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CALDENDAR

MARCH 7 - BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23-27 SF FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW
MARCH 26-27 SPRING SALE 10-4
APRIL 2-3 CAPITOL CITY AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW & SALE
APRIL 7-10 CAL EXPO FOOD & FLOWER SHOW
APRIL 9-10 AMERICAN BONSAI SHOW & SALE
APRIL 9 CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE
APRIL 10 CALIFORNIA STATE FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW
APRIL 16-17 SACRAMENTO IRIS SHOW & SALE
APRIL 18-22 EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER SPRING FUN DAYS
APRIL 30-MAY 1 SACRAMENTO ROSE SHOW



Looking for Club information?
Check our Website: www.sgaac.org

**SHEPARD GARDEN CENTER
RENTAL HALF PRICE TO
MEMBERS**

Contact Mabel Lotz :
916-808-8800 E-mail: mloetz@cityofsacramento.org

Attention all Clubs:
**Please send me names and e-mail
addresses of new members so I may
add them to the CHAT mail list.**
marylou2008@att.net

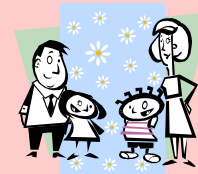
SGAAC SPRING SALE MARCH 26-27 10-4PM



EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER SPRING FUN DAYS

April 18-22, 2011

Classes for children K-6th grade and Nature Walks.



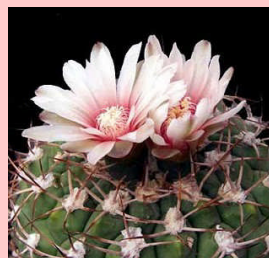
“DESIGNING WITH SUCCULENTS”

Sat., April 9, 12:30 p.m. California Center for Urban Horticulture, UC Davis. Registration required.

Sun., April 10. California State Flower & Garden Show, Cal Expo (Time TBA)

Thurs., April 14, noon. Modesto Garden Club, 211 Bodem St., Modesto. Guests \$10

For more information www.debraleebaldwin.com



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Sacramento River Valley District

of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Presents Annual Bus Tour

De Young Museum *BOUQUET TO ART*

Wednesday, March 16th, 2011

Trip includes admission and a self-guided tour of the San Francisco De Young Museum's Bouquet to Art exhibits, bus fare, morning coffee and pastries.

No host lunch will be available at De Young Museum Cafe

Tour: \$50.00 Reservation and Advance payment by February 28, 2011.

*Leave: 8 am from Eppies, 4657 West Capitol Avenue in West Sacramento.
Please arrive 30 minutes early so we may check you in, load and leave promptly.*

Return: 6 pm

(Plan to have dinner on your own at Eppies to avoid the rush hour traffic.)

Make check payable to: Sacramento River Valley District (SRVD)

*Mail payment and Tour application to: Ron Byrd, SRVD, P. O. Box 2265,
Elk Grove, CA 95759-2265.*

For more information, please call Diana Raymond at 916-996-4552.

DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND. BOOK NOW. THIS TOUR SELLS OUT FAST EVERY YEAR!

FROM THE BOARD

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 3, 2011 MEETING

- City report**-Mabel Lotz: no update on any of our requested projects as there has been no contact with our liaison, Richard Perez. Projects include installation of the bike rack, reflective tape at the entrance, and parking lot striping.
- Coffee makers: Mabel reported our coffee maker is not working. The Board approved purchase of two new coffee makers, 50 and 100 cup, to be purchased. Shelly Berlant volunteered to make the purchase for the Center.
- Standing Committee Reports**-(general discussion): Shirley Trio, Iris Society volunteered to serve as Coordinator of outside vendors for the Spring Sale in March.
- Copies of the Spring Sale/Fall Festival "How to" manual will be made, with one copy kept in the office. Linnea Fronce offered the use of her spiral binding machine.
- Bylaws Committee: Special Board Meeting will be held January 31st, 7pm to discuss the recommendations/changes to the Bylaws.
- Web page-Mary Lou Brennan: the past CHAT newsletters have been posted on the site. The Jan/Feb CHAT will be posted this week.
- Old Business:** patio pond/sprinkler: Rich Heisler is working with Shelly Berlant and the person who installed the water feature of the pond to discuss options for installing a controller.
- Window railing: materials and costs were discussed. It was voted on to accept the the bid using 2x4 wood. Bobby Frieze and Mary Lou Brennan volunteered to paint the rails prior to installation.
- New Business:** Ed Schroeder presented, and the Board approved, the purchase of a general insurance policy to cover all Board Members at a cost of \$760 per year.
- Audit Committee: Ed Schroeder volunteered to contact clubs, on a rotational basis, to do the audit, by July, each year.
- New Business:** Garrett Greenberg, Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems gave a presentation of his company. It was suggested Mabel do a comparison of services we currently have and what services are offered by Jan-Pro and report back next meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 7TH MEETING

