



CHAT

The Shepard Garden & Art Center's Newsletter

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* 9/7/15: New Date* Sept. Board Meeting

The date has changed for September's meeting, due to time crunches we will be having the meeting on the 7th not the 14th. While we realize that it's a holiday the Fall Show is so close it was determined that the earlier we got the signs and postcards out to everyone the more effective the advertising would be.

Delta Gesneriad African Violet Society Show & Sale

Saturday: 12 Sept. 2015: from 1 pm to 4 pm
Sunday: 13 Sept. 2015: from 11 am to 3 pm



Kathy Norton would like to remind everyone of the 2015 Fall Sale and there is an application form (PDF) attached for you to fill out the 2015 Fall Sale Application if your club plans on participating.

Changes and opportunities are coming to the Shepard Center

The Sacramento City Parks and Rec. department and members of the SGaAC Board are negotiating a new lease agreement in which they, (City Parks & Rec.) will continue as landlords but will no longer be involved with the over all operations. To assist in this process we are calling all members for leads on an attorney, commercial real estate broker or title officer (preferably pro bono) with non-profit, contract and or negotiating experience to help with the lease agreement process.

The City also plans on assisting the Board as it begins the transition to an independent, stand alone entity. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to make our own decisions, our own improvements and move towards making the Shepard Center a better community resource and the gem of McKinley Park.

*This can't be done without knowing what the members of all the clubs would like to see happen, and hear what all of you have to say
i.e.,*

- Does your club want to simply be tenants at the Center and leave the daily operations to a Manager?*
 - Do you have ideas on how to raise public awareness for the Center while raising funds, to keep annual rents as low as possible?*
 - Does anyone in your club have experience, advice or leads on finding corporate sponsors?*
- You are invited to come to the next several monthly Board meetings to hear more and participate in these exciting changes and have your voice heard.*

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Hello Everyone,

Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society would like to invite everyone to one of the Center's last shows & sales of the summer!

We are planning an incredible show with lots of fantastic plants on display and around 1,000 plants for sale!! Our talented and fun group have been working on this show & sale for months and growing our Gesneriads for years just so we can share them with all of you on this very special weekend!

So please, stop by and see what we have been up to. See for yourself what kind of cousins' African violets have, and that will spread beauty in every corner of your home.

Please come early on Saturday for the best selection! We will also have our ceramic pot artist, Ms. Claire Boatright selling her beautiful ceramic hand painted self-watering flowerpots. We will have experts on-site to give growing information, and if you buy a pot and a plant we will pot it up for a donation. Plants for sale include hard to find varieties and African violet cousins! Hope to see you there! See www.sacviolets.org and find us on Facebook, too!

All the Best,
Kathy Norton
Delta Gesneriad & African Violet Society



Fall gardening is underway!

By Jessica Rooker

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While many assume spring and summer are seasons best suited for gardening and revamping their yards, fall in California can be the perfect season to establish new plants with important, often-overlooked planting benefits.

We can include so many cool-season vegetables, perennials, trees, shrubs and bulbs to plant in the autumn that will be ready for showy blooms come spring!

Air temperatures are cooler which means evaporation from leaves is reduced. This allows plants to not only be less stressed, but for soil to hold moisture much longer. Therefore, less watering! Cooler temperatures also lead to reduced pest and disease issues pressuring the plants while they are trying to establish.

Although temperatures are decreasing, soil temperatures still remain warm in the autumn. With warm soils, cooler air temperatures and longer-lasting moisture within the soil, it's an excellent time for plants to concentrate on establishing their roots while the plant is not busy trying to bloom or spread growth on top. It's also important that plants establish their roots before the first frost, making September and October ideal for fall planting.

In order to kickoff the fall planting season Big Oak Nursery will be hosting its super sale and Gardener's Fiesta on September 26th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a number of speakers discussing informative gardening topics, a wide variety of vendor booths, and a raffle for free prizes!

