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CALDENDAR

SEPT 11-12 JOAN COULAT AMERICAN
BEGONIA SOCIETY

SEPT 18-19 DELTA GESNERIAD AND
AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW

SEPT 25 CALIF NATIVE PLANT SALE

SEPT 26 RIVER CRUISE

OCT 2-3 ORCHID FORUM OF SAC SHOW

OCT 9-10 CAMELLIA CITY PORCELAIN
ARTS SHOW

OCT 16-17 SGAC FALL FESTIVAL

OCT 23-24 CAPITOL CITY BONSAI SHOW

SPECIAL EVENT RIVER CRUISE

Friends of the Shepard Garden and Arts
Center are sponsoring a RIVER
CRUISE.

Cost of the ticket is TAX
DEDUCTIBLE.

SEPTEMBER 26TH, WINE TASTING,
FINGER FOODS.

see last page for details

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

2nd Annual Fall Festival
16-17 October 2010
9 am - 4 pm

Join us for a weekend of fun!!

- Plants for sale in time for Fall planting and gifting!
- Wonderful hand-crafted items--jewelry, pottery,& more!
- Decorations for Fall and Winter Holidays!
- Incredible tasty Autumn Harvest Food!
- "Bargain Bazaar" - items for everyone!
- Beautifully crafted floral arrangements!
- Plus lots of information about the clubs



The Sacramento Garden and Art Center Annual Board Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by President, Ken Rothaus:

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS THE PAST YEAR

- wireless access established in the Center
- laptop for use by all the Clubs
- new flooring throughout the building
- repair/renovation of the patio pond and sprinklers
- presence at the three-day Sacramento Garden Show

ACTIONS PENDING

- Capital improvements: installation of bike rack
application of reflective tape at parking lot entrance
repair of disabled door
repair of ceiling light in small room
paint touch-up in kitchen
- Survey improvements: overhead mirror in main room
black out blinds
bids on accordion door
patio/pond area
- Committees formed: Annual audit
Other options for landscaping the surrounding area of the Center



The Board wishes to express thanks and appreciation to The Sierra Camera Club for their generous donation of a new video screen in the main room. Bob Hubbel has been working with SGAAC President, Ken Rothaus, to coordinate this effort. The new video screen should be installed in a few weeks.

Options are being discussed as to the possibility of using the old screen in the small meeting room.

SGAAC BOARD 2010-2011

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Please e-mail new club contacts to marylou2008@att.net so our website can be kept current.

Club name, contact name, address, phone number and e-mail address.



The Sacramento Rose Society is saddened by the passing of long time member, Joan Darke, after a long fight against ovarian cancer.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in Joan's name to the Kaiser Hospice.



From Nancy Cornelius, President MENA
McKinley East Sac Neighborhood Association

Volunteer Gardener Opportunity
McKinley Welcome Garden

MENA is looking for a volunteer gardener to maintain the McKinley Park Welcome Garden . Training available. Most hours are needed in the Spring and Summer or approximately 6 hours per month. You would be taking over from someone who worked on the garden as a labor of love and she is willing to help in the beginning. If you want to help East Sac Welcome Garden in McKinley Park , please contact Nancy at 916 284-7786 for more information.

Looking for Something New in Houseplants?

Why not try the exotic gesneriads? Many of the easiest and most beautiful plants for the home or greenhouse belong to the gesneriad family. The best-known member of the family, the African violet, has over 2400 “cousins” ~ and most of them thrive in our home environment!

What’s a gesneriad? Pronounced correctly either “guess-NARE-ee-ad” or “jess-NARE-ee-ad”, the family includes 146 genera. Many are known by their common names lipstick vine, goldfish plant, flame violet and cape primrose. Most are from the tropical and subtropical regions and are often found growing in humus-filled depressions or rock crevices, on humus-covered forest floors, or epiphytically on trees. Their enormous popularity is attributed to their wide variety of plant sizes, shapes and flowers and colors with hundreds of species suitable for home cultivation. There’s someone for everyone!

Light ~ Gesneriads need good, bright light, not exposed to direct sunlight except in the early morning. Fluorescent light setups with lights on 12-16 hours per day and hung an average of 8-16 inches above the plants work well, too.

Water ~ Water when the top of the soil is dry, using room temperature water. The soil should be moist, not wet or soggy, and excess water must drain out of the pot. Minerals in well water or softened water may be detrimental to plants. Some gesneriads like *Saintpaulia* require continuous amounts of water, and *Achimenes* become dormant if allowed to dry out even once.

Temperature ~ Normal home temperatures between 65-75° F daytime, with a ten-degree drop at night, are considered ideal. Avoid hot or cold drafts such as heating or cooling vents or open doors. Some gesneriads like *streptocarpus*, lipstick vines and goldfish plants may be grown outdoors during the summer in mild climates.

Fertilizer ~ A constant feeding method using any good balanced or bloom promoting (one in which the middle number, phosphorous, is higher than the other two) is recommended. Typically, using about ¼ the recommended strength on the label every time you water works well. Once a month, use plain water to flush out accumulated salts.

