

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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CENTER UPDATES

by Joann Sprogis, Director

City of Sacramento Proposes Changes to Future Rental Rates

At the July Annual Board Meeting, Celeste Torres of the City of Sacramento introduced new future rental rates. She spoke again at the August Board meeting, adding some explanation of the City's plans to change the rates the member clubs pay.

Club rental rates have been calculated as a fixed percentage of the rates charged to the general public. For years, clubs have paid 50% of the public rate. The City's term for the amount of the reduction is a "fee waiver" for nonprofits. New public rental rates took effect in July, and the fee waiver percentage will change in January. Although an exact percentage of the change has not yet been determined, the City has confirmed that a decrease will occur. Figures mentioned for a future fee waiver ranged from 40% to zero, meaning that clubs may end up paying 60%-100% of the public rate.

Celeste Torres is not involved in the City's decision about the amount of the fee waiver. She agreed to let Board members know of any opportunities to address the issue. As of August 31, Board members had not received further update.

Sewage Problem Update

The ongoing sewage issue in the front yard has been diagnosed but not solved. City staff have three times trimmed the roots of the large tree that are infiltrating the sewer line. The tree adds significant aesthetic value, so the City will not remove it. If you see sewage on the front lawn, please call 311.

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 7-8 see page 5
American Begonia Society

Sept. 9 6:30 PM
Short tech demo All are welcome!

Sept. 9 (second Monday) 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting in person

Sept. 14-15 see page 6
Gesneriads Fall Plant Sale

Oct. 5-6 see page 7
SG&AC Fall Sale

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

Oct. 12 see page 8
Porcelain Artists Show

Oct. 19 see page 9
Art by Fire Show & Sale

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

hello
FALL

The Perimeter Project - Six Years In

By Noelle Anderson

If you haven't perused the perimeter of our Garden and Arts Center lately, take a peek! In 2018, some SG&AC Board members decided to follow the lead of Lee Ruth and the River Park Garden Club, and Daisy Mah, of the Perennial Plant Club, who had cared for the landscaping around the Center for several years. But some of the beds around the building were filled with ivy, a haven for rats and trash. The board members persuaded some of the garden clubs to develop specific beds around the building. The idea was to give clubs a place to show off what they do, educate the public as to what grows well in Sacramento, and, of course, further beautify the Shepard Center.

Now, six years later, the results of everyone's hard work are impressive. The River Park Garden club has kept up the beds on the north side, maintained the plants on the west end of the building and added flower beds next to the parking lot. Also, near the parking lot, the Iris Society now has an established bed that is beautifully colorful in the spring. Inside the courtyard, the American Bonsai Association takes care of the Japanese Garden. Just added in 2023, the Begonia Society now has a garden outside the tall stone wall near the north entrance. Facing McKinley Boulevard, the Cactus and Succulent Society has a large L-shaped space filled with a spectacular collection of cacti and succulents large and small, and as an added benefit, each plant is carefully labeled. The Perennial Plant Club's Pollinator Garden, inside the low wall on the north side of the building, blooms almost continuously throughout the year. These last two gardens can be enjoyed from inside the building, which was surely the intent of the architect's indoor-outdoor design of the main meeting room and the hall.

Displays like these don't just happen by themselves. These clubs are organized, and they contribute their time and funds.

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Bed by the Perennial Plant Society



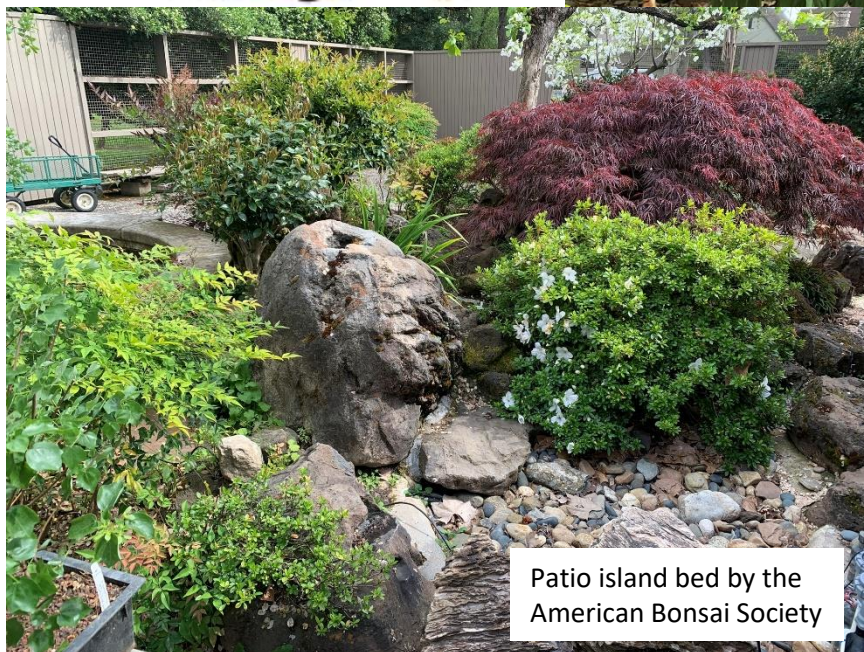
Bed by the Iris Society



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Congratulations and much gratitude to all the clubs who have made our Shepard Center more educational and beautiful.

