



# River Valley Garden Club

## “Here’s The Dirt”

Serving the Communities of Rancho Murieta, Sloughhouse and Wilton

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### “Rooting For You”

Carol Prinzo, President

Welcome to the 2010-2011 River Valley Garden Club program year! As your incoming President, I want to thank all of you for your support and kindness, especially Sharon Barton and Marianna Hashorva, our out-going co-Presidents, who have been very special mentors to me and are going to be a hard act to follow. I also want to thank the Board and committees who have been such a tremendous help to me during this transition. I can say without hesitation that all the committees that bring you such fabulous programs, tours and workshops have mapped out a terrific agenda for the coming year!

We will continue to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Rancho Murieta Association building at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our new microphone that was purchased at the end of last season should make the presentations even more enjoyable.

At each meeting we will also continue the raffle for a plant or other garden object. The money we raise will continue to go to the Cosumnes River

Elementary School (CRES) garden project. Our raffle raised \$335.00 last year for this very worthwhile project and we hope to meet or beat that amount this year!

The “Penny Pines” basket will continue to be passed around. Our first \$68.00 we collect will be donated in the memory of Marie Hanson’s husband, George Hanson, who passed away this past summer. These donations help support the El Dorado National Forest reforestation project on one acre of land.

This beautiful newsletter will outline for you all the programs, tours and workshops being offered this year. I’m sure you’ll find many things to meet your interests and needs. We are always looking for more volunteers to help support the efforts of our hard-working Board and committee members. If you see a particular area of interest, or would just like to help out, please feel free to contact me at 354.0612.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on September 28! And bring a friend!

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.  
7191 Murieta Parkway  
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683-9556

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President Carol Prinzo  
Co-Vice Presidents Membership  
Dianna Dodd & Lois Neumayer  
Vice President Programs  
Jan Fetler  
Treasurer Bonnie Thalken

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### The Arboretum “All-Stars” are Rock Stars

Marianna Hashorva, Member Tours Committee



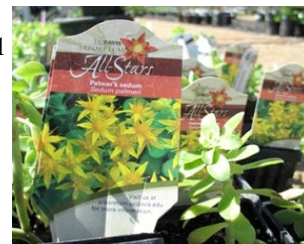
On Tuesday, September 28, we are pleased to welcome our first guest speaker, Melissa “Missy” Borel, Program Manager of the California Center for Urban Horticulture at UC Davis.

Missy will speak about the *Arboretum All-Stars*. The horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum have found these tough, reliable plants to be easy to grow, don’t need a lot of water, have few problems with pests or diseases, and have outstanding qualities in the garden. Many of them are California native plants and support native birds and insects. Most *All-Star* plants can also be successfully planted and grown all throughout California.



Davis gardens on the *Arboretum All-Stars*.

Missy continues to pursue her personal growth with courses offered by the American Management Association and is currently enrolled in the Agricultural Leadership program and is planning to graduate in 2011. This “professional student” will share a wealth of experiences and knowledge.



What a way to start off our year!

A list of retail nurseries currently selling *Arboretum All-Stars* is available online. Search by ZIP code.

[http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/allstars\\_retailers.aspx](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/allstars_retailers.aspx)

Tickets for the AUTUMN GARDEN CART (see page 2)  
Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 8 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

September 28 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Meeting	Club General Meeting <b>Arboretum All-Stars</b> Melissa "Missy" Borel Program Manager of the California Center for Urban Horticulture at UC Davis 100 tried and true plants for this area Contact: <i>Marianna Hashorva 354.2233</i> <i>hashorva@ranchomurieta.org</i>
September 30 Thursday Leave RM at 7:45 a.m.	District Meeting <b>Problem Solving Landscaping</b> Michael Glassman, Landscape Designer Contact: <i>Sharon Barton 354.0408</i> <i>golflum4@sbcgloba.net</i>
October 2 Saturday  7:30 a.m. Leave RM north gazebo	Club Tour <b>Fall Planting Party</b> Annie's Annuals, Richmond Specializes in rare and unusual annual and perennial plants Contact: <i>Candy Hearn 354.1486</i> <i>imshuga@sbcgloba.net</i>
October 16 Saturday or October 23 Saturday	Workshop <b>Verma Culture</b> How to create your own worm castings Contact: <i>Mindy Cecchettini 354.1805</i> <i>mindyc@wildblue.net</i>
October 24 Sunday or October 17 Sunday	Club Tour <b>Sue's Pumpkin Patch &amp; Long Gourd Garden</b> Home of member Sue Sheridan, Sloughhouse Contact: <i>Sue Sheridan 354.1111</i> <i>suemikes@sbcgloba.net</i>
October 26 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Meeting	Club General Meeting <b>Landscape Design</b> Award-winning designer and author Michael Glassman Contact: <i>Marleen Merchant 354.2832</i> <i>mpmerchant@gmail</i>