Humidity ~ Most gesneriads come from humid, tropical areas, so an average humidity of 50% will keep them happy. To maintain this level during the dry winter heating (or summer AC) season, mist the plants, or place the pots on a damp pebble-filled tray, or use capillary matting, or run a humidifier.

Soil and Repotting ~ The growing medium must be loose and porous to retain moisture, yet provide good drainage. Commercially available AV soils with some perlite added to lighten the mix are appropriate. Or a good mix can be made from equal parts sphagnum peat moss, coarse vermiculite and perlite, with about ½ horticultural lime per gallon. When the root ball is very tight and overgrown, repot to the next size pot.

Propagation ~ Gesneriads are easy to propagate. Stem and crown cuttings with the bottom leaves removed can be placed in a covered, soil-filled pot until roots have formed. Many gesneriads, like *Saintpaulia*, will grow from a single leaf. Although gesneriads can be grown from seed, most modern hybrids will not reproduce true from seeds.

To acquire some of these wonderful gesneriads, please come to our show and sale on Saturday, September 18 (1-4) and Sunday, September 19 (11-3).

We’d also like to invite you to visit a Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society meeting, held on the third Wednesday of each month at 11 AM. Guests are always welcome! Go to www.sacviolets.org for more information.

This information is excerpted from a brochure provided courtesy of The Gesneriad Society, of which Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society is an affiliate.

Thorny Issues Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter:

CSSA 2011 CONVENTION

Mark Your Calendar Now! Cactus and Succulent Society 2011 Convention is Sunday, April 24 - Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Marriott Hotel - Mission Valley, San Diego, California. Hosted by the San Diego C&S Society. Includes a Judged show; Banquet and Auction of plants, books and pots with proceeds going to CSSA Research Fund; and field trips to local nurseries, private gardens, public botanic gardens and Anza-Borrego State Park. Confirmed Convention Speakers: Myron Kimmach (Banquet), Debra Lee Baldwin (author of *'Succulent Container Gardens'*, Tom Glavich (author of *Beginner's Guide to....*), Guillermo Rivera (guide extraordinaire) and many more. For more info, see www.cssainc.org.

P.S. While you have that calendar out, our 2011 May Show dates are Saturday and Sunday May 7 & 8, 2011. That makes one week between the end of the convention and our Show.

FREE CACTUS

The Club received a call regarding free cactus to be dug up in new homeowners yard. Contact: Betty Miller, 485-6642, 1131 Arroyo Grande Dr., in Sacramento.

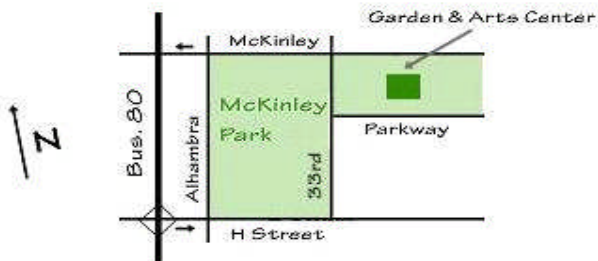
From Judy Smith Director Sacramento Valley River District of California Garden Clubs

The next District meeting will be held on September 30th, 8am - 2pm.
Please contact Judy at arty3@comcast.net for additional meeting information.

Judy would also like to make the following announcement: We will also be present our GARDEN CLUB CAFÉ at the Fall Festival. Look forward to our full menu of delicious and healthful foods including the famous "White Bean Vegetarian Soup".



The *Shepard Garden & Arts Center* is proud to announce its **2ND ANNUAL "FALL FESTIVAL,"** scheduled for October 16th & 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The event will be held at the Center's facility located at 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento (off 33rd near H Street) adjacent to McKinley Park and the "Fab 40s" in downtown Sacramento.



Well on its way to becoming *the* "not to be missed" fall event, it is attended by not only the Center's club members, their friends and neighbors, but by people from throughout the region. Advertising for the event will include yard signs, on-line community bulletin boards, hundreds of flyers, and PSAs issued to all local radio and television stations. Last year over 2,000 people attended this event!

Once again the Center will be divided into three special-focus sales areas:

Grand Central Market — focused on fine arts and crafts, jewelry, and other quality one-of-a-kind gift items.

In to the Garden — this area, which includes the Center's patio, will be for items related to gardening and plants, along with other things consistent with a garden theme.

Bargain Bazaar — here shoppers will find merchandise for every budget such as previously owned books, gently used items, and other modestly priced goods.

Based on your photos, product descriptions, and/or your work's price range, the jury will choose which of the areas is the most suitable for you. Decision of the jury is final.

