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CALDENDAR

SEPT. 5 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

SEPT 10-11 JOAN COULAT AMERICAN
BEGONIA SOCIETY

SEPT 12 - SGAAC BOARD MEETING

SEPT 17-18 DELTA GERNERIAD AND AFRICAN
VIOLET SHOW

SEPT. 19 - GERANIUM CLUB

SEPT 24-25 CALIF NATIVE PLANT SALE

OCT 1-2 SGAAC FALL FESTIVAL

OCT 8-9 SACTO ORCHID FORM

OCT 15-16 CAMELLIA CITY PORCELAIN
ARTISTS

OCT 22-23 CAPITOL CITY BONSAI



MISSING FROM MABEL'S OFFICE

Three Floral Design Guild Calendars are missing from Mabel's office. They were on one of the counters in the office, and perhaps, someone thought these were free for the taking.

They are not free. No questions asked, but each calendar comes at a price of \$5.00.

The calendar is designed and produced by the Floral Design Guild and each month features one of the winners of club contests for design.

Please contact Mabel at the Shepard Center or leave an envelope with payment enclosed. We do not want to have the office closed at all times, but this may be the safer road to take.

Thank you.

**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:
mlotz@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**

FROM THE BOARD

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING JULY 9, 2011

President Ken Rothaus summarized the accomplishments of the past year including: the hiring of the Webmaster and implementation of the online calendar option; two new video screens, donated by the Sierra Camera Club; safety railing on the patio windows.

The following individuals were recognized: John Furnas for installation of the window railing; Alice Bowles for coordinating capitol improvements; Genelle Dwyer for her work on both the Fall Festival and Spring Sale; Bobby Frieze and Mary Lou Brennan for painting the window rails; Russell Frank for chairing the Bylaws Committee.

Financial Report (quite thorough) was given by Ed Schroeder, Treasurer. We have \$104K in the bank and Ed has arranged for the interest from our CDs to go into our money market account. Billing from the City has been received and Ed will transfer money from the money market to the checking account to pay the bill. It is again time to begin working on the audit. Ed suggested asking for volunteers from club treasurers on a rotational basis, 5 clubs at a time.

New stage quote: Mary Lou Brennan presented two quotes from Sacramento Theatrical Lighting for two different styles of stage. There was a concern brought to the Board regarding our current stage and that it is not stable. The quotes were discussed; the discussion was tabled and the request will be placed on the list of Capital Improvements.

Future goals: Revamp the Spring Sale and Fall Festival coordination; upgrade our audio-visual equipment.

Election of Officers: Shelly Berlant, Election Chair asked for volunteers to fill the open positions: President, Treasurer, Secretary and Board Member (Budget Director). Both President Ken Rothaus and Treasurer Ed Schroeder were re-elected to their respective positions; Therese Ruth was voted in as Secretary and John Foster was elected to Board Member and will also function as Budget Director to work closely with the Treasurer. Meeting was adjourned.

Board Meeting July 9th, following the Annual Meeting

Secretary's Report by Therese Ruth: Minutes of the June 6th meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report by Treasurer Ed Schroeder (see above).

Scheduling Report by Mabel Lotz: Bookings beyond the standard club reservations include Taste of East Sacramento, MENA Art Classes and a birthday party.

City Report - Mabel: Bike rack, no update from the City; repair to the roof and ceiling in the small conference room, no update from the City; repair of wood door in the kitchen, Mabel will request the work be done; HVAC replacement of filters: work completed.

Standing Committee Report: Fall Festival, MJ Kelly, Joanne Sprogis, Kitty Gerwig and Mabel Lotz have stepped up to coordinate the work of putting on the Fall Festival. Volunteers are still needed to help and can contact MJ Kelly for further information.

Friends of SGAAC: Ed Schroeder reported they currently have \$6900 in the banks and continue to look for increased membership and ways to raise money for the Center.

Bylaw Committee - no new meet date has been set.

Old Business: Video Cart and Sound System - Laura Lee was not present, no report.

Landscape Maintenance: no update.

New Business: Charley Willard (Sierra Camera Club) addressed a concern that the changing light during the day and lack of black out blinds greatly affects the clarity of the Sierra Camera Club's clarity of images.