## Renew Early and Help Us Out

Dianna Dodd, Co-Vice President Membership

We presently have 58 members! It is very helpful to me when members renew before the first meeting. Thank you to those who have. It is not only helpful to me but to most of your board members. Our president needs to let the district know how many members we have. The treasurer needs to pay district dues. The newsletter staff needs to know to whom to

send the newsletter. We also need this information for our club directory. Our tour, hospitality and programs need to know too for planning.

### New Members

Victoria Bobis  
Joanne Brantand  
Jan Gephart  
all from Rancho Murieta

We need your talent and time. Greeters are needed and volunteers are needed to help

Maureen Gormley with Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl and to help Peggy DeMello with the Raffle.

See you at the meeting. It's sooner than you think.

## 2010-2011

### Officers

President  
**Carol Prinzo**  
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**Jan Fetler**  
Co-Vice Presidents Membership  
**Dianna Dodd and Lois Neumayer**  
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**Bonnie Thalken**

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Hospitality **Berniece Jones & Debra DeVerter**  
Master Gardeners **Mindy Cecchettini**  
Newsletter **Nicole Sullins & Bonnie Thalken**  
Penny Pines **Cathy Long**  
Programs **Jan Fetler**  
Publicity **Marleen Merchant**  
Raffle **Peggy DeMello**  
Scholarships **Linda Klein**  
Tours **Sue Sheridan & Sharon Barton**  
Workshops **Mindy Cecchettini**

## Raffle Prize ~ Autumn Garden Cart

Peggy DeMello, Chair Raffle Committee



The metal garden cart (6" x 26") was recently planted with turn of the season mums and trailing ivy. By the time of our raffle at the September meeting, the garden cart should be pretty well filled in and ready to be placed on a tabletop or out in the patio or garden.

All raffle proceeds for the River Valley Garden Club's new year (2010-2011) will go towards the school garden project at Cosumnes River Elementary School (CRES).

Raffle tickets will be selling for \$1.00 per ticket or – better yet – 8 tickets for \$5.00 - what a bargain! At our September meeting, watch for the ladies in green aprons selling raffle tickets - good luck!

**"Keeping Plugged In" ~ District News and More**

Marianna Hashorva, District Liaison



On September 30, the district general membership meeting will be held at the Shepard Garden and Art Center at 33<sup>rd</sup> and McKinley in Sacramento. The guest speaker is Michael Glassman, TV Co-Host and Designer of Discovery Channel Series, "Garden Police" and author. Michael will also be a speaker at our own club meeting on October 26, 2010. More information about Michael is available at [www.michaelglassman.com](http://www.michaelglassman.com).

We carpool and leave the Rancho Murieta North gazebo at 7:45 a.m. Any board member or member-at-large who wishes to go should contact Sharon Barton at 354.0408 by September 25 so she can call in luncheon reservations. The cost for lunch is \$6.00 per person and the lunches are always delicious.

There are so many great things coming up. I've listed them below. They include district and state garden club events.

