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Free Car Show Charms in Pocket/Greenhaven

Story and photos
by Kristina Rogers

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On the first and second Friday of the month, the parking lot at 7485 Rush River Drive turns nostalgic. Fabulous classic cars in bright yellow, cherry red, and shiny aqua blue fill the lot. As I arrive, “A Whole Lotta Shaken Goin’ On” by Jerry Lee Lewis is being belted out over the outside speakers at Device Brewing Company.

I walk up to find Ben Valencia and his friends selling tickets for a raffle. It’s a “50/50” raffle, which means prize winners receive 50% of the ticket-sale revenue while the other 50% is used to maintain the raffle. This week, there’s a table full of bottles of wine, coffee, auto repair kits, and tools. The kids are included, too. Valencia said, “Each kid here gets a free Hot Wheels toy.” He grins, “We tell them they win it, but every kid gets one.”

While guests relax under the patio, noshing on good grub and chatting with the raffle dudes, others walk the lot and admire the cars. Van Watts told me he only lives two blocks away, and this is the first time he’s been. He had his eye on a refurbished 1956 Chevy Impala. He said, “This is just like the one I had when I was in high school in 1962. I worked over the summers for my father, who was a painter, to get that car.” He marveled at the interior: “I can’t get over how much space is in these cars compared to today! You can sleep in the back; believe me, people did!”

I talked to Everett Pace, who gave me ZZ Top vibes which I found out was pretty close to the mark. He told me about his 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe (The band was known for their Eliminator ’33 Coupe popular on MTV). It was in bad shape when he got it; the body was pulled apart, and it didn’t have any wheels. Being a mechanic, Everett knew precisely



Classic autos sit in front of Device Brewing Company in Pocket/Greenhaven.

what to do.

“It took me 2 1/2 years to restore it. When I rolled out of the garage, I drove it to the Autorama and won first place that year,” Pace said. That was the 60th Sacramento Autorama in 2010.

He’s been driving it ever since, putting in around 100,000 miles to visit car shows and enjoy the ride. Everett and his pretty yellow coupe are regulars at this event, which he’s been attending for two years.

In the parking lot, owners sit in the camp chairs drinking brews and eager to tell you about their cars. Most have fully restored their autos, while others are okay with keeping the body a bit rough. They tease each other over

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Everett Pace stands in front of his 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe.

Neighbors Sow Native Plant Garden

By Kristina Rogers

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In early 2023, as Jane Kiser walked by Plaza Cervantes Park at Freeport and 11th Avenue, she became annoyed with the dead garden and overgrown weeds. The area looked more like an empty lot than a welcoming neighborhood spot to enjoy on a beautiful day.

“I hadn’t been much of an advocate up to that point,” Kiser said, but she was frustrated with the blighted space. She contacted Joe Flores, the Parks commissioner, and last July neighbors came and ripped out weeds, black sheeting, dead bushes, and trash. After it was cleaned, the next step was to plant something, but what?

“I decided to post on Facebook in the College Plaza Neighbors Group for ideas,” Kiser said. “It didn’t take long for the gardening enthusiasts to respond. They suggest a

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Jane Kiser and Dave Roberts stand at the Native Plant Project at Plaza Cervantes Park. Photo by Kristina Rogers



Volunteers Needed for Public Emergency Response

Sacramento County
News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - When disasters occur that require onsite medical assistance, first responders can become overwhelmed by the number of victims who need help.

A group of medical and non-medical volunteers in Sacramento County answer the call and assist the injured in their time of need.

The Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps (SMRC) was created to strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency.

The group is looking for more volunteers dedicated to public service, along with assisting during large-scale disasters, public health emergencies or extreme weather events.

Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps is also always ready to help in various capacities.

The volunteers assist at large community events’ first-aid stations, provide health screenings at health fairs, support public health with flu clinics and promotes emergency preparedness to service organizations and neighborhood groups.

The Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are critical in helping keep Sacramento County protected and prepared for any situation. Apply online at sacoes.saccounty.gov/SacramentoMedicalReserveCorps to become a Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps member.

If you don’t feel qualified or don’t have time but still want to help, donations are also accepted via the nonprofit Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps Foundation.

To volunteer, donate or for more information, see sacoes.saccounty.gov/SacramentoMedicalReserveCorps.





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who's the best at owning the worst. It's all about having fun and appreciating the cars.

This crew keeps their sense of humor intact, too. Classic car culture enjoys

sharing hard truths with a bit of fun via vanity plates like “OLDNFAT” and “BROKENOW.” Ben Valencia reminded me luxury sportscars from any decade are invited. Feel free to join



A side profile of a custom-built 1935 Ford coupe. The car is painted a vibrant purple and features a lowered suspension, custom five-spoke wheels, and a prominent front grille. It is parked on a paved surface at what appears to be a car show, with other vehicles and people visible in the background.

A silver Chevrolet Corvette is parked in a lot, with its doors open. The car is positioned in the foreground, angled towards the right. The background shows other vehicles and trees.

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Dignity Health News Release

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The effective date of the new agreement is April 1 and health care services received by Aetna members since April 1 will be covered at in-network benefit levels.

“This is a win for our patients who deserve access to local high-quality care,” said Robert Quinn, MD, president of Dignity Health Medical Foundation. “Our goal in working with Aetna has

always been about ensuring we can meet the needs of our patients today and in the future. This agreement ensures we can continue to provide value-driven care for Aetna members.”

Said Cathy Hughes, Aetna VP and chief network officer for the Western and South-Central region, “We are committed to serving Aetna members with access

to quality, convenient, affordable care through our network of providers. We are pleased to reach an agreement with Dignity Health that enables us to continue working together to meet the health care needs of our members.”

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Sacramento Autorama Announces Award Winners

Rod Shows News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The O'Reilly Auto Parts Sacramento Autorama, one of the world's longest-running indoor car shows, closed out its 73rd annual event on Sunday, May 5, at Cal Expo by recognizing some of the country's finest custom cars with trophies and prizes. Overall, the show hosted over 500 world-class custom vehicles and handed out more than 400 individual awards during its closing ceremony.

The show's prestigious Custom d'Elegance award was presented to Cliff Mattis for his 1957 Chevrolet Convertible. Built by Lucky 7 Customs, this spectacular custom has been channeled by 2" and the frame was moved up to allow the car to sit as low as possible. Each piece of handcrafted copper trim has been fit, filed and chromed. The Roadster Shop chassis houses a vintage-look LS motor and the elegant leather interior was completed by Gabe Lopez. Mattis received \$5,000 in prize money courtesy of ARP Fasteners.

New for 2024, the show crowned the World's Most Beautiful Lowrider. The inaugural award went to Carlos Martinez's jaw-dropping 1964 Chevrolet Impala convertible. The lilac-painted "Indigenous Angel" features fabrication and assembly by American Muscle Cars, wheels and intricate engraving by Chavez Engraving, hydraulics by "Big Rob" Barajas and spectacular murals



Brent Schieder's '37 Ford Cabriolet won the Best of the West award. Photos courtesy of Rod Shows



The show's prestigious Custom d'Elegance award was presented to Cliff Mattis for his 1957 Chevrolet Convertible.

by Tim Lowery. Martinez bested five other lowriders for the first-ever award. For the second consecutive year, the West Coast Challenge Car Show Series presented by ARP Fasteners crowned its Grand Champion during the Sacramento Autorama. Brent Schieder was presented with the Best of the West award for his 1937 Ford Cabriolet, beating out eight other vehicles that competed in at least three of four select car shows in California, Oregon and Washington. Schieder received a \$12,500 prize, while second- and third-place finishers Scott



Chip Foosse poses with a fan at the Sacramento Autorama.

