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CALDENDAR

JULY 10 10AM SGAC ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 17 IRIS RHIZOME SALE

JULY 24-25 SACTO BROMELIAD CARNIVOROUS SALE

**VISIT SGAAC WEBSITE
SHEPARD GARDEN & ART CENTER**

**CHECK UPCOMING EVENTS
FIND OR JOIN A CLUB**

JUST A REMINDER TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS: YOU MAY RENT THE CENTER FOR ANY EVENT, PERSONAL OR CLUB AFFILIATED, AT HALF PRICE.

TO INQUIRE ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF DATES CALL MABEL LOTZ AT 916-808-8800 OR AT : mlotz@cityofsacramento.org

**ARE YOU VP POTENTIAL?
SG&AC ELECTIONS JULY 10TH**

SG&AC ANNUAL MEETING

**JULY 10 10AM
SHEPARD GARDEN & ART
CENTER**

Election of vacating positions on the Board.

Ensure your club is represented.

Refreshments provided.

A Board Meeting with new members will be held directly after the Annual Meeting.

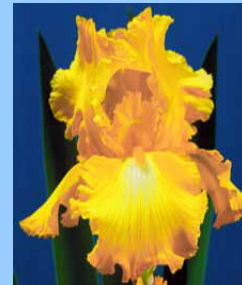
SHOW UP SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Positions open for election:

**Vice-President
Corresponding Secretary
4 Board Members**

Join the Board and join in the decision-making process affecting all clubs using the Center.

SG&AC is looking for a Webmaster. If you are interested, please let any Board Member know.



SACRAMENTO IRIS SOCIETY

The rhizome sale is scheduled for July 17th at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 9am to 3pm. Dwarf rhizomes will be on sale for \$2 and intermediates will be available at \$3.

Join the American Iris Society
The three published bulletins are a great incentive to join AIS. The Bulletins contain wonderful iris cultural information and beautiful pictures.
It has an International News section which keeps one informed on world-wide iris activity. A question and answer section gives one access to the top iris practitioners who answer all types of iris questions.

To join, or for more information, you

PATIO POND REPAIRS

Thank you to Shelly Berlant for his persistence, follow thru and focus to move forward with repairs to the patio pond. Funds for the repair were approved at the 6/7/10 Board Meeting.



Sacramento Bromeliad and Carnivorous Plant Society 40th anniversary Show and Sale

Forty years ago a few local residents with an interest in what was then an unusual family of plants, bromeliads, met in a living room and started the Sacramento Bromeliad Society. In the years since bromeliads have entered the mainstream of the plant world and are readily available in stores and supermarkets. They range from the tiny one-inch Spanish Moss to thirty-five foot giants of the high Andes, and display every color of an artist's palette.

A few years ago we decided to broaden our appeal and add carnivorous plants to our portfolio (yes there are carnivorous bromeliads!). These unusual and easy to grow plants are now more readily available and a number of our members were growing them. For those who would like to not just purchase and dispose of their plants, but would like to see them grow and flourish for many generations, the Society is a place to learn how to grow and propagate both bromeliads and carnivorous plants, and to acquire the more unusual plants within each genus.

Our 40th anniversary show will continue our tradition of filling every space in the Center with colorful plants from both families. Hundreds of plants will also be on sale at excellent prices. Our members will be on hand to give advice on growing and propagating. Please join us to celebrate 40 years of learning and sharing knowledge about these attractive, varied, and easy to grow plant families.

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Bromeliad and Carnivorous Plant Society meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month nine times a year. Additionally the club sponsors an annual show on the last weekend of July. The show is non-competitive and people are encouraged to bring striking and unusual plants to display.

Contact Eric Trygg, President
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www.bsi.org

Photos courtesy of Keith Smith.



Flower and Garden Show at Cal Expo

Russell Frank reported that good traffic through the show all days and that the SG&AC booth was of more benefit to the Center and Clubs than booths for more typical, commercial vendors. The public expressed interest in individual clubs and was especially helpful in advertising the upcoming club events. He felt the Center should a booth again next year if offered at little or no cost.

Russell expressed a huge thank you to Kathy Norton for her energetic assistance.

Thank you gifts were presented to Russell and Kathy for their efforts on behalf of the Center.



Did I remind you to vote?

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Higher priority requests:

1. Black-out blinds - 98%
2. Protective barrier along the windows - 75% (1/3 think it should be a City responsibility)
3. Replace windows with safety glass - 69%

Lower Priority requests:

4. Repainting of storage units - 75% (50% think it should be a City responsibility)
5. Mirror for demonstrations in large room - 62.5%
Mirror for demonstrations in small room
6. Upgrade and remodel the office - 62.5% (2/3 think it should be a City responsibility)
7. Laptop for Center - 62.5%
8. Replace old accordion door in kitchen - 49% (50% think it should be a City responsibility).

Other items:

Patio renovations and maintenance, sound-proof the accordion door between large and small rooms, working coffee urn, improved sound system, professional kitchen cleaning, large and more club storage units, kitchen cleaning supplies.

A bouquet of thank you to **Alice Bowles** for conducting the survey and tallying results.

FROM THE BOARD

1. Anne Fey reported the Annual Audit is almost complete.
2. Ed Schroeder reported the Friends have \$4,821 and the t-shirts have been located.
3. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the Fall Festival scheduled for October 16 & 17th.
4. Kitty Gerwig has resigned as Webmaster. President Ken Rothaus' daughter has offered to help until she leaves for college.
5. Bike rack has been ordered and has arrived; work to be scheduled.
6. DSL line and connectivity throughout the Center - wireless network has been installed; pass word to be determined.

This spot was reserved for you but I didn't receive your news item.



