



# River Valley Garden Club

## “Here’s The Dirt”

Serving the Communities of Rancho Murieta, Sloughouse and Wilton

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### “Rooting For You”

Carol Prinzo, President

January was a very pleasant month weather-wise. Scant rainfall allowed many of us to get out and start pruning. Mindy hosted a pruning workshop that allowed all participants to practice and get solid tips on pruning a whole variety of plants. Thank you, Mindy, for sharing your expertise and gardens with us. An upcoming workshop is the bonsai workshop. It will be held on Saturday, February 26. A flyer was sent to all of you with all the details.

Sue Sheridan led a tour to the Kellogg Garden Products in Lockeford, CA to learn about organic and natural soil production and then on to a delightful lunch.

My family and I went on a superb excursion mid-January to Ano Nuevo State Park, half way between Half Moon Bay and Santa Cruz. It is the location of the annual migration of elephant seals. The seals give birth and mate before returning to the sea for the remaining 9 months of the year. They begin to arrive in December and the birthing/breeding season goes through March. If you haven’t seen this, it’s a “must see!” Tickets for tours are available on-line at [www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=523](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=523)

The next district general membership meeting is February 17. The topic is “Gardening is Exercise!” All members are encouraged to attend at least one of these meetings each year. There are only three of them, so if you’d like to go, please contact Marianna Hashorva at 354.2233.

We now have 98 members (woo-hoo!) and I would like to invite all of you to help out with our annual scholarship fundraiser, Trash ‘n Treasure usually held the first Saturday in June. We will be setting up the committee in February. It’s a fun event and so worthwhile to our mission to promote the education of future horticulturalists. Please contact me if you’d like to participate.

One other request, if you have a passion for photography, we are looking for participants to help out with our annual Photo Contest. Awards to the winners are just one of the highlights of our annual picnic in June. If you think this would be right up your alley, please contact me.

Happy Gardening!

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Pacific Region  
California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Sacramento River Valley District

General Meetings 6:30 p.m.  
4th Tuesday (September to June)  
Rancho Murieta Assoc. Bldg.  
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Daffodil  
Botanical: Narcissus  
Pseudo-narcissus  
Family: N.O. Armaryllidaceae

### Wide Open Spaces

Chris Wassermann, Program Committee Member

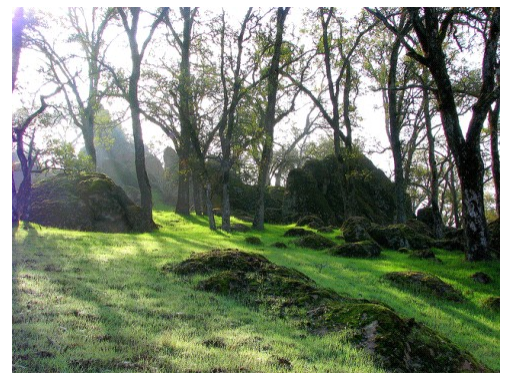
Local residents, Roger and Joanne Brandt, will be the featured speakers at the River Valley Garden Club general meeting on Tuesday, February 27. Roger will speak on the importance of access to open space areas and the many types of trails, including the Independence Trail in Nevada City. Tools and equipment necessary to make and maintain trails will also be discussed.



Joan and Roger Brandt

Roger Brandt has been a Rancho Murieta resident since 1987 and Joanne has been a resident since 1995. They met on January 1, 1997 on

Jackson Highway by the yellow bridge when they were both down there to look at the record flooding of the Cosumnes River. Roger and Joanne are also docents, leading public hikes at the Deer Creek Hills Preserve for the Sacramento Valley Conservancy.



