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Sacramento Perennial Plant Club Newsletter

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JANUARY PROGRAM SPEAKER

John Gray

The Best and The Worst Trees to Plant

THURSDAY—JANUARY 24, 2013—7:00 PM

SHEPARD GARDEN AND ART CENTER

John Gray was born and raised in Sonora. He received a BS degree in Plant Science from UC Davis and began an award winning landscape construction/design business, JEG Enterprises, in Davis from 1971–2001. John now resides in the Modesto Area, designing, consulting, and doing job management. He will talk of his love and the importance of trees in the landscape. John has been in the landscape business for 40 years and said “One of the great revelries of being involved with landscape design and horticulture quandaries are the unforgiving decisions of recommending the correct tree for a particular area. It is a great area for discussion, because there is no correct tree for any area without considerable debate. It’s a favorite subject of mine.” John spoke to the club last February about his “Garden Tours of Scotland.” He will be leading a tour in 2013. John’s circle of friends includes many Scotland gardeners and designers, who opened beautiful private gardens not normally seen on tours. Many of our club members have been on his tours. John is a life time member of UC Davis Arboretum, member of the Garden Writers of America, Royal Horticultural Society, and Pacific Horticulture Foundation.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM SPEAKER

Scott Chadd

Bonsai Demonstration

THURSDAY—FEBRUARY 28, 2013—7:00 PM

SHEPARD GARDEN AND ART CENTER

Lotus Nursery and Gardens located on a 5-acre site is ideally situated in the Sierra Nevada foothills; 30 miles east of Sacramento and 4 miles from Coloma, the site of gold discovery in California. Scott has been growing, creating and caring for Bonsai since 1969. He began his collection with a Sweet Gum that continues to thrive. From propagation to working on hundred-year-old trees, Scott’s skills continue to evolve in all phases of Bonsai. Scott is now an accomplished Bonsai teacher. He will demonstrate how to work on styling, trim roots, and pot up from a nursery can into a bonsai pot. During this time he will talk about what makes bonsai a unique perspective on the development of living art. Scott has found working with Bonsai to be a wonderful escape from all types of stress. Scott is going to raffle off one of his Bonsai trees at the meeting.

President's Message

Saul Wiseman

In 2013 the Sacramento Perennial Plant Club will have its 25th anniversary. First, I would like to acknowledge some of the individuals who have been involved in the club over the years. In the beginning, it was Bob Hamm, one of the founding members, and a small group of gardeners who met at his nursery in Rancho Cordova.

Past presidents were Barbara Oliva, Daisy Mah, and Jeannie Ross.

Long-time members who have been active participants in the workings of this organization are Madeleine Mullins, Judith Waegell, Sharon Patrician, and Janice Sutherland.

Next, I would like to acknowledge the club's accomplishments which include the support of the Historic Rose Garden, Hamilton Square, the WPA Rock Garden, the Annual Vendor Sale, plus the scholarships to students in the horticulture programs at American River and Sierra College.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary, the club members will visit Maple Rock Garden in Newcastle on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. for a guided tour and catered lunch provided by High Hand Café. The garden tour is free to club members. If you plan on attending, contact Saul Wiseman at either swiseman368@sbcglobal.net or 530-277-9248.

Special Thank You

Many thanks go to Janice Sutherland for editing the SPPC newsletter for the last ten years and for guiding and helping with this issue.

New articles are needed for future newsletters. In addition to information about gardening, we want to continue the "Meet the Members" column along with adding new features. Please send your articles and ideas to Cheryl McDonald at mcdonald4214@sbcglobal.net.

Deadlines for submission to this year's newsletters are:

March/April February 7, 2013

May/June April 7, 2013

September/October August 7, 2013

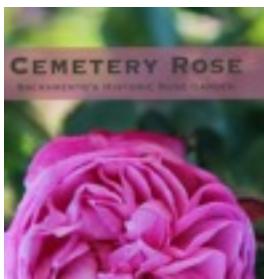
November/December October 7, 2013

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The next Perennial Plant Club Board of Directors meeting will be held January 8th at the home of Noelle Anderson 916-731-4648. As always, board meetings are open to all members. Meetings begin at 5 PM and start with a potluck dinner—informative and delicious.