Photos by Noelle Anderson



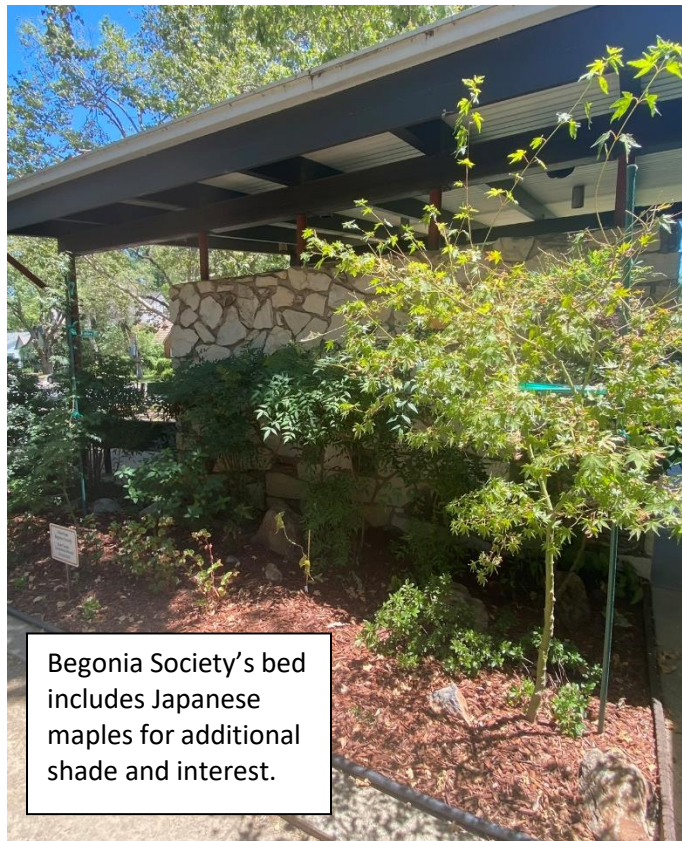
Patio island bed by the American Bonsai Society



Beautiful
cactus bed



Begonia Society's bed
includes Japanese
maples for additional
shade and interest.



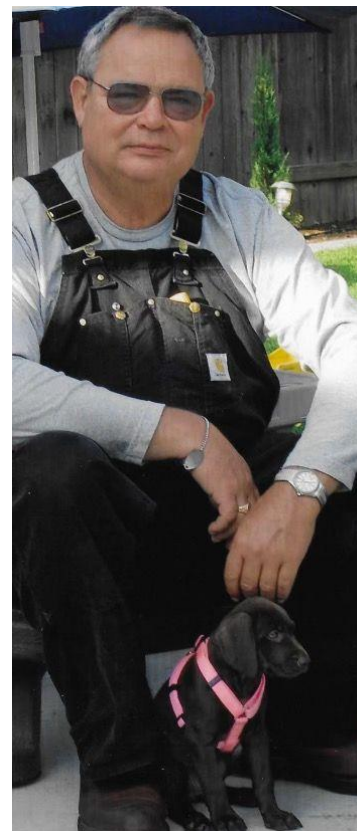
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In Memoriam: John Furnas

The Center mourns the loss of John Furnas, a longtime support and dedicated member of the community, who passed away on July 26. John was a member of the Sacramento Branch of the American Fuchsia Society and the Sacramento Geranium Club. He was also a longtime resident of East Sacramento and held a deep affection for the Center.

John's contributions to the Center were extensive and often quietly accomplished. Among other things, he was responsible for acquiring, painting, and installing the attractive safety railings across the windows in the East Room and Lobby, after a City report highlighted the danger of the unprotected windows. Additionally, he repaired the broken office door a few years ago, and replaced or repaired the locks on many of the lockers.

A memorial gathering in John's honor was held on Sunday, August 25, in the Main Room, where his family, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances came together to celebrate his life and contributions.



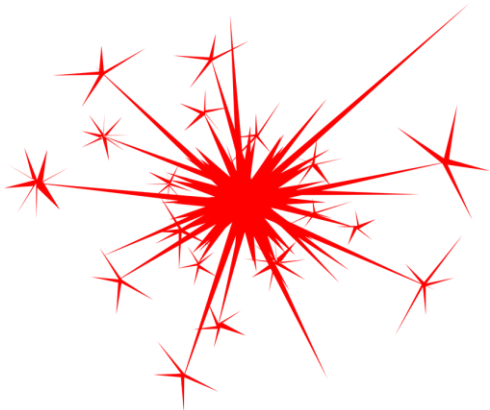
SPIRIT OF BEGONIAS!

