



JAN'S NOTES

I'd like to say a few words of appreciation for our hard-working Board of Directors. Together, we were able to negotiate a **new lease** with the City of Sacramento as described in more detail below. The City will no longer have a hand in operating the Shepard Center and will only provide nominal support for club meetings (e.g. arranging the tables and chairs in accordance with your floorplans).

The Board is working steadily on upgrades and improvements that were put on hold during the City's management due to budget constraints. We have started to renovate our beloved building and clean up the grounds, through a combination of elbow grease and creative problem-solving. There are new procedures for storage, security and maintenance and are working to replace the outside window shades which are currently unusable. We will be installing a **new audio system** to replace equipment that was 25 years old, although it will cost approximately \$20,000 to fully modernize the sound system, WiFi and audio/visual equipment.

Organized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the Board's expenses are primarily paid by rental fees for the Shepard Center. Clubs pay those fees for their monthly meetings and special events, but we are also offering rental opportunities to the general public. Our only other form of revenue is through donations, which are always appreciated. The next Board meeting is on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shepard Center. We encourage all interested club representatives and members to attend.

– Jan Goehring, Board President

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Calendar

Sept. 12 & 13:
Begonia Show & Sale

Sept. 14:
SG&AC Board Meeting.

Sept. 19:
Bonsai Show & Sale

Oct. 3 & 4:
Fall Sale

Oct. 10:
Camellia City Porcelain
Artist One-Day Event

Oct. 17:
Art by Fire Show & Sale

Nov. 11:
Mum Show & Sale

Nov. 14 & 15:
Art to Wear
Show & Sale

Directory

Board Link:

sgaac.org/contact

Member Clubs Link:

sgaac.org/clubs/

NEW LOOK

There's a new look to CHAT this issue! Please welcome our new editor Maureen Reilly, who sits on the Sacramento Floral Design Guild (SFDG) Board as Secretary, and previously served as SFDG President and Vice-President. SFDG is a founding member of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, dating back to 1951. The Center's membership has since grown to 25 clubs, as listed on the website sgaac.org. I'm hoping to expand coverage of the various member clubs, not just for special events but also for ongoing activities," Maureen said. She invited club representatives to reach out to her with suggested topics using the central email ShepardCenter@gmail.com.

NEW LEASE

The Shepard Garden & Arts Center is now being managed by the SG&AC Board of Directors through a **six-month trial lease** with the City of Sacramento, running through the end of this year. If the trial period is successful, the Board will ask the Sacramento City Council to approve a longer-term lease, allowing us to continue operating and serving the member clubs for years to come.

As many of you may recall, the Board began negotiating with the City in 2024. During that time, the City faced significant budget challenges that forced reduced service and increased fees. This year the City proposed to reduce the nonprofit fee waiver from 50% to 25%, prompting our negotiations.

Under our new lease, the City is no longer operating the Shepard Center. Each club will be responsible for opening and closing the building for its meetings or events and must designate a monitor for this purpose.

All Club Floor Plans are being held both in the Pink Binder in the Center office and within the Dropbox. Any changes or additions to the floor plans on file need to be submitted at least 30 days in advance. Other particulars on new operating procedures have been provided to all clubs including:

- Keyless Entry Protocol
- Open/Close Protocol
- Club Monitor Duties
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)

PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

It's not the usual thing for the SG&AC Board to draw a round of thunderous applause from its audience but that's what happened at the annual meeting on July 11, 2026.

The member club representatives and other interested parties in attendance, numbering some 40 persons, clapped enthusiastically in recognition of the Board's outstanding efforts to revamp the Iva Gard Shepard Garden & Arts Center. At least one person attended on behalf of each club and was designated with authority to vote on the incoming Board. Of note, the Board's comprehensive insurance policy was discussed, which could eliminate the need for individual club policies. Club representatives are invited to contact Jan Goehring for particulars through the central mailbox. **Note:** information on the Insurance policy will be provided at the upcoming Board meeting.

