

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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CENTER UPDATES

Negotiations between the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center and representatives of the City of Sacramento continued through December, January and February. The City offered an agreement that the Board would take over scheduling member club events in exchange for continuing the 50% fee waiver and allowing the Board to set rent rates for the building and to offer member clubs the option of using City security contractors or providing their own security. Security is required for any meeting or event to be attended by more than 75 people, or if alcohol is served.

At a special meeting via Zoom held on February 17, the clubs voted unanimously to accept this offer. The most important aspect was getting an individual to spearhead the scheduling on behalf of the clubs, as the City's offer requires a single point of contact. Clubs were asked to provide the names of any members they have who volunteer, or any professionals they would recommend the Board hire. At a tech committee meeting later in the week, Pam Bliss of Delta Gesneriad, a realtor by profession, volunteered and was accepted with gratitude!

The tech committee explored scheduling software. The City requires that the Board have a reliable system for scheduling in place before any agreement can go forward.

Pam Bliss's scheduling responsibilities are estimated not to exceed an average of 10 hours a week. July and August will likely be the heaviest months, when most scheduling is being done for the coming year.

Under the City's offer they would continue to set-up for meetings and provide monitors, although it is unclear whether monitors would stay throughout each entire meeting or spend part of it at Clunie.



Upcoming Events

March-April see page 2
Textile Arts 2-month activities

March 3 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting via Zoom

March 8 see page 3
Perennial Plant Club
Gardener's Market 9:00-3:00

March 10 see page 8
Mayor's visits Clunie

March 15-16 see page 7
Spring Sale

April 5 see page 5
Spring Fieldtrip bus trip

April 7 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting via Zoom

April 12-13 see page 6
Bonsai Show & Sale

April 18-19 see page 3
Perennial Plant Club
Sale and Celebration 9:00-1:00

April 19-20 see page 7
Iris Show & Sale

April 27 see page 10
Rose Show Gibbons Center

May 17 see page 4
Sign up now for a booth!
Ikebana Makers Market 9:00-2:00

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

Events in RED are held offsite!
Please note their locations.



DIY CRAFTS

Don't miss this opportunity to tap into your other artistic side

Want to experience something different, something you can brag about it, because you made it!
Sacramento Collective for the Textile Arts (SCTA). COME join our monthly study groups. We invite you to participate in our Beading, Book Arts, Mix Media and Needle Arts Groups.

Our meeting schedule is as follows:

March 2025
1st Needle Arts Group - 9am-12:00pm
11th Bead Group - 10am - 1:00pm
20th Books Arts Group - 12:30pm - 3:30pm
27th Mix Media Group - 1pm - 4:00pm

April 2025
8th Bead Group - 10am - 1:00pm
17th Book Arts Group - 12:30pm - 3:30pm
24th Mix Media - 1pm - 4:00pm

Shepard Garden & Arts Center is our meeting location.
Point of Contact: Irene Camerino 415 244-8653
Text Only

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Sacramento Perennial Plant Club — Upcoming Events



20th ANNUAL GARDENER'S MARKET

GROW LOCAL | SHOP LOCAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025 | 9 AM - 3 PM

SHEPARD GARDEN & ARTS CENTER
3330 MCKINLEY BLVD., SACRAMENTO CA 95816
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Spring Plant Sale & Celebration

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
APRIL 18-19, 2025 | 9 AM - 1 PM

1911 BANNON CREEK DR. • SACRAMENTO, CA 95833

CELEBRATE!

Help us celebrate spring by growing your garden
and nourishing your creativity:

PURCHASE MEMBER GROWN PLANTS

Wide assortment of perennials, CA natives, organically grown
veggies and herbs, succulents and more!

STAN, THE TOOL MAN

Garden tool, scissor and kitchen knife sharpening;
container drilling





Capital City African Violet Society

wants to thank everyone who has supported us over the years at our African violet shows, sales, and displays.

We greatly appreciate all the times you came to visit!

Unfortunately, this year we will not be having a plant sale and display on the first weekend of April.

We hope to have one again in the future at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center!

In the meantime, **please come by and see us at the Spring Sale.**

We will be around to talk about our beloved violets!

GET READY TO SELL



MAKERS MARKET & COMMUNITY SALE

Saturday, May 17 | 9 am to 2 pm

SHEPARD GARDEN & ARTS CENTER IN MCKINLEY PARK

Do you have useful and/or interesting items to sell? Makers and vendors - bring your artistry, crafts, and designer items. If you are a person who is purging, downsizing or just have too much fabulous stuff in your home, bring your gently used belongings that no longer serve you and reserve your table today.

Join us at our 4th annual event. We are expanding to include a Makers Market this year.

To reserve your table(s) at the early bird price \$35, please contact: sgacommunitysale@gmail.com or 916-457-2721

Sponsored by Ikebana International, Sacramento Chapter #26 and Friends of East Sacramento

Please join us for a day of exploring exquisite gardens and botanical treasures. Come share your love of plants and nature on this fun, memorable outing!

**2025 BUS TRIP
SATURDAY, APRIL 5th**

**to
Gardens at Lake Merritt,
UC Berkeley Botanical, &
Curious Flora Nursery**

Sponsored by the
Joan Coulat – Sacramento Branch
of the American Begonia Society



How to join us

Purchase your ticket online at
<https://American-Begonia-Society-Sacramento.Square.site>

Please bring bags and/or boxes with your name on them to put your purchases in. Dress in layers as the weather varies.

Light snacks and bottled water will be provided. Lunch is on your own (bring your sack lunch).

We are glad to offer this trip to get together and share our love of gardens and plants. This trip is to enjoy the comradery and the Spring gardens.