<b>2010</b> <b>September 23</b> Thursday 10:00 a.m.	District Board Meeting <b>Finalize plans for year, fill committee spots</b> Includes club president, committee persons and officers Silverado Nursery, 9397 Jackson Rd. (Hwy. 16) Potluck	<b>March 16</b> Tuesday	District Tour <b>Bouquets to Art</b> DeYoung Museum, San Francisco
<b>September 30</b> Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  7:45 a.m. Leave RM gazebo	District General Membership Meeting <b>Problem Solving Landscaping</b> Michael Glassman Designer, TV Co-host, Author Shepard Garden and Arts Center (SGAC) 33rd and McKinley, Sacramento Contact: Sharon Barton 354.0408 <a href="mailto:golfbum4@sbcglob.al.net">golfbum4@sbcglob.al.net</a>	<b>March 17-21</b> Thursday to Monday	CGCI Supported Event <b>San Francisco Flower &amp; Garden Show</b> San Mateo
<b>October 12-14</b> Tuesday to Thursday	District Sponsored Event <b>Flower Show School ~ Course 1</b> Folsom Contact: Mary Arakelian 663.0220 <a href="mailto:arranger1mka@yahoo.com">arranger1mka@yahoo.com</a>	<b>April 5-7</b> Tuesday to Thursday	District Sponsored Event <b>Flower Show School ~ Course 2</b> Folsom Contact: Mary Arakelian 663.0220 <a href="mailto:arranger1mka@yahoo.com">arranger1mka@yahoo.com</a>
<b>October 15, 16 and 17</b> Friday, Saturday and Sunday	District Fundraiser <b>Fall Festival</b> (Garden Club Café) Benefits district and SGAC SGAC at 33rd & McKinley, Sacramento Contact: Sharon Barton 354.0408 <a href="mailto:golfbum4@sbcglob.al.net">golfbum4@sbcglob.al.net</a>	<b>April 7-11</b> Thursday to Sunday	CGCI Supported Event <b>California State Flower, Food &amp; Garden Show</b> Showcase: Kids Growing Strong Cal Expo, Sacramento Contact: Marianna Hashorva 354.2233 <a href="mailto:hashorva@ranchomurieta.org">hashorva@ranchomurieta.org</a>
<b>2011</b> <b>January</b> Thursday	District Board Meeting <b>Speaker TBD</b> Solano City College Contact: Marianna Hashorva 354.2233 <a href="mailto:hashorva@ranchomurieta.org">hashorva@ranchomurieta.org</a>	<b>May 15-19</b> Sunday to Thursday	CGCI 80th State Convention <b>Nature's Beauty and Bounty</b> Rohnert Park (Sonoma County)
<b>February 17</b> Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  7:45 a.m. Leave RM gazebo	District General Membership Meeting SGAC at 33rd and McKinley, Sacramento Contact: Marianna Hashorva 354.2233 <a href="mailto:hashorva@ranchomurieta.org">hashorva@ranchomurieta.org</a>	<b>May 18</b> Wednesday	District Day Trip CGCI State Convention <b>Nature's Beauty and Bounty</b> Rohnert Park
		<b>May 19</b> Thursday	District Board Meeting Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave, Sacto Contact: Marianna Hashorva 354.2233 <a href="mailto:hashorva@ranchomurieta.org">hashorva@ranchomurieta.org</a>
		<b>May 26</b> Thursday	District General Membership Meeting SGAC 33rd and McKinley, Sacramento Contact: Marianna Hashorva 354.2233 <a href="mailto:hashorva@ranchomurieta.org">hashorva@ranchomurieta.org</a>
		<b>2012</b>	CGCI 81th State Convention Host: Sacramento River Valley District Our club will participate

**2010-2011 Program Series**

Jen Fetler, Vice President Programs

2010  
September 28  
*Coordinator*  
Marianna Hashorva

**UCD ARBORETUM ALL STARS**  
Top 100 plants for the  
Sacramento Valley

**MELISSA (MISSY) BOREL**  
UC Davis Arboretum

October 26  
*Coordinator*  
Marleen Merchant

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN**  
The well-known designer will entertain  
us with his insights. Signed copies of his  
latest book will be available for sale