February Raffle Prize ~ Will be a big surprise!  
Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$ for \$5  
Raffle benefit CRES garden

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for social time. Program starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. at Rancho Murieta Association Building

**Calendar of Events**

February 22  
Tuesday  
6:30 p.m. Social  
7:00 p.m. Meeting  
Club General Meeting (see page 1)  
**Wide Open Spaces**  
Roger Brandt, Rancho Murieta Resident  
All about outdoor open spaces  
Contact: *Chris Wassermann 354.0411*  
*kcwassermann@sbcglobal.net*

February 26  
Saturday  
1:00 p.m. to  
3:00 p.m.  
Club Workshop  
**Bonsai**  
Jay Beals, Rancho Murieta Resident  
\$30 per person includes plant, pot and soil  
Contact: *Karen Czerkies 354.8616*  
*karenczk@yahoo.com*

March 12  
Saturday  
March 19  
Rain day  
10:00 a.m. to  
noon  
Club Workshop  
**Potting & Division (in preparation for TNT)**  
At the Glackens' in Wilton  
Bring 4" plastic pots  
Contact: *Mindy Cecchettini 354.1850*  
*mindyc@wildblue.com*

March 16  
Wednesday  
District Bus Tour (see page 6 )  
**Bouquets to Art**  
DeYoung Museum, San Francisco  
\$50 per person  
Contact: *Marianna Hashorva 354.2233*  
*hashorva@ranchomurieta.org*

March 22  
6:30 p.m. Social  
7:00 p.m. Meeting  
Club General Meeting  
**Tropical Plants**  
Linda Trapp, Garden Book Author  
See the beautiful plants of Mexico and learn the steps taken to publish a book  
Contact: *Marie Hanson 354.2257*  
*ranchoduo@sbcglobal.net*  
*Barbara Keil 354.9706*  
*chesterkeil@att.net*

March 26-27  
Saturday  
Sunday  
District & Shepard Gardens & Arts Center (SGAC) Fundraiser (see page 6)  
**Spring Festival (Garden Club Café)**  
Benefits SRVD district and SGAC  
Contact: *Marianna Hashorva 354.2233*  
*hashorva@ranchomurieta.org*



*Violets in a  
Teapot and Teacup*

Barbara Keil won the violet teapot and tea cup



**Co-Vice Presidents Membership Comments**

**Dianna Dodd, Co-Vice President Membership**

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS  
WILTON  
MELANIE COSTA  
RANCHO MURIETA  
DAWN FOSTER  
KATHLEEN YORK**

Our garden club has 3 new members: returning member Melanie Costa from Wilton, Dawn Foster and Kathleen York both from Rancho Murieta We now have a total of 98 members.

Last month I mentioned a number of members by name last month, who had not yet picked up their membership cards and directories. Most of you did, thank you! Lois Neumayer and Anne Gengler helped members with the cards and directories at our last meeting and I thank them too.

I would now like to introduce Co-Vice President Membership Lois Neumayer.

**Lois Neumayer, Co-Vice President Membership**

I appreciate Dianna and all the work she does on membership. I'm glad to be able to assist her in any small way. The River Valley Garden Club is a wonderful place to develop friendships and a great source of gardening information, beneficial workshops and tours.

Gardening has been a part of my life since I was growing up in the Midwest on a family farm in Iowa. We always had a large vegetable garden plus a small orchard with fruit trees. When I married we moved to Washington state and as our children grew, we passed on the knowledge of gardening.

Now I continue with a small vegetable garden with tomatoes, peppers and onions. My favorite at this time is bulbs and it is wonderful to watch them break the soil and see the first sign of spring.

At the January meeting ~

- ▶ Members and guests contributed \$22.95 to Penny Pines for reforestation and
- ▶ The raffle, which will benefit the CRES school garden, netted \$65

**Where to Shop for January Raffle Prize**

**Peggy DeMello, Chair Raffle Committee**

Many members were asking where I purchased the violet teapot. Go to website [www.thevioletpotshop.com](http://www.thevioletpotshop.com).

