



SG & AC CHAT Newsletter

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CALDENDAR

NOVEMBER 4 6-9PM VERNAL POOLS
CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 5-6 SACTO
CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

NOVEMBER 12-13 SACTO CENTER
TEXTILE ARTS SHOW

SPRING SALE 2012

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING,
PLANNING AND VOLUNTEERING FOR THE
SPRING SALE NEXT YEAR.

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

From the Board

**Your efforts to keep our tables clean is greatly appreciated. There is now a 40" roll of plastic for any of the clubs to use to cover the tables when displaying plants or serving refreshments.
Thank you for your help.**

MISSING MISSING MISSING

**Large Fall Festival Banner
If you have it in storage please contact
Mabel Lotz 916-808-8800.**

NEW SOUND/AUDIO SYSTEM

**The Board is considering purchasing a new sound/audio system. Wayne Martinson is the contact person and Wayne would like your suggestions as to features for a new system.
Contact Wayne via e-mail with your suggestions: waynemartinson09@comcast.net.**



FROM THE BOARD

Summary of 9/12/11 meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Pres. Ken Rothaus.

Secretary's report given by Therese Ruth, Secretary.

Treasurer's report by Ed Schroeder, Treasurer.

Scheduling/city report by Mabel Lotz: no special scheduled meetings.

Bike rack: John Foster presented a quote from Creative Pipe for installing bike racks.

Event committee: Alice Bowles - lawn signs and paper signs are available in Mabel's office.

Notebooks for the Spring Sale are available for anyone who wishes to chair the committee.

Kathy Norton reported the H St sign is up. There is also a blurb on the website. Joann Sprogis is getting the counters. To date there are eleven vendors signed up. She is still waiting on club sign ups to know how much space to sell. Suggestion was made to have McKinley Neighborhood Assoc share space with the Friends of the SGAAC to solicit donations for their pool.

Website update from Anne Fenkner: Facebook page added. She reminded everyone that clubs must contact her to gain access and set up their password to manage their own calendar.

Bylaws committee: meeting will be scheduled after the Fall Festival.

Friends of SGAAC from MJ Kelly: proposing to insert a flyer with each sale at the Festival looking for more members of the Friends. MJ will give a letter to each participating club at the Festival.

Sound system update from Wayne Martinson - quotes will be in by Nov.

Demo camera - further discussion.

Stage repair: \$200 requested, and approved, by John Foster for materials.

Blackout curtains update by John Foster: two quotes were presented and will be considered along with possible financial help from the Sierra Camera Club.

New business: Mabel stated several clubs are lax about cleaning the tables after meetings. Suggestions was made to use plastic on the tables especially if it is a plant club or someone serving refreshments.

She also said Clubs are scheduling meetings, but not showing up or calling to cancel. It was discussed implementing a cancellation fee if notice is not given.

It was also suggested that a notice in the CHAT and special e-mail be sent out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

Summary of 10/03/11 meeting

Call to order 7:02pm

Secretary's Report given by Therese Ruth.

Treasurer's Report by Ed Schroeder

Scheduling/City Report by Mabel Lotz: Crocker Art Museum has scheduled a meeting; 5 workshops including 3 River Valley Floral, Porcelain and Sierra Club.

Bike Rack: Laurie Lee to contact City Offices to ask if a rack is in storage.

Event Committee: Fall Festival 1460 attendance. Wrap up meeting scheduled on Nov. 7, 6pm prior to Board Meeting. Vendors suggested more emphasis on hand-crafted items in advertising.

Website: We now have 22 friends on Facebook.

Bylaws Committee: meeting to be scheduled in January.

Friends of SGAAC: new members signed up at Fall Festival; a few clothing items sold.

Old Business: Sound system Wayne Martinson will be scheduling 2 companies to come out and evaluate the Center and our needs. Suggestion for hands-free microphone. Wayne is asking for input from our clubs as to their "wish list" / needs for a new system.

Demo Camera: Kathy Norton will provide information on the unit used by a family member.

New Business: Sprinklers on patio - unknown if sprinklers are working. Shelly Berlant, Rich Heisler and Ed Schroeder will determine if unit is working.

Table repairs: Mabel reported several tables are in need of repair, larger screws to stabilize the tables.

Shelly Berlant stated the committee that will check the patio sprinklers will try and do the table repairs on the same day.

Mabel also reported the large FALL FESTIVAL is missing and would like everyone to check their storage areas to see if they have it. Several of the FALL FESTIVAL signs were stolen. If you know where the large banner is or if you have any lawn signs, please contact Mabel at 916-808-8800.

California Native Plant Society



GUITARIST NEEDED

Guitarist needed to partner for presentations about Lady Bugs. Help Julie Serences teach kids a GREAT song about these marvelous creatures. Here's a link to the [Lady Bug song](#). It's a hoot!

Please contact: Julie Serences [email](#) or phone (916) 548-0618

SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

VOLUNTEER REQUEST

Our Club needs a new Program Chairperson. It is an interesting opportunity and not time consuming.

A wealth of information will be provided to help you begin, so don't hesitate, even if you are a newer member. Programs have already been scheduled through the end of 2011 and several for next year 2012.

Volunteering is a big part of all non-profit organizations. This is your chance to give back to your society.

— Kathy Hodges, Program Chair

Thanks in advance.

**California Native Plant Society
Plant Sale Sept. 24 - 25**

What a lot of fun the Fall Plant Sale was! The efforts of a huge group of volunteers made the 'work' easy. Okay sometimes it was more like work – loading and unloading plants, setting up and taking down tables, sweeping... but again with such a large number of people, it was not back breaking! And boy the customers rewarded with experts and friendly faces everywhere.

