

# CHAT Newsletter

of the **Shepard Garden & Arts Center**

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## JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019



### COMPLETE RESTORATION OF THE SIGN

By Noelle Anderson

Check out the restored sign that identifies our building at the front entrance on McKinley Boulevard. The old panels had rotted and the paint was faded and damaged. The metal edging on the boards was rusted out. The sign has now been completely restored to its original condition with the original gorgeous colors.

The materials were paid for by the Friends of the Shepard Center, but who did all this work? Volunteers! First, husband-wife team Mary and Mark James asked and received the favor of free consultation from a local contractor, Daniel Neeland, who met at the site and suggested a course of action. They researched the purchase of specialty MDO boards, projected estimated costs to the SG&AC Board, and special ordered the boards (which took several weeks, trips and calls, including

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## Upcoming Events

Jan. 7 (first Monday) 7:00 PM  
SG&AC Board Meeting

Jan. 12  
Potters' Group: Art by Fire

Feb. 4 (first Monday) 7:00 PM  
SG&AC Board Meeting

Feb. 9-10  
Weavers' & Spinners' Guild Sale

March 16-18 see page 3  
SG&AC Spring Sale

Free parking at rear of bldg.  
(entrance on Park Way)



### Reminders:

Deadline to submit application for  
Spring Sale

For Clubs: February 22, 2019

For Vendors: March 1, 2019

## SIGN RESTORED *(continued from page 1)*

losing the order and partial reordering after a bad cut). One hundred and forty-four rusted nuts and bolts were removed from the sign's 48 three-dimensional letters. Four layers of blistered paint were then sanded from the letters before priming and re-painting two colors. The old MDO board panels were carefully dismantled to save as a template. Old and new boards were transported home. New boards were primed (240 square feet) and after meeting with a paint store's color specialist (to select a more vibrant color scheme), the new boards were painted. The metal frame holding the sign was cleaned and sanded. Old and new boards and letters were then transported back to the Center.

Next, Lee Ruth of the River Park Garden Club and John Foster, Vice President of the SG&AC Board, worked outside on the patio for two long days during the height of the smoke from the Camp Fire. Their task was to remount the restored letters onto the panels. This was not easy because, as Mary said, "each letter has its own story as far as rusted screws/threads" and each letter needed to be mounted with three screws. After several trips to hardware stores, they found the necessary new fixtures and painstakingly attached all the letters just as they were originally.

The city, led by Dave of the carpentry shop, installed the sign and replaced the metal trim.

We are grateful to these hardworking folks. The sign is beautiful!



AFTER



BEFORE

## New Projector Installed

By Ken Rothaus, SG&AC President

The projector in the main room has been replaced with a new brighter LED unit, which uses the same connectors as the old projector, and works the same way. The inputs available are the VGA 15-pin, used by older Windows systems and Apple iPad/iPhone adapters, and the HDMI HD, used in newer Windows PCs and Apple Laptops, DMI-adapters and Lightning adapters. Also, if your device is capable, when using the HDMI connection, you will be able to run sound through the projector to connect to the Center's sound system. For this, just ask the monitor to turn on the sound system and work with you to increase the volume as necessary. If your device is not capable, the existing audio connector to the sound system is available. Please bring your own adapter cables as required to connect to the projector. The Center has a limited number of adapters on hand in case you forget. Please note that the monitors are not experts on your devices, so we expect you to know how to connect to an external display and know how to use volume controls of your devices.




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## MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

The Friends are starting the new year, and I am ordering new T shirts. Yes, we still have the moss green short-sleeve T shirts in all sizes except medium. Many of you asked for a long-sleeved shirt. and you will get your wish. The new shirts will be long-sleeved, very soft, light gray with a white logo (the gates, by Larry Meeks). There will be a slight increase in price, but I believe that you will agree that shirts are of very good quality and well worth the cost.

Our two recent generous donors Eileen M. Heaser made a \$100 donation and Chuck Donaldson made a \$150. We thank both of them for their support. They realize that the Shepard Garden and Arts Center is a special place and their kind donations allow us make many new improvements, one of which was contributing to purchase a new projector. It is very expensive, but because of all the donations last year we were able to purchase a quality projector. The Friends hopes to continue to make more improvements in the coming year.

M.J. Kelly, President of the  
Friends of the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center



Hello Folks—

Happy New Year!  
Wishing everyone the best for 2019!

We wanted to invite everyone to join us once again for the Spring Sale to help support the center! Attached to the CHAT is the application for the sale.

The Spring Sale is March 16-17, 2019--Please get your application in as soon as you can to reserve your spot! The sale is open for sales to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.

Cheers—  
Kathy Norton  
Shepard Center  
Spring Sale Committee



## PROGRESS ON THE PERIMETER

From Noelle Anderson

### A WHOLE NEW LOOK

The border that faces McKinley Blvd. outside the fenced patio used to be a tangle of ivy, weed trees, and human trash. It now has a whole new look. The Cactus and Succulent Society, led by Mariel Dennis, first worked to remove the last roots of the ivy and weeds. Then they created gentle mounds that meander amidst the existing Camelia trees. They used sixteen yards of lava rock mixed with topsoil, large boulders, and then they carefully planted the new cacti and succulents. The plants are small now but more will be added, and these guys do grow big! This was seriously heavy work. Mariel's loyal helpers were Steve Habbestad and his son Carl, Gerhard Boch, and JoEllen Arnold.



### AN UNCLAIMED GARDEN

The East end of the Shepard Center, outside the patio, is planted with large old pittosporum and camellias, with rampant ivy and weeds underneath. It's a great opportunity, well okay, a challenge, for a club that enjoys shade plants and is looking to give service to the community. On Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, several friends began the work of removing the ivy and weeds. Pictured are left to right, Chuck Donaldson, Deana Bloom, and Marcia Leddy.