Cooper (1970 Chevy El Camino) and Gary Holyoak (1932 Ford Roadster pickup) received \$6,500 and \$3,500, respectively.

The King of Kustoms award sponsored by Celebrity Kustoms returned in 2024, honoring the best custom-styled car or truck manufactured from 1936 to today. Mike McAuliffe's winning



Building C at the Sacramento Autorama was full of pristine vehicles.



The World's Most Beautiful Lowrider award went to Carlos Martinez's jaw-dropping 1964 Chevrolet Impala convertible.

1953 Ford Victoria showcased the crucial elements of this award, including overall design, flow, quality and workmanship of bodywork, paint and interior. McAuliffe will receive a bespoke Jostens ring engraved with his name and car.

"We brought together all the best parts of the Sacramento Autorama with a few new elements for 2024, and we are delighted with how Northern California's incredible car community responded," said John Buck, owner of Rod Shows and producer of the Sacramento Autorama. "This year, we celebrated hundreds of custom hot rods and muscle cars alongside lowriders, trucks, bicycles and more,

and it wouldn't be possible without the car owners and builders who bring their incredible entries to the show."

Other significant awards included the four historic "Big B Awards." Dave Zocchi won the H.A. Bagdasarian World's Most Beautiful Custom Award for his immaculate 1936 Ford.

The Sam Barris Memorial Award, named in honor of legendary custom car builder Sam Barris, is selected by members of the Barris family. They chose "Lucille," a beautiful 1951 Mercury built by Cambra Speed Shop for Gary Stell Jr., as the car featuring the best metalwork, alignment of body panels and paint. The Joe "Candy Apple

Red" Bailon Memorial Award was designed and created by Bailon, one of the nation's premier custom car designers and builders. This year, the award was presented to John D'Agostino's 1941 Cadillac designed by Oz Welch.

The last of the "Big B Awards," the Dick Bertolucci Automotive Excellence Award, was given to a vehicle manufactured before 1973 that the family of the late hot rod and custom builder Dick Bertolucci felt exhibited the best craftsmanship in assembly, fit, finish and detail. This year, the Bertolucci family selected Schieder's Dominator Street Rods-built 1937 Ford Cabriolet for the trophy.

Sunday's popular Pinstriper Charity Auction raised \$10,000 for UC Davis Children's Hospital, which is dedicated to improving lives and transforming health care.

For more information about the Sacramento Autorama, the complete list of 2024 award winners and updates on upcoming Rod Shows events, please visit rodshows.com. ★

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Religious Fashion Not God’s Style

I sometimes receive emails from readers telling me they love my columns so much they read them to their Bible study group.

It’s a nice compliment, but on the other hand, I work hard to make this column about spirituality in everyday life, not just Sunday school life.

I want it to appeal to those who are unconnected or disconnected to church. And because of that I encourage editors to place me on the community pages or the Living section and off the church page.

And please, keep me as far as possible from the fashion pages. I’m definitely not a fashionable guy.

But if I was writing a fashion column, I’d tell you about my trip last week through the St. Louis airport where I saw men of various ages dressed in, well, I-don’t-know-what.



I saw a young man with trousers riding low enough to qualify him for entrance into the Plumbers Union. I saw old men wearing pants high enough to double as a face mask. And of course, more than enough middle-aged men wearing sweatpants to accommodate their growing bellies.

The fashion didn’t improve much on the plane, where I sat across from a girl with fingernails painted traffic-cone orange. She was prewired to her phone and didn’t notice me.

With so many

fashion-challenged children of God, airport crowds do make a good segue. Cue Bible study.

That’s because the airport crowd reminded me of the one Jesus likely encountered as he walked into a city looking to recruit a Band of Brothers who would change the world.

Like me, he was a people-watcher, just not as smug as me. Go figure.

Unlike me, he had a keen eye for the quality of the soul over the quality of the fabric, the cut of a man’s character over the cut of his shirt.

