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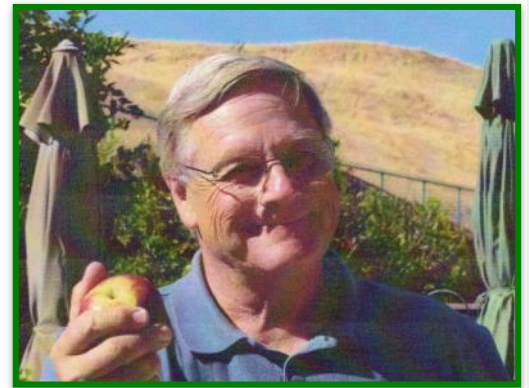
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Welcome Ed Laivo—Espalier Fruit Trees—Planting in Small Yards

Ed Laivo has over 45 years of extensive varied experience in plant production, nursery management, sales, and marketing at both the retail and wholesale level. Ed is a fruit tree and edible landscaping specialist with a focus on small space gardening and water conservation. He has been involved with the introduction or reintroduction of many popular varieties of fruits including figs, pomegranates, and blueberry selections to the home gardener. His focus has been techniques to better adapt these to the backyard grower.



Ed has been a frequent guest on numerous TV and radio shows as well as a popular writer, contributing insightful articles on home growing fruit to many popular gardening periodicals, pod casts and blogs. While with the Dave Wilson Nursery Ed produced the nationally recognized "Backyard Orchard Culture" High density pruning and planting of fruit trees. He has been a contributing editor of "Sunset Garden Book" and the popular UC publication #3485 "The Home Orchard". He shares his time as a consultant and lecturer to nursery businesses, professional groups, Master Gardener, and Universities organizations.

Ed is the past director of Sales and Marketing of Dave Wilson Nursery and Four Winds Growers, Burchell Nursery and is currently *somewhat* retired and focused on his Social Media pages at "Ed Able Solutions." His videos on various fruit and fruit tree topics can be seen on Facebook, Instagram and You Tube.

A video producer from the early 2000's Eds videos can be seen on YouTube at Dave Wilson Nurseries, Fruit Tube, at Nature Hills Nurseries and at either the Burchell Nurseries or Tomorrows Harvest Pages on Face Book and Instagram. His videos feature fruit growing tips and introduce special fruit varieties.

We are fortunate to have him with us so give him a BIG round of applause when he comes on stage.



Lavender Library Book Sale

At March Meeting!



Arbor Day Celebration and Ceremony

On March 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Roosevelt Park on W. Orangeburg Avenue we will be planting a Valley Oak tree. This is the largest oak tree native to California's interior valley and known to provide shade for large outdoor areas. It provides food and shelter to a large number of animals. It is especially valuable as the host plant to hundreds of species of butterflies and moths whose caterpillars help feed many of our local birds. It will be planted in memory of one our Modesto Garden Club members.

This is a different location than previously announced. We will have several local dignitaries who will be speaking at this event. We are also partnering with a new local community group – Modesto Urban Forestry. This is a group who is concerned about our community's urban forest and habitat through ecological stewardship and education.

March President's Message —Nancy Robinson

Here we are in March already. One of our next events is Arbor Day. This ceremony will be presented on Friday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. The location has been changed to Roosevelt Park west of the tennis courts and northwest of our Centennial Garden on W. Orangeburg Avenue. See the article in this newsletter for more details. Now is the time to sign up to help out with the May 3rd Plant Sale and Vendor Faire. If you would like to help out with plants, please let Dave Provost know. If you are a vendor of hand-crafted items there is an application attached. Please contact Jeanette Robinson the coordinator, 323-421-0649.



We have several open positions within our club. One of the most important and urgent needs is a new "Over the Garden Gate" newsletter editor. In addition to that we need a new Parliamentarian, a facilities assistant, a graphic artist, a couple of our Civic Affairs gardens need chairpersons, and a Fundraising VP for next year.

Be sure to see information for the following upcoming events – Hands on Workshops, Out of Town Tours, Private Garden Tour and Spring Garden Tour. In September we will be having the ceremony and dedication for our Blue Star Memorial. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters.

Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 – 2:00 Modesto Garden Club will be participating in the Pollinator Festival. The event will be held adjacent to the La Loma Native Garden on Encina. Let me know if you would like to help in the booth. This is another community event to let everyone know about our club and is open to the public.

Thank you, Janis Perkins and your committee, for a fabulous New Member Social on February 14th. We look forward to getting to know the many new members as they become involved in our club.

Vendor Application—Jeanette Robinson



Modesto Garden Club
622 14th Street
Modesto, CA 95350
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209-529-7360

email@modestogardenclub.org

Contact Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Email: _____
Description of Products: _____

Space Fee: \$45.00 for 10' x 10' space. Payable to Modesto Garden Club, Inc. with application.