I think all these good vibes were demonstrated by the 40 new or renewing memberships during the 2 day event!



SACRAMENTO GERANIUM CLUB

On Monday, November 21, 2011, Frank Flaherty, the manager from Wild Birds Unlimited, will discuss how to attract wild birds to our gardens. Every one is warmly welcomed to join in this free event.



Photo by Elton Roberts grower, teacher and club member.

SACRAMENTO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

is looking for donations of gently used ceramic or clay pots, with drainage holes, to their propagation group for making dish gardens. The dish gardens will be sold at their Annual Sale in May 2012.



To all who helped with preparation, planning and execution of the Fall Festival, our thanks. It couldn't have been done with all of your help:

Mabel, Chris, Lyle, Tiffany, and Don

Alice Bowles--Fuchsia

MJ Kelly--Sac Floral Design Guild

Rose Hoskinson--- Perennial Plant Club

Joann Sprogis--Rose Society

Mary Lou Brennan-- CNPS

David Wyatt--African Violet Societies (Capital & Delta)

Rita Schroeder--Satsuki

Yvonne _____--DAR

Helen Tashima ---Sac Floral Design Guild

Margery Marshall---Sac Floral Design Guild

Pat & Mr. Gaston ---Sac Floral Design Guild

Members of the Cactus Society

Therese Ruth--River Park GC

Anne Fenkner--Perennial Plant Club

Laurie Lee--Sogetsu Ikebana

Ken Rothaus--Watch & Clock

Ed Schroeder---Friends

Kitty Gerwig---American Bonsai

Ron Bryd--Sac River Valley District, CA Garden Clubs

Dear President's and Club Members,

The SGAAC board is pleased that many clubs have participated in the annual Fall Festive and we thank all of you for doing so and hope that your clubs will continue to do so in the future. If your club hasn't participated, we encourage you to do so. This is an excellent way for your club to possibly obtain some new members.

There will be a wrap-up meeting to discuss the success and needs for improvement. It is very important that you or your representative join us. We need your in put.

Date: Monday, November 7th

Time: 6 PM

Place: Shepard Garden and Art Center -- East Room

We will also discuss planning for the Spring Sale.

Early planning means a more successful sale. To have a successful event we have to get every club involved. In the past the planning has fallen on the shoulders of the SGAAC Board and **a select few kind individuals.**

For the Spring Sale next year we are hoping to expand this opportunity to all the clubs. In order to do this we would like each club to join us in the planning of **the next event. Each club would send a representative to this meeting which I will personally chair. The event planning outline will be divided into small workable sub-chair positions. This is the list of sub-chairs that are needed. Of course we could break this down even more if the group wishes to do so.**

SUB CHAIRS NEEDED FOR SALE

- 1. PR -- web sites (Center's and others)**
- 2. PR -- newspaper/radio (Farmer Fred)**
- 3. PR -- yard signs**
- 4. PR -- Handouts**
- 5. Post big signs**
- 6. Set Up **Event Tables/Stations****
- 7. Take down **Event Tables/Stations****
- 8. On site Chair**
 - A. Parking lot policed to make sure venders or club;s cars are not in lot during sale.**
 - B. Counter positions manned.**
- 9. Contact Clubs**
- 10. Contact venders**
- 11. Plan the stations (make map)**

I am looking forward to working with you on Monday, November 7 **at 6 pm.**

Fondly,

MJ Kelly, Planning Chair for Spring Sale



Donna Sturla

Mushroom Cap Grows in the Woods

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB

NATURE DIVISION HONORS



Mike McHaney

Sandhill Cranes at Dusk



CELEBRATION FOR VERNAL POOLS, 6TH ANNUAL

Host: Carol Witham [Location:](#)

Splash Education Center
4426 Excelsior Road
Mather, CA 95655 US

[View Map](#)

When: Friday, November 4, 6:00PM to 9:00PM [Add to my Outlook Calendar](#) Phone: Carol Witham 916-761-7886

**Please join the California Native Plant Society in
our Sixth Annual**

Celebration for Vernal Pools!

Friday, November 4th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Splash Education Center

4426 Excelsior Road, Mather

Visit www.vernalpools.org/celebration for additional information.

Wine, microbrews, appetizers and desserts

Silent auction and raffle items

Tours of the Splash Education Center

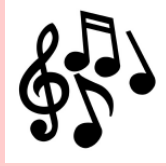
Live folk music

Chris Bronny, Mary Canote, Jaymee Marty, Lisa Mangione,
Mary Pakenham-Walsh, and Keith Wagner

Suggested donation is \$35 per person and reservations are required. All proceeds will go toward vernal pool conservation, advocacy and education outreach efforts of the CNPS Sacramento Valley Chapter.

Contact [Carol Witham](#) if you would like to donate items to the silent auction or raffle, volunteer to make an appetizer or dessert, or help out with the event.

*If you cannot attend the event and wish to make a donation, checks should be made payable to **CNPS Vernal Pool Preservation Fund** and mailed to Carol Crofoot, 2280 Stillwind Ln., Rancho Cordova CA 95670.*



Music... Music... Music... Music

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Is your club looking for a musical accompaniment at your next event or holiday party?

We now have two groups who are available:

Kirsten and Janice - Guitar duet - ksalomon@sbcglobal.net

Rachel and James - please e-mail Kathy Norton for contact information at

kathy.norton@mac.com

THE END