This is the Jesus used to quickly single out an eager young recruit named Phillip who followed him without so much as blinking.

Exhilarated at being chosen, Phil found his bud, Nathaniel, and begged him to come and meet the

teacher from Nazareth.

“Nazareth?” Nat rightly exclaimed, “You’ve got to be kidding.”

No, Phil wasn’t kidding. “Come see for yourself,” he challenged.

Upon meeting Nathaniel, Jesus quickly pronounced, “Now, here’s the real deal. Not a false bone in his body.”

Nat, not easily moved by flattery, asked, “Where’d you get that idea? You don’t know me.”

Nat was partially right. The two had never been formally introduced, but Jesus had observed Nathaniel on several occasions where he sat under a fig tree, deep in thought.

It was obvious to Jesus that there was something different about Nat.

What was it?

The best translation of the scripture says that Nat was a man “without guile.” That means he didn’t try to

hide who he was. He didn’t demonstrate any pretense in his choice of clothing, friends or mannerisms.

“Why not?” you ask.

Well, it’s not because he was intrinsically happy with who he was. He knew he was not completely accessorized, so he was willing to undertake a fearless inventory of his soul closet.

And I think it was his self-awareness about truly lacking something that made him a prime candidate on the first-round draft pick for a disciple.

In that moment, Nathaniel discovered the most profound truth of all: God is always able to pick us out of the crowd. But he sees us best when we lay aside our pretense and all the religious fashion that goes with it.

Next week, I return to regular programming in the everyday life sections.

And, just to be clear, if this were a fashion column, I surely wouldn’t be the author.

Readers: I return to Honduras next month to help establish the 86th library for Chispa Project. As of this date, the library isn’t fully funded.

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Land Park Softball
Softball is back in Land Park and will now be a part of the Land Park Pacific Little League organization. LPPLL has been a pillar in our community since 1954 and is welcoming softball under their umbrella this SPRING!
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Friends of Sutter’s Fort, in partnership with Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park, is proud to

present a series of family-friendly events and activations this fall highlighted by holiday themed movies, an all-ages concert, and adventurous self-guided evening tours by flashlight or lantern light.
For those interested in visiting inside Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park (that is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily), all Fort admission fees will be waived for the duration of a major roof replacement and seismic stabilization project that is currently underway.
Visitors can observe the rehabilitation project firsthand and tour the Central Building, which remains

open.
For more information, please visit www.sutters-fort.org
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There will be a meeting for volunteer bar tenders some time this week. email or text Sue Hill

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Salmon Poisoning Disease Warning Given to Dog Owners

By Scott Knight, The Jason Foundation

Since 1949, Mental Health America and its affiliates across the country have led the observance of May as Mental Health Awareness Month by reaching millions through the media, local events and screenings. It raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities. Cities and businesses across the country hold events to support mental health and open the lines of communication. Many websites provide ideas for businesses to support employees during May and beyond.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide rates in our country increased by 36% between 2000 and 2021. Suicide was responsible for 48,183 deaths in 2021 alone, which is about one death

every 11 minutes. We know that many mental health disorders, including depression, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder and PTSD, come with heightened risk of suicidal thoughts or attempts. While seeking help for suicidal thoughts or behaviors is critical regardless of the cause, securing a specific diagnosis might help the individual receive treatment, especially ongoing treatment, that is best suited to their mental health needs.

Mental Health America says that up to 60% of people who die by suicide have major depression and research suggests that the majority of suicides are related to a psychiatric condition. If you or someone you know is depressed, there are effective treatments available. Talking to your doctor is a fantastic first step and you can visit the National Alliance on Mental Health Illness to learn about support groups that you might find helpful.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource. JFI is dedicated to the prevention of the “Silent Epidemic” of suicide through educational and awareness programs. On its website, you will learn about warning signs and risk factors associated with people who may be struggling with mental health issues and suicidal ideation. JFI’s website also has more information about finding a Jason Foundation location near you.

