

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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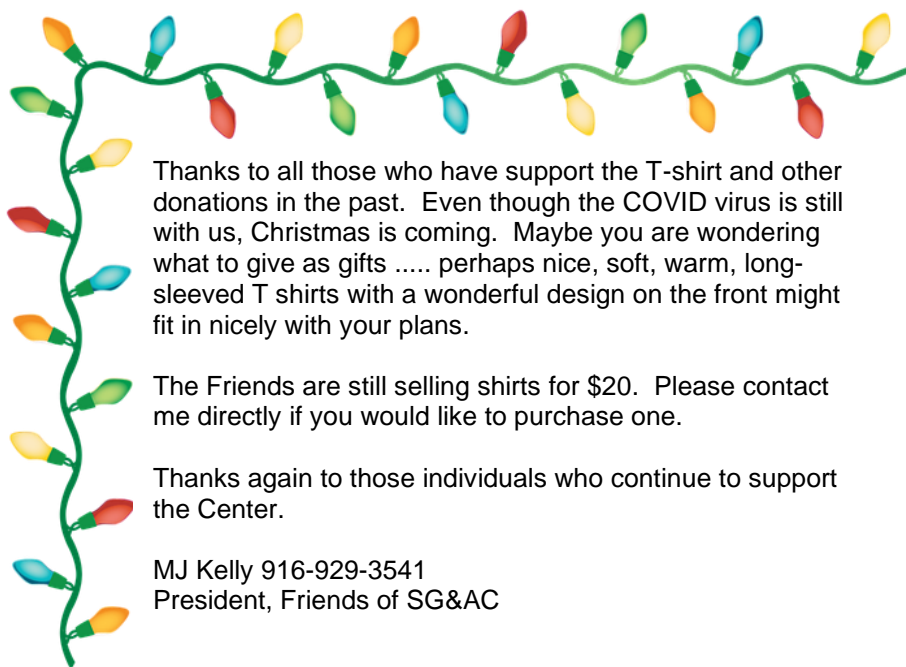
WOW! What a Year.

From SG&AC Board of Directors

As this year winds to a close, we hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather, and looking forward to the upcoming holidays. Although we missed so many meetings and shows/sales this year, everyone is looking forward to better days to come next year. Please stay vigilant in your fight against COVID-19, and stay positive.

We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Winter Solstice as our gardens sleep through the short days and long nights. We will emerge with renewed strength and determination to bring the Garden & Arts Center back to life, full of creativity and inspiration.

Thank you to all our Clubs for your kindness and support.



Thanks to all those who have support the T-shirt and other donations in the past. Even though the COVID virus is still with us, Christmas is coming. Maybe you are wondering what to give as gifts perhaps nice, soft, warm, long-sleeved T shirts with a wonderful design on the front might fit in nicely with your plans.

The Friends are still selling shirts for \$20. Please contact me directly if you would like to purchase one.

Thanks again to those individuals who continue to support the Center.

MJ Kelly 916-929-3541
President, Friends of SG&AC

Upcoming Events

Nov. 2 (first Monday) 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting

Nov. 7-8 see page 4
Chrysanthemum Show & Sale



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

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





Dear Shepard Garden and Arts Center Club Members,

As you may know, in September the Friends of East Sacramento assumed the responsibility of the management of the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. While not every club is meeting due to COVID-19, we have had some small meetings - most of them on the patio. The attendees seem to enjoy reconnecting with their fellow club members - and we are grateful that the Shepard Garden and Arts Center is their choice. (We'd love to have you back at the Center but please do note that we ask that everyone wear a mask and maintain 6-foot social distance.)

The fact that the schedule is not being as busy as we had hoped and planned might be for the best as it has given myself and our facility manager, Joe Pane, an opportunity to learn more about the Center, the clubs, and how things work. It has also provided us a chance to clean up a bit, have a new stove installed - thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center; have the floors re-done; the air conditioner fixed; and this month we will be getting all the windows - inside and out - washed.

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 are 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. And when we can gather in larger groups - we also would encourage you to consider or recommend to your friends and family the Shepard Garden and Arts Center for your private events, parties, business meetings, etc. The Center is a special place and we'd love to see club members use it more often for their personal events.

I am grateful to all of you for your kindness and encourage any club leader or member to contact me directly at FriendsofEastSac@aol.com if you would like more information or have any questions or concerns. (I do ask for your patience though as I do this as a volunteer and it can take me up to 24 hours to respond to your email.)

I wish you all a safe and healthy holiday season.

Warmly and with much thanks,

Lisa Schmidt



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ken Rothaus, President

We are extremely grateful for Ed serving as Treasurer of the Sacramento Garden & Arts Center for many years. He volunteered his services and provided excellent record-keeping, monthly reports, and the annual governmental forms. We thank Ed for all his work to keep our non-profit corporation running financially.

Ed was hospitalized in October and is now doing well at home. We wish him continued strong recovery and good health.



Ed Schroeder in his beautiful back yard in Fair Oaks overlooking the valley.

Photo by Wendy Corby

Jan Goehring has graciously accepted the duties as Treasurer to relieve Ed of these responsibilities at this time. If you have any financial questions, please contact Jan at 530-301-7514 or JGoehring5329@yahoo.com. Please be patient, though, as it will take a little time to get up to speed.

As was reported at previous Board meetings, the Board has waived all membership dues to clubs for this fiscal year (July 2020-June 2021). The Sacramento Garden & Arts Center will cover the cost of Insurance for the clubs that is required by the City to rent the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. We will determine the membership fees next year. Clubs Reps are encouraged to attend the monthly Board meetings to participate in the role of the Sacramento Garden & Arts Center has to support the clubs, as well as the new role for the Friends of East Sacramento to lease the building.

As was also discussed at previous Board meetings, the Board has engaged an attorney to update our Bylaws. The draft of these Bylaws was emailed to all Club Presidents and Club Representatives. Please read this prior to the next Board meeting as we will discuss it further then.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to the Board meeting (first Monday of the month) or contact me at ShepardCenter@gmail.com.



Flower Power



SACRAMENTO CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

And

Sacramento Floral Design Guild

Saturday, November 7, 2020 – 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, November 8, 2020 – 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

*Come see the blooms and arrangements
There will be potted plants for sale.*