

Invitation to all Lincoln Hills Photography Club Members Re: Photography Field Trip

McKinley Rose Garden - Field Trip
**Friday, April 28, 2023 – 9 am to 11 am, meet up to
carpool at 8 am**

What: A local field trip to Sacramento's McKinley Rose Garden.

Why: A highly renowned rose display garden in our backyard. This is one of the largest rose gardens in northern California and has been an All-American Rose Selection display garden. Featuring 1,200 rose plants in hundreds of varieties. Steve Stewart and I did a "scouting trip" recently and the rose bushes were already budding and some were opening. This field trip date will correspond to a spectacular first-season bloom display which is often the most beautiful.



Photography: The layout of the rose garden promotes easy access for photographers. It is well-known for photography and the beauty of the roses and variety of colors make it a favorite for events including weddings.

Who: Everyone from beginners to advanced. All cameras including smartphones to the latest high-end setups will work great. Members are welcome to bring guests on this trip.

When: **Friday, April 28, 2023.** We plan to arrive at the rose garden by 9 am for excellent morning light. Those who have responded to our carpooling request, Drivers and Riders, will meet up at 8 am in the OC Lodge parking area near the sports complex. Plan on spending about two hours in the rose gardens. The expected time of arrival back in Lincoln will be about noon or 1 pm. The drive each way on Friday will take about 45 minutes. Drivers and Riders need to set expectations with each other on times for travel to and from the gardens. This must be done well in advance to avoid schedule conflicts.

You are free to do everything at your own pace and leave anytime you need to get back.

Carpooling: This trip is an opportunity for carpooling/ridesharing experiences. Details to be announced.

Walking: Yes, this is a walking field trip. Parking is close to the garden area, about one block or closer. Refer to the map in our Trip Pack. The surface of the walking paths is grass, a little bit spongy, not pavement or dirt. Be mindful of your balance. There are many benches for sitting. The 1,200 roses are set in an area of only 1.5 acres, so the walking distances are not extensive.

Restrooms: Yes, there are restrooms in the park, a walk of about two blocks. See the map in our Trip Pack.

Pre-Trip Information Meeting plus a Special Creative Concepts Presentation.

Steve Stewart will demonstrate creative concepts to encourage you to take great flower images and suggestions to help advance your skills to transform your images into art.

This will include composition and post-processing tips.

The Pre-trip meeting will also provide detailed information on this specific field trip including a Trip Pack with maps. It's an opportunity to exchange great ideas and sign up for carpooling.

Friday, April 12, 2023 is the date for this Pre-Trip Meeting.

It will start at 4 pm and end at 5:30 pm.

The meeting will be at the home of Marilyn and Les Thomas, 1113 Overland Lane, near Kilaga Lodge. Call 916-543-0304 if lost or need directions.

Light snacks will be provided for this meeting, **this is not a potluck**, just bring a pen and paper to take notes.

Sign-up required: You need to sign up for this trip's pre-trip information meeting. We need to know how many people are going so we can print materials and arrange seating and refreshments for the pre-trip meeting.

Seats are limited. (You snooze, you lose.) We must limit the number of participants to the first 24 responses. This Pre-trip meeting will also include participants for another wildflower field trip to South Yuba River State Park and the famous Buttermilk Bend wildflower trail.

If you would like to attend this field trip, send a “Reply” to this email or a separate email to Les Thomas at 7thomas33@gmail.com.

1. Confirm your participation in this trip so we can save a Trip Pack for you, and
2. Request to save a seat if you intend to be at the pre-trip meeting. Include any questions or comments you may have.

Your planners for this trip are Steve Stewart: 916-753-7073, tbunzeker@gmail.com and **Les Thomas:** 916-698-7783, 7thomas33@gmail.com. Please contact us if you have any questions or need clarification.

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After five months of record amounts of rain, we will have
incredible “flower blooms”
and one of nature’s greatest shows of beauty.
Take advantage of being immersed in this beautiful
setting.