We know that four out of five individuals considering suicide give some sign of their intentions, either verbally or behaviorally. In 80% of those considering suicide, we have an opportunity to recognize the warning signs and intervene. Take the time to educate yourselves on the warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide.

This knowledge might help you save the life of a friend or loved one. ★

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Salmon Poisoning Disease is a potentially fatal condition seen only in dogs after they eat certain types of raw or cold smoked fish such as trout and salmon that are infected with a bacteria-like organism, *Neorickettsia helminthoeca*, which is transmitted by the parasitic flatworm (or “fluke”) *Nanophyetes salmincola*.

Nanophyetes salmincola occurs naturally in waters of Northern California and most of the north state can be considered the fluke’s native range. But dogs throughout the state are susceptible. Dog owners are advised to be cautious and to keep their dogs away from salmon, steelhead, trout and other freshwater fish carcasses. The parasite cannot survive in cooked fish, is not harmful to humans and does not affect pets other



Dog owners in California are reminded to take precautions to protect their pets from salmon poisoning disease. Photo courtesy of California Department of Fish and Wildlife

than dogs.

If your dog has eaten or is suspected of eating raw fish, watch for signs of the disease. Symptoms are similar to distemper and might include some or all of the following: a rise in body temperature, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, listlessness and/or rapid weight loss. If signs of the disease appear, promptly take your dog to a veterinarian. Salmon Poisoning Disease is treatable if caught in time. If untreated, death usually occurs within two weeks of eating the infected fish. Without treatment, 90

percent of dogs showing symptoms die.

While all fish caught or originating from California streams could potentially be infected, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife cautions that trout stocked in some waters in the department’s North Central Region are more likely to be infected with the flukes that cause Salmon Poisoning Disease.

Weekly fish stocking information is publicly available at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Planting Schedule web page at wildlife.ca.gov. ★

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Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club Hosts 66th Art Fiesta

Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club is proud to host the 66th Kiwanis Art Fiesta at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, located at 6151 H St. in Sacramento, on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that Sunday. After decades of being an outdoor show at Town

& Country Village and then Pavilions Shopping Center, this is the second Art Fiesta year at the Scottish Rite location. The air-conditioned comfort, spacious facility and ample parking lot provide an ideal location for this iconic event. Meet the artists, browse the fine art pieces and purchase quality art for yourself, family, and friends. Most art media, including painting, pottery, photography, glass, woodwork, fine textile, and jewelry will be for

sale. There is no charge for admission. Food and beverages with a fiesta theme, catered by “Taste for the Senses,” will be sold. Enjoy breakfast, snacks, lunch and dessert items while meeting the artisans. While at the show on Saturday, take time to vote for your personal favorite fiesta artist. The Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club, chartered in 1952, is a community service organization dedicated to serving the Arden-Arcade

community in Sacramento. The club has sponsored the Art Fiesta since the show’s inception. As Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis’ largest fundraising event of the year, the Art Fiesta is a juried art show ensuring unique, original creations. “Come out and share this wonderful variety of quality art with the whole family while both meeting and supporting local artists and helping Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis fund its many community and

youth-assistance programs,” said Art Fiesta chairperson and longtime Kiwanian Tom Fleischmann. “Suburban Kiwanis Club sponsors four high school Key Clubs (Mira Loma, El Camino Fundamental, Rio Americano and Rosemont) as well as a Builders Club at Cowan Fundamental School. These youth programs teach leadership, communication, and community service skills. Additionally, the club sponsors Boy Scout Troop

53.” Other programs that the club sponsors include Kiwanis Family House, River City Food Bank, Sierra Arden Food Closet, Boys and Girls State, Wellspring Women’s Center, Sacramento Crisis Nursery and Just for Kids, a program for children who have an immediate family member diagnosed with cancer. For more about Kiwanis, call Tom at 916-834-1870 or visitsacramentosuburbankiwanis.org. ★

