

Sensory Garden: 2022-2023 Garden Refresh Project

Details

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In the fall of 2022, Club members began refreshing the Sensory Garden at Centennial Park in Pleasanton because over the years it had veered away from its sensory focus. New plants were purchased and grouped according to sensory theme, and old and tired plants were removed. Several different types of signs were added.

This document captures information about the people we worked with to bring the refresh project to fruition--and will continue to work with. It also contains the details about the elements we're now providing in the "new" garden that might need replacement over time; in particular, pamphlets and signs.

City Contacts

As of June 2023, we have two main contacts with the City of Pleasanton:

- Zack Silva, Recreation Supervisor, (925) 931-5348. zsilva@cityofpleasantonca.gov
Zack was our interface with the City staff during our refresh project. He will continue to work with us going forward. He is the person to contact to have pamphlets reprinted and similar. He is the person to talk with when we want to participate in Senior Center activities.
- Josh Callahan, City of Pls lead maintenance worker: (925) 596-4183
jccallahan@cityofpleasanton.gov
Josh is the person we call to arrange for the trailer for the monthly work parties.

Pamphlets

We are providing in a Sensory Garden specific pamphlet (brochure) in the pamphlet holder in the garden. The City of Pleasanton agreed to print the pamphlets for us as long as we follow the City style guide and include the City logo on it.

The source and PDF file for the pamphlet is stored in the website storage. Ask the webmaster for the latest version of the source file if you need to update the file. The file names will include the date, for example, SensoryGardenBrochureMay2023Final.docx.

If the brochure is updated, be sure to send the more recent version to Zack Silva.

The pamphlets are being stored behind the front desk in the Senior Center so that any of the LAVGC members have access to the pamphlets to refill the holder in the garden. If the supply gets low, ask Zack to order some more pamphlets to be printed, at least 300 at a time.

Note: The City of Pleasanton print shop also printed 4 copies of our Sensory Garden Maintenance Manual. If the manual is updated, ask Zack whether the print shop can reprint the manual.

The Signs in the Sensory Garden

We added the following types of signs during the refresh project:

- Interpretive sign
- Bed number signs
- Sensory theme signs
- Plant signs, three types

Interpretive Sign



This sign was designed by Kyle Ogden, President, Creative Director of Ogden Costa Creative Group, 6800 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 300, Pleasanton, CA 94566

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The sign itself was fabricated by AMP PRINTING+GRAPHICS, 6955 Sierra Court Dublin, CA 94568, T-925-248-8268. Kyle Ogden worked with Tami Noland there. We did not have direct contact with them during the refresh project. Kyle took care of all the details for us.

We opted to order the more permanent type of sign that is supposed to withstand the elements for about 10 years. It is also supposed to hold up well to problems such as graffiti. The total cost of the design of this sign, fabrication, and the base was \$3,800.

What to do when it needs to be replaced: Eventually this sign will need to be replaced. The most cost-efficient strategy is to replace the sign with the same design. That way we will not have to incur the cost to have the sign designed again. Kyle sent us the final PDF file of our Interpretive sign. We are storing that PDF of the final design in the website storage. Ask the LAVGC webmaster for a copy of that file. Then send the file to the fabricator. The file is called [CityOfPleasanton_SensoryGarden_FINAL_Hires.pdf](#)

Note: We are not providing a link to this file because we don't want it exposed to the Internet where it can be copied.

Signs identifying Beds and Sensory Themes

We ordered the signs identifying the Bed numbers and the Sensory Theme from Fast Signs in Dublin, 7660 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568, (925) 391-2787



The order form and proofs below contain the particulars:

<https://lavgc.org/EST-112160.pdf>

<https://lavgc.org/VAVGCrev-Revised.jpg>

Plant Tags to Identify the Plants

We are using these types of plant markers:

- Plain white tags
- Small engraved tags (2" x 3")
- Tree signs (5" x 4")



1. **Plain white tags:** For most of the plants we're using white plant tags that we purchased from Sloat nursery. Originally, we tried permanent marker to write the plant names on the signs. But we found that the names were fading off after a few months. At the recommendation of Karen Jefferson, we ordered Artline Garden Markers from Amazon. (Garden Marker | Water Resistant | Quick Dry Ink Great For Outside Use). We will be trying those.
2. **Printed plant signs** for our "special plants." These engraved signs came from Orion Garden Marker (<https://www.gardenmarker.com/>). The contact email is info@gardenmarker.com We ordered two types of signs for our "special" plants.

- Small tags, 2 x 3.5": We ordered some small printed tags for the plants in the raised beds that we consider our special plants—and are described in the pamphlet.
(Beth Clark ordered two of each of these signs in case they are damaged or lost. Contact Beth to get the duplicate.)
- Tree signs 5 x 4": For the special plants in the ground beds, we ordered some larger signs, referred to as tree signs.

Beth sent instructions for our order to Dale Drisko at the company. Dale returned proofs for approval. These files are the proofs for our order.

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[https://lavgc.org/5 x 4 engraved Livermore Garden.pdf](https://lavgc.org/5%20x%204%20engraved%20Livermore%20Garden.pdf)