Cemetery Rose Documentary

By Anita Clevenger



To mark the twentieth anniversary of its founding, the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden has collaborated with local filmmaker Louise Mitchell to produce a documentary about the garden. The film records its history, its roses, its rose preservation mission, and its volunteers, including Perennial

Plant Club members Barbara Oliva and Anita Clevenger. Thirty minutes in length, *Cemetery Rose* has a soundtrack of six original pieces by local guitarist Ross Hammond. It not only gives a sense of the garden in full bloom, it includes outings to the Plymouth cemetery to tell the story of its "Pulich Children" rose, and a trip to collect roses in a cemetery in Calaveras County.

After nine months of working on this film, Louise came to understand that love is what draws most people to the cemetery and its rose garden—love of the roses, love of this beautiful historic place, and the love that families and friends had for the people who are buried there. That spirit is beautifully conveyed in the film.

The film has been produced on a DVD, along with photos taken by volunteers David Roberts and Anita. Copies are available at the cemetery's Visitor's Center, at special events, and by mail order. The sales price is \$15, or \$20 if ordered by mail. Details about how to order are on the rose garden's website, www.cemeteryrose.org.

The Historic Rose Garden is in the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway. It is open during daylight hours, Friday through Monday.

Judy Waegell

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Judy Waegell died on December 7, 2012 from colon cancer. Judy was a long time member of the Perennial Plant Club and treasurer for most of those years. Judy, with her wit, energy and intelligence, helped make the club what it is today. She loved her family and the family ranch. Music and gardening were her passions. Judy was a cellist with the Sacramento Symphony—the Sacramento Choral Society is planning a spring concert in her honor. It is beyond words how much she will be missed. She touched so many people in her life, and we are very fortunate to have known her.

Sacramento Perennial Plant Club Calendar 2013

January

January 24, Thursday, 7:00 PM, SG&AC (remember January has five Thursdays, we meet on the fourth)
John Gray, Landscape Designer and Horticulturist
The Best and Worst Trees To Plant

February

February 28, Thursday, 7:00 PM, SG&AC
Scott Chadd, Lotus Bonsai Nursery and Garden
Bonsai Demonstration

March

No Meeting

March 23–24, Saturday and Sunday, SG&AC
Annual Spring Plant Sale

March 30, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, SG&AC
12th Annual Plant & Garden Vendor Sale
Speaker: Nicholas Staddon, Director of New Plants at Monrovia

April

April 18, Thursday, 11:00 AM (details in newsletter)
Garden Tour: Ruth Ostroff, Rio Linda Iris & Perennial Garden

April 20, Saturday, Broadway Cemetery, 9:30 AM – 2 PM
Spring Garden Tour of Sacramento Historic City Cemetery – Hamilton Square, Heritage Rose Gardens, Native Plant Gardens

April 25, Thursday, 7:00 PM, SG&AC
Ellen Zagory, UC Davis Arboretum
Unusual Perennials

April or May, Saturday (details in newsletter)
Garden Tour: Land Park Gardens

April or May, Saturday (details in newsletter)
Garden Tour: Sacramento, Carmichael Gardens

May

May 8, Wednesday, 10:00 AM (details in newsletter)
SPPC 25th Anniversary Lunch and Garden Tour (members only)
Maple Rock Garden, Newcastle

May 23, Thursday, 7:00 PM, SG&AC (remember May has five Thursdays, we meet on the fourth)
Julia Moore, Dragonfly Peony Farm
Growing Peonies

June

June 27, Thursday, 7:00 PM, SG&AC
Taylor Lewis, Cornflower Farms
Native Plants

July

No Meeting

July 27, Saturday (details in newsletter)
Garden Tour: Lake of the Sky Garden Club–North Lake Tahoe (<http://lakesky.homestead.com/>)

August

No Meeting

September

September 26, Thursday, 7:00 PM, SG&AC
Panel of Speakers: Question & Answer session on Plants and Gardening

Late September–Early October Fall Tour (details in newsletter)
Garden Tour: Tour of the WPA Rock Garden with Daisy Mah Land Park

October

October 5–6, Saturday and Sunday, SG&AC (time in newsletter)
Annual Fall Plant Sale Benefit for the Shepard Garden and Art Center

October 24, Thursday, 7:00 PM, SG&AC (remember October has five Thursdays, we meet on the fourth)
Cheryl Buckwalter, Landscape Liaisons
Water-Efficient Garden Design

November

No Meeting—Happy Thanksgiving

December

No Meeting—Merry Christmas

December, (date to be announced), 7:00 PM, SG&AC
Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

Additional garden tour and workshop information will be included in future newsletters.

