

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 823-5500

Website: www.SGAAC.org Email: ShepardGACinfo@att.net



JULY-AUGUST 2019

ANNUAL MEETING

When: Saturday, July 13, 2019
10 AM to 11:30 AM
With short Board meeting immediately following

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

Please come to this annual meeting. All Club members are welcome and all Club Officers, in addition to the Club Representatives, are encouraged to attend. We need representation from each club. Important announcements and decisions will be discussed for the operation of the Center for the upcoming fiscal year. As discussed at recent Board meetings, several key topics include:

CLEANING FEE: The Shepard Garden and Art Center's Bylaws state that, "... the facility user will be responsible for cleaning tables and chairs, removing all decorations, cleaning the floor of trash and spills, sweeping the floors, and placing garbage in receptacles." A checklist will be completed for each venue, whether it is a meeting, workshop, show or sale at the Shepard. to ensure the Shepard is left clean and orderly. A \$50.00 cleaning fee will be issued if the facility is not left clean.

(continued on next page)

Meeting

Upcoming Events

July 13 10:00 AM
SG&AC Annual Board Meeting

July 20-21 see page 3
Iris Rhizome Sale

Aug. 5 (first Monday) 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting

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



Reminders:

Please keep cool (drink water) and be safe this summer. There was a report of a recent car break-in. Please remember to lock your vehicle and not keep any valuables (purse) in your car.

(continued from page 1)

FALL SALE: The Fall Sale is October 5 and 6, 2019. Kathy Norton will have applications for tables at the Annual Meeting, July 13, 2019.

Please join us at the annual meeting to discuss these and other topics, and bring your ideas and suggestions for helping the Center run smoothly.



Annual Rhizome Sale

The Sacramento Iris Society will be holding a two day sale of recently dug iris rhizomes on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hours are from 9 until 3. Hundreds of varieties will be available. Each specimen will be labeled with the cultivar name and a description of the flower appearance. Again, we will have a large selection of re-bloomers, which have an extended bloom season. A demonstration table will be set up to show how rhizomes should be planted. A labeling station will allow you to prepare a free permanent garden label for each of your rhizome purchases before you leave. Remember that irises are both deer and drought resistant which makes them ideal additions to your garden.



SACRAMENTO IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL RHIZOME

SALE



**Sat. and Sun.
JULY 20-21, 2019
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER
McKINLEY PARK
3330 McKINLEY BLVD., SACRAMENTO**



BEGONIA CONVENTION

September 3-7, 2019

Typically, the Sacramento begonia show and sale is held the weekend after Labor Day at the Center. However, this year the Begonia Society is pleased to be hosting the American Begonia Society's annual National Convention here in Sacramento at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (I-80 & Madison) the whole week following Labor Day. The last time the national convention was held in Sacramento was in 1978 (40+ years ago!).

We have several tours planned. The week starts on Tuesday, September 3, with a tour to members' homes. Wednesday we go to Eisley Nursery in Auburn, Maple Rock Gardens in Newcastle, and High Hand Nursery in Loomis. Thursday is a day at UC Davis, visiting the Botanical Conservatory, Honey Bee Haven, and Mondavi Institute. Friday afternoon we travel over to Plymouth to the Amador Flower Farm (daylilies!) and Helwig Winery for wine tasting and cave tour. The post-convention tour will be Downtown on Sunday to the Stanford Mansion and Old Sacramento.

Every evening at the hotel will be speakers talking about all aspects of begonias and related plants. We are fortunate to have many experts this year flying in from China, Indonesia, Australia, and from here in the US. Topics include hybridizing, begonia care and culture, research and conservation.

For detailed description about tours and speakers, please go to the American Begonia Society's webpage at www.begonias.org/events. To sign up, please use the Registration form there.

This year's Show & Sale will be open to the public only one day, **Saturday, September 7, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Crowne Plaza NE** (5321 Date Avenue). Please mark your calendar! And please pick up a postcard at the Center as a reminder.

For further information, as always please feel free to join the Begonia Society's meeting at the Center on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (meetings are free and open to the public). Or you can contact Wendy Corby at 916-601-4010 or email Convention@begonias.org.

We are looking forward to this fun week, and hope you will join us.

www.begonias.org/events

Begonias, California-Style

Convention Schedule

Schedule is subject to change

MONDAY, Sept. 2

5:00 PM Registration opens
continues through convention

Evening: Speakers

TUESDAY, Sept. 3

All Day: Tour of Members' Homes

Evening: Speakers

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 4

All Day: Tour of Private Garden,
Nurseries

Evening: Speakers

THURSDAY, Sept. 5

All Day: Tour of UC Davis: Institute &
Botanical Conservatory

Evening: Restaurant Night Out
Conservation Meeting

FRIDAY, Sept. 6

8:00 AM Judges' Breakfast (all welcome)

9AM-noon: Judging (staff only)

Noon: Judges' Luncheon (all welcome)

Afternoon: Tour of Flower Farm & winery

Evening: Show & Sale open to members
only

SATURDAY, Sept. 7

Morning Speakers

10AM-4PM: **Show & Sale**
open to the public

Noon: Business Luncheon

Afternoon: Board, Business & Branch
meetings

Evening: Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, Sept. 8

All Day: Tour to Downtown &
Old Sacramento

See descriptions of tours and seminars on website



Looking for a venue for your upcoming event?

Are you hosting a baby or wedding shower, birthday party, family reunion, business meeting, retirement party, or other special occasion and looking for a place to have your event? Please consider the Shepard Garden & Arts Center.

Throughout the year, the SG&AC holds many Shows and Sales for our member-clubs. But the Center is also available for rent by community members for special events. Recently there was a 50th birthday party, a baby shower, and a memorial service. We received many positive comments liking the central location, free parking, and spacious rooms.

Yelp Review from Wanda G:

One word....GROOVY! This place is like a time capsule in the best Brady Bunch kind of way! I have a monthly club meeting here and we always have a good time. The place is large enough to set up for a speech, or tables for a gathering. There is a large and beautiful patio area. Right by McKinley Park tennis courts. There is a small parking lot and the rest is on street parking. The bathrooms are nice and clean. Good place for an event.

To rent the facility, you can choose the whole building, or a part of it (the large west room, or small east room, or the outside patio, and with or without the kitchen). For room sizes and capacities, go to the website www.SGAAC.org/Rental. The rental application and fee schedule are also there. For more information about rental, please contact the Center at 916-823-5500.





Fall Sale

Hello Everyone! Hope you are having a wonderful summer! Yet, it is time to think about the Fall Sale this October 5-6, 2019, Saturday & Sunday. Please see the participant application that is attached to this CHAT. Clubs need to let us know they're coming by September 6, 2019, and vendors need to get their application and payment in by September 13, 2019. Space is limited for the event—so clubs—please contact us early if you want your usual spot. Setup for the sale is 11 am to 7 pm on Friday, October 4, 2019. The Center will have advertising postcards available announcing the sale. Please take these postcards from the Center and distribute them around town. The Center is counting on everyone to help get the word out about the sale. The Center will be once again advertising the event in the Sacramento News & Review and other local venues. Thank you everyone for your support and help in making this another successful sale and keeping the Center open.

Best—

Kathy Norton
2019 Fall Sale Committee