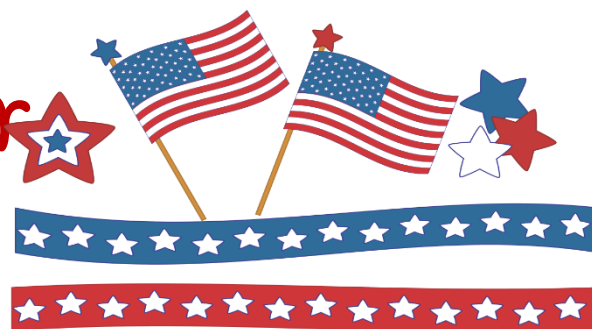


CHAT Newsletter

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JULY – AUGUST 2018

SG&AC ANNUAL MEETING

From SG&AC Board of Directors

The annual meeting of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center is set for Saturday, July 21, at 10:00 AM at the Center. All club presidents are encouraged to attend. This is the annual meeting to discuss the overall direction and budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Everyone's input, ideas, and suggestions are welcome.

Also at the annual meeting, clubs reps are asked to pick up the application for the Fall Sale. Set up day is Friday, October 5. The sale is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Also available at the annual meeting will be T-shirts for sale (\$12 for small, medium, large, or XL and \$15 XXL). Please support the Center by buying this beautiful T-shirt (design pictured below).



Upcoming Events

July 14-15 see page 2
Iris Society Rhizome Sale

July 21 10:00 AM
SG&AC Annual Meeting

July 27-28 see page 4
Bromeliad & Carnivorous Sale

Aug. 6 (first Monday) 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting

Aug. 18 9:00 AM
Perimeter Project meeting

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





SACRAMENTO IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL RHIZOME

SALE  **SALE**

Sat. & Sun.

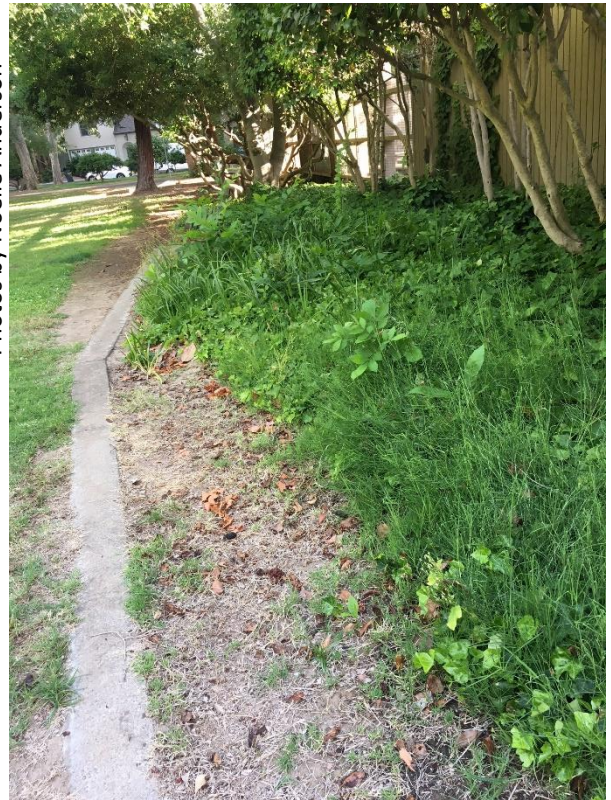
JULY 14-15, 2018

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER
McKINLEY PARK
3330 McKINLEY PARK BLVD., SACRAMENTO**



Photos by Noelle Anderson



Bare Ground and Tangles

From Noelle Anderson

The Shepard Garden and Arts Center is a beautiful building, especially on the inside, with its high clerestory windows admitting lots of light and its views of the patio gardens on the east and north sides. These gardens are nicely maintained by our own club members.

But what about the Shepard Center's appearance from the streets, its "curb appeal?" Does it look like a place that nurtures *Gardening and the Arts*? The city's budget for parks is very limited these days. The gardens on the *outside* of the walls, especially those near the entrance on the McKinley Blvd. side and on the east side, which were at one time cared for by members of the clubs, are frankly, a mess. Ivy and weeds engulf the camelias and azaleas; some areas have bare ground, others are filled with Bermuda grass.