The Sacramento Perennial Plant Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. (off Business 80/Capitol Freeway/northeast corner of McKinley Park). Non-members are welcome to attend our evening lecture meetings; however, garden tours are open only to SPPC members. Bi-monthly newsletters will provide details regarding lectures and direction to tours.

The “Sun” Camellia

By Saul Wiseman

My wife purchased another Camellia. By my count, this is her 23rd Camellia sasanqua in her collection. This one is an exceptional pink-flowering sport of the Camellia sasanqua ‘Yuletide.’ Unique not just in color, the blooms of ‘Pink-A-Boo’ are larger and showier, having seven petals rather than five, and boast a remarkable, sweet fragrance. This Camellia was introduced by Monrovia in 2011.



C. sasanqua, “Pink-A-Boo”

When we moved 45 years ago to our present home here in Auburn, my wife began selecting trees and shrubs for her garden. She asked the local nursery owner what he would recommend for a fall blooming shrub that would be appropriate for her woodland garden. She followed his advice. Over time, she has added to her collection of Camellia sasanquas, a versatile plant that provides seemingly continuous color beginning in mid-September to early March.

My wife calls the Camellia sasanqua the sun camellia because it will grow in full sun or part shade. We have the sasanquas growing on the four sides of our house. Either early, middle, or late blooming, the Camellia sasanqua is a ruffled, broad-leaved evergreen shrub, varying in form from upright and densely bushy to low

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www.kingsnursery.com

and spreading. Heights range from 1-1/2 feet to over 12 feet tall.

Low-growing varieties make effective ground cover for steep sunny hillsides or dapples shady places. Displaying profuse rich scarlet semi-double blooms, C. sasanqua ‘Bonanza’ is an excellent choice for a colorful ground cover or low hedge. Flower time is September through October.

For a colorful hedge or screen, espalier, border shrub, C. sasanqua ‘Apple Blossom’ with white petals edged in cerise-red has a moderate upright growth to 10 feet tall and wide. Flower time is October to early December.

C. sasanqua ‘Yuletide’ is an example of upright growth. This is one of the only true reds found among the fall blooming camellias, and the plant has a wonderful compact form with small dark green leaves. ‘Yuletide’ looks good in containers or planters, especially when blooming, but can be used in the garden as a border plant or even a hedge plant. Slow growth 8 to 10 feet tall and wide. Flower time is December into January.



C. sasanqua, “Yuletide”

Varieties of camellias are used as specimen large shrubs, shrub borders and screens. One example is C. sasanqua ‘Jean May’ with shell pink double

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SACRAMENTO PERENNIAL PLANT CLUB'S 15TH ANNUAL
SPONSORED BUS TRIP TO THE

SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20, 2013

BUS LEAVES 7:30 AM RETURNS LEAVES SHOW AT 4 PM

COST \$50.00 PER PERSON

Thousands of flowers and plants, inspiring gardens, free seminars for all gardening levels, shopping from greenhouses to garden tools, bulbs to botanical arts, outdoor living, Bonsai, orchids, Ikebana displays and much much more

Bus will depart from the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento
REAR ENTRANCE

Snack will be served. We should arrive with plenty of time to browse before the first seminar starts. Show opens at 10 a.m. You can pack a lunch, or buy it there.

The \$50.00 fee includes the ticket to the show, a few snacks, and the bus ride that delivers you right to the entrance. THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PURCHASES TO BE CARRIED HOME.

This bus tour is open to everyone, so tell your friends and invite them along! Friends and relaxed conversation on the bus, no driving or parking concerns, and **plenty of room to bring home garden goodies!!!**

FOR SHOW INFORMATION INCLUDING SEMINARS & EXHIBITORS VISIT THEIR WEB SITE
<http://www.sfgardenshow.com>

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013
SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW
SAN MATEO CONVENTION CENTER

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TOTAL ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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blossoms. The three inch diameter flowers are produced in profusion from early October to the end of February. Slow growth to 10 feet tall and 6 feet wide.

An excellent choice for a colorful hedge or screen, espalier, and border shrub is *C. sasanqua ‘Setsugekka’* displaying large, perfectly formed semi-double white flowers with ruffled edges and a bright cluster of golden stamens at the center. Flower time is October to early December with moderate upright growth to 8 to 10 feet tall and wide.

