# CHAT Newsletter

# of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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### **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024**

#### CENTER UPDATES

by Joann Sprogis, Director

#### City of Sacramento Future Rental Rates Remain Undecided

At the September and October monthly Board meetings, Celeste Torres said the City of Sacramento still had not settled on the percentage of rent discount the clubs would receive.

To review, club rental rates at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center 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 this reduction is a "fee waiver" for clubs. New public rental rates took effect in July, and the City has confirmed that a decrease in the fee waiver rate 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.

Whatever percentage is ultimately chosen will apply not just to our clubs at our building, but to all nonprofit organizations meeting in any city building. City buildings will continue to have different rent rates, but the fee waiver percentage will become the same for nonprofits of all kinds.

As of this publication date, the Board has received no further update on this pending decision.

Several clubs have not yet reserved space in the Center for 2025.

The Board created a Lobbying Committee. If any club member wishes to join it, please write to ShepardCenter@gmail.com.



## **Upcoming Events**

Nov. 3 Native Plant Seed Swap	see page 4
Nov. 4 (first Monday) SG&AC Board Meeting	7:00 PM via Zoom
Nov. 9-10 SC Textile Arts Show	see page 2
Nov. 16-17 Chrysanthemum Show	see page 3
Dec. 2 (first Monday) SG&AC Board Meeting	7:00 PM via Zoom

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



Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season





Fashion Show Daily at 10am Showroom Doors Open 11am-5pm Shepard Garden and Arts Center 3330 McKinley Blvd Sacramento, CA 95816

www.sactextilearts.org

77th Annual Sacramento Chrysanthemum Show

Sat. November 16 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Sun. November 17 10am - 2:00pm

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For Sale: mums in 1 gallon pots - nearing bloom. Get there early for best selection.

Come enjoy our show and write down your wishlist for the rooted cutting sale May 2025!



## The Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society

The Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society's November meeting will be on November 20, a week early to avoid Thanksgiving conflicts. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the program starts at 7:00 PM. Note, however, that the November meeting is not an open meeting because we are holding a members-only dinner and social gathering. Other than this meeting, our monthly meetings are always open to all, and we welcome visitors who would like to learn something about Cymbidiums.

Meetings are normally held on the 4th Wednesdays.

Please follow the club's Facebook account for more current information:

Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society



Join us for a community California native plant seed swap.

This event is free and open to all.

Bring your seeds if you have them to exchange.

Containers for swapping, fresh cuttings are also welcome.

Hedgerow Farms and Find Out Farms will be sharing expertise.

Reminder label, label, label!
Include species common name, scientific name, date collected,
location of collection , and original source if possible.

WWW.SacValleycnps.org/chapter-news-and-events/SEED-SWAP





NOV 3rd

SUN 11-2PM

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