



## February 2015 Speaker

Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7.

Speaker: David Feix, Landscape Designer

### “Bay Area Style Gardens Designed by David Feix”

This presentation will provide an opportunity to learn about the process behind his inimitable style.

David will delve into the creation of four distinctively different gardens offering case studies of clients with a broad range of styles, budgets, opportunities and constraints. Gardens will range from a high-end residential garden in the Thousand Oaks neighborhood of Berkeley, a plant collector's garden in the Oakland hills originally designed by Roger Raiche of Planet Horticulture, a house being flipped near Lake Merritt of primarily cacti and succulents, and the last garden for a condo conversion of a duplex in a funky Oakland flats neighborhood with a very tight budget and lots of recycled, repurposed materials.

See <http://tinyurl.com/olr5zl2> for David Feix’s online photo albums (Flickr “sets” – about 250! You will find some of your favorite plants for sure, as well as gardens and landscapes, and slides from his presentations ... all well captioned.)

*David is an avid traveler. His work and travel in the Mediterranean basin, Southeast Asia, Brazil, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa has influenced his design work and planting palette. Based in Berkeley, he is a landscape designer with his own residential landscape design practice since 1996.*



*Edgeworthia chrysantha* in full bloom, February 2013. Photo: David Feix.



## Dinner at Bella Vita restaurant with our speaker, David Feix

Join us at 5:30 p.m. on February 11 at the lovely Italian restaurant in downtown Los Altos, close to our meeting location, to enjoy each others’ company and meet our speaker, David Feix. Address: Bella Vita Restaurant, 376 1st Street, Los Altos. Please contact **Rosalie Shepherd to confirm: [shep8283@comcast.net](mailto:shep8283@comcast.net) or 650-321-8283**. Ample free parking.

### Mark Your Calendar! Meeting dates in 2015:

Wednesday, March 11	Paul Discoe	Fences and Gates of Japanese Gardens
Wednesday, April 8	Greg Starr	Juicy Succulents and Plant Exploration
Wednesday, May 13	Katie Wong	Upgrade Your Garden—Download Rare Fruits

Please see <http://westernhort.org> for more information on speakers and talks.

**Letter from our President** To all Western Hort members: Abby Garner who served for 6 years, and Wendy van der Linden, who was able to serve only one year, are retiring from the Board. They have contributed so much to the Society, including new ideas, many hours and hard work. Abby was our Pacific Horticultural Society Representative for many years and reported news from PHS, in addition to propagating many plants for us. Wendy worked to organize the binder that every Board member gets, and she worked with Roberta propagating plants and working the Plant Sale table at the Spring Garden Market fundraiser for WHS. They will be sorely missed. Thank you, Abby and Wendy.

At the general meeting in January we elected two new board members: Carrie Parker and Patricia Larenas – a big thank you and welcome to them. The following people have been elected as officers by the Board of Directors at their January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting: Richard Tiede, President; Judy Wong, Vice President; Daxin Liu, Treasurer; Liz Calhoon, Secretary; and Rosalie Shepherd, Corresponding Secretary. Thank you to continuing Board member Roberta Barnes who is passing the baton – er, pen – to Liz Calhoon as Recording Secretary.

This will be my last year as President (due to term limits), and your support and encouragement has made my job a joy. ~Richard Tiede

**Plant Table** Here is a big thanks for our regular contributors! The plant table is often the first place that members go as they arrive at our meetings. We have all kinds of plants and garden related items on the plant table. Call Roberta Barnes at 650 949-0377 if you are uncertain about an item you are considering donating. ~Roberta Barnes

**Hot Plant Picks: Update!** Our annual Hot Plants Picks exhibit at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show is still looking for a few good volunteers! There are openings Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March through Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> for anyone interested in trading free entrance to the 30<sup>th</sup> San Francisco Flower & Garden Show in San Mateo for just over two hours of time spent with the Hot Plants of 2015. This year the exhibit will be wild and new, and in the main building next to the display gardens. Don't miss your opportunity to hang out with the coolest plants at the show – and the destination exhibit for all Northern California plant nerds! Contact Nancy at [nancy@carmansnursery.com](mailto:nancy@carmansnursery.com) or (408) 847-2313. ~Nancy Schramm