Charley will go back to his club for suggestions; John Foster will research options for the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 1230pm.

Summary of August 1st meeting

Meeting called to order by President Ken Rothaus at 7:15pm.

Secretary Therese Ruth: Roll call of clubs and reading of minutes of last meeting.

Treasurer Ed Schroeder: is working with new program, Quicken, to streamline the budget process.

Scheduling/City Report: Mabel Lotz not in attendance, no update.

Laura Lee offered to find out who to contact regarding open issues of installation of the bike rack, black out blinds, filters and ceiling repair in the small meeting room.

Fall Festival: Kathy Norton has very graciously agreed to chair the Fall Festival. Kitty Gerwig had also volunteered to approach her club for help. Alice Bowles will take care of signage.

Website: Anne Fenkner not in attendance, no update. It was requested that the actual address for the building. An 'e' request will be sent to Anne.

Old Business: Stage - replace the plywood and support pegs.

Black out blinds main room: Board Member John Foster obtained a quote of \$44K from a professional theatrical company who manufactures same. It was suggested a quote be obtained from Hunter Douglas, JC Penny or other local company.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

FRIENDS OF EAST SACRAMENTO



Friends of East Sacramento is hard at work organizing McKinley Park beautification in these troubled fiscal times. Volunteers from throughout the community weed, spread gravel, groom and trim in the park and the panhandle.

"Thanks to (the volunteers) the Shepard Garden Arts Center is sparkling, and an additional quarter mile of the jogging/running track is refurbished. It does not happen without great volunteers. You are appreciated," says Friends of East Sacramento.

There's no volunteer day scheduled by Friends of East Sac for August.

Saturday, September 10 from 9 am to noon is the next day to help. Volunteers will rake and spread decomposed granite to fill in holes and build a better surface on the jogging path. Meet at the Rose Garden picnic tables to help.

THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE



Genelle Dwyer, departing Recording Secretary, has been involved with the Center for about 3 ½ years. Before being on the Board, Genelle was the Sacramento Potters Group Club Representative. As part of that activity, Genelle designed the Center's website, wrote the initial text for all its' pages and coordinated it's development and launch. She also developed a brochure for the Center.

Bobby Frieze, departing Board Member. Bobby is a member of the Perennial Plant Club and took on the task of giving the kitchen a much needed coat of paint and also painted the wood rails across the large windows facing the patio. Bobby also provided and Co-ordinated the door monitors for the Spring and Fall Sale of 2010 and placed advertising for the Spring Sale of 2010 with street signs.

LET'S GREEN UP THE WALLET

In all honesty I was not looking to clear the air, go green or improve the planet when I had, both my front and back lawns removed. Quite frankly, I was looking to save myself money.

On an **annual** basis this is what I estimated were my **lawn** maintenance costs:

- Weekly gardener: mow, edge and blow - \$1000
 - Water - \$500

Grass seed, fertilizer and other additives: \$100

Annual total: \$1600

I decided to view the area as an artist's canvas and create a tree. The trunk is black volcanic rock and the branches are all varieties of sedum plants (perennials). It has allowed me to use everything I've learned since joining **California Native Plant Society**.



Photos: Left Dean Mortenson cuts the sod while his son Jeff, right, rolls up the sod. Dean is a newcomer to the Sacramento area and has helped at Elderberry Farms, the CNPS nursery.

Now for the good news!

California American Water is offering rebates for replacing turf with water efficient landscaping. Rebates are available for up to \$2000 for residential accounts and up to \$5000 for commercial accounts. Call California American Water for a pre-turf removal inspection, but if you have already replaced your lawn, you may still qualify for a rebate. Rebates do not include costs for any labor, only for the materials such as mulch, decorative rock, stepping stones and water efficient plants.

You can call the **Sacramento Conservation Hotline at 916-568-4201** to get answers to your questions, schedule a WaterSmart Home Survey, receive rebate information and applications, and report water waste in your neighborhood.

If you are interested in turf removal and would like to discuss your options with Dean Mortenson, he can be reached at 916-206-7982.

