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February 23, 2023

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*From Susan van Haitsma, a visual signal that it must be time for the plant sale:  
[ABOVE] the return of the Purple Martins (just in the south-most Purple Martin  
Houses as of today) and [BELOW] the Redbuds in full bloom!*

## Workday this Saturday & Sign Up for Plant Sale Spots

There will be a workday to prepare for the big plant sale this Saturday, February 1st starting at 9:00am. Ila will lead. Please, attend if you can. Please also continue to sign up to help with the plant sale.— *Submitted by Marsha Riti*

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## Look for Email About Unloading Plants!

While the exact days and time are yet to be decided, anyone who is available next week during the day next week to help unload plants will be greatly appreciated. The plastic trays can be rough on the hands so bring a pair of gloves. There will be an email in a few days with exact days and times.

The plants are unloaded where the compost is, so please get compost as soon as possible.

A few housekeeping items for the garden:

- untreated wood and bamboo without metal attached go in the compost, not the dumpster
- inorganic stuff does not go in the compost (plastic plant tags are the most numerous offenders)
- when harvesting compost or leaves use buckets for the material you not willing to put in your plot, one for inorganic stuff destined for the dumpster and one for organic material that is to big for the leaf

pile that can be added to the plant area. — *Submitted by Randy Thompson*

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## Ticket Writers Needed for Afternoon Shift

We are needing a few more ticket writers for the 2nd shift on Saturday March 4th, 11:30-2:00. It's a fun job interacting with customers who are excited about their plant selections. And it's a great way to log some service hours! Get involved in the plant sale, it's a lot of fun! Please contact Susan Wallar at [swallar@gmail.com](mailto:swallar@gmail.com) if you are interested in this opportunity. You can also register via the sign up genius referenced in this weeks Weeder!

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*Owl with sniffles by Steve Camp*



# Thank you to Workday Helpers!

Last weekend's Workdays accomplished a lot to prepare sunshine for the Plant Sale. Thank you to all who joined us! Even though we all were a little drippy, like the owl guarding my plot.— *Submitted by Steve Camp*



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Changes to Green Binder Entries

The "Green Binder" has been updated. If anybody tries to enter their hours in the "Green Binder" and does not specify a date, your hours will not show. You may get a message that the date is required, or you might not., but the page will not go to the totaled hours.

For those that are wondering why we use the term "Green Binder", 10 years ago and before everything was logged into a green paper binder in the tool shed, so everything had to be manually recorded into an Excel spreadsheet by volunteers. By creating a login form for the website and logging it into a database, we've eliminated several man hours of work. We've just kept the term "Green Binder". — *Submitted by Sharon Rempert*

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## Turn off Water Hoses At Faucet

Water hoses should be turned off at the faucet and not at the hose nozzle. Recently, the water hose at the tool cleaning station by the tool shed has been found to be turned off at the nozzle with faucet still turned on. This puts too much pressure on the hose and increases the likelihood of it bursting. Turning off at faucet and not opening the nozzle also puts the hose under high pressure. So please turn off the water hose at the faucet and open the nozzle. The same procedure should be followed with hoses throughout the garden.—  
*Submitted by Jim Willmann*

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## Garden Education by Ila Falvey

- An interesting [article about Austin in \*The New Yorker\*](#) shows that Sunshine in an anchor in a changing city.
  - This piece of info is from *Linda Lehmusvirta of "Texas Central Gardener"* on the trees damaged in the storm: "Many of us are still cleaning up toppled trees. If your live oak or red oak trees were damaged, those wounds have healed already. Since this is prime time for oak wilt transmission, tools MUST be disinfected between new cuts that you or an arborist make on the tree and the wounds painted immediately (a clear spray paint works). Generally, we do not prune susceptible oaks between February 1 and July 1 unless they present a safety hazard, which may apply here."
  - Upcoming event on February 26: [Shroom Forage at Jester King](#).
  - Upcoming workshop from Austin Organic Gardeners on March 11: [Be a Climate change Gardener with Cloud Layer Gardening](#)
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# Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

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NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - February 1 . Contact on that day will be Ila Falvey [Ila.falvey@gmail.com](mailto:Ila.falvey@gmail.com). Volunteers will be prepping garden facilities for the annual Plant Sale on March 4th. The remaining Saturday in February will also have a workday to support the Plant Sale. We also need folks for the plant sale itself. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!

Workdays often evolve into social events! SCG is a fantastic place to meet new friends and learn both new and old gardening techniques. There's a wealth of knowledge here and experienced people that love to share it.

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## NOTE

The North & East fence line now have a number assigned to each panel. It is on a brass ring hanging on the panel. Please, either you or a small group please sign up for 1 or more that you will work to keep clean and neat looking. It may have certain vines on it if you wish. Check with staff about which vines will perform the best. Contact Jim Willmann [jhwillmann@gmail.com](mailto:jhwillmann@gmail.com) for assignment options.

Thanks!

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## NEW GARDENERS

There are several new gardeners at SCG! Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and y'all get to know each other a little and share garden knowledge and tips. Let's emphasize the COMMUNITY in Community Garden.

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## ROADS AND PARKING

- Speed limit is 3 MPH. (Primarily for safety, but also to keep the dust down.)
- Sunshine's roads provide access to plots and common areas. Gardeners should not 1) park on roads except to unload a heavy load from vehicle, 2) drive on roads when wet, 3) drive around barriers, 4) drive into another gardener's plot, or 5) put plants or other items in the road.
- Cars may not be left idling while at the garden.
- Park only in the front parking area or your common area. On weekends there are parking spaces on Sunshine and 49th Street.

Handbook and Site rules specifically state that PARKING ON GARDEN

ROADS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Park in the parking lot or common areas only. When the emergency vehicle enters SCG, they may (I hope not) be coming to assist YOU. How inconvenient it would be for them to have to wait for folks to move cars.

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## PRIORITY TASKS

- Mowing and Trimming everywhere but especially Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence. With the recent rains and more to come, mowing has become a primary task.
  - Khaki Weed Season is Upon Us! For the uninitiated, Khaki weed is an invasive plant that infects the garden in late spring, summer, and fall. We are determined every year to eradicate it as much as possible. To this end, we are allowing digging up khaki weed to be counted as TSVBI hours until further notice.
  - Maintaining common paths and common areas. If you have plants extending into common paths, trim them. The common paths are designed to allow the biggest wheelbarrows that we own to traverse them unimpeded.
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## TSVBI

- Weeding paths in TSBVI garden and wood chip areas on west side. (This is normally needed. Try to get out roots. Be sure to smooth out paths after weeding to facilitate TSBVI students moving around garden). Mowing between fence and street along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. along and 10' inside fence.
  - Picking up trash wherever you see it.
  - Cleaning the street curb gutters of dirt and debris buildup. (At places in the curb gutter along Sunshine Dr. And 49th St. soil has built up and grass is beginning to grow. Scrape off with shovel and put in wheelbarrow. If debris is gravel it can be put in low places in the parking lot, otherwise, destination is dumpster.
  - Note: TSVBI hours can also count as regular hours.
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## REGULAR

- Maintaining common paths. (Gardeners are required to maintain a 2' strip of common paths adjacent to their plot.
- Mowing and cleaning up overgrown/messy places in common areas.

Your Zone Coordinator may have more tasks than are listed here. Contact them or [campinthegarden@yahoo.com](mailto:campinthegarden@yahoo.com) if you feel that you have run out of



things to do.

Slow Down (3 MPH!) You're on Garden Time! Enjoy!

Contact both [Kristin Phillips](#) & [Maria Beach](#) to contribute the Weekly Weeder.



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