What can be done about this? Noelle Anderson (nandersn@surewest.net), who works with the Perennial Plant Club, the Board of SG&AC and the Friends of SG&AC, is looking to revive the practice of having the clubs maintain sections of the gardens around the perimeter of the building. We could call it the Perimeter Project.

The city has fixed the leaks in the sprinkler system and it is functioning, although we may need to refine it to suit the needs of different kinds of plants. Some of the existing landscaping just needs a tune-up. There are healthy camelias



and azaleas and some irises (Siberian, maybe). Clubs could ask for funds from the Friends of SG&AC to pay for plants, mulch, improvements to the irrigation system, and a plaque identifying their club.

The advantages of the "Perimeter Project" to our Garden and Arts Center are these:

- Better curb appeal - perhaps get more outside rentals, and a more positive image in the community
- A venue for clubs to show off their gardening skills and get new members
- Gardening education for the community



How can you get involved? We will be sending out a letter to all the club Presidents inviting them or their representatives to an organizational meeting at the Shepard Center on Saturday, August 18, at 9:00 a.m. In the meantime, although everyone is either frantically busy or trying to relax, please email Noelle at nandersn@surewest.net with any and all of your ideas.

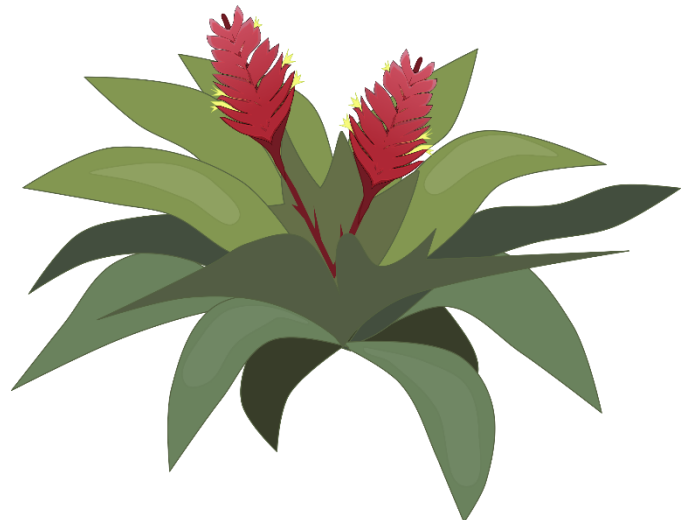


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Bromeliad and Carnivorous Plant Sale

From Chet Blackburn

The Sacramento Bromeliad and Carnivorous Plant Society will hold its annual show and plant sale at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center on Saturday, July 27 and Sunday July 28. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days. Hundreds of both of these fascinating plant groups will be on display and available for purchase. Experts will also be on hand to answer questions about them.



News from the Friends of the SG&AC

From M. J. Kelly

The Friends of the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center has just received a letter from the "Fantastic Fund of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation," stating that they have given the Friends a grant of \$1,000. What a wonderful gift! We wish to thank all those who made this grant possible. This money will be put aside to undertake the many projects that the board is hoping to accomplish during the coming year. Many thanks to the "Fantastic Fund of Sacramento Region Community Foundation" for your generous donation.



The Center has a new state-of-the-art printer. This is the latest piece of equipment that the Friends has purchased. It replaces the printer that was broken. We were able to continue to support the Center and make improvements because of your generosity.

Right now we are in the middle of a fundraiser. We are selling T-shirts. (Really we are asking for donations before we give you the T-shirt.) The style and colors are the same as the one that were sold in the past. The shirts are a stone-washed green color with the logo of our wonderful gates in brown. Sizes are available from small to XXL. They are \$12 for the sizes small through XL and \$15 for the XXL size. The shirts are of good quality cotton. Everyone can use an extra T-shirt. We are hoping that you will support the Center by adding our brand new T-shirt to your wardrobe.

M. J. Kelly
President of the Friends

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When not in use by club members, the Shepard Garden & Arts Center is available for rent (for example, for birthday parties, memorials, baby showers, etc.). Please tell your family and friends who may be looking for a place to hold an event and visit the website at www.SGAAC.org for more information.