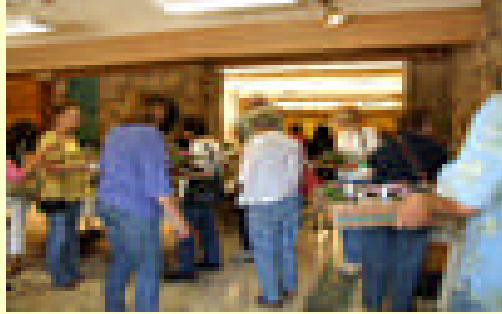


Propagating new plants saves even more money

Wish me good green luck! My last water bill was half the previous bill.

Mary Lou Brennan

Dear Friends-- The **Fall Festival** is once again upon us!!! The time to act is **now** if you want a spot at this fantastic Fall Festival!! We hope all the clubs will be joining us at this year's event!



Event Date: **Saturday, October 1, 2011 and
Sunday, October 2, 2011.**

Times: The event is open to the public from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm** each day of the sale.

Setup day is on **Friday, September 30, 2011.** Outside clubs can start setting up at 10:00 am and inside clubs can start setting up at 11:00 am. The doors will close at 7:00 pm for the setup time on Friday. For those that wish to setup on Saturday Oct. 1st, the doors open at 9:00 am.

At this year's Fall Festival we will have pottery, used books, beautiful floral arrangements, fuchsias, perennial plants, orchids, African violets, jewelry, hats, ceramic self-watering pots, garden treasures, and more. There will be lots of wonderful food—please don't miss your chance to have a homemade snack and a lunch. We will also have the gift of music with "Guitar Duets" by Janice & Kirsten. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to share in the spirit of the community of all of the clubs—plus just the fun of getting a head start on your holiday shopping with the ability to get unique gifts that you will not find anywhere else!! Don't forget to buy a few gift items for yourself, too!

All full member clubs have already been assessed \$150.00 for a spot in this event. As before, this assessment goes toward the clubs' participation in this event. If your club doesn't come the Board keeps the whole assessment, but if you join in on the fun—then your assessment is deducted from the cost of the space you use at the Festival. Club members that offer to help with the setup, advertising, running, and cleanup of the event can earn a 5% discount for their club off of the fees of the event.

By now, Board Vice President, MJ Kelly, has contacted all the clubs and sent them an application form. If your club hasn't responded to her request--Please respond to her and me right away and let us know you are coming! It is important that we hear from everyone so we know how much space is available to sell to outside vendors. These outside vendors bring in a wonderful variety of items to the sales event and revenue to the Center to keep it going, which in turn keeps it running for all of us to use. **Clubs that turn in a complete application by August 26, 2011 will receive a 5% discount off their booth space.**

Signs advertising the event are available at the Center's office for you to pick up and display around town. We want to tell everyone about our sale. Please pick up a few signs come September and put them out for display! Flyers are also available at the Center announcing the event—please come by and take some to distribute! **In an effort to make the event more festive and professional—we are asking all clubs to drape their tables to the floor so everything looks nice for our customers.**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the event!! Thank you everyone for caring about the Center and making this Fall Festival happen!!

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help with the event.

Thank you,

Kathy Norton
2011 Fall Festival
Space Coordinator kathy.norton@mac.com
916-617-2406 (evenings)

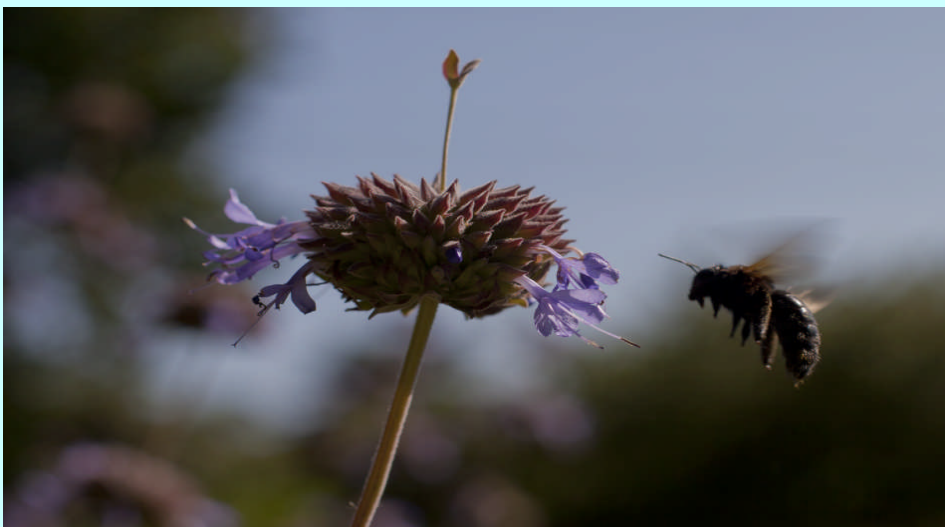
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DEMONSTRATION GARDEN SACRAMENTO OLD HISTORIC CEMETERY