The Joan Coulat—Sacramento Branch of the American Begonia Society is 76 years strong.

Join us in celebrating our Spirit of '76 Show & Sale. This special event will feature a spectacular display of begonias and a sale of over 1,000 begonias. Come early to ensure the best selection of these beautiful plants.

During the weekend Show, our knowledgeable members will be available to answer your questions and provide advice on growing begonias.

We also invite you to join our club. Our club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. New members are always welcome!



BEGONIA SHOW & SALE
SEPTEMBER 7th & 8th, 2024

76 Years Strong

Spirit of '76

AT THE SHEPARD GARDEN & ARTS CENTER
 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

SATURDAY 10AM-4PM
SUNDAY 10AM-3PM

FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by Joan Coulat, Sacramento Branch American Begonia Society
 Photos courtesy of Steve's Leaves



AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

Growing, sharing, and preserving begonias.



GESNERIADS AND AFRICAN VIOLETS ON THE DELTA



Fall Plant Show 2024

Sat ~ Sept 14th 1pm til 4pm

Sun ~ Sept 15th 10am til 2pm



Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd
Sacramento, CA



100's of flowering houseplants for
sale: African Violets, Streptocarpus,
Episcia and many more!

Arrive early to get the best selection!



[https://www.facebook.com/
AfricanVioletSocietiesSacramento](https://www.facebook.com/AfricanVioletSocietiesSacramento)

2024 FALL SALE

Please come for jewelry, plants, crafts, flowers, art, food and much more. Free admission and parking.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024, 10AM - 4PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024, 10AM - 3PM

3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95816

Shepard Garden & Arts Center

it's here...
fall sale

Note to Clubs and Vendors:

To reserve your spot at the Fall Sale, please submit your Application online by Sept. 5, 2024. Go to the our website (www.sgaac.org), click on News, and click on Apply Here under the postcard. Fill in the application and click on Submit Application at the bottom of the form.



APPLY NOW



Camellia City Porcelain Artists 50TH ANNIVERSARY Porcelain Show

YOU'RE INVITED

to join us

the Camellia City Porcelain Artists
Celebrating our 50 years of
Porcelain & Glass Painting
in the Sacramento Area

Saturday, October 12, 2024

10 am to 3 pm

Shepard Garden & Art Center
3330 McKinley Blvd · Sacramento, CA

*Come join us for a fun and an informative day.
Get your Holiday gifts here too & bring a friend!*

- Open to the Public – No Fee
- Painting Demonstrations all day
- Meet our friendly Artists
- Display of Hand Painted Porcelain & Glass
- Porcelain for Sale
- Fully Decorated Christmas Tree
with all hand painted ornaments
(Proceeds go to a local non-profit organization)



CCPA 50th Anniversary Show Chairperson: Diana Holdrege - Text 916-872-3101 • www.capachina.net
CCPA is a non-profit organization and a member of the California Association of Porcelain Artists



SPG: Art by Fire Fall Sale

Holiday Shopping!

Choice selection of beautiful handmade pottery, glass,
metal works of art made with fire

artbyfire.org

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 10am - 4pm
Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento



SAVE THE DATE

SACRAMENTO 'COLLECTIVE' for the
TEXTILE ARTS (SCTA)

ANNUAL ART TO WEAR AND MORE SHOW AND SALE

NOVEMBER 9 – 10, 2024

10:00AM – 5:00PM

SHEPARD GARDEN & ARTS CENTER
3330 MCKINLEY BLVD., SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

Announcements from The Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society



After our summer break, the Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society will be meeting again on the fourth Wednesdays.

- September 25: The speaker will be Pierre Pijol, a wonderful hybridizer and grower from the Bay Area. Most of the plants sold at our June auction were from him.
- October 23: Ken Jacobsen, also a Bay Area cymbidium presenter, on Asian and Chinese cymbidiums.
- November 20: Our holiday meeting will be a week early to avoid Thanksgiving conflicts. Doors open at 6:30 and the program starts at 7:00.
- Many presenters will be via Zoom. Please follow our Facebook account for more current information: Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society

A Scam Warning

Recently a criminal stole money from a very new Board member by electronically impersonating the Board President, Ken Rothaus. The email used Ken's name, but it was not from his address; however, the message's recipient was too new to recognize this.

This kind of scam is not a frequent problem, but it has happened before, although with less success.

Targeting a newly elected director before that director's first Board meeting seems to imply a knowledge of the organization. It certainly points out the vulnerability of a new Board member who is unfamiliar with Board practices.

Please be on the alert for messages that ask for money, no matter the reason or the apparent source. If you get one from a Board member, before you do anything else, contact the real Board member and ask if the message is real. Genuine contact information for Board members is listed here <https://www.sgaac.org/contact>