



Beyond the Garden Gate Elk Grove Garden Club

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Meeting April 11th at the Gil Albiani Recreation Center, 8830 Sharkey Ave, Elk Grove. Complimentary brunch is served at 10 am and the meeting is at 10:30.

The EGGC Plant Sale with Crafts too is only a few days away. Bring your friends and neighbors. Details on page 3.

April Meeting Presentation on California Native Plants by Colleen Rauch

Colleen is a gardener and naturalist. Her passion is California Native Plants, particularly their role in supporting biodiversity and ecosystem services. She loves studying and understanding the relationship between native plants and the wildlife they support. Her own yard is 85% or more California native plants, and she loves talking about native plants to anyone who will listen.



Martha Bik 4/12

Anna Jean Neill 4/12

Maureen Slocum 4/17

April Birth Flowers are Daisies and Sweet Peas. The Daisy stands for innocence, purity, and true love. The Sweet Pea is a way to say goodbye, send good wishes, or merely convey a thank you.



Message from the Co-Presidents
Maureen Slocum and Mary Anne Strohmaier

Hey there! April is such an amazing month, full of beauty and wonder that's just waiting to be discovered. As the last of winter fades away, we're treated to a burst of colors and scents that are simply breathtaking. One of the most striking displays of April's beauty is the flowering of trees and shrubs. Everywhere you look, there is a rainbow of hues, transforming our neighborhoods into a magical wonderland of colors and fragrances.

April is also a time of renewal and growth, as gardens and green spaces come back to life after a long winter. It's so exciting to watch as sprouts and shoots push their way up through the soil, and the greenery of trees and bushes becomes lusher and more vibrant with each passing day. The beauty of April isn't just limited to nature, though. It's a time of celebration and joy, as communities come together to mark the arrival of spring with festivals, fairs, and other fun events, most importantly our Spring Sale.

Whether you're taking a stroll through a park, tending to your garden, or just enjoying the warmth of the sun on your skin, April is a month that reminds us of the beauty and abundance of life. So, why not get out there and enjoy it? We wish you all a joyous and productive spring season!

*"In the glow of the dawn,
Welcome a new day,
Greet the golden sunlight or rain,
Nature in all its subtlety.
Whip of the wind,
Earth unfolds,
Softly falling rain,
Growing plants and buds blossoming.
Visions of the earth, with glories of nature,
Beauty of the daffodils,
Sunshine and rain from a rainbow,
Awe! Nature in full bloom."
- Blanche Black, Springtime*

"To cherish what remains on earth and to foster its renewal is our only legitimate hope of survival." Wendell Berry

"Love the world as your own self; there you can truly care for all things." Lea Tzu



Don't Forget Facebook!

As usual, the photos from the last meeting have been posted on Facebook. If you need help signing up for the EGGC Facebook page or have questions, contact Maria Schiffler.



Elk Grove Garden Club



PLANT SALE

April 6, 2024
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
8609 Brodie Ct. Elk Grove 95624

Cash or Check Only!

Unusual Plants
Indoor Plants
Succulents
Perennials Annuals
Vegetables Garden
Garden Crafts



Two Field Trips This Month

April 16th Field Trip to Ruth Ostroff's Iris Garden

"It is that beautiful time of year again and since many of you have asked, you are all invited to my open garden day on Tuesday April 16th from 8:30 AM to 2 PM. Lot's to see—newer Irises, Dyke's medal winners, Sacramento Iris Society door prize Irises as well as lots of water efficient plants and veggies.

Bring your friends and/or kids and your camera. Refreshments will be served all day."

Address is: 6131 20th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673

Located between E and G Streets on 20th Street (off of Greenback/Elkhorn Blvd.) The two-story gray house with white pasture fence. Parking in Pasture.

Hope you can come." Ruth Ostroff Cell phone 916-9381

Ruth was one of our speakers last year, she spoke about Irises.

There will be a signup sheet for ride sharing at the April Meeting.

April 24th Field Trip & Tour of UC Davis Botanical Conservancy

Founded in 1959, the UC Davis Botanical Conservancy is currently housed in a 3600 square foot complex north of Storer Hall and serves both the University as well as the public as an research/educational facility and genetic diversity preserve. This facility houses over 3,000 plant species including examples from all over the world.

Marlene Simmons, aka "The Plant Lady", said she will make our tour well worth the \$11 cost.

For those that want to ride share, we will meet at Burlington Coat Factory/Burger King on Bond Road. We will meet up @ 9:15 AM and leave @ 9:30 AM. The Botanical Conservancy is located at 1 Shields Avenue, Kleiber Hall Drive, Davis, CA 95616. There is a Kiosk for parking . . . Please go to their website for maps and parking instructions

<https://greenhouse.ucdavis.edu/conservatory/maps.html>

April Garden Activities, UCCE Master Gardeners of Sacramento County

The unofficial "official" tomato planting day in the Sacramento area is April 28th (Lifetime Master Gardener and radio personality Farmer Fred Hoffman's birthday). If transplants are growing well (stocky, not root bound, and no flowers or fruit) and soil temperatures are around 65°F (usually late April or early May in the Sacramento area), plant them in well-amended beds.