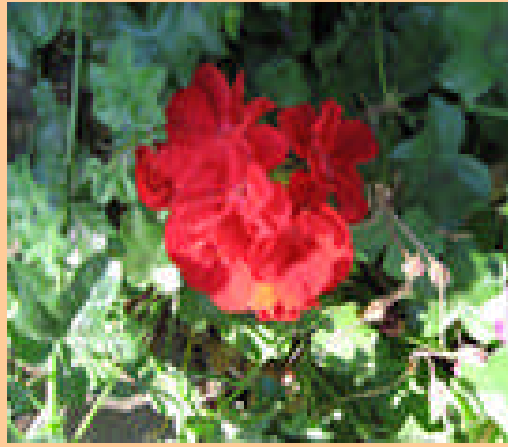
On June 24 during National Pollinator Week, we welcomed new Sacramento Valley chapter members and other native garden lovers to "Wine & Cheese with the Bees." This was our first social held in the Garden, and it was a big hit with our raffle prizes, wine and appetizers, great people, and wonderful weather. Our photographer from the Save Our Water program took some beautiful photos and those can be viewed on our Facebook page.



Thank you, **Davis Food Co-op** for helping stock our wine bar for our first and very fun mixer in the Garden, Wine & Cheese with the Bees at The Sacramento Old Historic Cemetery Demonstration Garden.



Cleveland Sage and resident at the Garden. Photos provided by Cassandra Musto.



The Sacramento Geranium Club

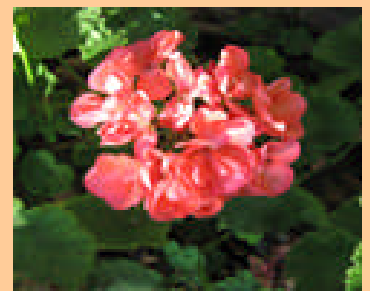
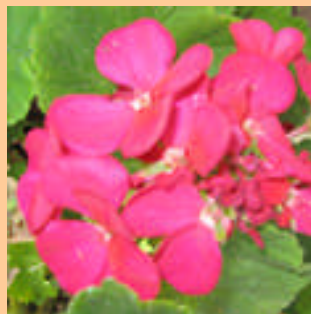
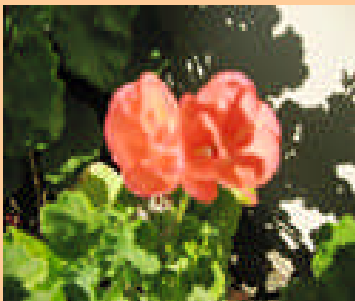
In September, our speaker will be Kyle Floyd of Green Acres. He will discuss container planting and beyond. Also, Millie Bachofer has agreed to show our new members how to get new plants from the old. It will be a great reminder for all our other members.

October speaker will be a Master Gardener talking about drip systems and mulching.

These events are free and all are invited to come.

We meet every third Monday of the month from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

We will see you there!



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EAST SACRAMENTO PRESERVATION BERTHA HENSCHEL WADING POOL

East Sacramento children play under the Bertha Henschel mushroom fountain
Laura Barrett and a dedicated band of volunteers kept the Bertha Henschel Wading Pool open this summer, but now they are faced with a mountain to climb.

"We raised money for the past two years to help support the pool and keep it open. Now the need is much more extreme. We are bracing for a possible contribution of \$22,000 to keep the pool running next year," says Barrett, coordinator of The Friends of Bertha Henschel Park.