The Board and all club representatives in attendance voted to approve a slate of directors that had been presented by the Nominating Committee at the Board's prior meeting. There were no nominations from the floor.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The Board will hold a special meeting at the Shepard Center on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of filling a vacant Director position. **Dodie Newman**, a member of the **American Bonsai Association**, has been nominated for the position. See flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.



Above: This peacock entry only earned a second-place ribbon, but it was a real crowd pleaser at the Tri-County Show floral competition.



PAST EVENTS

Many of our clubs participated in the Tri-County Home & Garden Show at the Roebellen Center in Roseville, which is held each year in August. Since the show organizers came to Roseville some five years ago, they have offered booths for nonprofit garden and arts clubs free of charge. This year, the following clubs operated a booth over the show's three-day run, primarily for the purpose of outreach and education. Some clubs also offered plants or bulbs for sale.

TRI-COUNTY FLORAL COMPETITION

The Tri-County Home & Garden Show sponsors a floral competition, with ribbons and cash prizes awarded to first, second and third-place winners. Anyone can enter but professional florists and shop owners tend to exhibit in order to showcase their businesses. Judging is by volunteers from the Sacramento Floral Design Guild who hold National Garden Club credentials, although they do not apply NGC judging standards.

SFDG

Left: The Sacramento Floral Design Guild (SFDG) booth featured designs by its own members. SFDG did not sell items but offered floral arranging tips. Here, club member Hazel Rule (center) promotes an upcoming SFDG workshop to prospective members.



SACRAMENTO IRIS SOCIETY

Left: Sacramento Iris Society President John Archer shows off some of the rhizomes offered for sale at a booth shared with a sister club. **Right:** Julie Archer also worked the booth.



Joan Coulat Sacramento Branch AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

Left: Another member club, The Joan Coulat Sacramento Branch of the American Begonia Society, worked a booth near the front of the show. Begonia plants were for sale and the club's benefits were promoted. Vice President Ashley Lopez (left) kept busy with help from Society members Pam Schemmer and Judy Tourville.

DELTA GESNERIAD & AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY



Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society

As with other clubs, outreach and sales were the objective of the Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society. Both goals were met with 24 new names being added to their mailing list, several membership applications given, and funds earned from the sale of more than 100 plants. Thank you to President Bev Moon, Treasurer Leslie Rodrick, Members, Brian Wilkinson, Ottoline Clapham, Brendan Lee, Mike & Kathy Gunther and Julie Hamilton for manning the booth!



To all Clubs:

Please keep your contacts current with the SG&AC Board.

Also, please check the online Calendar on the SG&AC website to confirm your meetings and events are correct.

If your officers change or the Calendar needs updating, please email updates to ShepardCenter@gmail.com,

SACRAMENTO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY



Above: A team effort by the Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society, with a booth near the front filled with plants for sale by partner vendors. Society President Bill McCabe (left) worked alongside Board Members Amie Frisch, Micheal Ruse, and Carole Hada. Three vendor representatives were also present, to help with sales and outreach.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Most clubs have been preparing for the Fall Sale, one of the biggest fundraising opportunities of the year, to be held on the first weekend in October at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. This sale is open to the public, free of charge, and traditionally draws large crowds. In addition to our member clubs, outside vendors sell food and seasonal items, for a total of 35 participants this year.

Other events at the Shepard Center over the next two months are the Joan Coulat Sacramento Branch Begonia Show & Sale, American Bonsai Association of Sacramento Show & Sale, and Camellia City Porcelain Artist one-day event. Peeking into November, the Sacramento Collective for the Textile Arts will hold its annual Art to Wear Show and Sale. For more details, see flyers below.

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



Shepard Garden and Arts Center

3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA - www.sgaac.org

BEGONIAS: A GALAXY IN THE SHADE

Annual Begonia Show & Sale

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

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

📅 **Show & Sale Hours**
Saturday, September 12 | 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Sunday, September 13 | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

🌿 **OVER 1,000 BEGONIAS FOR SALE!**

Discover the incredible beauty and diversity of begonias at our annual Show & Sale. Enjoy a spectacular display of begonias, browse an outstanding selection of plants for sale, and meet fellow plant lovers and begonia enthusiasts.