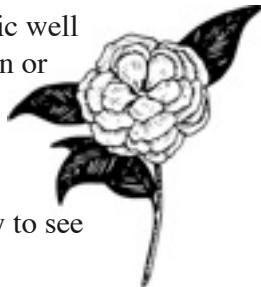


C. sasanqua, “Setsugekka”

Of all the *C. sasanquas* in my wife’s garden, my favorite is *C. sasanqua ‘Showa-No-Sakae’* with lovely soft pink, semi-double blooms with bright golden stamens. Our ‘Showa’ grows near the house on an eastern facing producing a lovely effect of a horizontal, slightly weeping shrub standing 8 feet tall and 12 feet wide covered with blossoms. Our ‘Showa’ blooms from October to March. The dark green foliage provides ideal back-drop to make the flowers pop.

C. sasanquas prefer neutral to acidic well drained soil, thrive in either full sun or shade, and are cold hardy to 0 to 10 degrees F. All *C. sasanquas* are slow growers.

Now is the time to visit the nursery to see the *Camellia sasanquas* in bloom.



How to Make Your Membership More Enjoyable

If you had the opportunity to get to know other gardeners, exchange gardening ideas with them, ask questions of the more experienced people, wouldn’t you feel you were getting even more from your membership than only listening to an interesting guest speaker each month?

One excellent way to accomplish this is to become a part of a planning group for one of our activities. It doesn’t involve a lot of time; often only one or two meetings. But when you work with other members you get to know one another and gardeners being well known for their friendly, helpful ways, good things happen for everyone. And you will feel a valuable part of the club.

Some of the groups needing you and your areas of interest:

- Brainstorming for ideas for exciting garden tours.
- Brainstorming for new ideas for speakers and topics for our general meetings.
- Arranging the particulars for tours: setting up dates and checking out the best routes to the location, hand out maps and written directions for those attending.
- Planning group for our annual Vendor Sale. Ideas for guest speaker, ideas for new vendors to add, helping with set-up and taking down, labeling flowers and plants on display, arranging for volunteers to sign-up. Working for a few hours during the sale.
- Assisting the current chairperson with the Center’s required spring and fall plant sales. Learning to propagate new plants to sell at each sale.
- Helping to pick up plants and deliver them to the Center the day before the sales. Helping to sell the plants along with other volunteers.

The more you become a part of the club the more you will enjoy your membership, and certainly the whole club will benefit. Please share your interests and experience in some small way and the club will blossom and no one will have to work too hard.

Sacramento Perennial Plant Club Membership—2013

Jeanne Christopherson, Membership Chair

ALL MEMBERS - PLEASE FILL OUT THE ADDRESS FORM COMPLETELY

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Phone (____) ____ - _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

City

State

Zip

You will be included in our yearly roster unless you notify us otherwise. Yes ___ No ___

Indicate how you would like the club newsletter sent to you: E-mail ___ Mail ___

Yearly Dues ___ \$20 Individual Membership
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Send to: Jeanne Christopherson, 3231 Chenu Avenue, Sacramento, 95821-6113

Phone (916) 283-6999, E-mail: iamjc7@surewest.net

Dear PPC member,

Please consider involving yourself more this coming year to make sure interesting and fun tours, talks, and activities continue. Many of these tasks can be shared - the more the merrier and less time consuming for all. Please take the time to add any suggestions you have for your club.

Please indicate your interest in helping in one or two of the following ways:

- Membership/Hospitality
- Garden and Arts Center Sales Spring ___ Fall ___
- Write articles for the newsletter
- Write book reviews on gardening for the newsletter
- Computer skills (specify) _____
- Work with garden tour planning group
- Work with bus trips
- Work with speaker and program planning group
- Bring in monthly meeting goodies (Madeleine Mullins – 455-7815)
- Volunteer Hamilton Square Garden (Sharon Patrician – 455-8166)
- Volunteer Land Park WPA Rock Garden (Daisy Mah – 446-1768)
- Work with the vendor sale planning group
- Interested in learning to make garden projects
- Interested in learning to propagate plants

Club activities I most enjoy: _____

Suggestions for speakers, tours, gardens to visit, etc. _____

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Late Fall in the WPA Rock Garden



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