- Financial Report** - Ed Schroeder: CDs have been consolidated to avoid multiple maturity dates and financial entries.
- City report** - Mabel Lotz: painting of the parking area adjacent to the center is scheduled for February 18th.
- The roof leak in the small meeting room has been completed and the ceiling repair will also be completed soon.
- The cost of having wood railing installed inside and out along the large windows is \$730. The motion to accept the proposal was passed. Installation to be scheduled.
- No report on the installation of the bike rack.
- Spring Sale** - Alice Bowles asked for clubs to sign out signs for the sale; she also brought packets of paper flyers for distribution. Shirley Trio, Coordinator for the event is working on getting applications to the clubs. It was reported that MJ Kelly is to get apps to all the clubs around Feb 12th.
- Set-up for the event will be Friday, March 25th. **The Center will be open at 9am and it is requested that inside vendors and clubs do their set-up beginning at 11am; outside (patio) vendors and clubs can begin their set-up at 10am.** Joanne Sprogis reported she has recruited students from St. Francis Elementary School for door monitors/counters.
- Shelly Berlant and Linnea Fronce will purchase 6 add'l large tables in time for the Spring Sale, with a maximum expenditure of \$450, to cover delivery if necessary.
- Shirley Trio reported a donation of one table to the Center by the Iris Club; a MENA club member in attendance will also donate her personal table to the center. Shelly Berlant purchased a 55-cup coffee maker for the Center. (purchase was approved during a previous Board Meeting.
- Web page Design** - Mary Lou Brennan reported she is not able to continue to maintain the website and presented proposals from two local companies who specialize in web management. The companies are: sacranet, owner Dwight Finger. His charge is \$350 annually, which would include fixes to the web site. A club member, in attendance, reported the River Park Neighborhood Association is very pleased with Mr. Finger's work. The second proposal was from PageWeavers, LLC who would charge \$200 annually with additional charges for other web fixes. Four Board Members, Ken Rothaus, Genelle Dwyer, Anne Fenkner and Mary Lou Brennan will meet with Dwight Finger, Sacranet, with their individual questions. Mary Lou will contact Dwight for his availability.
- Old Business** - Rich Heisler will contact the original donators of the pond for suggestions of the future of the pond. Maintaining the pond has been costly and is not up to code.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

SACRAMENTO PERENNIAL PLANT CLUB

www.sacramentoperennialplantclub.com

13th annual sponsored bus trip to:

SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Wednesday March 23rd , 2011

bus leaves 7:30 am. returns leaves show at 4 PM

cost \$50.00 per person

Thousands of flowers and plants, inspiring gardens, free seminars for all gardening levels, shopping from greenhouses to garden tools, bulbs to botanical arts, outdoor living, Bonsai, orchids, Ikebana displays and much much more. New organizers and producers this year. Bus will depart from the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento. CA
REAR ENTRANCE

Snack will be served. We should arrive with plenty of time to browse before the first seminar starts. Show opens at 10 a.m. You can pack a lunch, or buy it there.

The \$50.00 fee includes the ticket to the show, a few snacks, and the bus ride that delivers you right to the entrance. **THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PURCHASES TO BE CARRIED HOME.** This bus tour is open to everyone, so tell your friends and invite them along! Friends and relaxed conversation on the bus, no driving or parking concerns, and **plenty of room to bring home garden goodies!!!**

for Show information including seminars & exhibitors visit their web site

<http://www.sfgardenshow.com>

cut along line and send with **check made out to: PERENNIAL PLANT CLUB**

Mail to: **ROBERTA FRIEZE 2640 RADCLIFFE CT.Sacramento, ca. 95826 916-383-8054**

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

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TOTAL ATTENDING _____ Amount enclosed _____

SACRAMENTO POTTERS GROUP SECONDS SALE by Laurie Kneppel

Saturday morning came extra early on January 10th. It was Seconds Sale day! This year was going to be different. For one thing we had relocated the show to the Shepard Garden and Arts Center where we are now a member club.

As far as I could see, it looked like everyone was having brisk sales. I hope that everyone who participated did well. I think the space was set up quite nicely, using both the big and small rooms. Thanks to Mary, Anita and Connie for overseeing that on Friday. And of course as always thanks to Mabel Lotz from the City of Sacramento for helping everything go smoothly. And of course thanks to Genelle Dwyer for coming in to hand out postcards for the June show and act as our greeter at the door.

I would say we did a VERY good job for this first Seconds Sale in the new venue! We had plenty of customers and sold plenty of stuff. What more could we ask for? I know ñ even more customers and even more sales!

