

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

Timing Note: This issue is arriving later than planned due to technical difficulties. Even if it had gone out on time, some items would have changed the day you received it—so here is the latest.

MEETING VENUE: STATUS

In mid-October, Board and club members toured the CLARA facility as a potential meeting site. After the visits, most clubs concluded the space offered would not meet their needs. The Board has therefore halted work on the CLARA option. We are continuing to evaluate whether to lease the Shepard Garden & Arts Center or rent it as needed.

SCHEDULING WITH SKEDDA

The Board has adopted Skedda for all meetings and events. To receive the City's 50% discount as a nonprofit organization, the City wants a single point of contact to coordinate reservations for all clubs. Pam Bliss will serve in that role using Skedda. For questions about using Skedda, please reach out to Pam.

HELP THE NEGOTIATING TEAM: REPORT 2025 ISSUES

If your club experienced City-related problems in 2025—especially in the last six months—please send a brief write-up to ShepardCenter@gmail.com. Examples include:

- Building monitor did not arrive on time
- Locked doors or rooms not set up as reserved
- Utility failures (electricity, plumbing)
- Delayed refunds or other unresolved commitments

Please include your Club name, date of incident, short description of the issue, how it was resolved (if resolved), and name of City staff/monitor

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 (first Monday) 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting via ZOOM

Nov. 8-9 see page 3
SCTA Art to Wear & More

Nov. 15 see page 4
Chrysanthemum Show & Sale

Dec. 1 (first Monday) 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board Meeting via ZOOM

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

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



(if known). Please keep complaints in separate emails from scheduling or other topics. This ensures your note reaches the correct person quickly.

NEW CITY GRANTS

The City has announced a grants program that may benefit your club. See page 3 for details, eligibility, and how to apply. [Editor’s comment: It’s odd that the very people who insist they must raise our rent have decided to spend money as well as their own staff time judging, paying for, and managing grants.]

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The deadline for the January/February CHAT is December 15, 2025.



**2026
SAUL
WISEMAN
GARDENING
GRANTS
PROGRAM**

The **Saul Wiseman Grants Program** promotes gardening and horticultural activities with an emphasis on education and service to our diverse community. Non-profit groups, community groups and schools within the County of Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento are eligible to apply.

- * Applicants may request up to \$1200.
- * Smaller projects are encouraged.
- * Partial grants may be awarded.
- * Funds are awarded in February, just in time for spring planting and gardening activities.
- * **Grants contact:** grants.sppc@gmail.com

The 2026 grant application is available on the Sacramento Perennial Plant Club’s web site: sacplants.org/grants. Electronic applications must be received no later than **January 16, 2026**.

SACRAMENTO PERENNIAL PLANT CLUB

sacplants.org/grants



 SACRAMENTO
COLLECTIVE FOR
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



New Grant Opportunity: Small Arts & Culture Organization Sustainability Fund

Application deadline: December 5, 2025
Grant Amounts: Up to \$5,000

For Eligibility, program guidelines, and more information, go to
<https://www.CityofSacramento.gov/ccs/oac/funding-and-grants/small-organization-sustainability-fund/Guidelines>

Sacramento Chrysanthemum Society's Annual Show & Plant Sale

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento



Saturday, November 15th
11:00-4:00



**Come see exquisite blooms and beautiful
floral designs created by the
Sacramento Floral Design Guild.**

- 🐦 Landscape design & consultation
- 🐦 Water wise, native & edible gardens
- 🐦 The Shaman's Garden pop-up gift shop
- 🐦 Feng shui for home & office

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