*The Violet Pot Shop  
Handmade Custom Ceramic  
Decoratives*

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 8 for \$5

Raffle benefits CRES garden



**A Great Opportunity**

Patty Peterson, Master Gardener

**Who** Fran Wittgartner, Instructor  
**What** Flower Show School Course II  
*Creative Floral Design and Flower Show Procedure*  
**Special Design Day**  
**When** Wednesday, April 6  
 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Where** Shepard Garden and Arts Center  
**Cost** \$49 per person  
 Plus \$7 if you want to have lunch  
**Registration Form** Contact Patty Peterson, Master Gardener  
 916.682.3783  
 lakepeterschulz@citlink.net  
**Contact** Carolyn Flynn, Registrar  
 530.389.2549  
 duoflyn@earthlink.net

Please note her email is spelled with one (n) duoflyn. (You could download multiple Course registration forms)

The district sponsored Flower Show School II (April 5-7) has contracted with Fran Wittgartner to teach *Creative Floral Design and Flower Show Procedure*. Fran Wittgartner has 11 designs in the new *Designing by Types*, National Garden Club, Inc. book, and over 20 designs in *Vision of Beauty* calendars. She is a very sought after national floral designer with national, state, district, region and local programs to her credit.

On April 6, River Valley Garden Club members are invited for a special design day. You can come and audit for \$49.00 per person. Lunch served by the garden clubs is an additional \$7.00 or you can bring a bag lunch.

The cost of Flower Show School II is \$400.00 and will be held at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. Or, if some folks want to start at Course II and take Flower Show School Course II for credit to become a judge that is \$95.00.

**Pruning Workshop ~ January 16**

Mindy Cecchettini, Workshop Committee Chair

Even though the weather was rather chilly, ten garden club members met at Mindy Cecchettini's residence for the annual dormant Pruning Workshop. Bonnie Thalken, UC Master Gardener and garden club member, attended as well to assist.

The members: Sharon Barton, Loretta Lutz, Toni Mayer, Marcy Clifton, Anne Gengler, Berniece Jones (and hubby), Cathleen Riebe, Candy Hearn and Sue Sheridan learned how to correctly prune a hybrid tea rose, hydrangea, crape myrtle, and various other trees and shrubs. Proper tools and sharpening was discussed, along with correct disease control. A comprehensive hand-out on pruning instructions was taken home for later use.

Hopefully, everyone had a great afternoon and enjoyed the hands-on workshop.



Mindy speaks as Candy Hearn, Berniece Jones and Alex Jones listen



Mindy Cecchettini, Lifetime Master Gardener demonstrates how to prune a rose bush

## Myo Wa En Japanese Garden Tour

Sharon Barton, Co-Chair Tours Committee



<b>What</b>	<b>Club Garden Tour ~ Myo Wa En</b>
<b>Where</b>	Home of Boonie Lang ~ Granite Bay
<b>When</b>	<b>Thursday, March 31</b>
<b>Time</b>	9:00 a.m. ~ Meet at the Rancho Murieta North gazebo Tour is from 10:00 a.m. to noon
<b>Cost</b>	<b>A donation of \$5 or \$10 is suggested</b>
<b>Reservations</b>	Limited to 25 participants
<b>Contact</b>	<b>Sharon Barton at 354.0408</b> <b>golbum4@sbcglobal.net</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	Akebono Japanese Restaurant

You and a guest are invited to join us on Thursday, March 31, to visit Ms. Boonie Lang's beautiful, private Japanese garden, *Myo Wa En, Garden of Inspiration and Harmony*, located in Granite Bay. It truly is a garden of inspiration and harmony designed in 1985 by Sensie Katsuo Saito, a living treasure of Japan at that time.

The garden is never open to the public, but guided tours are conducted during two weeks in the fall when the Japanese Maples are at their peak and two weeks in spring when the shrubs are in bloom.