Our 45 minute seminars will be going on from 10am until 2pm covering a range of topics. At 10am Jan Fetter, U.C. Davis Master Gardener will be giving a talk on growing cool season vegetables in the fall. At 11am landscape designer and long time customer, Candace Schuncke will be discussing planting lawn alternatives for all the people looking for choices other than golden sod in their yard. At 12pm Greg Howes of Two Flew The Coop will be here to discuss raising chickens in a backyard environment. He will also have his chickens and coops on display at his booth under our Oak tree. At 1pm Genelle Treaster, owner of All Things Wild will be helping us with using Natives to protect wildlife in our yards. Finally at 2pm our very own Josh Rooker will be discussing the basics of vermi-compost and compost teas. We will probably be getting our hands dirty for that one!

In between seminars you can wander around in the shade, checking out all of our sale prices and visiting a number of vendors. Merlyn Lenear will be here with his succulents, rocks and other goodies he dreams up, Brian Fishback of BD Ranch will be here selling local honey and chatting about the update on our bee situation 'The Gardener's of the Grove' (one of Elk Grove's Garden Clubs) will have children's activities, the U.C. Davis Master Gardeners will have a booth with plenty of people able to answer any questions about your yard, if you have a plant with an issue bring in a leaf or branch in a sealed plastic bag and they will be able to help you! Lodi's Peltier Station Winery will be here some wine tasting, if that doesn't sound good how about a shaved ice from 7 Stars food truck? There will be plenty more vendors so come on out and enjoy a full day at Big Oak Nursery located at 10071 Grant Line Rd. in Elk Grove. Visit our website at www.bigoaknursery.com for more details.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER
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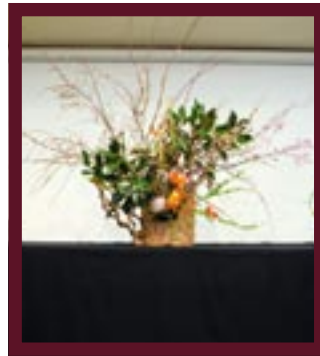
Check: sgaac.org for times and details
(916) 808-8800

AUTUMN ARRANGEMENTS

September 21, 2015 1:00pm

*A Demonstration of the Wafu School Ikebana
by Sharon Krawetz.*

*Sharon is a vice president of the California chapter of the
Wafu Ikebana Society and an active member of the
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Ikebana international.
Potluck meeting starts at 12:30, demonstration starts, 1 p.m.*



www.ikebanasacramento.org
www.facebook.com/IkebanaInternationalSacramento

Also on the Fall Calendar

- September 12 -13* *Delta Gesneriad and African Violet Show*
September 26-27 *California Native Plant Sale*
- October 3-4*** ***SG&AC Fall Sale***
October 10-11 *Camellia City Porcelain Artists*
October 17-18 *Sacramento Orchid*
- October 24-25* *Capitol City Bonsai*
October 31 ***NEW SHOW SPG Art by Fire Show & Sale***
- November 7-8* *Sacramento Chrysanthemum Show*
November 14-15 *Sacramento Center Textile Arts Show*
November 20-22 ***Above the Fray***

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DON'T FORGET FOR YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION RENTALS AT SHEPARD GARDEN & ART CENTER ARE HALF PRICE TO MEMBERS:

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Please submit your articles, show dates, pictures and anything else that might be of interest & I will do my best to incorporate it in a timely manner. Also, Please remember this newsletter only comes out every two months and while I appreciate you sending me your newsletters and content for upcoming events, I do have to have your information two weeks before the upcoming issue is produced. IE if you have an upcoming events for November or December please get your information to me by October 25th. Also, Please send pictures! If your event falls on the first weekend of the month the CHAT comes out, please send your information in a cycle ahead so you get the most exposure for your buck. All mistakes & mis-quotes are entirely my own.

Thank-you, Laurie Lee

