo (Fukusokatoku). Currently she serves as 2nd Vice President of the Ikenobo Ikebana Northern California Chapter, is corresponding secretary and newsletter chair for Ikebana International San Francisco and is a member of the Ikebana Teachers Federation. Her passion is “education” with the goal to promote ikebana and advance her knowledge. She teaches in Sacramento and Reno.



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April Birthdays



Martha Bik	4/2
Brenda Hembree	4/4
Annajean Neill	4/12
Maureen Slocum	4/17



Daisy (*Bellis perennis*):

Represents innocence, purity, true love, and new beginnings. Often linked to motherhood, fertility, and cheerfulness.

Sweet Pea (*Lathyrus odoratus*):

Represents delicate pleasure, gratitude, and saying goodbye. Known for their pleasant fragrance and butterfly-like, delicate blooms.

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April Plant Sale

Crunch time is here, one week till the Plant Sale.

All plants need to be identified for the sale, so make sure **EVERYTHING** is **LABELED**. Vivian will have plants available at the meeting.

Here is the time line:

- **Wed.** 4/8 – plants and tables to Vivian’s house
- **Thur.** 4/9 – OK to drop plants off at Vivian’s house after the meeting.
- **Friday**, 4/10 – Set-up at 9AM at Vivian’s house. We will be sorting and pricing all day.
- **Sat.** 4/11 – **6AM** Morning Shift will set up tables and place all plants. Sale begins at 8AM. Members may purchase plants after 8:10.
- **Sat.** 4/11 - **10AM** Second shift will begin. Help buyers with plants. At **1PM** sale closed and clean up started. When all is cleaned up, Pizza will arrive.

All plants left over from the plant sale will be donated to the David Lubin Elementary School fundraiser

plant sale in conjunction with the East Sac Garden Tour.

If you are providing snacks for the Plant Sale workers, please think about sandwiches, fruits or sweet & salty snacks. May be a breakfast casserole? Workers will have been working hard from 6AM and could use more than cookies & muffins.



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April Field Trip



If you aren't in the above picture, you missed a great field trip. Karen, you did a fantastic job arranging this trip. I have been to MorningSun Herb Farm many times, but never had a tour provided by Rose (the owner). We even got to go inside the propagation greenhouses (which are usually closed to the public).

After the tour, we shopped and shopped and shopped. At lunch, Karen provided delicious cookies and promises to provide the recipe for next month's 'Beyond the Garden Gate'.

Thank you again Karen for a fun day we all enjoyed.

Morningsun Herb Farm
<https://morningsunherbfarm.com>



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A Special Invitation



Iris 'Outside the Lines'

Ruth Ostroff has invited EGGC members to her **Iris Open House** on Thursday, April 23, 10 am.

6131 20th Street, Rio Linda, CA

If you haven't been, you will be overwhelmed. If you've been, you will see new colors every visit. Be sure and bring your camera!



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April Garden Checklist ~ ~ ~ ~

By Jan Fetler

- Work 3 to 4 inches of compost into vegetable and flower beds before planting.
- Plant vegetable seeds outdoors: carrots, spinach, cilantro, radishes, chard, etc.
- Plant tomato, eggplant and pepper seedlings only if nights are over 55°F.
- Prune out citrus suckers from the ground and below the graft, as well as frost damaged citrus leaves and branches.
- Begin thinning apples, pears, peaches, apricots, plums and other stone fruits.
- Thin grape shoots. Continue through May.
- Plant warm season annual flowers.
- Fertilize brown-in-winter lawns once they are fully green.



- Fertilize roses according to directions, usually after flowering.
- Do not compost clippings from lawns treated with weed-and-feed products in the last 12 months.
- Limit pests and diseases: leaftooted bugs, powdery mildew, fire blight, aphids, and slugs and snails.

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Calendar Upcoming Events

April 15 (Wed.) 9am till Noon

Master Gardeners Open Garden

Fair Oaks Horticulture Center
11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks

<https://sacmg.ucanr.edu/?calitem=604924>

April 18/19 (Sat. & Sun.) 10am till 3pm

Iris show

Sacramento Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

April 23 (Thur.) 10am till Noon

Ruth Ostroff's Open Garden (Iris)

6131 20th St., Rio Linda, CA

April 25 (Sat.) 1pm till 4pm

Rose Show

Sacramento Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

April 25/26 (Sat. & Sun.) 11 am till 4 pm

24th Annual Folsom Garden Tour

Tickets now on sale

<https://folsomgarden.org/garden-tour/>

May 2/3 (Sat. & Sun) 9am till 3 pm

Cactus Show and Sale

Sacramento Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

May 9 (Sat.) 9am till Noon

Master Gardeners Open Garden

Fair Oaks Horticulture Center
11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks

<https://sacmg.ucanr.edu/?calitem=604924>

May 9 (Sat.) 9am till 3pm

Chrysanthemum Plant Sale

Sacramento Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

May 9/10 (Sat. & Sun.) 9am till 3pm

East Sac Garden Tour

David Lubin Elementary Fundraiser

Tickets now on sale

<https://www.eastsacgardentour.com>

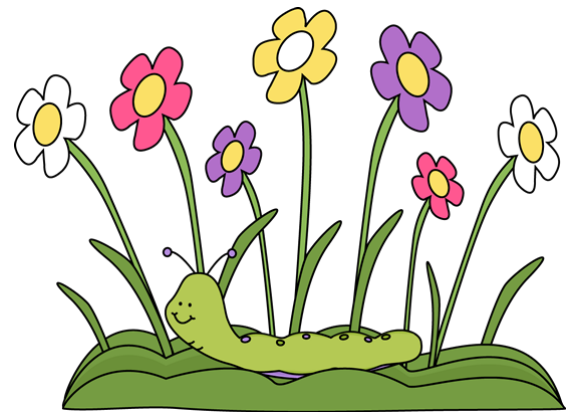
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Sacramento River Valley District Meetings

Meetings held at the Shepard Garden Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento Open to all members. Cost is \$15.00 for meeting which includes lunch. A clipboard will be passed around at meeting for those who are interested in attending SRVD meeting.

May 19, 2026 – Laura Halpenny, Landscape Designer – “From Blah to Fabulous”.

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Elk Grove Garden Club Leaders

Co-Presidents – Ana Weekley and Juana Zamora

Vice-President – Marilyn Peterson

Secretary – Mary Lou Lange

Treasurer – Susan Muckey

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