Because the weather can be unpredictable this time of year, take precautions to protect plants if nighttime temperatures get cold. It is not unusual to get rain with hail in early spring. Below are a few choices to protect from cold weather. Wall-O-Water, cloches or old-fashioned "Hotkaps" are good choices. Floating row covers (lightweight synthetic fabric) can be used to protect plants from light frost.



Wall-o-water freestanding tower of tubes filled with water. Sun during the day heats the water to warm plants overnight.



Cloches made of plastic or glass protect plants and last several seasons.



Hotkaps made of waxed paper will last one season



Check your soil temperature with a soil thermometer or compost thermometer before planting warm-season vegetables. If the soil temperature is around 65°F and the nighttime air temperatures are consistently above 50°F, it is time to plant tomato and pepper transplants. Wait until the soil has warmed to 70°F before planting squash and melons. Be sure to protect the plants if the weather turns cold.

Upcoming Events

Most listings are for shows and sales, but note in particular Vivian Sellers' April 13 propagation class with CCSD, the April 16 invitation to Ruth Ostroff's Iris Garden, and the April 24 UC Davis Botanical Conservatory Field Trip that Chris Duane has organized for EGGC members and guests.

As usual we thank Jan Fetler of the Gardeners of the Grove for sharing listings.

April 6 (Saturday) 10a till 4p, **African Violet Society Sale**, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

April 6 (Saturday) 8a till 1p, **Elk Grove Garden Club Plant Sale**, 8906 Brodie Court, Elk Grove **Don't miss this one!**

April 6 (Saturday) 10a till 3p, **California Native Plant Society Sale**, 2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova <https://www.sacvalleycnps.org/plant-sales/>

April 7 (Sunday) 9a till 1p **Plant Sale**, UC Davis Arboretum <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/plant-sales>

April 13 (Saturday) 9:30a till 5p **ACS Discovery Shop Annual Yard and Garden Event**, 8470 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove. New and used items. **Get there early; there will be a line to get in.**

April 13/14 (Saturday/Sunday) 9a till 1p **Sacramento Perennial Plant Club Sale**, 1911 Bannon Creek Drive, Sacramento

April 13/14 (Saturday/Sunday) 8a till 5p, **Bonsai Assn. Show and Sale**, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

April 13 (Saturday) 10a till 12p, **CCSD Propagation Class** by Vivian Sellers for the community as well as our club will be held in the Poppy Room at the Wackford Center, 9014 Bruceville Road. The cost through CSD is \$25.

April 16 (Tuesday) 8:30a to 2p, **Invitation to Ruth Ostroff's Iris Garden** in Rio Linda. **See more details on page 4 particularly about ride sharing and parking.**

April 17 (Wednesday) 9a till 12p, **Master Gardeners Open Garden**, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks <https://sacmg.ucanr.edu/?calitem=572619>

April 24 (Wednesday) 9:15a—? **UC Davis Botanical Conservatory Field Trip** organized by Chris Duane. Tour is led by Maureen Simon, one of the EGGC recent speakers. Cost is \$11 per person with a minimum group fee of \$99. Sign up at the EGGC meeting or contact Chris Duane to be added to the attendee list. **See more details on page 4 particularly about ride sharing and parking.**

April 27 (Saturday) 9a till 1p **Plant Sale**, UC Davis Arboretum <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/plant-sales>

May 11 (Sunday) 9a till 1p **Clearance Plant Sale**, UC Davis Arboretum <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/plant-sales>

~~~~ *Garden Tours* ~~~~

April 20 (Saturday) 10a till 2p, **River Park Garden Club Garden Tour**; tickets at \$5 per person, cash only, are an exceptional value. Tickets are available at the corner of Carlson Drive and Camellia Avenue, Sacramento, and can be reserved ahead by calling 916 454-5637. The River Park neighborhood is near Sacramento State University, bordered by H Street, the American River, and Elvas Avenue with a spine that is Carlson Dr. The tour brochure will be your ticket and map plus it will have garden descriptions. A small group of artists will show their work at one garden and there will be a plant sale at another location.

April 27 (Saturday) 9:30a till 4p, **Gardens Gone Native Plant Tour**, California Native Plant Society <https://www.sacvalleycnps.org/gardens-gone-native-tour/>

April 27/28 (Saturday/Sunday) 11a till 4p Sunday, **Gardens of Folsom Tour**. For information on the 3-hour (9 garden) tour plus a plant sale, bake sale, and raffle for a \$20 ticket, available online. Go to <https://www.folsomgarden.org/2022-annual-garden-tour/>

May 11/12 (Saturday/Sunday) 10a till 4p Saturday & 11a till 4p Sunday, **East Sac Garden Tour**, Benefits the David Lubin Elementary School. For details and to purchase \$25 tickets, go to <https://www.eastsacgardentour.com/>

May 25 (Saturday) 9am till 2p, **Gardeners of the Grove Garden Tour**, Elk Grove; brochure coming soon