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April Speaker — David Lee — Humming Birds in Your Backyard

David has lived his entire life in the Stockton/Lodi area of the Central Valley.

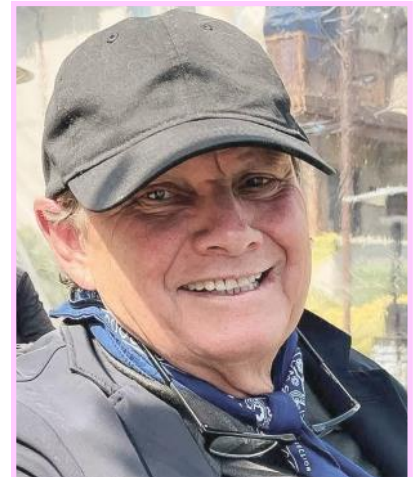
He started actively birding at the very young age of 10. By the time he was in high school birding had become his favorite hobby and passion. He went to college at UC Santa Cruz, majored in biology, and bird science was always his focus. David went on to become a full-time chemist, but birding remained his passion, and according to his wife of 40+ years, his obsession.

David is considered the top birder and field ornithologist in his native San Joaquin County and is one of the top birders in the Central Valley. He has authored the *Annotated Checklist of the Birds of San Joaquin County*. He was a Regional Editor of *North American Birds, Northern California Region* from 1986-1994.

David has travelled throughout the state of California, birding its every corner. He has travelled extensively throughout the US in pursuit of birds, and has made numerous visits to Mexico, Central America, and Southeast Asia as well.

David has been an active field trip leader and bird teacher since his college days. He has led numerous birding tours throughout the US and Central American for decades. He has always made sharing birds a high priority in his birding career and loves people more than birds (which is saying a lot!).

David is a past president of San Joaquin Audubon, the Central Valley Bird Club, and the Western Field Ornithologists. He and his wife helped start the Central Valley Birding Symposium in 1997, and he continues to serve on the steering committee.



Spring Garden Tour ~ by Lee Lundrigan, VP Fundraising

Our Spring Garden Tour is next week! Circle the date and tell all your friends to purchase tickets to our 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) April 10 meeting or at 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 VENMO or ModestoGardenClub.org plus are available for purchase on the day of the tour at each garden location.

GARDENS: 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.

They are amazing and each one is unique! 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 the dozens of RAFFATUNITY and silent auction items at the club's garden.

DOCENTS: Just a few docent positions are still available. Call our Docent Chair, Atlanta Jordan (209-522-8292) or Spring Garden Tour Director Lee Lundrigan (209-303-0011) right away to spend a 2-hour shift at one of the gardens. Want to help out in a different way? Our next team meeting is 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

April President's Message – Nancy Robinson

The Arbor Day Celebration was a huge success. We had many city dignitaries. Dave Provost and Andrew Carmichel planted the California Coast Live Oak in Roosevelt Neighborhood Park and gave an extremely informational demonstration. I'm so glad we had such a great turnout.

We are still looking for a few officers for next year – Parliamentarian, VP of Fundraising, Graphic Artist, and Therapeutic Gardening (this position organizes opportunities for the elderly living in senior living facilities to continue gardening planting in raised beds). Please contact Pat Logan if you are interested.

The Pollinator Festival is coming up on Saturday, April 5th at the La Loma Native Garden on Encina from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Modesto Garden Club will be having a booth there. I will be there in my bee costume and we will be selling “bee” painted rocks. Let me know if you would like to join us. Also, they have a parade through the garden for children who dress up in costumes. Bring your little ones who would like to participate.

Most importantly is our Spring Garden Tour is Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Get out there and sell -sell-sell tickets. We want this event to be a huge success so we can continue to fund our community projects.

After that, we will be gearing up for our Plant Sale / Vendor Faire which will be Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Plans are coming along for this event. For all things plant sale related contact Dave Provost. For any information about the Vendor Faire please contact Jeanette Robinson. Both are listed in your yearbook. Mark this date on your calendar to attend.



Civic Affairs—Dave Provost

Hi, fellow gardeners. What great time of year! The flowers are blooming, veggies are getting planted and it feels so good to be in the garden planting for Summer color. Everyday seems to bring changes, new growth and new flowers.

The Garden Club is no exception, preparing for the Spring Garden Tour on April 12th, downtown pots planting on April 26th and our Plant Sale and Vendor Faire on May 3rd. Wow. So much to do.

When you tackle a new project, remember to do in moderation. Overdoing it can take you out of action for awhile. But get out and enjoy...

Dave

Planters & Groomers—Gerry Yockey

The ladies have been working so hard to prepare the garden club office to be on the spring garden tour.

The club office will be the location for both raffatunity and the food, and I am sure everyone will be excited to make the stop on the tour.

This last week we replaced the sod in the front yard. What a lot of work. We were assisted by Debbi Perry, Dan Yockey, and our new member Jerry Ornelas, he was so much help.

The office gardens are looking beautiful, so much color and I am sure it will be a highlight of the tour.

I am always looking for new volunteers so call me at 209-484-0359

CALL ME

Fall Gathering — September — Lee Lundrigan

It's only Spring and we are already making plans to enjoy a fun evening connecting with your buddies and making new friends at our Fall Gathering. Brad & Nancy Hawn will host the 2025 Modesto Garden Club **Fall Gathering** event at their magnificent property at 231 Magnolia Ave. in September.

Keep your eye open for the upcoming details.

City of Modesto New Tree Program:

Susan Baker, Operations Crew leader presented this program at our March General Meeting.

Would you like a request new or replacement tree to be planted withing the planting right-of-way or easement of your Modesto home?

Here is the link to the form to make your request:

<https://modesto.form.transform.civicplus.com/48579>

This program is being presented by the City of Modesto, Public Works Department, Forestry Division.

March General Meeting



*Volunteer of the month ...
Barbie Page*





Arbor Day Celebration



Private Garden



Workshop



Out of Town Fair





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 raffaunity 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.

My number is 209-968-6556

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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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FREE ADMISSION

Garden Club



Saturday, May 3

10 - 4

Plant Sale



& Vendor Faire

Modesto Covenant Church
913 Floyd Avenue

*Plenty of
Vendors with
handcrafted,
unique gifts &
food items*

*Flowers, annuals,
perennials, vegetables,
succulents and
much more*



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Upcoming Calendar of Events

April 1	Planters and Groomers	April 26	Downtown Pot Planting Gather at the MGC Office
April 3	SGT Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon – MGC Office	May 3	Plant Sale / Vendor Faire Modesto Covenant Church 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
April 5	Pollinator Festival – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Modesto Garden Club Booth La Loma Native Garden on Encina	May 8	MGC General Meeting 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Modesto Covenant Church
April 10	MGC General Meeting 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Modesto Covenant Church (Turn in SGT ticket money & unsold tickets).	May 29	MGCI Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
APRIL 12	SPRING GARDEN TOUR 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	June 11-12	Summer Table Viewing and Luncheon Del Rio Country Club More details to come
April	Hands on Workshop	September	Fall Gathering!
April 22	Planters and Groomers		
April 24	MGCI Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		