

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SG&AC Board of Directors

February's Board of Directors meeting featured some surprising news from Celeste Torres of the City of Sacramento.

Notice the three separate containers for trash, recycling, and organics.

- **RECYCLING** mostly means CRV beverage containers, though clean cardboard and paper are also welcome.
- **ORGANICS** means food and plant waste and any paper or cardboard with food grease or dirt. If a paper coffee cup has a plastic lining, it is not recyclable in Sacramento, so it goes in the trash bin (black). The main organics bin is being kept in the big storeroom.
- **TRASH** includes plastic bags, whether compostable or not. They are not recyclable or compostable in Sacramento.

The bins were labelled initially, but the labels disappeared and will be replaced. The organics bin is kept in the big rear storage room. The trash and recycling bins outside are kept locked to prevent contamination from passersby.

Contamination in the trash? you ask, and it's a very good question! Any item in the wrong bin is now considered contamination. How well this is going to work is yet to be seen, but it is the City's response to a new state law, so we must do our best. The Center has already received a \$60 fine for inviting contamination by leaving the outdoor bins unlocked. If the Center gets more fines, rent rates next fiscal year may reflect them. Go to www.SacGreenTeam.com for more information.

Sewage eruptions on the front lawn have happened three times during the last eight months. City staff are trying to figure out whether a large tree nearby is the cause, or some other factor. It would be a shame to remove that tree if doing so won't solve the problem. However, if the tree is found to be responsible, it will have to go.

Questions? Have your Club Rep bring them to the attention of the Board! Celeste attends Board meetings when her schedule allows.

Joann Sprogis, Director

Upcoming Events

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| March 4 | 7:00 PM |
| <u>SG&AC Board Meeting via Zoom</u> | |
| March 9 | see page 2 |
| <u>Gardener's Market</u> | |
| March 16 | see page 4 |
| <u>Tree planting in McKinley Park</u> | |
| March 16-17 | see page 5 |
| <u>SG&AC Spring Sale</u> | |
| March 23 | See page 5 |
| <u>Cymbidium Show & Sale</u> | |
| April 1 | 7:00 PM |
| <u>SG&AC Board Meeting via ZOOM</u> | |
| April 6 | see page 6 |
| <u>African Violet Show & Sale</u> | |
| April 13-14 | see page 7 |
| <u>American Bonsai Show & Sale</u> | |
| April 27 | see page 9 |
| <u>Rose Show</u> | |

Free parking at rear of bldg.
(entrance on Park Way)



19TH ANNUAL GARDENER'S MARKET

GROW LOCAL | SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 • 9AM – 3PM



Come and enjoy this popular gardening event featuring unusual plants and garden treasures from a variety of specialty nurseries and garden artisans.

"ASK A GARDENER"

New this year . . . an advice area for gardening questions and answers.

"WHAT'S BLOOMING" DISPLAY

Browse our collection of member-grown blooming perennials.

MORE . . .

- Donate-what-you-wish for used books and magazines; tool and knife sharpening and container drilling.
- Food and refreshments available for sale.
- Hourly drawings for garden items donated by the nurseries and artisans. Must be present to win.



NEW & RETURNING VENDORS

Alexis Genung Studios
All Things Wild
Artifizer Yard Art
BirdFeedersRUs
Cactus and Clay
Classy Glass Art by Ali V
Cool Planet Revival of CA
Essential Oil Apothecary
Friends of San Juan de Oriente
Full Moon Metal Design
Geraniaceae
Golden Pond Water Plants
Gourds by Debby Rising
Janet Schultz Garden Art
Judy's Plate Flowers
Light and Breezy Paper
LinWil Design
Mad Man Bamboo
Martin Palomar Plants & Art
Morningsun Herb Farm
Naturally Printed
Pam's Porch
Pioneer Pie & Pastry
Rock-it-Man Stoneworks
Second Chance Creations
She Sews-He Saws
Shmak Creations
Sin-sational Confections
Susan J. Berg-Paintings & Prints
The Emerald City
The OG-Cacti & Succulents
The Shaman's Garden
The Wild Brunch
Top of the Bottle
WPA Rock Garden T-Shirts

Sacramento Perennial Plant Club

www.sacplants.org

SHEPARD GARDEN & ARTS CENTER

3330 MCKINLEY BLVD., SACRAMENTO • FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By Marlene Carroll, American Begonia Society

On Saturday, January 6, Begonia Club members and others were out and about sharing their talents with the community. Lyn Pitts joined rose enthusiasts at the McKinley Park Rose Garden. Together they pruned a massive array of sticky canes to assure a beautiful bounty of blossoms this summer.