Seconds Sale -- a WOW Experience - by Genelle Dwyer

Although I have belonged to the Sacramento Potters Group for a number of years, this was the first time I had signed up for their annual Seconds Sale; a sale that has been held every year on the second weekend of January for nearly 30 years. I had come mid-day last year to help count attendees but this was my first time to experience the opening stampede. I had heard about it – how upwards to 100 people stand in line for hours waiting for the door to open, but hearing about it is just not the same as experiencing that many people storming into the room at the same time. I think the only word that describes the experience is WOW!!

My space was located toward the front of the Shepard Garden Center’s “big room” so I had a bird’s eye view of the crowd as it burst into the room once the doors were opened. There were the one’s to ducked right so as to be the first ones to go down the far side of the room, some who made a bee-line to the displays in the back of the building, and most of the rest turned directly to the left and headed down the first aisle. It was a most interesting study in crowd psychology.

I had also been warned by former show participant that there would not be time to write sales tickets and barely enough time to keep up with taking money and sacking items. I found that to be a very true statement; fortunately I had my friend and show-buddy there to help me. We each took one end of my table – me to the left prepared with a large pile of newspaper for wrapping and pre-opened bags for stashing the loot and she to the right with the cash box and a ready smile for everyone who stopped by. She kept track of sales and made change while I hunkered down to the task of wrapping and bagging things. It was a good system and we were able to keep up with the crowd during the initial surge. After about an hour and a half, the pace seemed to slow to something approaching normal show and, as it seems with every show, the last hour was fairly slow.

I can really recommend this show to potters and others who might want to participate as a great way to relieve your shelves of those “interesting” bits and pieces, odd lots (some more odd than others), and last of a series pieces. I can also recommend the show to those of you who want to buy original pieces at a huge savings. Many of the pieces are not “seconds” but things that need to find an appreciating new home.

The only down-side that I can see from having done the show is that I now have a growing case of paranoia over the number of empty crates that I have sitting in the corner of my studio and how empty my storage shelves are. No longer can I indulge myself in the idea that I have plenty of “just in case” product. So now that the show is over it is a whole new version of hunker down while I fill them and prepare for next year’s sale.

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB of SACRAMENTO



Blueridge Parkway by Truman Holtzclaw

Travel News

Jan Lightfoot and Peggy Seale Travel Directors

Welcome to the SCC Travel Division 2011. It was

a pleasure for me to work with Charlie last year as co-director of the Division and I'd like to welcome Peggy Seale as co-director this year.

Our first Travel Competition will be held on March 7, 2011. The deadline for submitting images will be Friday, March 4th. I know that is a ways off, but you can start thinking about the images you would like to submit now. You may submit two travel singles, and one travel sequence of not more than six images plus a title slide. You can enter either or both competitions. If you miss this competition, you will be allowed to submit make-up images during the next competition. Only one set of make-up images will be allowed per competition, so please take note of the Travel Competition dates.

Images need to be e-mailed to:

Jan Lightfoot <comeflywithme@sbcglobal.net>

and

Peggy Seale <pmccaleb@surewest.net>

Remember to follow the sizing guidelines of not more than 1024 wide by 768 high with a resolution of 100 DPI and send them as an attachment in your e-mail. Do not place them in the text.

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB PRINT MEETING March 15th 7pm

Master Printer, Ron Parker will give a short program on digital development “Painting with Light” and then show how to use the same master file for projection and printing. The second part of the program will be a “show and tell” where members bring prints to discuss.



2010 Color Print of the Year “Bodie Lounge” by Lynne Anzels

Monkeyflowers of the Sacramento Valley or *Meet our Mimulus!* **Presented by Steve Schoenig, Biologist** **March 9th, 7 pm**

Monkey flowers (the genus *Mimulus*) are favorites of botanists, amateur naturalists, and native gardeners alike. They include annuals, perennials and sub-shrubs, many of which are very showy and beautiful. California is the center of *Mimulus* biodiversity in the world, since more than 80 of the 120 worldwide species occur here. *Mimulus* diversity is especially rich in the Central and Southern Sierra Nevada, where more than 50 species and forms of monkey flower occur. Members of the genus exhibit special adaptations, endemism, and distributions that reflect the most interesting themes of California botany, such as fire dependence, serpentine and other geological affinities, vernal pools, pollination, hybridization, local endemics and large within-species variability of widespread species.

This talk will primarily focus on Monkey Flowers found in the Sacramento Valley and nearby hills and mountains. Also featured will be photos of other special and rare monkey flowers found within California.

