

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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BOARD UPDATES

The first Monday in September is the Labor Day holiday, so the Board will meet on September 8 instead. This meeting will be in person so attendees can pick up signs for the Fall Sale.

Our scheduling coordinator Pam Bliss created a binder of floor plans for the Shepard Center's office, so the monitors charged with setting up for meetings or shows can select the right page as a guide. To make this system work, clubs will need to state on each reservation the number of their club's preferred floor plan, and that number will be available to Lakepha, who can then give the number to the day's monitor. Lakepha also has an electronic copy of the binder.

Newly elected officers of the Sacramento Garden & Arts Center Board have made some changes since the July 12 Annual Meeting. There are now additional meetings of just the Board of Directors, without club representatives, scheduled approximately a week before each regular Board meeting. The stated goal of these extra meetings is to take care of issues that do not need to involve the clubs. The additional meetings are all via Zoom, as follows:

- Monday, July 28 (prior to the August Board meeting)
- Tuesday, September 2 (because September 1 is a holiday)
- Monday, September 29
- " , October 27
- " , November 24
- " , January 26 (none in December)
- " , February 23
- " , March 30
- " , April 27
- " , May 25
- " , June 29

The July 28 special Board meeting agenda dealt with the bylaws, the standing rules, an update to a handbook for clubs, and an update on the lease. Those present reported
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Upcoming Events

Sept. 6-7 see page 6
Begonia Show & Sale

Sept. 8 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board East Room

Sept. 13 only see page 9
Delta Gesneriad & AV Show & Sale

Sept. 15 see page 7
Ikebana Members Sale

Sept. 20 see page 10
Bonsai Sale & Auction

[Sept. 27 see page 8](#)
[STCA Show & Tell](#)

Oct. 4-5 see pages 11&12
Fall Sale

Oct. 7 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board via Zoom

Oct. 11 see page 12
Porcelain Artists Show & Sale

Oct. 15 deadline for next CHAT

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

The event in BLUE
will be held offsite!
Please note its location.

SAVE THIS DATE!

Art To Wear see pages 7&13

BOARD UPDATES -- *continued from page 1* --

having decided that minutes of future Board meetings will not be read aloud after August 4, but will instead be approved by e-mail to Board members prior to the meeting. Minutes of July 28 were not available at the August 4 regular Board meeting.

The Board voted on August 4 to purchase a new projector for the Main Room at a cost of nearly \$8,000. Participants in the discussion clarified the machine's capabilities, so the Board was comfortable approving the purchase. If arrangements with the City change to require the new projector be removed, it will continue to belong to the Board, and will not become City property.

At the September 2 Directors-only meeting the Board plans to approve an updated club manual for printing and distribution at the in-person September 8 regular Board meeting.



The Rose Society invites YOU

The Sacramento Rose Society's meetings start at 7:00pm, but you are welcome to arrive at 6:30 to enter a rose blossom (or several) from your garden in the Little Rose Show. September's and October's meetings will take place in the Shepard Garden and Arts Center's main room, on the second Thursday of the month. The Little Rose Show is a chance to practice competing, and to share your garden's beauty with others. Winners are announced with helpful explanations after the evening's program.

Featured speakers on **September 11** will be Greg Gayton, Master Nurseryman for Green Acres Nursery, and Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian. Greg will present new arrivals for companion plants that socialize well with roses. Some new introductions will look great in flower arrangements too! Charlotte will describe options for mixing these companion plants with your roses, and Greg will talk about the growing conditions that will work best. It will be an interactive and informative evening!

The **October 9** speakers will be Scott and Ann Marie Becker and Cindy Nalepa-Nelson, who will present "World Federation of Roses International Conference highlights!" Come hear first-person accounts of this fabulous conference held in Japan in May 2025. Scott, Ann-Marie and Cindy were hobnobbing with top rosarians from around the globe. They have brought back stunning photos and all the latest information about roses. We hope you will join us.

The Tri-County Home and Garden Show, August 15-17

Several SG&AC clubs had booths at the Roebbelen Center in Roseville for this very popular event. A few member clubs that were not involved have regional “sister” clubs that participated, so a great many familiar faces were present. Three clubs described their experiences below.

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society in Roseville

by Bill McCabe

The Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society participated in the Roseville Tri-County Show for the fourth year on August 15, 16, and 17. This has consistently been one of our most successful events for recruiting new members! Not to mention, it’s just a great time for Club members to get together outside of our regular meetings.



Club members Cassidy Roberts with a customer and Aaron Candee at the table
The club’s booth was 40 feet wide.

Delta Gesneriad and African Violet Club taught dozens

by Bev Moon

Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society participated in this year's Tri-County Home and Garden Show. Our society's mission is to provide education about, and further interest in, growing Gesneriads and African Violets. We did buckets of that at this show, and had a lot of fun in the process. We talked to over a hundred people, handed out around 75 postcards promoting our upcoming show, and got 30 to 40 new email addresses for our show-announcement email list. All our members who participated enjoyed it tremendously.

THE SACRAMENTO FLORAL DESIGN GUILD'S HUGE ROLE AT THE TRI-COUNTY HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

by Martha Lewis

For the third consecutive year, the Sacramento Floral Design Guild displayed the club's flower arranging expertise at the Tri-County Home & Garden Show in Roseville, August 15-17. The Guild's spectacular booth, featuring designs made in watering cans, mirrored the installation with a watering can, located opposite the booth, that was entered in the design competition at the Show. Once again, the Guild was invited to provide the 3-judge panel that evaluated the floral installations that form the most popular attraction at the Show every year. The many Guild members who volunteered at the Guild's booth were led by Mike Maxwell, Guild Vice President. Their job was to educate the public about the elements and principles that transform beautiful flowers into award winning floral designs and to encourage show goers to become members of the Sacramento Floral Design Guild.