**MICHAEL GLASSMAN**  
Landscape Designer, Book Author

November 23  
*Coordinators*  
Colleen Barnett  
Bonnie Allinger

**LAVENDER**  
Everything you ever wanted to know  
about Lavender. Includes holiday gift  
shopping opportunities

**LESA HERTEL**  
The Lavender Farm, Lincoln

2011  
January 25  
*Coordinators*  
Bonnie Foley  
Lynn Ossdinski

**ORCHIDS OF PERU**  
An orchid judge shows us the stunning  
tropical orchids of Peru

**CHARLES SIMS**  
Sacramento Orchid Society

February 22  
*Coordinator*  
Chris Wassermann

**RANCHO MURIETA TRAILS**  
A history of how the trails evolved from  
deer tracks to superhighways

**ROGER & JOANNE BRANDT**  
Rancho Murieta Residents

March 22  
*Coordinators*  
Marie Hanson  
Barbara Keil

**TROPICAL PLANTS**  
See the beautiful plants of Mexico and  
learn the steps taken to publish a book  
about them

**LINDA TRAPP**  
Garden Book Writer

April 26  
*Coordinator*  
Patty Peterson

**FLOWER ARRANGING**  
Demonstration of 6 arrangements that  
will be available for purchase

**MARY ARAKELIAN**  
President, Sacramento  
Floral Arrangers

May 24  
*Coordinator*  
Patty Peterson

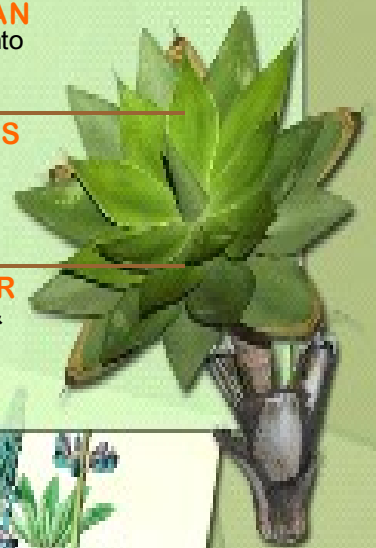
**TAKING BACKYARD HABITAT  
TO THE NEXT LEVEL - BEING  
BEE FRIENDLY**  
Establishing a nature friendly landscape

**JULIE SERENCES**  
Sacramento  
Audubon Society

June 28  
*Coordinator*  
Peggy DeMello

**SUCCULENTS**  
Demonstration of making a succulent  
garden in a container-complete with *gar-  
den art*

**MERLYN LENEAR**  
Carmichael Cactus &  
Succulent Society



**On the Road Again**

Sharon Barton, Co-Chair, Tour Committee

In addition to great programs at the monthly meetings, members and their friends are invited to join us on the many tours and field trips that we arrange. Some are near, some far, some on weekdays and some on weekends. We try to meet everyone's needs. We value your input so please let us know your suggestions for destinations. By the way, we usually find a delicious place for lunch and we always carpool. We visited Momingsun Herb Farm on August 22 for "Tomato Day" and the Capitol VIP tour taken on September 16. Here are the rest of our fall tours:

October 2 (Saturday)  
8:30AM~Meet at RM Gazebo  
**"FALL PLANTING PARTY"**

We'll travel to Richmond for a lovely morning of flowers, plants and fun. Lunch will follow and we'll be home by 4PM. To participate, please contact me by 9-28-10 or sign up at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 28. Please let me know if you are willing to drive.

*Candy Hearn*  
Tour Coordinator  
354.1486 ~ imshuga@sbcglobal.net



Postmark: River Valley Gardens

Annie's Annuals  
740 Market Avenue  
Richmond, CA



October 24 (Sunday)  
2PM  
**"SUE'S PUMPKIN PATCH"**

Bring the grandkids (or neighbor kids) and join us at Sue Sheridan's at 2PM for refreshments and a tour of her Pumpkin Patch and Long Gourds. RSVP to Sue at 354-1111 or email suemikes@sbcglobal.net by October 6. Let us know if you wish to carpool and we'll meet at the Gazebo at 1:45.

*Sue Sheridan*  
Tour Coordinator



Postmark: River Valley Gardens

Home of Sue Sheridan  
14440 Bevan St.  
Sloughhouse, CA

November 6th (Saturday)  
**"SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL"**

This looks like a delightful event with bus tours, boat tours, etc. and it gets booked up early. Please let Sharon Barton know by October 1st if you are interested, and as a group we will decide which tour to take. Call 354.0408 or email golfbum4@sbcglobal.net. If you have attended this Festival in the past, your suggestions would be appreciated.

*Sharon Barton*  
Tour Coordinator



Postmark: River Valley Gardens

Crane Festival  
125 S. Hutchens St.  
Lodi, CA

November (date TBD)  
**"NATURAL & ORGANIC GARDEN SOIL"**

Founded in 1925, this company continues their illustrious history of perfecting organic soil amendments, mulches, fertilizers. They are "dedicated to meeting the needs of gardeners and providing products you can trust." Details will be provided as soon as the planning is completed. This will be a very interesting and educational tour.