We can expect to see the spectacular beauty of azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and satsukis. To visit this classic Japanese garden is - - to experience its lingering serenity and ever changing quiet beauty - to understand the mastery of artistic expression - to feel the vitality and harmony of plants and trees of Japan - to appreciate some of Japan's cultural history as its gardens evolved - to savor its spiritual message of peace and unity, which began in the hearts of over 100 craftsmen who created the garden and its teahouse.

Reservations are limited to 25 participants so please sign up as soon as possible. There is no charge but a donation of \$5.00 or \$10.00 is suggested for the Maintenance Trust Fund.

We will car pool from the Rancho Murieta North gazebo at 9:00 a.m. and tour from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We will have lunch at the nearby Akebono Japanese restaurant. We have been there before and the food is excellent.

You can sign up at the February meeting or by contacting me at 354.0408 or golbum4@sbcglobal.net.

## Kellogg Garden Products Tour

Sue Sheridan, Co-Chair Tours Committee

It was a cold and foggy day when six members of the River Valley Garden Club members traveled to Lockeferd to visit Kellogg Garden Products Northern California facility.

After a brief overview of the family run business we watched how the materials were packaged. The plastic bags were put on a conveyor belt filled with help of an employee, sealed and put on pallets. The pallets then moved to the wrapping machine that looked like a giant roll of Saran Wrap being wrapped round and round the pallet.



Out in the yard we saw a giant platform where the trailer of a diesel truck would be hooked and raised into the air. The material would then slide into another truck. All I could think of would be 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys using it as a giant slide.

Then we watched giant, and I do me giant, front loaders move different composted material into hopper that went into the plant. Materials that were labeled organic were kept in different areas of the plant.

Look for these products at your local nursery or big box store: Kellogg, Gardner & Bloome and Master Nursery.

## Transplant Workshop for TNT

Mindy Cecchetti, Chair Workshop Committee

If you looking for a way to get involved in the club, help us with a very important project, and enjoy other gardeners company, I really need your help with the upcoming Transplant Workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 12 with a rain date of Saturday, March 19, starting at 10:00 a.m. until noon.

The workshop will be held at Cathy Glacken's property, 9599 Jeffcott Road, Wilton. Each year we are invited to Cathy's to dig up plants (that need to be thinned), transplant them into pots and tend them until they are sold at the Trash 'n Treasure event.

What to bring:

- ☞ trowels,
- ☞ shovel or spading fork,
- ☞ plastic pots (4 inch & one gallon)
- ☞ gloves
- ☞ kneeling pad if you have one.

Sign-ups will be available at the February meeting, or you can call me at 354.1805.

Don't be shy, come get involved, meet a great bunch of gardeners and have fun!!

## Review of January's Presenter ~ Charles Sims

Lynn Ossolinski, Program Committee Member

Our January 25 meeting began with delightful refreshments. Program Committee members Bonnie Foley and Lynn Ossolinski introduced our outstanding orchid expert, Mr. Charles Sims. Sims lives in Orangevale but had never been to Rancho Murieta before! Certainly he needed to add Rancho Murieta to his long list of world travels.

Sims is an internationally known orchid judge and has been judging for the past seven years. The River Valley Garden Club was privileged to be the first group he has presented to that was not an Orchid Society. Sims traveled to Peru and joined 6 other judges to officiate at Orchid Shows in Lima and Cusco.

Sims spoke on *Orchids in Peru* and had an excellent Power Point presentation with colorful pictures that composed a travelogue of his amazing trip to Peru. Thanks to Jan Fetler for assisting with the projector. Sims went to Peru to judge orchids, hiked in the orchid jungles and visited the *Orchid City of the World: Cusco, Peru*.

Sims drew on his background as a professor for the University of California system. He has taught at UC Davis and Sac State. Sims is a fascinating speaker, loaded with facts and vignettes that kept the audience scrambling to keep up as if they too were climbing up the rugged mountains of Peru with him. Indeed, it would be fair to compare him to the fictional character of Indiana Jones in his quest for orchids.