Sacramento Native Relays Instructions to Sailors Aboard USS Dewey

Navy Office of Community Outreach News Release

PHILIPPINE SEA (MPG) - Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Tramain White, top left, from Sacramento recently relayed instructions to sailors on the aft-missile deck aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Dewey (DDG 105) during a replenishment-at-sea with the Henry J. Kaiser-class underway replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202). Operations were being conducted in the Philippine Sea. Dewey is forward-deployed and assigned to DESRON 15, the Navy’s largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th fleet’s principal surface force. ★



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Samantha Oblander.

Matsui Praises Moves to Boost Semiconductors

Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On April 8, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA), co-author of the Creating Helpful Incentives for the Production of Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America Act, issued the following statement after the Department of Commerce announced a preliminary memorandum of terms to provide up to \$6.6 billion in direct funding for Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) under the CHIPS and Science Act. This proposed funding would support TSMC’s investment of more than \$65 billion to construct three leading-edge fabs in Arizona. These fabs will produce some of the world’s most advanced semiconductors critical to national security and



Doris Matsui Photo courtesy of Doris Matsui

consumer products like smartphones, AI datacenter servers, and more. “Today’s announcement is another milestone on our road to reassert America’s global innovation leadership,” Matsui said. “These investments will ensure a secure pipeline of some of the most advanced semiconductors in the world – mission critical components our national security apparatus needs to succeed. As co-author of the original CHIPS Act, I am pleased to see this

legislation working as intended – bringing innovative economic anchors to communities across the country, protecting our national security, and creating good-paying jobs for American workers. I will continue to work hard to ensure we maximize these investments moving forward.” Congresswoman Matsui introduced the original CHIPS Act in June 2020 alongside Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX) and Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Mark Warner (D-VA). She successfully included an amendment based on the CHIPS Act as part of the FY21 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to enable the building and modernization of semiconductor manufacturing facilities in America. She also led efforts to secure this funding through the CHIPS and Science Act. ★



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Neighbors Meet Challenge for New Native Plant Garden

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native plant garden.”

Someone connected Kiser to the Sacramento Valley Chapter for California Native Plants.

Along the way, Dave Roberts joined in. Roberts used his landscaping and plant expertise to design the space. He created a list of 28 California native plants with names like Summer Snow, Calistoga, Pink Island Foam, Valley Violet, Blond Ambition, and Bee’s Bliss.

The project was taking shape, and volunteers were ready to help. The next hurdle was how to secure funds for the plants and supplies.

Kiser explained, “City Parks could help but didn’t have the money for this project. Then, a neighbor suggested we apply for a Sacramento Perennial Plant Club grant.” The timing was perfect, as grant applications were being accepted.

Then, another tiny snag: Kiser needed a 501(c)(3) organization to help apply for the grant with her. She contacted the Land Park Community Association, which responded swiftly, eager to join the effort.

The application went through, and the LPCA distributed the funds for the supplies.

Things were moving along again until another roadblock appeared: heavy rain was expected on the scheduled planting date. Kiser and Roberts scrambled to change plans.

Volunteers hustled and worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., two days

before the storm arrived. Commissioner Flores and City Parks staff brought the mulch and spread it throughout the space.

Now, it’s Mother Nature’s turn to do her part. Roberts said, “We expect the yarrows and grasses to come up first; flowers take a bit longer.”

He noted, “Grasses are considered ‘pioneer plants’ that build a soil web for plants to flourish. By spring, we should see some color. Normally, a native landscape takes around five years to mature.”

He also shared how the soil food web is critical to building a healthy natural environment for plants and animals. It helps protect against pests, diseases and weed growth. It can also reduce the need for using pesticides.

Finally, regenerating soil to a healthy, natural state can support climate change efforts by creating a carbon-reducing environment. Roberts recommends visiting the website www.soilfoodweb.com to learn more about the soil food web.

