

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020



CANCELLATIONS!

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, usually scheduled weekend Shows and Sales have been cancelled in September and October. This includes our Fall Sale, which is also cancelled.

We hope everyone is staying safe and well. We hope this pandemic will soon subside. We hope 2021 will bring a renewed enjoyment and appreciation we all share for our passions in our various garden and arts clubs. We sorely miss being able to get together.



FALL SALE

~~October 3-4, 2020~~

CANCELLED



Upcoming Events

Sept. 14* 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting

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

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

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*Note: Board meeting is on the second Monday (instead of the first Monday) due to the Labor Day Holiday.



Dear Shepard Garden and Arts Center Club Members,

As some of you know as of today, September 1, the Friends of East Sacramento has assumed the responsibility of the management of the Shepard Garden and Arts Center.

I had hoped to be able to attend your club meetings this autumn to introduce myself and our team but with COVID-19 it appears that not every Club will be meeting so I am grateful to the SacG&AC board for giving me the opportunity to introduce ourselves in the September *CHAT*.

The Friends of East Sacramento is the non-profit volunteer group that has been managing the Clunie Community Center and McKinley Rose Garden since 2012. We serve as the property managers and coordinate the rentals of garden and the rooms in the Community Center.

That will be our role at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. We'll be responsible for making sure that the Center is maintained, clean and safe. We'll work with your Club's leadership on your meeting, events and sale schedule and it is our hope that we will always have your meeting rooms set up per your clubs needs and the building open for when you arrive.

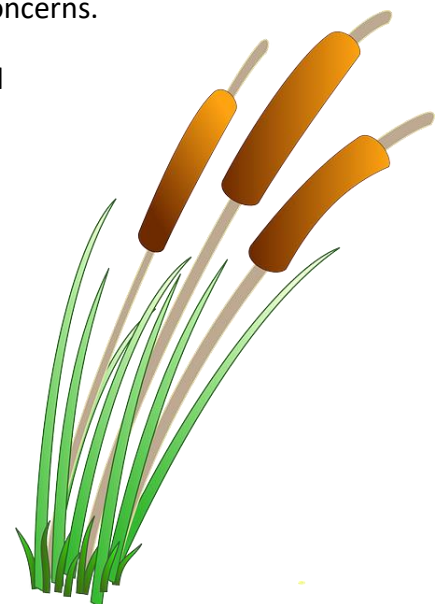
We know that with the uncertainty of the State and County health orders due to COVID-19 that at least the rest of 2020's schedule will be fluid - but we will be here to work with each Club in hopes that when this most unique year is over that 2021 will be full of garden and art shows and gatherings.

Over the next week I will be reaching out to each of the Club's leaders to confirm their needs for the rest of 2020 and next year and to share more about the transition. I am grateful to all of you for your understanding and patience - but encourage any club leader or member to contact me directly at FriendsOfEastSac@aol.com if you have any questions or concerns.

We especially want to thank the Sacramento Garden & Arts Center Board (SacG&AC) for their years of service to the Center and support and help in making the transition smooth. They do this all as volunteers and have given much to the community and the clubs.

Warmly and with much thanks,

Lisa Schmidt



The summer is moving fast.

I am sure all of you are asking, "When can our clubs start meeting again?" This is a fair question. No one has the answer. We are all held in limbo. However, this does give you time to do some thinking about what great things your club can do once everything opens up again.

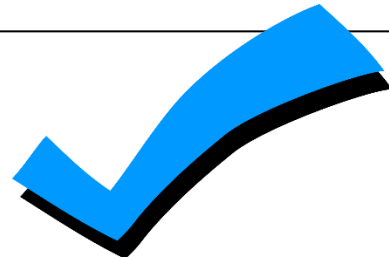
The Center's board is still reviewing the bylaws. There will be few minor changes and possibly a clarification of the name. These changes seem to be a great concern for all. Please remember that no changes can be made without the clubs' approval. We will be selecting a new board. If you are part of the Friends Board or the Center's Board and would like to be on the nominating committee or possibly part of the new board, please let your president Ken Rothaus know.

For now, relax and enjoy the rest of the summer.

MJ Kelly, President of
Friends of the Sacramento
Garden and Arts Center

We're looking ahead.

Cool and beautiful
autumn days
are coming



Please check your
"Find a Club" information
on the SG&AC website

Every club has a section on the website (www.sgaac.org) that gives a description of the club plus the name, phone number and/or email address of a contact person to find out more information about your club. Please check this information on the website and let us know at ShepardCenter@gmail.com of any changes you would like made to this information.



Iva Gard Shepard Garden & Arts Center
Sacramento's Mid-Century Modern Building with butterfly wings

All About SG&AC

Located adjacent to the beautiful rose gardens of McKinley Park, the Iva Gard Shepard Garden and Arts Center provides a meeting place for clubs whose main focus is in horticulture, flower arranging, conservation, history, antiques and the arts, including painting, photography, ceramics, metal work, weaving, and other related arts and crafts. The facility, owned by the City of Sacramento Recreation and Parks Department, is operated under the guidance of its Board of Directors and supported by the "Friends of the Center," comprised of neighborhood property owners and concerned citizens who raise funds for specific projects related to the Center.

History

Built in 1958 by the City of Sacramento and designed by Raymond R. Franceschi the SGA&C, originally named the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, is an outstanding example of mid-twentieth century architecture. The Center, nestled in the McKinley Park Annex, was later re-named in honor of Iva Gard Shepard, a leader in the garden community and a *Sacramento Bee* garden columnist who served as the Center's Board president for many years.

Most notable of its exterior features is the dramatic roof line that combines an A-line form with that of a "butterfly" style appendage that extends over the patio. This is in dramatic contrast to its surrounding neighbors which are noted for the popular styles of architecture from the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. The Center, as was common in the late 1950s, utilizes stone and wood with flair and exuberance. One of its more notable features on the interior is the massive two-sided fireplace made of flagstone and terrazzo, with a glass mosaic on one side and a huge copper vent on the other. The broad hearth serves as seating, making this feature the heart of the building.

Over the years the Center has been home to a large number of flower, gardening, and creative arts groups, some of which have met there since the Center was opened. For more than fifty years the Center has opened its doors to any and all who have as their goal the advancement all things related to gardening and creative endeavors.