See more pictures on the next page.

The Shepard Garden & Arts Center is the clubhouse for many clubs, including

- American Begonia Society, Joan Coulat—Sacramento Branch
- American Bonsai Association, Sacramento Branch
- American Fuchsia Society, Sacramento Branch
- Bromeliad & Carnivorous Plant Society, Sacramento Branch
- California Garden Clubs, Inc., Sacramento River Valley District
- California Native Plant Society, Sacramento Valley
- Camellia City Porcelain Artists
- Capital City African Violet Society
- Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society
- Gypsy Traders Antique Club
- Ikebana International, Sacramento Chapter #26
- National Assn. of Watch & Clock Collectors, Sacramento Chapter #71
- River Park Garden Club
- Sacramento Bonsai Club
- Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society
- Sacramento Center for the Textile Arts
- Sacramento Chrysanthemum Society
- Sacramento Floral Design Guild
- Sacramento Iris Society
- Sacramento Perennial Plant Club
- Sacramento Potters' Group (Art by Fire)
- Sacramento Rose Society
- Sacramento Weavers' and Spinners' Guild
- Satsuki Aikokai Association
- Sierra Camera Club
- Sogetsu Ikebana of Sacramento



Rose Garden volunteers are Lyn Pitts training Leona Wilson and her friend Makala on how to prune roses.

**JOIN A
CLUB**



Follow us on Facebook:
Shepard Garden and Arts Center

Join a club! For contact info, go to www.sgaac.org/clubs.



Will Green
(center)



Begonia club members Marlene Carroll, Will Green, and Martin Palomar met up with others to plant 13 new trees in McKinley Park. These trees are replacements for some of the heavily damaged trees from last year's storms. Will and Martin are part of the East Sacramento Preservation Neighborhood Association. They organized and oversaw the effort. It was a great collaboration with City Parks, the Sacramento Tree Foundation, and SMUD. The city dug the holes and 30 volunteers planted and mulched rings around the trees. The choices for the trees were coordinated with input from arborists and park planners. Ginkgos, Cypress, and Tupelos were among the transplants. Redwoods were not chosen due to their needs for a great deal of water. It was a successful and well-attended effort. The next planting event will be **March 16** at 9 AM. Meet in front of the Florence Clunie Memorial at Alhambra Blvd. and F Street. RSVP to WGreen@surewest.net to volunteer.



Martin Palomar and Marlene Carroll
from the American Begonia Society
helping to plant trees in McKinley Park.



Blooming Cymbidiums!!

Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society invites you to
admire and maybe buy difficult to find Cymbidiums



Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society's Annual Show & Sale: Saturday, March 23rd ONLY. More plants for sale plus a show of special plants grown by club members. Members will show how to repot and care for cymbidiums. Hours: Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm.

Where: Shepard Garden and Arts Center is at 3330 McKinley Blvd. located at the east end of McKinley Park. Parking is available in the lot south of the building. As street parking is regulated and limited, please check for signs before parking there.

Source: Cymbidiums will be provided by a family grower from Solana Beach in San Diego County, Casa de las Orquideas.

SPRING SALE

The Spring Sale is almost here. Tables have been reserved by clubs and vendors.

Confirmation of reservations went out by email. If you did not receive confirmation or wish to reserve a spot, please contact Wendy Corby at ShepardCenter@gmail.com.

All clubs are asked to help publicize this event on social media, give our postcards, and put out yard signs in the neighborhood (yard signs must be returned to the Center after the Sale). Please like and follow us: **Shepard Garden and Arts Center**.



2024 Spring Sale

Plants, jewelry, crafts, flowers, art, food and more

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento
Free admission and parking



Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10AM - 4PM
Sunday, March 17, 2024, 10AM - 3PM

Bring your
dull tools and
knives for
sharpening



Capital City African Violet Society

Presents:
A Display and Plant Sale
All are welcome to
attend:

Sale is

Saturday, April 6, 2024,

from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Or until we run out of plants.

