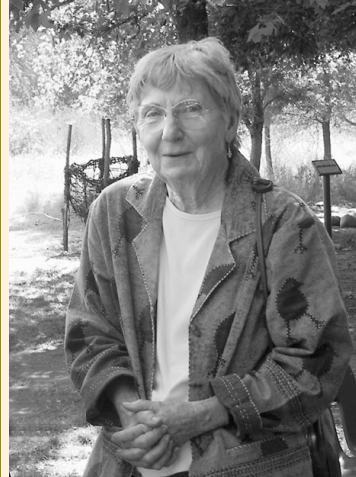


## Jo Glasson Smith



Jo Glasson Smith was a leader in the citizens' effort in 1981 to start the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA) in a move to help keep the Effie Yeaw Nature Center open when it was threatened with closure in a Sacramento County budget crisis. A graduate in art from Stanford University, she was a driving force behind the ARNHA publications program to inform and educate the public on the need for ongoing stewardship of the American River Parkway and other county parks. Her illustrations of the region's plants and wildlife are featured in *The Outdoor World of the Sacramento Region*, a popular field guide, and she inspired and edited numerous other ARNHA publications.

A Sacramento resident for 47 years, Jo's community service included a long list of civic and environmental organizations, including the Sacramento Recreation and Park Commission and the Urban Creeks Council. She passed away in December, 2008.