*Sue Sheridan*  
Tour Coordinator  
354.1111 ~ suemikes@sbcglobal.net



Postmark: River Valley Gardens

Kellogg Garden Supply  
12686 Locke Rd.  
Lockeford, CA



**Tours being planned**

- Late March/Early April  
Weather dependant  
**"A Host of Golden Daffodils"**  
Daffodil Hill ~ Volcano
- March 31 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
**"MyoWaEn Garden"**  
Private Japanese Garden  
Home of Boonie Lang ~ Rocklin  
Lunch at Akebono
- Weather dependant  
**"Vernal Pools"**  
Mather Regional Park ~ Rancho Cordova
- Mid-May/Early June  
Weather dependant  
**"A Lavender Farm"**  
Lincoln
- April  
**"Loomis Basin Iris Tour"**  
With High Hand Nursery  
Horton's Iris Garden & Yarda's Ditch  
Water Iris Farm

**Morningsun Herb Farm ~ Tomato Day**

Sharon Barton, Co-Chair, Tours Committee

Sunday, August 22, turned out to be a wonderful cool morning to visit Rose Loveall’s Morningsun Herb Farm in Vacaville. Eight of us tasted over 90 varieties of tomatoes, many of them heirlooms. There were also tomatoes and wonderful fruit to buy. When we got tired we sat in the shade to see cooking demonstrations by local profession chefs. In addition, Janet Fletcher, a cookbook author, was



there to sign and sell her newest cookbook *Eating Local: 150 Recipes From The Farm To Your Table*. If you collect cookbooks this is one to get. We tasted her wonderful gazpacho soup. The

**Yellow Tomato Gazpacho**

**Ingredients**

- ▶ ½ pound dense, day-old French or Italian country bread, crust removed, cut into 1-inch cubes
- ▶ ¼ cup Champagne vinegar or white wine vinegar
- ▶ 2-1/2 pounds yellow or gold tomatoes, peeled, cored, and diced, with juices
- ▶ 1 small cucumber, about ½ pound, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- ▶ ½ large yellow or gold bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1-inch cubes
- ▶ ½ small red onion, sliced
- ▶ 1 large clove garlic, minced
- ▶ ½ teaspoon cumin seed, toasted (Put the whole cumin seed in a small dry skillet over moderate heat. Cook, swirling the pan frequently, until the cumin begins to darken and the toasty fragrance becomes apparent. Let cool.)
- ▶ 2 tsp. Kosher or sea salt
- ▶ ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil, plus more for garnish
- ▶ 1 T Sherry vinegar (optional)
- ▶ 2 hard-cooked (boiled) eggs
- ▶ 1 small red tomato, sliced into ½ inch wedges
- ▶ Pimentón de la Vera (smoked Spanish paprika), mild, medium, or hot, or other paprika



1. Put the bread in a large bowl and sprinkle with the Champagne vinegar. Toss to coat the bread with the vinegar. Add the tomatoes, cucumber, bell pepper, onion, garlic, cumin, salt, and olive oil. Toss well. Let stand at room temperature for 1 hour to draw the juices out of the tomatoes.
2. Puree the mixture thoroughly in a blender, in batches. Strain through a medium-mesh sieve to remove the tomato seeds and pepper skins, pressing on the solids. Taste for salt and stir in the sherry vinegar. If the soup seems too thick, this with cold water. Cover and chill thoroughly.
3. Slice the eggs and set aside 6 pretty slices that include both white and yolk.
4. Divide the soup evenly among bowls. Top each portion with an egg slice, tomato wedge, drizzle with olive oil, and pimento. Serve immediately.

Recipe from: *Eating Local The Cookbook Inspired by America’s Farmers*, Janet Fletcher, 2010, Andrews McMeel Publishing



Toothpicks were used to skewer the tomato bits. Once we tasted, we placed the toothpick in a cup reflecting our rating = 😊 😐 😞. After the toothpicks were counted and winners will be announced.



**Tip of the Month ~ Spider Mites**

Mindy Cecchettini, Lifetime Master Gardener



Our summer has had a few high temperatures and many lower temps, probably the coolest summer we have had for years. One thing is certain, our summer has been dry. One other certainty is the great chance that you have one particular insect called a spider mite. Actually, the spider mite is

not related to the spider family at all, but under a microscope it looks similar to a spider. They are not seen with the naked eye very well, but the evidence they leave can be quite noticeable and sometimes deadly for plants.

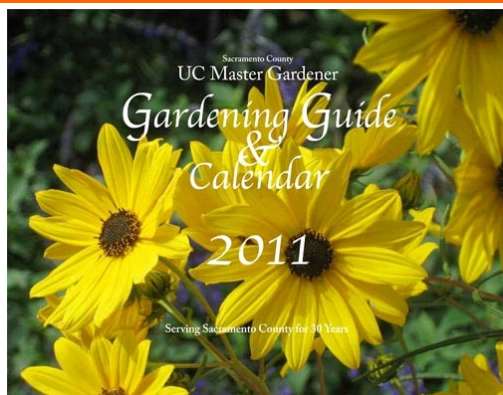


What you will see is the gradual stippling of the leaves. The leaves take on a bleached look mixed with some green. Also you may notice some webbing in the crotches of the plant. This evidence is also from the spider mites when their numbers increase. To ensure you have spider mites, take a white piece of paper, tap the leaves on the paper and look for moving specks or dots.