Free Admission; Hundreds of plants for
sale! Hope to see you there!!



AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO



64th Annual Bonsai Show and Sale

Saturday, 4/13 - Sunday, 4/14, 10AM - 4PM

Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento



Featuring:

Bonsai & Suiseki Stone Exhibit
Vendor and Consignment Sales
Daily Demonstration at 1:30PM
with raffle to follow

Beginners' Workshop

Sunday at 10AM, \$15, includes
tree, pot, soil and instruction.
Email: abasbonsaiclub@gmail.com
to reserve a space.

free admission and parking
check out abasbonsaiclub.org for more info

Headliner: Tyler Sherrod



DOGWOOD BONSAI STUDIOS,
NORTH CAROLINA

Formally Trained in Japan
Bonsai Artist and Teacher
Live demonstration each day,
1:30PM. Tree to be raffled.

JAPANESE GARDEN UPDATED

The Japanese Garden at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center was created in October of 1999 following the designs of Toetsu Ozawa and Kaworu Sakurai. Over the decades, American Bonsai Association of Sacramento club has been maintaining the garden.

Recently, club member and professional esthetic pruner, Travis Hendrix, has spearheaded the major refurbishing of the garden. The irrigation system had been broken for over 5 years. Travis and club member, Phong Nguyen, have replaced an electrical outlet and installed drip irrigation throughout the garden. On February 14, 2024, a majestic Japanese Black Pine tree was planted to replace the previous Mogo Pine tree that died years ago. In 6-12 months once the tree acclimates to its new surroundings, additional pruning and shaping will occur to further transform this tree to become the King of the Garden in a few short years. Further refinement of the garden includes adding topsoil and ground cover, removing unnecessary or overgrown plants, and repairing the water feature. For those who enjoy working in the garden, we host two-hour work parties on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10:00 – noon. Bring your own gloves, hand tools, and a bucket for weeding. For more information, please contact Dodie at DodieNewman@gmail.com.



Travis Hendrix



Photos by Paul or Dodie Newman



Phong Nguyen and Travis Hendrix planting the Japanese Black Pine tree.



Phong Nguyen trimming the tree's roots.

Thank You!

Late April is looking Rosy!



Sacramento Rose Society
ANNUAL ROSE SHOW
 Saturday, April 27, 2024
 Noon to 4 PM

Blooms and sprays in vases, lying on velvet, or in bowls and English boxes. Fabulous flower arrangements too.

Anyone can enter a rose or a spray, and club members will assist those new to the process. Bring and set-up your entries from 8-10 AM.

Camellia Society of Sacramento

Presents

Celebrating 100 Years!

Saturday March 2nd, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 3rd, 10 AM to 5:00 PM

**Scottish Rite Temple
 6151 H Street, Sacramento**



Free Admission!

www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org

Plant Sale, Collectible Camellia Buttons, Raffle,
 Photography Contest, Matsuyama Display, Camellia
 Care & Culture Information, Waxed Camellias,
 Floral Designs, Watercolorists on Sunday

A Call for Support

The passing of retired building manager Mabel Lotz was marked with a wake in her honor. Regrettably, the City no longer honors club members or even their own retirees with a reduced rental rate for events. Anyone wishing to contribute to the family to cover the cost of the memorial service can contact Mabel's daughter Debbie at 916-712-7672. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



American Iris Society

Region 14 (Northern California, Nevada & Hawaii)

2024 SPRING REGIONAL

The American Iris Society Region 14 invites you to their 2024 Spring Regional, "Golden Gathering," held in the Sierra foothills in Auburn, California, on Friday, April 19, to Saturday, April 20, 2024. The regional will feature two guest iris gardens (the Horton and Ostroff gardens). The regional speaker will be AIS president Andi Rivarola.

The regional hotel will be the Auburn Holiday Inn. To receive the regional hotel rate, please call 530-887-8787 and ask for code block ISR.

This event is hosted by the Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Iris Societies. For more information, contact Phyllis Wilburn 530-334-3521 or go to www.AISregion14.org/events/Spring-Regional.

