

CHAT Newsletter

of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

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BOARD UPDATES

The Board's lease with the City will take effect July 1 and will run for six months. Current figures are better than expected, and certainly better for the clubs than rents would be once the City changes the 50% "fee waiver" (discount for non-profits) to its promised 25%.

The team will of course immediately start working on a longer lease for when it ends. Any lease longer than six months will need City Council approval, but it can also include some changes that are not allowed with approval at the Department level like this six-month lease.

The City has approved a keyless entry system for us, so clubs won't need monitors to let them in or lock up when they leave. Each club will have a separate passcode, and will take responsibility for locking the building after they are done. The system and much more will be explained at separate workshops and at the Annual Meeting July 11.

ANNUAL MEETING

New Board members will be elected at the Annual Meeting, with each club having one vote. Open positions for 2026-2027 are:

Vice President
Secretary
Director
Director

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates:

Vice President: Gage Marchini
Secretary: Curtis Hopper
Director: Kristen Baker
Director: Kris Sinclair

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Pertinent information about the candidates can be found on the next page.



Upcoming Events

July 6 **No meeting!**
SG&AC Board **see below**

July 11 10:00 AM
SG&AC Annual Meeting Main Room

Aug. 1 see page 3
Iris Rhizome Sale

Aug. 3 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board via Zoom

Aug. 14-16 see page 4
Tri-County Home & Garden Show

Future events to note!

Sept. 14 7:00 PM
SG&AC Board East Room

Oct. 3-4 see page 5
Fall Sale

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

Aug. 15 **deadline for next CHAT**
(if there is a 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 THESE DATES!

Much To Come! Fall 2026

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ANNUAL MEETING

Candidates for the two Director positions have submitted their qualifications, here edited for space.

Gage Marchini has served devotedly and prudently as SG&AC Vice President for the past year, filling out the unexpired term of Jan Goehring when she chose to run for President. He wants to see the clubs happily and properly housed, and regrets that his career may at some point get in the way of his service to SG&AC. He will do what he can for us until then.

Kristen Baker is a member of the Joan Coulat-Sacramento Branch of the American Begonia Society. She has experience with business insurance, and with planning and managing both small-scale and large-scale events. She has been helping the Negotiating Team for the past few months, adding an insistence on clarity and coordinated communication.

Kris Sinclair is a four-year member of the Sacramento Rose Society and an avid gardener. She served as the executive director of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras for 32 years, and is now executive director emeritus. Her skill sets include non-profit management, member acquisition, fundraising, strategic planning, and financial management, as well as writing, editing, and publishing.

Curtis Hopper has been a member of the Joan Coulat-Sacramento Branch of the American Begonia Society since 2004, and has at one time or another held most of its offices. He moved to Sacramento 30 years ago to become a home inspector after several years as a tile setter. He has been a talented gardener since childhood, and is passionately interested in keeping the Shepard Center available and fit for use by all the member clubs.

CHAT NEWSLETTER

Do you read the CHAT? This is your last issue unless somebody steps up to write and edit it. If you are interested, please send a note to ShepardCenter@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

The only question so far addressed to the current editor is: Can I change the format? The answer is: Of course! Who will stop you? Faced with a choice between a new format and no newsletter, readers will try the new format. If any complain, well, constructive criticism is sometimes clumsily worded.



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SACRAMENTO IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL RHIZOME



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SATURDAY

August 1, 2026

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**SHEPARD GARDEN AND ART CENTER
MCKINLEY PARK
3330 MCKINLEY BLVD, SACRAMENTO**

The Tri-County Home and Garden Show, August 14-16

A few of our member clubs will again have booths at the Roebbelen Center in Roseville for this very popular event. Please go support their endeavor, and have fun!



Delta Gesneriad &
African Violet Society



August
14th thru 16th



Flowering house plants for sale:

African Violets, Streptocarpus,
Episcia & more!
Supplies, & Information. Come stop
by! Let's chat about these amazing
plants!

Sale Location

700 Event Center
Drive, Roseville





**SAVE THE DATE
FALL SALE
October 3 & 4**

Clubs and Vendors:
Please apply online for table space now
but no later than Sept. 1, 2026, at
www.sgaac.org/news

For questions, email
ShepardCenter@gmail.com

**2026
Fall Sale**

Saturday, Oct. 3, 10am-4pm
Sunday, Oct. 4, 10am-3pm

Plants, jewelry, crafts,
flowers, art, food and more!
Free admission and parking

 

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