Whether you are a longtime collector or simply looking for a beautiful new plant to take home, there will be something for everyone.

Join us for a weekend celebrating begonias—from the familiar to the extraordinary!

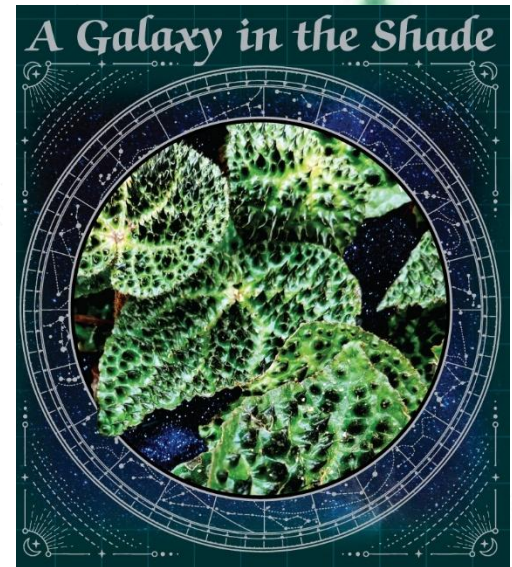
ART BY FIRE FALL SALE

Sacramento Potters' Group

Art by Fire

Held throughout the entire Shepard Center

Saturday, October 17th, 2026, from 10am-4pm





Featuring sales of:

- pre-bonsai
- finished bonsai
- pots

SATURDAY
SEPT
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AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION SACRAMENTO **LIVE AUCTION & CONSIGNMENT SALE**

Saturday, September 19, 2026
1 pm - 4 pm

Join us for our annual live auction and consignment sale

- 1:00 pm - Start of consignment Sale and Preview of Live Auction Items
- 1:30 pm - Live Auction begins
- Open to the public

Shepard Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento



Art To Wear & More

Show And Sale

November 14 & 15, 2026

Art to Wear & More features a popular daily fashion show celebrating the creative use of textiles and a maker marketplace featuring handcrafted items from wearable art pieces to everyday adornment.

***Vendor applications
available now!***



Fashion Show Daily at 10 am

**Showroom Doors open 11 am–4 pm Saturday &
11 am-3 pm Sunday**

Shepard Garden and Arts Center

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Celebrate Fall at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center

Mark your calendars for the **2026 Fall Sale**
at the **Shepard Garden & Arts Center**, happening
Saturday and Sunday, October 3–4, 2026.

With more than **35 clubs and vendors** participating, the Fall Sale is a wonderful opportunity to shop locally, support nonprofit organizations and small vendors, and discover something unique.

Visitors can browse a wide variety of offerings, including:

- Plants and flowers
- Jewelry
- Handcrafted items
- Art
- Gifts
- Food
- And much more!



Whether you are looking for something special for your home or garden, an early holiday gift, or simply a fun way to spend the day, there will be plenty to see and enjoy.

Fall Sale Hours

Saturday, October 3 | 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday, October 4 | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

Admission and parking are FREE!

Bring a friend, enjoy the beautiful surroundings, and spend some time shopping and supporting the many clubs, artists, crafters, growers, and vendors participating in this year's Fall Sale.

We hope to see you there!

SACRAMENTO CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY
PRESENTS

MUMTASTIC

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026

ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
12PM-4PM

ARRIVE EARLY FOR THE BEST
SELECTIONS

SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER
3330 MCKINLEY BLVD
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

CAMELLIA CITY PORCELAIN ARTISTS

Invite you to

A DAY IN THE PARK

For our annual

Tea & Porcelain Display

SATURDAY,
OCT. 10TH, 2026

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



- Porcelain and Glass Painting Demonstrations
- Display of beautifully hand painted artwork
- White and Painted porcelain for sale
- Drawing for a Christmas Wreath decorated with hand painted ornaments by our club

*Join us for tea as you browse
and visit with the artists!*

SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER

3330 McKinley Blvd • Sacramento, CA

EVENT AND PARKING ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC