

# The Redbud

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## President's Message

*"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust."  
- Gertrude Jekyll*

I just returned from a week in San Diego. Wow! Plants can be very different there. Our daughter's backyard in their new home is very tropical and lush, yet the open space park just down the block is part typical grass and playground, and part natural growth. We were so busy scrubbing and painting that I didn't get to explore the native vegetation, but the profusion of yellow daisy-like flowers reminded me that their seasons are year-round bloom.

Now I am home to finish preparing my plants for the garden sale. I guess this weekend promises good weather. Whew! Two rainy sales in a row wouldn't be fair!

In your own gardens, if you are planting any shrubs or perennials, remember that the latest recommendation is to replace the soil around the roots without amending it. This encourages the plant's roots to extend out into the native soil instead of staying in the yummy, rich, unnatural environment you created artificially.

There will be a board meeting after lunch this month. Please join us if you wish. Our June 16 luncheon is approaching. Will you be there? Get your reservation check to Carol Lee Murray. I am sure it will be fun and delicious.

Now, a week's worth of new blooms, weeds and surprises in the greenhouse await me outside.

As Gertrude says above, a garden IS a grand teacher.

- Peggy Beltramo

## **Come to a Caboose Open House**

**May 24, 2008**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Oak Hill Ranch**

**Rich and Peggy Beltramo**

### **Directions:**

Take Hwy 80 to Hwy 49/Grass Valley exit. N. on Hwy 49 to Atwood Rd. (2-1/2 mi. N of I-80). Left on Atwood and

travel about 1.8 mi. At bottom of hill, the name changes to Mt. Vernon Rd. (You can see Mt. Vernon enter from the left - **DO NOT TURN** here.) About 50 ft. farther is a left turn lane. Turn here onto Shanley Rd., then make an immediate right through the green gate and continue up the driveway until you come to a right turn. That is our driveway (9970).

Park anywhere along the drive.

We look forward to seeing you.

### **Plant Sale Saturday**

If you have signed up to donate for the plant sale this Saturday, please remember to bring your crafts, indoor plants, or baked goods to the church on Friday, from 11-2. If you can't get to the church on Friday, Saturday morning is also fine. All outdoor plants may be delivered on Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

### **From the Editor**

So you can continue to receive your Redbud each month, please remember to contact Karen Sullivan if you change your address, phone number, or email address. Contact Karen at 530-823-3409 or [tchosull@inreach.com](mailto:tchosull@inreach.com)

### **Membership Dues Reminder**

Membership dues, (\$20.00) are payable March 1, and become delinquent June 1. Members who wish to have their names in the annual club yearbook must pay their dues by June 15. For new members, payments received after January 1, 2008 will be extended to include the following year. Please let our membership chair, Chris Kreps (530-887-1215), know of any changes in your address, phone number or email.

### **Field Trips**

With two trips behind us since our last meeting our field trips are going strong. There will be no more trips in April.

On May 27 we will visit our own Herman Lugauer's Garden in Roseville, followed by

trip across the street to see his neighbor Leo's garden. If you loved Boonie Lang's garden but felt it was a little beyond your capabilities, here is your chance to see a small suburban lot in Roseville transformed into a truly wonderful Japanese Garden. Herman is a good source of how-to and will share his knowledge with us. Look for sign ups and maps at the next two meetings.

- Elly Cadiente

### Invitation from the Oughs

Sally and Corny Ough have extended an invitation for the club members to visit their beautiful garden, which is in full bloom right now. Please call them first to be sure they are home and let them know you are coming:  
530-878-3403. (Note from the editor: it is definitely worth the trip to see!)

### April/May Calendar

Church	Apr. 19	Annual Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran
	Apr. 28	Regular Club Meeting. Board meeting following lunch.
	May 13	Cleanup at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8:30 a.m. Marianne
Rose	May 15	Plant Propagation, 10:00 a.m. Contact Saul Wiseman.
	May 19	Regular Club Meeting (Date change due to holiday)
	May 24	Caboose Open House at Beltramos. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
	May 27	Field Trip to Herman Lugauer's Garden