Steve Schoenig is the Supervising Biologist for the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) and the Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program (VegCAMP) at the California Department of Fish and Game. He has been especially interested in *Mimulus* for 28 years and has contributed more than 600 *Mimulus* photos to the CalPhotos website.

Our chapter meetings are free and open to the public. Wildflower seeds, books and Sacramento Valley Chapter t-shirts are available for purchase at meetings. Refreshments provided!

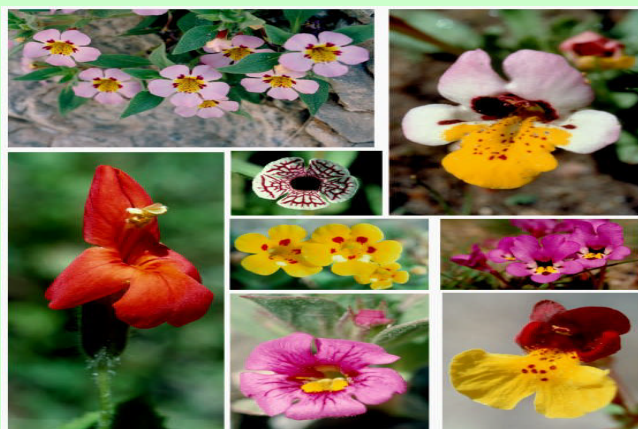


Photo by Steve Schoenig



Sacramento Garden & Arts Center

Dear Club Representatives –

20 Feb. 2011

Hello Everyone! The Annual Shepard Garden and Arts Center's "SPRING SALE 2011" is happening on the weekend of March 26 and 27, 2011. Setup day for the event is March 25, 2011. For those of you who have attended the event in the past, you know that this is one of the most successful events for the Center for the year! **Sale hours this year are from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.**

We would like to have as many of the clubs join us as possible! Come out and be a part of the Center's community and mingle with all of the clubs that use the Center and find the great deals! The Board has put together a team of folks working hard to put this year's event together.

Friday, March 25, 2011 is the setup day for the event. Clubs that have booth spaces outside can begin their setup on Friday starting at 10:00 am. Clubs that have booths inside can begin their setup at 11:00 am. The Center will close at 7:00 pm for setup on Friday. Setup time is also allowed Saturday and Sunday morning (on the 26th & 27th of March) from 9:00 am to 10:00 am before the Center opens to the public for the event starting at 10:00 am.

Fliers and signs are available at the office for the Center for you to use to advertise the event. Please check out the signs with the office, but fliers are free for you to take. Let's tell our entire community we are having a sale!!

Additionally, if your club would like to earn a discount toward your prices please have your members contact me and offer to help the whole Center with the setup of the event. Each person that helps for the good of the entire event can earn a 5% credit for their club toward the cost of their club's space. Discounts are offered up to a 15% maximum per each club. Volunteers will be needed to clean the grounds and setup the Center for the event, help with vendor/clubs loading/unloading, or help with the ever popular tear down/clean up.

By now your club should have been contacted as to whether or not you want to participate in this event! We are hoping that you will be joining us in this every popular event! Prices are pretty much the same as they were for the 2010 Fall Festival, and your \$150.00 dues that have already been paid to the Center will cover a lot of the fees for this event. Clubs that do not participate will have their space sold to outside vendors to increase the revenues for the Center, and the entire \$150.00 event dues that have already been assessed by the Board shall be kept by the Center. If you want to make sure you have a great spot for the event then make sure you talk to me. If you want to know the prices for the clubs for the event or have any other any questions, please contact me via e-mail. Please see the rules for the sale below.

This event promises to be a great time once again!! Thank you all for participating and keeping your Center alive and well!

Kathy Norton
Space Coordinator
2011 Spring Sale, SG&AC
kathy.norton@mac.com
916-617-2406 evenings



***Capital City African Violet Society invites everyone to join us at our
57th Annual African Violet Show and Sale!!***

This year we are presenting "Out of Africa"

Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

&

Sunday, April 3, 2011 from 11:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

Join us here at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center for excellent growing techniques from nationally recognized experts, sale plants that are named African violets that you won't find any where else, beautiful ceramic self-watering pots, and the perfect company!!

We are the oldest of Sacramento's premiere African Violet Societies-- come see what we are all about! Don't miss this excellent chance to pick up unique Easter and Mother's Day gifts!!



All photos courtesy of Kathy Norton



UPCOMING EVENTS.....MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Selenicereus grandiflorus (*Queen of the Night*)

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society.

Saturday, May 7th — 9 am - 5 pm (Plant Sale)

Saturday, May 7th — 10 am - 5 pm (Exhibition)

Sunday, May 8th — 9 am - 4 pm



Sacramento Geranium Show & Sale May 14



Satsuki-Aikokai Show and Sale May 21-22