



The Perennial Post

Newsletter of the Sacramento Perennial Plant Club  Nov/Dec 2019

President's Message

Lorraine Van Kekerix

By-laws revisions are almost no ones preferred work, but sometimes they are necessary. I want to thank our by-laws Committee—**Carol Meininger, Linda Hax and Sharon Patrician**—for their hard work in reviewing and proposing revisions to the by-laws. Many thanks also to Club members who voted for the proposed by-laws.

The holiday season is fast approaching. We won't meet in November as the fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving. I hope that you have much to be thankful for. Our annual holiday potluck party is December 11, 2019.

Our Board Members are planning interesting programs and activities for 2020. More information on how you can help make them successful will be included in this and future newsletters and emails.



NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Happy Thanksgiving



DECEMBER MEETING

Annual Holiday Potluck

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 11, 2019 • 6:00 P.M.

SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER

Join us for a wonderful way to end the year with good friends, a cup of hot apple cider and delicious food. The Perennial Plant Club invites all our members and families to attend the **19th Annual Holiday Potluck on Wednesday, December 11th**. The club will furnish turkey, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, drinks, eating utensils and plates. We would like everyone to bring something to share and are asking those whose last names start with the letters:

- **A thru I** to bring a **hot dish**
- **J thru Q** to bring a **dessert**
- **R thru Z** to bring a **salad**

In order to assure that there is an assortment of dishes we are asking that you RSVP to either **Deborah Renfrew, 916-966-3580** or **Marcia Leddy, 916-213-7743**. We have a wonderful time singing carols as **Noelle Anderson** plays the piano. Plus, you might win one of the door prizes. Hope to see you at the party.

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BOARD MEETINGS

All SPPC members are invited to attend monthly board meetings. Begins at 4 p.m. at a board member's home.

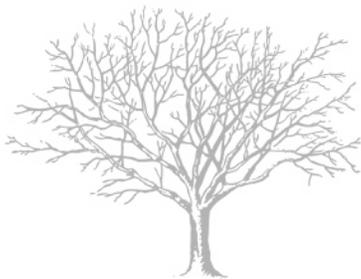
November 14

RSVP to Carol Meiningner
(916-765-8390)

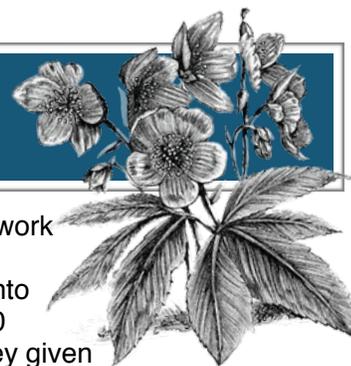
NEWSLETTER

The due date to submit a garden-related article for the **Jan/Feb 2020** issue is **December 15**. Please send your article to Cheryl McDonald: (mcdonald4214@sbcglobal.net).

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Thank You, Volunteers!



This is a gigantic THANK YOU for all of your hard work volunteering at the Fall Festival Plant Sale at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center for the Sacramento Perennial Plant Club. We made slightly over \$1200 for the club. That was an amazing amount of money given the challenges we faced with the scarcity of parking and all of the competing social events that were happening. I really couldn't have managed without all of your help and input and, of course, all of the wonderful donated plants. So I bow down to your kindness and generosity giving the most important commodity we all have—time. Thank you again so much.

Deborah Renfrew

Save the Date

Sacramento Perennial Plant Club's

17th Annual Vendor Sale

Unusual Plants & Garden Treasures

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Shepard Garden and Arts Center

If you know of a small, specialty nursery or a maker of artistic, garden-related items; please send their contact information to Vendor Sale organizer, **Lili Ann Metzger** (lili@abqhomeandgardenshow.com)



Ready for a Challenge?

We are looking for a new name for the Vendor Sale to reflect its wide variety of activities and distinguish it from the SG&AC Spring Plant Sale.

Are you someone with a knack for naming things? If so, please enter our contest. We are looking for a catchy short name for promotional materials. We can also include a few descriptive words following the name as space allows.