Cost per person (by March 18th)

- ABS members: \$50
 - SG&AC club member: \$60
 - Guest of member: \$70
- (add \$10 after 3/18/25)

Itinerary

Board bus at 8 AM.
Bus departs at 8:15 AM from Shepard Garden & Arts Center for.



FIRST STOP

Estimated Arrival: 9:45 AM

GARDENS AT LAKE MERRITT

666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610
www.GardensAtLakeMerritt.org/

Enjoy a 7-acre collection of themed gardens located in the heart of Oakland at Lakeside Park.

Board bus at 11:15 AM, departs at 11:30 AM for

SECOND STOP

Estimated Arrival: 11:50 AM

UC BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDEN

200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 97420
www.BotanicalGarden.Berkeley.edu

Noon: Picnic lunch (bring your picnic lunch)

The Garden contains more than 1,200 rare and endangered species in its collection.

Board bus at 2:15 PM. Bus departs at 2:30 PM for

THIRD STOP

Estimated Arrival: 3:00 PM

CURIOUS FLORA NURSERY

740 Market Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
www.CuriousFlora.com

Nursery specializing in hard-to-find plants and flowers, including cottage garden heirlooms and California native wildflowers.

Estimated Departure: 4:15 PM

Estimated Return: 5:30 to 6PM

back at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center.

For questions, please email
Sacramento@begonias.org or
call Wendy Corby at 916-601-4010.





AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO

65TH ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW AND SALE

Saturday, April 12 - Sunday, April 13th, 10-4

Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento



- Bonsai and Suiseki Exhibits
- Vendors and Consignment Sale
- Daily Demonstration, 1:30PM
- Daily raffle including demonstration tree to follow

featuring
CARMEN LESKOVIANSKY



Curator, University of Michigan Bonsai Collection; Advocate for increasing women's involvement in bonsai.

Beginners' Workshop:

Sunday, 10AM, \$20, includes tree, pot, soil and instruction.
Email: abasbonsaiclub@gmail.com to reserve a space.

free admission and parking
check out abasbonsai.org for more info



2025 Spring Sale

*Saturday, March 15, 2025, 10am-4pm
 Sunday, March 16, 2025, 10am-3pm*

*Plants, jewelry, crafts, flowers, art,
 food, and more*

*Shepard Garden & Arts Center
 www.sgaac.org*

*3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
 Free admission and parking*



2025

Seventy Fourth Annual Sacramento Iris Show

**Presented By
 Sacramento Iris Society**

Affiliate of the American Iris Society

**Open to Public
 Free to Enter and View**

**Saturday, April 19 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sunday, April 20 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Shepard Garden & Arts Center
 3330 McKinley Blvd.
 Sacramento, CA 95816**

Mayor Kevin McCarty's Learning Tour

East Sacramento

March 10, 5:30 - 7 pm

Clunie Community Center
601 Alhambra Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95816



East Sacramento residents are invited to join the Mayor for an open conversation. Come share your ideas, concerns, and feedback. What makes your community strong? What are the opportunities for growth and improvement?

Join our neighbors on March 10th from 5:30 to 7 PM at the Clunie Community Center to meet with Mayor Kevin McCarty. The Mayor is having listening sessions throughout the city during his first 90 days. This is a great opportunity to share ideas, concerns, and feedback to our new mayor. (From *Midtown-East Sac Advocates Newsletter*)

SAFETY ALERT!

Shepard Garden and Arts Center
Security Committee – Incident and Cautionary Message

We would like to inform you of a recent safety incident at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center and provide precautionary measures to enhance security.

At a recent daytime meeting, the club in the Main Room was breached by a person who was uninvited. This person entered the building through the outside door which leads to where the lockers are. The event speaker was unloading her car between the back door and the stage area when the individual entered. At the front entrance the club members were unaware of the stranger amongst their midst. One club member gently talked the individual out and had the monitor on duty to telephone the Park and Recreation Department. The monitor was directed to lock the front and back doors.

The person came back to the front door and was violently banging on the door and demanding entrance. He tore off the bulletin board materials. He then ran around the building across McKinley Blvd. The Sacramento Police were notified. A helicopter flew over the park and located the individual. Police, ambulance and fire fighters came on the scene.

To prevent uninvited people from entering the Shepard Building clubs should have the monitor stay by the locked front door. The back door, if used, should have a person watch the door and lock it as soon as the meeting starts. Urge members to arrive on time for a meeting, lock your car doors and be aware of the environment. Tell the monitor immediately if there is anyone uninvited trying to enter the building. Do not allow the public to enter the building to use the restrooms.

Your cooperation is crucial in ensuring the safety of all attendees. If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding security, please reach out to the board.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



Sacramento Rose Society
77th ANNUAL ROSE SHOW

Open to the public
 Saturday, April 27, 1:30 to 5:00 PM

Gibbons Community Center
 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael

Exhibition includes wide variety of rose flowers, outstanding floral rose arrangements, and stunning photographs. For a donation to the Rose Society, choose a cut rose bloom or create your own bouquet of cut roses to take home. Limited number of select 1-gallon potted roses available for purchase. This is a judged show. You're invited to enter roses between 8-10 AM.

Subject: Help Promote Our Upcoming Events – Like & Share!

Dear Club Members and supporters,


We're excited about our upcoming events, and we need your help to spread the word! A simple like, comment, or share on our social media posts can go a long way in boosting visibility and engagement.

Please take a moment to:

- Like and share our latest posts
- Comment to increase interaction
- Tag the Shepard Garden & Arts Center and friends who may be interested

Your support helps us reach more people and make these events even better!

Follow us on Facebook and keep an eye out for updates. Thank you for being part of our community!



Tag the
Shepard
Garden &
Arts Center