They are hard to control but do hate water. Early in the day, spray the leaves with water, covering the undersides of the leaves. Do this several times a week. If you still see damage, insecticidal soap can be used, following label directions.

**Master Gardener Calendars are Here**

Mindy Cecchettini, Lifetime Master Gardener



The UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener *Gardening Guide and Calendar 2011* is available for sale at \$10.00 each. This edition is in full color, inside and out and celebrates 30 years of gardening knowledge from the Sacramento County Master Gardeners. Yes, the Sacramento County Master Gardeners have been volunteering for our local communities for 30 years. The new edition is full of timely remedies for landscape problems, all the planting charts and an extensive section on the most common gardening questions along with proven answers.

I will have a supply available at the September and October meetings. Checks and cash are welcome; checks made payable to UC Regents.

**School Garden Update**

Mindy Cecchettini, Lifetime Master Gardener



August 16 was the first day of school for the Cosumnes River Elementary School. We have been planning for the new school for several years.

A garden site has been reserved for future raised beds. An Eagle Scout will create the beds as part of his Eagle Scout program. Water has been piped in and there is a security fence. As you can see in the photo below, the space is long and narrow.



The location is directly behind the classroom building (two story) and adjacent to the fire lane on the backside of the campus

site. The school administrator, Mile Gulden, has told me there will be additional space set aside for a compost area and another secured area close by for tool storage.

One of the first steps towards the garden getting off the ground is financing. Mr. Gulden is looking into grant opportunities. I have been searching for various curriculums that will assist the staff. The target date to have the beds in and ready to plant is Spring, 2011. If you are interested in working on this committee, please let me know. All are welcome.

**We need volunteers!**

Contact the committee chair or sign up at the September 28 meeting.



**Greeters**

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**Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Committee**

Maureen Gormley 354.2787 maureenandchuck@att.net

**Raffle Committee**

Peggy DeMello 354.2140 pdemello@ranchomurieta.org

**Scholarship Committee**

Linda Klein 354.1760 lindaklein@ranchomurieta.org

**Workshop Committee**

Mindy Cecchettini 354.18095 mindyc@wildblue.net

**2010-2011 Discount Program**

Ann Spivey, Chair Discount Program Committee

**AMADOR FLOWER FARM**

22001 Shenandoah School Road, Plymouth  
209.245.6660 ~ [www.amadorflowerfarm.com](http://www.amadorflowerfarm.com)  
15% discount on plant purchases  
Indicate you are a member of the RVGC

Over 800 daylily varieties, demonstration gardens with grasses and perennials, picnic tables under oak trees, gift shop, soda machine, bottled water, snack items, handicap access bathrooms, most areas wheelchair accessible, gorgeous color catalog: order by fax, email, mail and select varieties online. Open 7 days a week from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

**BIG OAK NURSERY**

10071 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove  
916.686.1180 ~ [www.bigoaknursery.com](http://www.bigoaknursery.com)  
20% discount off nursery items up front  
Show current RVGC membership card

Annuals. Wholesale price of \$12 per flat, primrose \$14 per flat; cyclamen \$36 per flat (4" pots, 16 pots/flat). Sold by flat only, with limited mix and match. Seasonal vegetables and 1-gallon container plants also available. Open Monday to Wednesday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday (weather permitting 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Check, cash or credit card

**HIGH HAND NURSERY**

3750 Taylor Road  
Downtown Loomis  
916.652.2065 ~ [www.highhandnursery.com](http://www.highhandnursery.com)  
20% discount at nursery  
Show current RVGC membership card

High Hand nursery offers a unique shopping experience. Tour the greenhouse where hundreds of plants are propagated. Unwind in a world of unusual plants, pottery and inspiring garden art. Relax next to the koi ponds and wander through uniquely landscaped venues. Open Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**POW NURSERY**

12724 Quince Lane, Wilton  
916.687.7176 ~ [www.pownursery.com](http://www.pownursery.com)  
10% discount  
Show current RVGC membership card