Guild members Lana Crum, Vicki Hirokane, and Phyllis Barber in their booth



Guild members Martha Lewis, Mike Maxwell, and Hazel Rule

SCTA AT THE STATE FAIR!

by Irene Camerino



Sacramento Collective for the Textile Arts (SCTA) was at the CA State Fair on July 18 & 19 doing demonstrations highlighting our 5 study group interests. Our goal was to reintroduce ourselves to the Sacramento community, recruit new members, and also recruit vendors for our upcoming November 8-9 Art To Wear Show & Sale. We offered 4+ demonstrations each day along with Make & Take Kits so that visitors could leave with a completed bracelet or domino pendant or beautifully dyed paper created in 20 minutes.

Our talented members were not only judges but also winners, placing in both the Handcrafts Competition (2 winners) and the Needle Arts Competition (2 winners). They won not

only a ribbon and a cash prize, but also the respect of their talented peers. Next year, we look forward to demonstrating again and anticipate seeing more of our members place in the competitions.

Too hot for fuchsias? Not if you learn how

Yes, you can learn how to keep fuchsias happy in Sacramento's summer heat, from the Sacramento Branch of the American Fuchsia Society. Come to the Ella K. McClatchy Library, at 2112 22nd Street in Sacramento, on Saturday, September 20. The meeting starts at 10:15 a.m. and ends at noon. Take the elevator or the beautiful staircase to reach the meeting room.

The Joan Coulat–Sacramento Branch of the American Begonia Society Presents Our 77th Annual Show & Sale: *Romancing the Begonia*

Join us for a weekend filled with beauty, inspiration, and begonias! Our 77th Annual Show & Sale, *Romancing the Begonia*, will feature a stunning exhibition of blooming begonias and a sale offering over **1,000 plants**—from rare specimens to popular favorites. Come early for the best selection!

📅 Event Dates & Times

Saturday, Sept. 6 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 7 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

📍 Location

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

🆓 Free Admission & Free Parking

Throughout the weekend, our friendly and knowledgeable members will be on hand to answer your questions and share tips on begonia care, cultivation, and propagation.

🌿 Interested in Growing Begonias Year-Round?

Consider joining our club! We meet every **3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM** at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. New members are always welcome—and receive a free begonia to get started!

Come experience the joy of growing, sharing, and preserving begonias with us!



www.begonias.org

AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

Growing, sharing, and preserving begonias.

Follow us on Facebook: [Begonia Society of Sacramento](#)



**Ikebana International, Sacto,
Chapter #26**

**Members' Sale of Ikebana and
related materials.**

**Monday, September 15th
SGAC
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**



 SACRAMENTO
COLLECTIVE
TEXTILE ARTS

**Art to Wear & More
Show and Sale**

**November 8, 2025 | 11am-4pm
November 9, 2025 | 11am-3pm
Fashion Show 10am Daily in Patio
Shepard Garden & Arts Center**

Join us!

SCTA Membership Meeting and Elections

followed by a

Members Show & Tell

Bring a piece to share!

Connect with Sacramento's community of creative individuals and explore the diverse beauty of textile arts

All are welcome!

Saturday, September 27th at 10am

Belle Coledge Library

5600 S Land Park Dr, Sacramento 95822



www.sactextilearts.com



Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society
2025 Fall Sale

Saturday ONLY
Sept 13th
10am til 2pm

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

Arrive early to get the best selection & to participate in our Peoples Choice Vote!

Sacramento Garden & Arts Center 3330 McKinley Blvd Sacramento, CA

<https://www.facebook.com/AfricanVioletSocietiesSacramento>

AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION,
SACRAMENTO PRESENTS:



BONSAI PLANT SALE & LIVE AUCTION

Saturday, September 20, 2025
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Featuring sales of:

- pre-bonsai
- finished bonsai
- pots
- & more from ABAS club members

**Shepard Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd,
Sacramento, CA @ McKinley Park**

Consignment Sale
and Auction Preview
Starts @ 1:00 PM

— Live Auction Starts
@ 1:30 PM

— Open to the public

FALL SALE

October 4 & 5
Shepard Garden
and Arts Center

A detailed botanical illustration featuring various elements: a branch with green and reddish-brown leaves and small white flowers with red centers; a cluster of pink flowers; a single orange with green leaves; and another orange with green leaves. The background is a white marble pattern with grey veining. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered over the illustration, containing the text 'SAVE THE DATE'.

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Clubs & vendors:

Please apply for space online after July 1 at www.sgaac.org.



Please come

Shepard Garden & Arts Center

2025 FALL SALE

SATURDAY, OCT. 4 10AM - 4 PM	Jewelry, plants, crafts, art, food, and much more!
SUNDAY, OCT. 5 10AM - 3 PM	Free admission. Free parking.

 www.sqaac.org 

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Camellia City Porcelain Artists Porcelain Show & Paint-in

You're Invited
to come and paint on porcelain and glass with us.

Shepard Garden & Art Center
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA
Saturday, October 11, 2025
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

- 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

Come join us for a fun and an informative day.
Bring a friend!



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ART TO WEAR & MORE SHOW & SALE

*Creative
Clothing &
Accessories*



**SAT NOV 8, 2025
11AM-4PM &
SUN NOV 9, 2025
11AM-3PM
FASHION SHOW
DAILY AT 10AM**

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