The journey began in Lima, Peru, the capitol city, strangely, located in a desert. Peru is the reverse of conditions we know in California: the rains in Peru that create green lush vegetation are on the east of the mountains. The west side of the Andes Mountains is a dry desert! So the orchids in Lima are not the wild exotics of the jungles. In fact Lima has a phenomenon of "acid rain" that forms a gray foggy mist that never breaks. These conditions make it impossible for any except the *Cattleyas Hybrid* species of orchid to live. None of these orchids could live in the Sacramento area.

As an orchid judge, Mr. Sims, must know the heritage of an orchid. When the plants are registered for the judging, the heritage must be disclosed. The Orchid Show and judging in Lima was specific to the difficult weather situation and orchids had to be locally grown.

The next part of the presentation was on the trip from Lima to the ancient ancestors of the Incas, the ruins of Machu Pichu high in the Andes; now revered as a center of spirituality. Getting to Machu Pichu is considered part of the spiritual crusade. One must either hike across the Sacred Valley and endure a very long and hazardous trail, or take the Orient Express train or, as Charles Sims did, take a bus.

The orchid judges loaded onto the bus and drove the cliff hanging road up the 8,000 feet to Machu Pichu. The joy of arriving safely was very much like the satisfaction the explorer Hiram Bingham must have felt when he found Machu Pichu.

The massive mountain was terraced to provide flat spaces for growing food. The rocks that were removed from the terracing were made into the huge temples, observatory and sun dial. Sims and the other orchid judges basked in the sacred charms of the structures but then turned their attention to their next goal to take

an "Orchid Trek." Sims stated some rules for "Orchid trekking" (searching for orchids in the wild).

Reasonable expectations for finding native plant life.

- ▶ Do the research & know what to look for (roots, leaves).
- ▶ Don't expect to find an abundance of orchids in the wild.
- ▶ Patience is a virtue.

With these rules in mind the group took an orchid trek along a high mountain pass to the location of the Sun Gate. On this hike with sharp eyes they found the "weed orchid" *Sovralia Elleanthus*, *Ida Finbirena*. The clue was the odd straggling roots that barely hung to the rough terrain.

Sims and company next went seeking refuge at a \$600 a night hotel in the "Sanctuary of Orchids" Hotel. This unique hotel featured native woods and was a designated orchid sanctuary. There was a full time Orchidist on staff. The president of the Peruvian Orchid Society nurtures the mountain jungle orchids and this sanctuary allows tourist to wander in an environment that protects people and orchids. Here one does expect to see an abundance of colorful orchids. Again, the news is that these orchids cannot be grown in Sacramento.

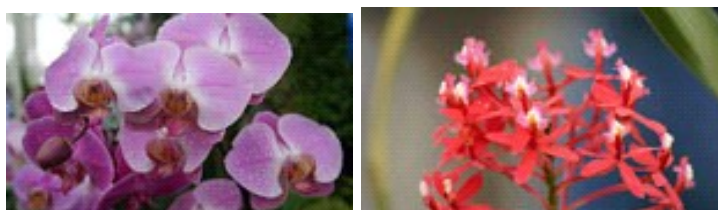
Although it was a beautiful sight, the judges found cheaper quarters. They headed to the famous town of Cusco the "Orchid City of the World" also bears the slogan, "Cusco is always in fashion." Next they proceeded to the "City of Orchids, Mayabamba." This enchanted city was devastated by an earthquake and had to rebuild. In the rebuilding they paid tribute to the classic *Cattleyas Rex* orchids with a huge statue in the town square. Garlands of orchids decorate the city. The Multination Orchid Show is held there. The national flower of Peru is the *Carrelya Maxima* orchid. That concluded the breath-taking adventurous journey to find orchids in Peru.