Other things you need to know:

- The event will take place as scheduled, regardless of weather conditions. No refunds for rain or wind.
- Spaces at the show are not separated by dividers, walls, or draping; each vendor must supply their own displays, easels, table skirting (**required**), and all other items needed to facilitate sales. Some spaces have peg-board on the walls that can be used; vendors must supply their own pegs (no hooks). Other spaces have rear cabinets or wooden cubes which must remain in place but can be used for display during the show.
- Space in front of Exit Doors can not be used to display merchandise. Exits must remain clear at all times.
- Spaces may be shared by no more than two for vendors/artists. A Member Club will be considered to be a single vendor/artist.
- Chair(s) will be provided to each vendor by the Center. Please indicate on your application if you will need more than one chair.
- One table is provided for each space at no charge, non-member club participants can rent additional tables for

\$10.00 each. (No charge to SG&AC Member Clubs for additional tables.)

- All tables are to be draped to the floor to give a neat appearance. There is no exception to this requirement. Storage boxes are to be placed under the table or neatly stacked at the rear of the booth. Member clubs may request the use of Center-owned table drapes.

- All materials in the Grand Central Market are to be hand-made by the artist. Commercially manufactured materials which have been enhanced by the artist shall not make up more than 50% of merchandise presented for sale. Vendors in the Bargain Bazaar or Garden themed areas may include merchandise which is not hand-made.

- All communications regarding the Fall Festival will be done by e-mail. Please be sure to include a clearly printed or typed e-mail address on your form. Applications without this information can not be considered for inclusion in the event. Member Clubs are to designate one person to receive information via e-mail regarding the event.

- Each vendor is welcome to bring an assistant to help them during the show. The Center will also be providing "Helpers" to assist you with moving your merchandise and will watch your space while you take a break.

- Vendors may, AT THEIR OWN RISK, leave their merchandise in their booths overnight. The venue will be locked each night but the exterior courtyard, although surrounded by a high wall with locked gates, is the least secure portion of the venue. The Center does not accept any responsibility or liability for items damaged or stolen should you choose to leave them.

- **NO EARLY BREAK DOWN WILL BE ALLOWED** unless you are completely sold out. Contact an event coordinator for permission to leave if this is the case.

- If applying for more than one space, please include separate checks for each individual space to facilitate refunding if we are unable to fully accommodate your request for space.

PLEASE NOTE THESE REQUIREMENTS -- NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Deadline for entry is **September 15, 2010**; Member Club reservation confirmation due by **September 5, 2010**.
2. All exhibitors are required to have resale licenses; copy must accompany application.
3. Application must be accompanied by three photos or a written description of the merchandise you intend to sell, including price range.
4. Clubs that are members of the Shepard Garden and Arts Center receive an automatic 10% discount on the spaces fees listed below. Also, there is no charge for additional tables to Member Clubs. For additional Member Club discounts, see cover letter.

**MERCHANDISE VENDOR
FEE SCHEDULE 2010 FALL FESTIVAL:**

Exterior		
Size	No.	Cost
10' x 10'	14	\$
6' x 8'	3	\$
5' x 15'	1	\$
5' x 10'	1	\$
5' x 25'	1	\$

Interior		
Size	No.	Cost
12' x 5'	1	\$
10' x	1	\$
10' x 8'	1	\$
8' x	3	\$
8' x 7'	15	\$
8' x 8'	1	\$
8' x 6'	1	\$
8' x 4'	5	\$
6' x 10'	1	\$

Food Vendor applications and fee schedule differ from this form and are available from:

Alice Bowles % Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95816



Friends of the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center- Update

During the SG&AC Annual meeting treasurer Ed Schroeder advised that unless someone would step forward that the Friends would have to dissolved because any corporation must have a president, treasurer and secretary. MJ Kelly graciously accepted and was confirmed by the members present at the annual meeting of Friends following the SG&AC meeting. After a short review of where we were financially during our last Fiscal Year July 1, 2009, thru June 30, 2010, Ed explained that we had donated several items to the Center, namely, a leaf blower since the city was no longer providing that service, and a lap top computer, to use with the projector to make it easier for the presenter at meetings.

MJ immediately took charge and suggested that the Friends have a Fund Raiser. She suggested a cruise on the Sacramento River and we welcomed the idea, especially when she explained that she had a Motor Catamaran that could hold approximately 30 cruisers.

You need not be a member of Friends to participate, however, we will be collecting Dues for 2010 membership shortly. So if you are inclined to renew your membership, now you may add it to the check for the cruise.

As a reminder the following is a schedule of Dues:

STUDENT	10.00
INDIVIDUAL	20.00
FAMILY	40.00
SUPPORTING	100.00
SUSTAINING	250.00

Following is the invitation to you to participate in the 3 Hour Sacramento River Cruise.



Come yachting with us on the Sacramento River!

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine on this 57' power yacht.
Sunday, September 26, 2010 4:00 p.m. **Sharp!**
Board at a private home at 3575 Garden Highway for a 3-hour tour!

To reserve your spot, mail a tax-deductible donation of \$50 to:
Friends of the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center
c/o The Kellys
3575 Garden Highway
Sacramento, CA 95816

Donations will benefit this nonprofit organization that helps keep the historic Shepard Garden and Arts Center open to the public.
All reservations must be received by Friday, September 17.

Hurry!
Space is limited to the first 30 persons!
Questions?
Ask Kitty at
(916) 852-8948