WALK YOUR ROSE GARDEN WITH PURPOSE

By Judy Frederick, Consulting Rosarian

While walking among your roses in your garden, stop and smell their sweet fragrance. But also walk with another purpose I mind: assessing the bushes. During spring and summer months, you will be able to note diseases, bloom quantity and quality, and how your rose reblooms. These rose attributes or lack thereof will be the basis for your decision to remove a rose or not.

With the first bloom cycle in May, you can evaluate your flowers for bloom shape, size, and quantity. You can assess how long the rose holds its shape and color and if it fades or fully opens quickly. During the summer, assess how quickly your roses rebloom after removing spent flowers. Take note of the number of weeks needed between cycles of bloom to time when to prune back for fall rose shows.

All this assessment leads to an action plan. Two conditions require plant removal: Bacterial Crown Gall and Rose Mosaic Disease. Continue to walk and enjoy your roses and other plants, updating your list as needed. Tag the roses you plan to watch more closely for possible removal in the fall.

* you may view the full text of this article in the latest edition of The Sacramento Rose Bulletin.



SIERRA CAMERA CLUB OF SACRAMENTO, INC.

Gold Rush Chapter Meeting, August 22, 2010

Tip of the month from Chuck Pivetti

There's no way to save a JPEG image that has been modified without causing a loss of picture quality due to JPEG compression. However, if you open a JPEG image in Photoshop and then close it again without making any changes, there will be no additional loss.

So, if you shoot JPEG in your camera (and I strongly recommend that you do not if your camera supports TIFF or RAW), make sure when you work on your pictures that you rename them and save them in a new folder. If you are not happy with your remake, throw it away, go back to the camera original and work on it again. Avoid opening, reworking and re-saving the same JPEG.

HELP WANTED: TO ALL CLUB NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Please add my name (marylou2008@att.net) to your Club's newsletter so I may include information for the CHAT.

And please, don't forget to send me articles before and after your event. It's free advertising.

Sacramento Potters Group Show June 19, 2010 – Laurie Kneppel

The first weekend in June was the 52nd Annual Art Fiesta at Town & Country Village and this year the show was the slowest one in the six years I have been there. Not as many people looking and, for me, not as many people buying. So I was really worried about how our own SPG sale was going to go this past Saturday, June 19th. We certainly don't have the budget of the Kiwanis group, so we advertised the best we could. We put an ad in the Summer Things to Do edition of the Sacto News & Review that broke on June 10th. Plus we had lawn signs and our email and mailing lists and, hopefully, all artists with websites had it on there, too. I missed seeing the blurb in the Bee that morning because I didn't get a chance to read it until later. All day I kept trying to remember to ask people how they knew about the show and I hate to admit it but I think I only asked about 5 people. One had a postcard from Town & Country and also looked on the SPG website, one saw it in the Bee's garden section that morning, one had a mailed postcard and the other lady just happened to see the banners and signs while enjoying her morning walk in McKinley Park and thought she would take a look inside. I saw a lot of familiar faces, a couple people said "weren't you at Town & Country a couple weeks ago?" Others were some I hadn't seen since last year's shows. But mostly, the people that stopped by to look seemed to also be there to buy. They might buy one small bowl, or they might buy a couple of cats for gifts, but I have to say my sales were so much better than Town & Country that it restored my faith a bit in continuing to do these shows this year.

One of the best things our show has going for it is the venue. I think the Shepard Garden & Arts Center has the nicest location right there in McKinley Park. It is close to the freeway, in a lovely older neighborhood, has more foot traffic than you would expect, and when the weather is as gorgeous as it was Saturday, the courtyard is just a perfect place to show off those gorgeous glazes! Did I mention the Center has a full kitchen? There may not be food close by, except McDonalds about 6 blocks away, but you could stash a sandwich in the fridge or nuke a frozen entrée in the microwave for your lunch. The restrooms are right there in the building, and there's a drinking fountain if you forgot your water bottle. There are tables and chairs and pretty decent lighting inside, if you don't bring your own.

But the best thing of all is the people. A big thanks again to Mabel Lotz from the City of Sacto who is the Center's coordinator. We also had Mark Pratton and Connie Chadwick doing throwing demos all day and showing customers "how it's done". Anita brought in some yummy muffins. Biggest thanks to Russell Frank for volunteering to be the show's coordinator this year and getting the set-up figured out. And the raffle! I am very curious to know how that worked out.

I had started that morning not feeling quite up to par and, based on the last show, sort of just hoping to get through the day and get it over with. I was pleasantly surprised to have lots of sales, lots of nice conversations with customers and my fellow clay artists, and not even looking at the time until well after 12 noon! I wished I had brought my camera, because all of the displays looked terrific!

p.s. – I tried a couple things from John Reiger's presentation on selling at craft shows at the last meeting and I don't know for sure, but I think it helped attract more people to actually stop and look at my display! I "stood behind the display" and also had more than adequate lighting and less clutter than previous displays. I think it helped. It certainly didn't hurt!



Join---
Delta Gesneriad &
African Violet Society



As We Host Our
Annual Show & Plant Sale
At the Shepard Garden & Arts Center
18-19 September 2010
Saturday 1- 4 pm
Sunday 11 am - 3 pm
All are welcome! Free Admission!
Hundreds of Plants for Sale, Expert Advice,
and Darn Nice People to Answer All of Your
Gesneriad Questions!!



REMEMBER.....

YOUR ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE
SG&AC BOARD IS VITAL TO ENSURE WE CONTINUE
TO HAVE A CENTER FOR OUR CLUB MEETINGS AND
FUNCTIONS.

JOIN THE BOARD.....CONTRIBUTE

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND
SATURDAY, JULY 10
10AM at SHEPARD GARDEN & ART CENTER

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.