Wholesale prices; open to public; large selection of landscape trees, shrubs, fruit trees, roses and more. Note: can labels are recycled and may not reflect what's actually in the can. If in doubt, ask

**THE SECRET GARDEN**

8450 W. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove  
(North of Sheldon Rd., along Hwy. 99)  
916.682.6839 ~ [www.secretgarden-online.com](http://www.secretgarden-online.com)  
10% discount on all purchases  
Show current RVGC membership card

Offering Sacramento residents an extensive fountain selection, broad range of decorative iron, pottery and garden statuary. Its indoor showrooms offer hundreds of unique gift ideas; Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Closed Monday

**SIERRA NURSERY & ROCK**

3985 Douglas Blvd., Roseville  
916.791.1154 (rock) 916.791.7077 (nursery)  
[www.sierranurseryandrock.com](http://www.sierranurseryandrock.com)  
10% discount on all nursery items, does not include sod  
Show current RVGC membership card

Full service nursery provides unusual plants, shade plants, citrus, fruit trees, annuals and perennials, organic and non-organic products, seeds, soil amendments, yard art. Open Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday to Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SILVERADO NURSERY**

9297 Jackson Rd., Sacramento  
916.361.7374 ~ [www.silveradoonline.com](http://www.silveradoonline.com)  
10% off nursery, garden and home art  
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Discount can also be used with sale items

Full service nursery provides trees, low water plants, new and unusual perennials, deer resistant plants, organic soil conditioners, amendments, yard art. Check their web site for "Do It Yourself" classes.

**TALINI'S NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER**

5601 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento  
916.451.8150  
10% discount on everything at the nursery  
Show current RVGC membership card

East Sacramento nursery with organic gardening supplies, vegetable plants, herbs, roses, indoor plants, aquatic plants, bonsai, plants up to 15 gallons, landscaping & planting services available. Open 7 day a week 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**VILLAGE NURSERIES**

6901 Bradshaw, Sacramento  
916.366.3966 ~ [www.villagenurseries.com](http://www.villagenurseries.com)  
15% discount  
Show Village Nurseries discount card  
If expired, they will renew  
New members show RVGC membership card to receive Village Nurseries discount card

They grow and supply a variety of popular plants, native plants, succulents, specimen trees in containers up to 48 inches, drought tolerant plants, vines and flowering shrubs. Open Monday to Saturday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**WINDMILL NURSERY**

5750 Windmill way, Carmichael  
916.972.0794 ~ [www.windmillnurseryinc.com](http://www.windmillnurseryinc.com)  
10% discount on all purchases  
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A full service nursery and gift shop specializing in hard to find perennials (from: Annie's Annuals, Blooms, Monterey Bay, etc.), shrubs and water plants, full selection of bedding, shrubs, trees, fertilizers, and water gardening supplies. Gift shop includes garden art, great selection of fountains, and pottery. Open 7 days a week 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mar. - Aug. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sep. - Feb.

Website of Interest ~ UC Davis Arboretum



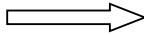
**Arboretum All-Stars**  
[www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu](http://www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu)

The horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum have identified 100 tough, reliable plants that have been tested in the Arboretum, are easy to grow, don't need a lot of water, have few problems with pests or diseases, and have outstanding qualities in the garden. Many of them are California native plants and support native a search feature.



**Example**

Go to Arboretum All-Stars and browse through the 100 featured plants categorized by



- Listed by:
- ▶ Perennial
  - ▶ Groundcover
  - ▶ Vine
  - ▶ Shrub
  - ▶ Tree

Latin Name:	Aquilegia eximia
Common Name:	serpentine columbine
Type:	Perennial
Size:	Medium
California Native:	Yes
Description:	California native plant; larger and showier than most columbines; attractive delicate foliage in basal mound
Pruning Needs:	Remove old flower stalks & foliage in the fall
Sun Exposure:	Part Shade/Shade
Arboretum Location:	Mary Watis Brown Garden
Water Needs:	Low/Medium
Color(s):	Orange
Bloom Season(s):	Spring/Summer
Wildlife Value:	Hummingbird

**All-Stars Plant Search**

Type in the plant name or click on the plant requirement buttons.

Plant Name:

**or by requirements**

Type:



Tree



Shrub



Ground-cover



Vine



Perennial

Size:



Small



Medium



Large

Exposure:



Full Sun



Part Shade



Shade



California Native

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