All city resources are dwindling and more and more neighbors and community members are relied on to keep services running, especially in our parks. For Bertha Henschel the news is grim.

"At this point the City Parks and Recreation department is saying that there will be no funding for next summer," says Barrett.



Many children have their first swimming experiences at Bertha Henschel

The group is considering trying to find sponsors to fund the pool through advertising. This would mean banners and other forms of advertising at the pool site. Hopes are high that East Sacramento businesses will help out.

But such efforts don't happen by themselves. "Our basic need is to have volunteers sign up to assist with fundraising efforts," says Barrett.

The group also welcomes donations. "We have an account through the city's Gifts to Share program. This program allows neighbors to make tax-deductible donations, which would be directed to Bertha Henschel Wading Pool.

Send your tax-deductible donation to:

Gifts to Share, Inc.
915 I Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Tax ID # 94-29285546)

Please write "Bertha Henschel" in the memo line.

Or donate on-line www.giftstoshare.org by clicking on their "Donate Now" link and then designating Bertha Henschel Pool in the "Program Designation" tab.

To volunteer to help contact Friends of Bertha Henschel at BerthaHenschel@gmail.com

Dear Friends of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center! All are Welcome!!

The Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society invites everyone to come join us at our annual judged **show and plant sale!**

Our theme this year is "**African Violets & Gesneriads in the Orient**".



We will have a large selection of beautiful and weird Gesneriads on display and hundreds and hundreds of African violets for sale!! Most of the sale plants are grown by our own members! And--don't forget that there will be Streptocarpus, Chiritas, and Episcias for sale too!! Our Streptocarpus -- matched by no one else in the region--will be for sale if you get there early!

Also--you are invited to have your African violets repotted for free-- or buy a pot and a plant and we will pot them up as well.

Our self-watering ceramic pot master--**Creations by Claire** --will be on hand to provide your African violets a lovely container to make them the center of beauty for your home.



Show & Sale is at the Center on Sept. 17, 2011, doors open to the public from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and on Sept. 18, 2011, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is free! Questions? Find us at

www.sacviolets.org

We offer supplies and expert advice for all your African violet growing needs!

THE GREAT AMERICAN RIVER CLEANUP



The Great American River Clean Up, sponsored by American River Parkway Foundation, is again underway **Saturday, September 17, (9am-12pm)**.

Our love for the American River inspired last year, alone, 2028 volunteers with 11,381 pounds of trash collected and 7,004 pounds of recyclables over the course of 47 miles of riverbanks as they were cleaned! And, this was accomplished in a short three hours.

Our beloved American River is the muse inspiring the photographer, the writer, the painter... trails for bikers, runners, joggers and walkers provide great exercise; horse trails...a haven of safety for the equestrian, and just plain family fun playing volleyball, croquet, or horseshoes is but another highlight we enjoy.

Sacramento communities rise to the occasion for each other as so many nonprofit organizations can attest. We are not afraid to roll up our sleeves, physically, emotionally and when we can, monetarily to show the pride we feel for living in the beautiful Capitol of California.

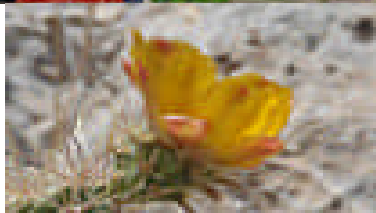
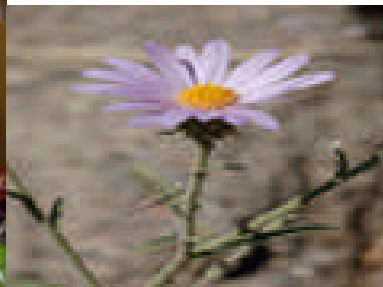
As a 'Thank You American River' for fulfilling our summer days and evenings, creating memories of moments spent with you enriching our lives, it's now our turn to give back to you.

All folks have to do to register is fill out the online registration form—super easy!


<http://arpf.org/garcu.shtml>

FALL FESTIVAL

SUPPORT THE SHEPARD GARDEN AND ART CENTER



THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP AND RESERVE YOUR SPACE 11



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