

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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MAY/JUNE 2025

CENTER UPDATES

During the Spring Sale, City staff insisted that all club materials be immediately removed from the office, to be replaced with janitorial supplies. Books were hastily removed; those club members present at the time may know what happened to them.

Sometime between March 12 and March 26, a floral design stored temporarily on a high shelf inside the office disappeared. It has not yet been found, and its owner is upset at the loss of her property and effort from a location that we all used to believe was secure.

Negotiations between the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center and representatives of the City of Sacramento continued slowly through March and April, and have become increasingly frustrating. The City's representatives seem to have backed away from provisions they had earlier offered, to keep the 50% discount and the 2023-2024 rental rates, and to provide set-up and monitors, in exchange for the Board taking on the scheduling responsibility for all the clubs. This reversal happened after the Board went to the expense and work of purchasing and customizing appropriate scheduling software.

In addition to a letter-writing campaign, several members of the Board and its Lobbying Committee attended the April 3 meeting of the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission. This Commission oversees the Department of Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment (YPCE), and can choose to recommend matters to the City Council. Seven of those in attendance spoke to the Commission during the Public Comments period.

Two members of the Board also attended the April 8 City Council meeting and spoke there as well during Public Comments.

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Upcoming Events

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Textile Arts 2 months activities

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Native Plant Society
Gardens Gone Native Tour

May 2-4 see page 6
Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale

May 5 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting via Zoom

May 17 see page 7
Ikebana International
Maker's Market / Community Sale

May 24 see page 7
Chrysanthemum Cuttings Sale

May 31 see page 4
Book Festival 10:00-4:00

June 2 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting via Zoom

June 14 see pages 8-10
Art Elephant Sale/Indigo Dye Day

June 21-22
Bromeliad/Carnivorous Plant Show

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

The event in RED is held offsite!
Please note its location.

The event in BLUE is hosted by
a non-member
non-profit group.

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On April 28, the Board president and one more Board member met with Phil Pluckebaum, the City Councilmember for District 4. During this meeting, it was suggested that a contract be pursued with the Sacramento Library system rather than the YPCE Department. The library has some separate funding, and the Clunie library branch needs more space for some of their classes that would fit in with the gardening and arts focus at the Center.

Some Board and Lobbying Committee members plan to attend the next Parks Commission meeting on May 1 at 5:30 in the City Council chambers. All interested people are welcome to come too!

The next negotiation meeting with the Department of Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment is scheduled for May 6 at 2:00 in person at the Center. (Will they charge us rent for that?)

Musicians performed on the patio on Saturday, March 15, for the Spring Sale.

This trio of acoustic instrumentalists is called **Les Flutes des Roses**. One of its members lives in West Sacramento. They liked their location on the patio, and both vendors and customers enjoyed their music.

The Fuchsia Society Reviews the Ella K. McClatchy Library

The Sacramento Branch of the American Fuchsia Society has been meeting in 2025 at the beautiful Ella K. McClatchy Library, located at 2112 22nd Street in Sacramento. The meeting room is on the second-floor with plenty of windows. The second floor also has a restroom and a quiet room but no other meeting rooms or library stacks. The building features easy accessibility from the rear, with an elevator. Library staff are willing to set up and put away the chairs, after arranging tables as the club requests.



Shows and messy activities like potting up plants are not possible there, nor is technology requiring darkness or dim lighting, but the location works well for a business meeting for up to a dozen people or a presentation involving minimal mess. It is wonderful for people with poor hearing. There is no rent or

deposit for using this room, but it is only available during library hours, and cannot be reserved too many months ahead, out of fairness to other community users. To save time, club members often set up the chairs.

Fuchsia club meetings are held on the third Saturday from 10:15 a.m. until noon. Visitors are welcome!

The Rose Show at the Gibbons Community Center

by Kay Jelten, Sacramento Rose Society

The Sacramento Rose Society’s 2025 Rose Show was Sunday, April 27, at the Gibbons Community Center at 4701 Gibbons Drive in Carmichael, with artistry provided by the Sacramento Floral Design Guild. Part of the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District, this building is on the south end of Gibbons Park.



