

## **Blossom Days at Darpinian Farms**

Many of you have requested the opportunity to visit our farm to see and paint blossoms. Because of the unpredictable and transitory nature of fruit and nut tree blossoms, the similarly unpredictable weather and the variable orchard spray schedules at the time blossoms are out, it is impossible to schedule a field day on the farm too far in advance. The window of bloom can range between the end of January through the first 2 weeks in March.

**Therefore, I propose to establish a Blossom Watch email list** for those who are interested in making the trek out to the Modesto area to view, photograph, paint and/or draw almond and peach blossoms and are willing to be “in the moment” on the timing of the trip. Cuttings will also be allowed.

**I will send emails** updating everyone on the list as the blossoms come and go and offer dates and times that will work for my husband Gary to host artists in the field. I believe we will be able to give a few days’ notice and we will offer a few different dates.

**The plan will be** for caravans to leave the Bay Area in time to arrive here around noon with everyone bringing a sack lunch. We will gather at my home and eat and prepare to head out to the field around 1 p.m.

**In order to facilitate the forming of carpools**, the emails will show all recipients in the address field. Note that Modesto is generally counter-commute for those living any part of the central Bay Area.

**There is no charge** for this event.

**To sign up**, please email me at [kadarpinian@gmail.com](mailto:kadarpinian@gmail.com) by January 15 and ask to be added to the Blossom Watch list if you are interested in joining us on this adventure!

If you have questions, you may also call me at 209-272-1026.

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