

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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JULY/AUGUST 2020

ANNUAL MEETING

Hello,

Please come to the Annual Meeting:

Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020

Time: 10AM to Noon

Place: Shepard Garden & Arts Center



Our fiscal year ends June 30. We will review our accomplishments this last fiscal year and discuss our plans (goals and challenges) for the next fiscal year.

Given the need for social distancing, we ask each club send one representative and wear a mask. We will also step up a Zoom meeting (we're new at this, so please be patient; log on 15 minutes early). The meeting ID and password will be sent to all Club Reps.



Upcoming Events

July 11 10:00 AM
Annual SG&AC Board Meeting

July 18-19 see page 3
Iris Society Rhizome Sale

August 3 (first Monday) 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting

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



REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS:

Get your reservations in for the upcoming 12 months (with the change in management, bookings may change to the calendar year next year). Clubs get priority for booking rooms at the Center. Dates reserved are posted on the online Calendar. Please verify that your scheduled dates are accurate.

UPCOMING CHANGES

From Boards of Directors

The Sacramento Garden & Arts Center Board (SacG&AC) has given written notice to the City of Sacramento to terminate its lease of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. The City of Sacramento is in the process of leasing the building to another nonprofit organization to continue renting space to our clubs and the public.

Both the SacG&AC and the Friends of the SacG&AC are nonprofit organizations, but with different missions. It is important that both organizations continue to operate under their specific missions to maintain their nonprofit status. Therefore, an attorney has been hired to review the corporate documents. Once the legal questions are addressed, we will be able to move ahead with more knowledge as to each Board's mission and the roles that each organization will play in the future.

All of these changes will have an impact (hopefully minimal) on the clubs. Of course, there have been many questions. Clubs are concerned about a possible rent increase. This may happen; however, everyone is doing as much as possible to hold the rent charge in check.

Refunds for cancelled meetings/events since March due to COVID-19 have been mailed to all clubs (to the address of the Treasurer on file).



With the transition to a new property manager, many concerns have been brought up. Also, many good things will be coming with new management. Here are just a few of them:

- Clubs can pay their rent monthly (or quarterly or annually).
- Scheduling will be better organized.
- Repairs and janitorial service will be handled more efficiently.

The change in management will take time; your patience is appreciated. Feel free to ask the Board questions. If they don't have the answers, they will try to refer you to someone who can help you. Please also bear in mind some questions won't be able to be answered until we have a chance to work through all of these changes.

The successful running of the SacG&AC and the Friends of the SacG&AC depends upon the support from the clubs. Remember, all Board members are volunteers from clubs. Please get involved and volunteer your time to keep the Boards running to benefit all our clubs.





Perimeter Project

Noelle Anderson, Project Chair

Have you walked around the perimeter of the Gardern Center lately. Clubs have done a fantastic job of beautifying the grounds. The beds are so lovely, Thanks to our club members!

Two beds remain available. One in front of the wall near the front entrance (McKinley Blvd. side), and the other bed to the west side of the front doors (by the large sign). Please let me now if your Club is willing to plant in either of these beds. My email address is NAndersn@surewest.net



Photo by Wendy Corby

The patio bed is gorgeous, lovingly planted and maintained by the Perennial Plant Club. Thank you!

FALL SALE

The Fall Sale is scheduled for the first weekend in October, Saturday & Sunday, October 3-4. Whether the Fall Sale will be held is still unknown at this time given the pandemic.

Kathy Norton has served as the Spring & Fall Sales Coordinator for many years, and is stepping down as leader of these events. We sincerely appreciate all the work Kathy has done. The Board is asking for volunteers to coordinate future Fall & Spring Sales. The work consists of publicizing the events, accepting applications for space from clubs and local vendors, and making arrangements for the table setups and takedowns with Center workers. Kathy is willing to do knowledge transfer (support and advice) to new volunteers. If you can help, please let a Board member know.



SACRAMENTO IRIS SOCIETY

ANNUAL RHIZOME

This is the Sacramento Iris Society's two-day sale of recently dug iris rhizomes.

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 rebloomers, 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.



SALE

Saturday & Sunday

JULY 18-19, 2020

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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