Club members, exhibitors, judges and others liked the ample parking lot, the nice residential neighborhood, and the park with trees, picnic benches, tennis courts and a kids’ play area. Folks came from many directions and most stated it was not hard to find. Public show attendance was good, with walk-ins from the neighborhood and folks coming to the park, resulting in a few new members! A building monitor behind a counter in the entry foyer kept an eye on all coming and going. Security cameras watched all main areas.

The large covered entrance with a convenient water spigot sheltered exhibitors from rain as they prepared their entries. A paved rear patio offered two picnic tables and seating. We also utilized the foyer for show supplies and a large alcove as a judge’s area.

Two walls of windows let in a lot of natural light, but the interior overhead lighting was dimmer than we would have liked on this rainy day, so some displays had to be adjusted to improve lighting. We had to be diligent

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about clean-up and trash disposal both inside and outside to get our full deposit back. We were responsible to separate recycling from the trash and put trash bags into the dumpsters.

Rental rates vary by day of the week. Included in all rentals is the use of the catering kitchen. The good sound system has a hand-held microphone. Gibbons staff set up and take down all furniture. The venue was not available on Friday for set up, so the club paid a higher rate to set up on Saturday for a show on Sunday. **The total cost for set up and show was \$1,655**, including event insurance. Additional outlay was the \$400 security (and cleaning and damage) deposit, 100% of which should be refunded within eight weeks. This year it would have cost \$1,900 to hold the same event at SGAC.

Would we be interested in holding other events at this center? You bet!


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SACRAMENTO BOOK FESTIVAL


May 31st, 2025, 10am-4pm
 Shepard Garden & Arts Center
 3330 McKinley Blvd, East Sac, Near McKinley Park

- Bring/buy a children's book for Mustard Seed School
- More than 140 local authors & bookstores
- Featuring James Rollins, Catriona McPherson, Sharon Fujimoto-Johnson, Bryan Patrick Avery & many more

FREE EVENT!

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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:

May 13 Bead Group 10:00-1:00

May 15 Book Arts 12:30-3:30

May 22 Surface Design 1:00-4:00

June 14 Art Elephant Day

Point of contact: Irene Camerino (415) 244-8653 text only

GARDENS GONE NATIVE TOUR

A FREE SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF APPROXIMATELY
30 LOCAL GARDENS COMPRISED OF
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS, COORDINATED BY
THE SAC VALLEY CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT
SOCIETY

MAY | 20
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9:30AM TO 3PM

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT
[HTTPS://2025-GARDENS-GONE-NATIVE-TOUR.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://2025-gardens-gone-native-tour.eventbrite.com)



SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE 65TH ANNUAL

*Cactus & Succulent
2025 Show and Sale*

**MAY 2, FRIDAY
1PM - 5PM**

**MAY 3, SATURDAY
9AM - 5PM**

**MAY 4, SUNDAY
9AM - 3PM**

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Free Admission • Masks encouraged
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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

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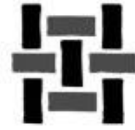
ROOTED CUTTINGS SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 24

9:00 – 2:00

SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER

SACRAMENTO COLLECTIVE FOR THE
TEXTILE ARTS



Saturday, June 14th 10am–2pm
Shepard Garden & Arts Center

Join our textile artists for a fun day of Indigo Shibori dyeing on the patio of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. For \$31 you can dye a bandana, dish towel, or cotton yardage in our indigo vats. All materials provided.

To reserve your space and appointment time, go to our website—
sactextilearts.org. Registration is now open.



sactextilearts.org



Art Elephant

**Saturday June 14
10am to 2pm**

**Shepard Garden & Arts Center
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Sacramento, CA 95816**



What is Art Elephant? It's a showcase that allows vendors, artists, and/or hobbyists from the fiber art community to sell their excess supplies and remnants.

It's also a great way for everyone to share ideas, draw inspiration, and make new friends.

Still have questions, email us at scta1979@gmail.com



**Become a vendor?
Scan the QR code**





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ELEPHANT



SALE & INDIGO DYE DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 14 10AM TO 2PM



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