Sims did have some tips for orchid lovers to care for their orchids:

- ▶ Stop watering in the winter (for outside orchids)
- ▶ Let orchids "hibernate" after blooming. Blooming takes a lot of energy and the need to rest to recover
- ▶ "Pot in a Pot" ~ set the orchid and its pot into another pot. The second outer pot will help to keep the plant at an even or "cool" temperature
- ▶ There are NO blue orchids
- ▶ Add cork to the orchid's soil.
- ▶ Join an Orchid Society



Charles Sims was a dynamic intellectual speaker. We are proud to have an orchid judge of his stature in Northern California. His strong speaking voice, beautiful photos, and wealth of information made for a night of escape into Peru and exotic orchids.



## Keeping Plugged In ~ District News

Marianna Hashorva, District Liaison

### FEBRUARY 17 ~ THURSDAY SRVD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Sacramento River Valley District (SRVD) will hold its second of the three opportunities given annually to clubs to gather at a district level meeting and luncheon. The meeting serves as a means of communication between the district officers who disseminate information from both the SRVD and the state. It also provides an important opportunity for all clubs in our district to have a chance to meet and get to know one another. There is always a specially selected speaker who is very informative. Of course everyone enjoys the social luncheon. This time the speaker will be Bill Judson whose topic is "Gardening is Exercise." Anyone wishing to go, please contact me at 354.2233 or hashorva@ranchomurieta.org by Saturday, February 12, at the latest, to secure lunch reservations.

### MARCH 23-27 ~ WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER



This year you will find cutting-edge garden design, new

plants, 200 vendors selling outdoor living products, 75 seminars and films. NEW this year are "Garden To Table" cooking demonstrations with famous Bay Area chefs headlined by Alice Waters, 6000 sq. ft. of Edible Garden displays with hands-on advice, an expanded children's section, a wine garden and a film premiere.

Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ,and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Help celebrate "Life in the California Garden" with food, wine, fun, flowers and more.

Website ~<http://sfgardenshow.com/>

### MARCH 16 ~ WEDNESDAY BOUQUET TO ARTS DISTRICT TOUR

A District Bus Tour to the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco to see lovely pairings of art and flowers. One hundred fifty floral arrangements by prominent Bay Area designers and garden clubs will interpret and complement the museum's permanent collection.



Those who have gone in the past have loved it! You will find information, with details, about the trip at [www.srvd.org](http://www.srvd.org). The bus holds 50 persons. However, if 30 are signed up and have paid, the bus will go. By February 28, if there are not enough to fill the bus, the bus trip will be cancelled and those interested will have to go on their own. If that is the case, those who already booked will be called in plenty of time to receive their money back and make other arrangements.

Website ~[mhttp://bouquetstoart.famsf.org/](http://bouquetstoart.famsf.org/)

### MARCH 26-27 ~ SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SPRING FESTIVAL AT SACRAMENTO GARDEN AND ART CENTER 33rd and McKinley Sts. ~ Sacramento

Many kinds of plants, jewelry, art work, and craft items of different varieties will be for sale. If you have never been to the SGAC you may want to take *this* opportunity to go since the spring festival has something for everybody... including the reasonably priced lunches that are sold by the District Garden Clubs. The luncheons are prepared by the different garden clubs and the proceeds benefit the District and SGAC. In the past, Sharon Barton, Berniece Jones, Debra DeVerter and I have gone to help. I'll be going this year and I hope some of you will accompany me. If anyone is interested in volunteering one-half day to help with the lunches, please contact me at 354.2233.

Speaking of the Garden and Art Center, I'd like to remind our members that it is home for more than 50 garden and art clubs. To see their calendar, please go to [www.sgcac.com](http://www.sgcac.com) and click on "Calendar." There you will see everything from the *African Violet Show and Sale* in April, to the *Cactus and Succulent Sale* in May to the *Sacramento Potter's Sale* in June. Experience the Sacramento Garden and Art Center!