The Vendor Sale features:

- small garden-related businesses selling their wares ranging from worms to plants to garden art to garden structures.
- convenient one-stop garden shopping.
- information about perennial plants and gardens through the display of blooming plants, speakers and sale of garden books and magazines.

Names suggested so far include: *Plant Peddler Sale, Flower Power Sale Plants Etcetera* and *Flower Fest*

Are you up for the challenge? Send your suggestion(s) to **Lili Ann Metzger** at the e-mail shown above before November 22nd. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card from Talini's.



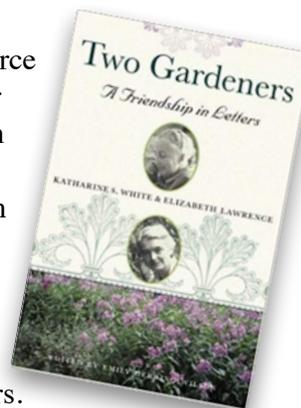
by Diana Morris

Membership in the Sacramento Perennial Plant Club has its perks! Some go unmentioned. Several of my favorites are the generous nature of our members to share gardening experiences, knowledge and general gardening knowhow. I volunteered for an early morning shift at our recent October plant sale and delighted in the responses to my questions around wish lists for gardeners during the upcoming holidays.

A newer member, **Barbara Alexander**, expressed her dismay at losing hand clippers and found her solution in buying cheap clippers to take out in the garden but leaving the expensive gear close to the house. We laughed when we both admitted the untold number of times we had dug through the rubbish pile looking for clippers. She has recently moved and is working on a new drip system but is leaning toward a mini-spray rather than drip and we went on to discuss drip vs. mini-spray.

Julie Scarberry shared her interest in getting to know a new neighbor with an extensive background in landscape architecture. She is considering a new water feature but is undecided on her final choice. Ergonomic tools are on Julie's wish list. We can all wish for tools that make gardening chores easier and reduce back and muscle strain. Julie gave a positive review of the quiche being sold at the plant sale.

Longtime SPPC member **Mae Ferral** is a wonderful source for all around gardening wisdom. Besides being an eager gardener, she also is a creative embroiderer and paints on porcelain. Mae is fond of her Hori Hori knife, a tool she uses extensively. When pressed about her gardening wish list, she mentioned gift cards to her favorite nurseries, the Gifted Gardener and Talinis. Mae also suggested a good gardening book by White and Lawrence, *Two Gardeners*. The book is a collection of letters between two longtime gardeners over a period of 20 years.



Leading SPPC's plant sale contingent is **Deborah Renfrew**, a tireless volunteer that does a fantastic job in organizing our plant sales and like Mae, is a fan of the Hori Hori knife. Deborah said at one time she had a three-sided aluminum hoe with a serrated edge that was a gem. She prefers lightweight tools, including electrical tools.



Calendar

November 14
SPPC Board Meeting
Carol Meininger
RSVP (916-765-8390)
Begins at 4 p.m.

November 13 & December 11
Wednesday Walk with Warren
Noon-1 p.m.
UC Davis Arboretum Gazebo

Join Warren Roberts, superintendent emeritus of the UC Davis Arboretum, for a noontime exploration of fall in the UC Davis Arboretum's gardens and collections.

This event is free. Attendees can find free, one-hour parking along Garrod Drive near the Gazebo, in addition there are metered spots in Visitor Parking Lot 55. For questions, call (530) 752-4880.



Saul Wiseman Grant Applications

Saul Wiseman Grant applications are now available on our website: sacramento-perennial-plant-club.org/grants. Applications may be submitted electronically or by US Mail. Deadline for applications is January 15, 2020. Funding is awarded in February 2020.

Revised By-laws Approved

All 56 votes cast were to approve the revisions. By-laws revisions are approved when 2/3 of votes cast are in favor of revisions.

The revised by-laws were approved on October 14, 2019, the last day to vote. Thank you to everyone who voted.

By-laws are the rules the club should comply with at all times. The approved changes should allow future compliance with less need for future revisions.



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Euphorbia dulcis 'Chameleon'

TAIR ZIMMERMAN