Event information: May Vendor Faire and Plant Sale, May 3, 2025

Location: Modesto Covenant Church, 913 Floyd Ave., Modesto

Event Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Set up: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Event Coordinator: Jeanette Robinson 209-968-6556 divineprotectioncrystals@gmail.com

I agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the Modesto Garden Club, Inc., its officers, and agents, from and against any and all liability claims, actions, causes of action, demands, rights, damages, cost, loss of service, expenses, and compensation for all negligence whether active or passive arising out of or in any way connected or related to the above-mentioned Vendor Faire to be held on May 3, 2025.

Coordinator – Jeanette Robinson – 323-421-0649 will advise if selected.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



School Gardens Update —from Pat Logan

The Modesto Garden Club and Stanislaus County Master Gardener School Garden Committee members are hard at work making classroom presentations on vermiculture (worms) and Insects. We have been to Martone Elementary School, Enslin Elementary School, Mary Lou Dietrick Elementary School, Mildred Perkins Elementary School, and we are scheduled to make multiple presentations at Modesto area elementary schools in March, April, and May.



Master Gardeners are often dressed as a Lady Bug, a Preying Mantis, and/or a Bumble Bee. We begin the presentation by reading a children's book to the class, this is followed by a short presentation on the subject at hand via a story-board or actual critters (live worms), then we follow up with an anatomical drawing of the critter. The students are able to handle the worms and view the insect collections. We try to infuse science, reading and math into our presentation.

Modesto Garden Club supports seventeen schools with school gardens by reimbursing the teachers for gardening supplies such as soil, fertilizer, plants, irrigation needs, gardening tools and other related items.

Garden Club members are welcome to join our merry troupe if they wish. The Master Gardner School Garden Committee members include Holly Kucker, Janet Wickstrom, Jim Bucknell, Doone Cockrell, Bobbie Green, Gloria Erickson, and yours truly. We value the partnership between Modesto Garden Club and Stanislaus County Master Gardeners and the support of organizations that supplement our budget such as Save Mart CARES and Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Epsilon Chapter.



Planters & Groomers—Gerry Yockey

It has been cold and windy as we work at garden club office. The ladies arrived wrapped in many different looks to keep warm.

We cleaned up the yard removing weeds and taking care of the flowers we planted in October. We planted Calendulas, Snapdragons, Pansies, and Fox Gloves, all are doing well, can't wait till Spring.

I want to thank the ladies who work so hard in the garden: Pat Williams, Joanne Meinhart, Shirley Stewart, Josephine Para, Maryhelen Alonzo, Judy Silber, Mary McNicholas, Shirley Miller, Ronnie DeLeon, Leah Meedom, Emily and Suzie Ryslinge, Martha Anaya, Debbie Perry, Sue Sheridan, Sharon Searles, and Dan Yockey.

Lavender Library—Lura Bailey & Diane Bidenger



We are doing some Spring cleaning and have some extra books and periodicals. We hope you will stop by and take a look at what we have for sale at the MGC General Meeting, March 13th.

We promise we will have some REAL bargains!

Spring Garden Tour — *Lee Lundrigan*



Have you signed up to be a docent yet?

Our April 12, 2025 Spring Garden Tour is next month! Circle the date and tell all your friends. This year we celebrate by self-touring five gardens on Saturday, April 12th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and children 11 and under are free.

TICKETS: Tickets can be purchased at the Modesto Garden Club (MGC) meetings on March 13th and April 10th. Tickets are also available at the Morris Nursery, Marcy's Hallmark, The Paper Habit, Suite 52 Living, Fresh Idea Flower Co. , Thompson's Building Supply & Nursery, Westurf Nursery, the Greenery Nursery, the Modesto Garden Club Office and online through modestogardenclub.org plus are available for purchase on the day of the tour at each garden location.

GARDENS: The five gardens embrace a range of ideas, plants and focus. The gardens are homeowner maintained by enthusiastic and knowledgeable home gardeners. The Garden Club Office garden is maintained by club volunteers.

Prepare to be wowed by a tropical paradise, a one acre "mountain lake" surrounded by redwoods, Japanese maple trees and roses, a drought tolerant hybrid garden, and a cottage garden. A Master Gardener's booth will include

gardening tips and information. REFRESHMENTS are served at the MGC garden and you can purchase tickets to win RAFFATUNITY items at the club's garden.

2025 Modesto gardens on tour include:

- 1) Shawn & Chris Gray at 2525 Paradise Ave;
- 2) Dorene & John Paoluccio at 3530 Kiernan Ave;
- 3) Debbi & Bruce Perry at 7217 Spy Glass Dr;
- 4) Dona & Larry Taylor at 1829 Giardino Way; and
- 5) The Modesto Garden Club Office at 622 14th Street. All tours take place outside in the garden.