Kiser and Roberts are not finished yet; they also plan to install an 18-by-24-inch plaque. It will describe the plants and the benefits of native foliage.

For instance, native plants are drought-tolerant, but once folks are trained to care for them, they’re easy to maintain and cost-effective.

And Roberts noted, “They create an environment where good bugs thrive,” meaning pollinators like bees, butterflies



Dave Roberts at work on volunteer planting day. Photo by Jane Kiser



Native plants at Land Park WPA Rock Garden. This is an example of what will sprout in the new garden. Photo by Kristina Rogers

and ladybugs. Birds and lizards will enjoy the garden, too.

Funds are being secured for the plaque. When it’s ready, a community event will celebrate the installation.

Kiser has been bitten by the “advocate bug” and continues to support native plant gardening. She’s in the early stages of contacting neighborhood schools to get youth more involved. She has spoken to Sacramento City College and is also interested in connecting to McClatchy High School (Principal Egan: Is there a native plant club there?).

Roberts explained, “You always want your garden to be a catalyst for other projects.” And possible projects could involve our city, too. For instance, the Old City Cemetery on Broadway and Riverside Boulevard could be an excellent opportunity to create a robust native plant garden. Plus, other



Native Plant Project at Plaza Cervantes Park. Photo by Kristina Rogers

neighborhood spots around Sacramento should be considered.

More trees will be added to Plaza Cervantes Park as well. Joe Flores plans to schedule a time to plant around nine trees in the small park later this year.

Roberts said he is pleased that the Parks Department has been more engaged and hopes to work with them on future projects.

These climate-friendly efforts help meet Sacramento City’s goals to improve climate change for all.

Passionate gardeners, neighborhood volunteers, Jane Kiser and Dave Roberts are ready to accept new challenges!

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This dog receives some love at the Doggie Dash.

Story and photos by Kristina Rogers

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On April 20, Sacramento let the dogs out to participate in the 31st Annual SPCA Doggie Dash. Over 2,000 people and their canine companions went to William Land Park to enjoy the sunny Saturday. Dogs and their people registered for either a 5k or 2k run in the tree-filled park. Some pooches ran alongside their owners, while less athletic and senior dogs enjoyed the view from a wagon or stroller. The pet festival was a vibrant hub of activity, with over 100 vendors offering a diverse range of services. From pet daycare and veterinary care to dog training, there was something for every pet owner. Posh services included pup boutiques, “barkcutterie boards” and pet portraits. Professionals of the four-legged variety were also represented. Officers from Sacramento’s Police Canine Association brought their working dogs for photos, and provided information about the program. Several rescue organizations were also present, advocating for specific breeds such as corgis, basset hounds, German Shepards, malemutes and golden retrievers. Mixed breed rescues like Resilient Dog Rescue brought in adoptable dogs, adding an opportunity to find a forever home by the end of

the day. Many dogs arrived in tutus and outfits to win in the best-dressed arena. There were also contests for the most enthusiastic tail wag and best kisser. And other pups competed in a doggy peanut butter eating contest. Obstacle courses and plastic pools were spread around the area so every dog could burn their energy and cool off. Humans had a chance to grab lunch at a food truck and enjoy some downtime at The Watering Bowl, a VIP beer, wine, and cocktail garden. Dawn Foster, SPCA director for marketing and communications, expressed the significance of the Doggie Dash event, stating, “This is not just a fun event, it’s a community effort. All the money raised today stays right here in the Sacramento community, directly benefiting over 40,000 animals every year.” The funds raised help to offset costs for spay/neuter, vaccines, surrender intake and adoptions. There are also educational programs and affordable options for senior pet owners and low-income families. As of this article, the Doggie Dash had earned over \$200,000 in registration fees. The money is still being tallied from the beer garden and food truck proceeds. To learn more about the SPCA and to get involved, visit sspca.org. ★

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