Website ~ <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/parksandrecreation/recreation/shepard.htm>

### APRIL 1-3 ~ FRIDAY-SUNDAY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WILD FLOWER WEEKEND

Sponsored by CGCI and hosted by Buttes District, you will stay at the Feather Falls Casino and Hotel in Oroville and enjoy:

- ▶ An array of fascinating talks by subject matter experts
- ▶ Guided tours to a nearby wildflower viewing site (bring your camera!)
- ▶ Guided armchair tours (in indoor comfort)
- ▶ A vendor area
- ▶ One dinner and two box lunches

Housing, dining, live entertainment, and gaming literally a step away. For more information, call 530.877.2432.

Website ~ <http://www.NorCalWildflowers.org>

### APRIL 7-9 CALIFORNIA STATE FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW Cal Expo, Sacramento

Highlighting the diversity, scope and interest of the California gardening community, this will be a true Flower, Food & Garden Show with something for everyone. CGCI is a Sponsor. Volunteer needed for "Kids Growing Strong" display.



Website ~<http://www.calstategardenshow.com/>

# Trash & Treasure 2011

It's time to start planning for Trash 'n Treasure (TNT) 2011, a flea market generally held the first Saturday in June, at the Plaza Center in Rancho Murieta. It is our biggest fundraiser. Last year we netted enough proceeds to give three \$500 scholarships. We sell plants, garden art and garden-related items. Members are asked to participate in plant workshops as well as volunteer the day of the event. It is lots of fun and very worthwhile.

This year's Chairs are  
Sharon Barton and  
Debra DeVerter

At the February 22 meeting

Sign up for the  
TNT Committee



1st  
Step

- Volunteer
  - Help anywhere you are needed
  - Work as a cashier or sales person
  - Help with set up and tear down
- Donate
  - \$12 to purchase plants
  - Plants
  - Potential garden art items
    - Old chairs, birdcages, anything that can be turned into a planter
  - New garden-related items
  - A raffle prize

2nd  
Step

Sign up for  
Transplant Workshop

- To be held on Saturday, March 12 or March 19 (rain day) at The Glackens property in Wilton
  - Bring 4" plastic pots only
  - Trowels, shovel or spading fork
  - Gloves and kneeling pad
  - Take home plants and care for them until TNT

3rd  
Step

- Tell all your friends about our booth at TNT
- Encourage them to visit our booth and purchase plants and garden art

Contact Sharon at 354.0408 or  
golfbum4@sbcglobal.net  
Contact Debra at 354.8669 or  
ddeverter@sbcglobal.net



It does feel  
great to  
participate!

~ Website of Interest ~



sacramento valley  
conservancy

[www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org)

"...open lands are necessary for quality of life and we must care for the land today so future generations may enjoy its physical and spiritual benefits tomorrow."

The Conservancy was founded in 1990 on two basic principles - that open lands are necessary for quality of life and that we must care for the land today so future generations may enjoy its physical and spiritual benefits tomorrow.

SVC's mission is to preserve the beauty, character and diversity of the Sacramento Valley landscape by working with citizens, property owners, developers, public agencies and other nonprofit organizations. It preserves dedicated open space by the acceptance of gifts, private purchase, facilitation of public acquisition, conservation easements and by cooperative efforts.

**Acreage Protected: 10,915**

SVC is a private, non-profit land trust and buys land only from willing sellers. We work cooperatively with private landowners and public and private funding sources to create win-win solutions.

### Deer Creek Hills

Without the vigilance and vision of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy and other conservationists, the Deer Creek Hills would have been just another exclusive enclave of McMansions that have leapfrogged over the eastern Sacramento suburbs into the lower Sierra Nevada foothills. But public concerns about leapfrog development, increased traffic on rural roads, and loss of open space in Sacramento County resulted in the establishment of the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. The Great Valley and the Sierra Nevada literally meet at this beautiful open space preserve. Its low rolling hills and shallow canyons are clothed in blue oak and live oak woodlands and open meadows and grasslands that put on fine spring wildflower displays



**River Valley Garden Club**  
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# We Need Wide Open Spaces