FUNDS: Funds from the Spring Garden Tour make it possible for the Modesto Garden Club to continue its 100+ year focus on urban beautification and preservation of green spaces. Proceeds support scholarships for college bound horticulture and landscape students, planting the Aileen Gallo Memorial Clock, planting flower pots in the downtown area and Gallo Center for the Arts, maintaining the Senior Citizens center garden, school and therapeutic gardens, and over a dozen additional philanthropic endeavors.

POSTER: The poster for the Modesto Garden Club Spring Garden Tour is ready for members to start posting. Help us out by taking a couple and posting around town. Please also send a photo of the poster out to everyone in your address book via text and email.

DOCENTS: Docent sign-up sheets for 2-hour shifts are available at our March and April general meetings. Twenty-nine Garden Club members and their friends have already signed up to act as docents! Our Docent Chair, Atlanta Jordan, can be reached at 209-522-8292. Want to help out in a different way? We need help with tasks of all sizes! Our next team meetings are March 6th and April 3rd from 10-12noon at the Garden Club Office, 622 14th Street. Plan to join us! Call/ text/ email me with questions: 209-303-0011 or Lundrigan@bigvalley.net



George Lucas Plaza





Modesto Garden Club Out of Town Tour May 14th, 2025 California State Capitol Gardens PLUS The Leland Stanford Mansion

The Leland Stanford Mansion was built in 1861 for the Stanford family. Today, it is a beautifully restored gilded age historic mansion in downtown Sacramento. The uniqueness of the mansion was the roll it played in the early days of California. It was not just a family home, but became a temporary Capitol building, served as a girls' home and now it services as California's informal meeting/reception office.

Then we will take a guided tour through our State Capitol's Gardens. Our garden's cover 40 acres and spans 12 city blocks. The memorials and monuments are tastefully incorporated into the Capitol Park to remind us of our history and natural beauty. Our park in one of the most beautiful State Capitol Parks in the nation.

Soput on your walking shoes and let's begin an adventure!!

Gathering Place: Park & Ride, Vintage Faire Mall (Trips are Non-Refundable)

SAVE THE DATE - Bouquet to Arts at the De Young Museum June 5, 2025 (More info to come)

COST.....\$50.00

DATE.....Wednesday, May 14, 2025

TIME.....7:30 am- 4:30 pm

For more information, call Patté Williams at (209) 505-3526

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Amount Paid _____ ***NO REFUNDS!!*** Make checks payable to: Modesto Garden Club

Send to: Patté Williams c/o Modesto Garden Club, 622 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354-2505

October Valley Lode District Meeting—Nancy Robinson

October 14 the Modesto Garden Club is responsible for hosting the Valley Lode District meeting. I am putting together a committee to organize and host this event. There are many aspects of this meeting and I will need many volunteers to help put this event together. The meeting includes a light breakfast, lunch and dessert as well as several raffinity baskets, making decorations, taking reservation and signing people in that day. If you would like to help out for this event please call me to sign up. This is an excellent way to get to know people from our club, but also some people from other clubs in our district.

I will be calling a meeting together sometime early March.

My number is 209-968-6556

Over the Garden Gate

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New Member Social



Tree Potting Workshop





GARDEN *Spring* TOUR

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
10 A.M.  4 P.M.

Garden Locations

Chris & Shawn Gray
2525 Paradise Road

John & Dorene Paoluccio
3530 Kiernan Avenue

Bruce & Debbi Perry
7217 Spy Glass Drive

Larry & Dona Taylor
1829 Giardino Way

Modesto Garden Club
622 14th Street

Tickets \$25

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT:

RIVERBANK: Morris Nursery

MODESTO: Westurf Nursery, Fresh Idea Flower Co., Marcy's Hallmark, The Paper Habit, Suite 52 Living

RIPON: Thompson Building Supply and Nursery

TURLOCK: The Greenery

Or at any of the homes on the day of the tour!

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

March 4 Planters and Groomers
9:00 a.m. MGC Office

March 6 SGT Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon MGC Office

March 7 Arbor Day Celebration, Roosevelt Park
10:00 a.m. Open to the public

March 11 Multimedia Meeting
9:30 a.m. MGC Office

March 13 MGC General Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Modesto Covenant Church

March 15 Out of Town Tour
Sierra Reparatory Theater
Legally Blonde – 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

March 18 Planters and Groomers
9:00 a.m. MGC Office

March 21 Private Garden Tour
Home of Betty Cole
302 Burney St.
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. \$5.00

March 22 Hands on Workshop
Jeweled Plant Pick, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
\$20.00, MGC office

March 27 MGC Board Meeting
8:30 a.m. breakfast, 9:00 meeting.
MGC Office

April 3 SGT Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon – MGC Office

April 5 Pollinator Festival 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Modesto Garden Club Booth
La Loma Native Garden on Encina

April 10 MGC General Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Modesto Covenant Church

APRIL 12 SPRING GARDEN TOUR