**28 Years Ago** Western Hort met October 8, 1986 to hear Nancy Garrison's talk "RARE FRUITS—Tips for Growing in Our Area." At the time she had been the Santa Clara County UC Cooperative Extension Horticultural Advisor for six years and was concurrently President of the local chapter of CRFG. There was a call for volunteers to help plan the society's exhibit at the 1987 SF Landscape Garden Show – organized by Elizabeth Garbett and Mary Kaye. Plant notes abounded with colorful foliage and fruits: *Quercus rubra*; *Crataegus x lavalleyi* 'Carriere', *C. oxyacantha* 'Rosea' & *C. monogyna*; *Maclura pomifera* (the osage orange is an interesting fruit – I just acquired one and intend to germinate seeds) and *Punica granatum* 'Nana'. The November 12<sup>th</sup> WHS meeting featured our own inimitable Ted Kipping with "Insights into Contemporary Japan and its Traditional Gardens" along with three slide projectors! The plant notes showed participation by many faithful members including Bob Young—*Schlumbergera truncata*, Betsy Clebsch—*Salvia involucrata* (two forms including a recent collection from Hidalgo Province), Gerda Isenberg—*Marsilea macrocarpa* (an African species of water clover, an aquatic fern that doesn't look like a fern at all) and Bart O'Brien—*Lycasta deppei* "a charming and...undemanding orchid...Its flowers have green sepals spotted with red, white petals shading to yellow in the center, and a yellow lip— sounds bizarre but is actually very tastefully put together. Bart faults the plant only for its not entirely pleasing heavy scent." ~Nancy Schramm

### **New on our website: Do Not Miss**

See [http://www.westernhort.org/articles\\_ED\\_CARMAN.html](http://www.westernhort.org/articles_ED_CARMAN.html) for the great writeup published in Pacific Horticulture Magazine, "All in the (Horticultural) Family: The Legacy of Ed Carman", by Nancy Schramm. Reprinted by permission. Thanks to our webmaster Pat Knight for reaching out to PHS so we can archive this article on our site.

**January 2015 Speaker Notes** This month's speaker, Sean Hogan, traveled some distance to bring to us new introductions for our gardens with his talk "New Plants From Near and Far." Hogan, co-owner of Cistus Nursery is clearly a "plant nut" and his enthusiastic and entertaining presentation touched those present. He has visited many parts of the world to discover, collect, and propagate new species and varieties he feels will do well in our gardens.

Cistus Nursery is a two-acre retail nursery near Sauvie Island new Portland, Oregon, You would have to label it a "collector's nursery," as its inventory of different plant types is too numerous to list on one page (to wit, if you like Pittosporums, Sean's outfit grows 121 varieties!)



*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta', Harry Lauder's walking stick or Corkscrew Hazel. Photo: <https://www.rhs.org.uk>

A brief sample of plants Sean talked about with some great slides to boot: *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta', Harry Lauder's walking stick or Corkscrew Hazel; *Aristolochia sempervirens* from Crete – a good climber; *Acer circinatum* – a certain (unnamed) variety under propagation that looks good through the summer, with brilliant fall color; different species of *Arctostaphylos* (Manzanita), which the speaker feels are underused; Junipers – can you imagine that?; *Rhododendron occidentale* (Western

Azelea) that has two blooming cycles and a nice fragrance; and *Oxalis oregano* (Redwood Sorrel), a good filler plant, found on the redwood grove canopy floor.

Sean Hogan is full of information, and we were fortunate to have an hour with him in person. To learn more about him and his nursery, read the cover page of the WHS January newsletter, and don't miss his website, <http://www.cistus.com>. You can follow his postings on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CistusNursery>. You won't have to go far to bring these wonderful plants near to you! ~Mark McCabe

## Horticultural Calendar

**2015 Golden State Bonsai Collection North Fundraiser.** Sunday, February 22, 2015. Vendor sales 9am-4pm, Bonsai Demo by Kathy Shaner 12 noon-3pm, Raffle drawing at 2pm. There is an auction on Sat, Feb 21. Free entrance. Lakeside Garden Center. 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. See <http://www.gsbflakemerritt.org>.

**Blueberries in Abundance!** Feb 14, 11:30am-1pm. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. See <http://mastergardeners.org/events>.

**Following in the Bartram's Footsteps**, the opening exhibition at UC Botanical Garden's recently moved and historical Julia Morgan Hall. Features exhibition of 40 botanical artists. Runs through Feb 15, 2015 at UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Dr., Berkeley. Free with garden admission. See <http://www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu>. To watch a short video, go to <http://tinyurl.com/nnm4wak>. To read a great 2-page SF Chronicle article about the hall and the exhibit, go to <http://tinyurl.com/n4muuw9> (10 photos).

**Animal Pests in Your Garden.** Feb 25, 7:30-8:30pm, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos. See <http://mastergardeners.org/events>.

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### About membership in Western Hort:

To join or renew, send your name, address, phone number and a check made out to "Western Horticultural Society" to PO Box 620673, Woodside, CA 94062-0673.

Membership Rates: A one-year membership (Sep-Aug) includes four issues of Pacific Horticulture magazine. Regular membership is \$35, Sustaining is \$45, Contributing is \$60 and Plant Lover is \$100+. We have also added a Family membership of \$50 for two or more members at the same address, and a Student rate of \$20.

Please visit our website at [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org) for a membership form.

### Newsletter Submissions and Address Changes

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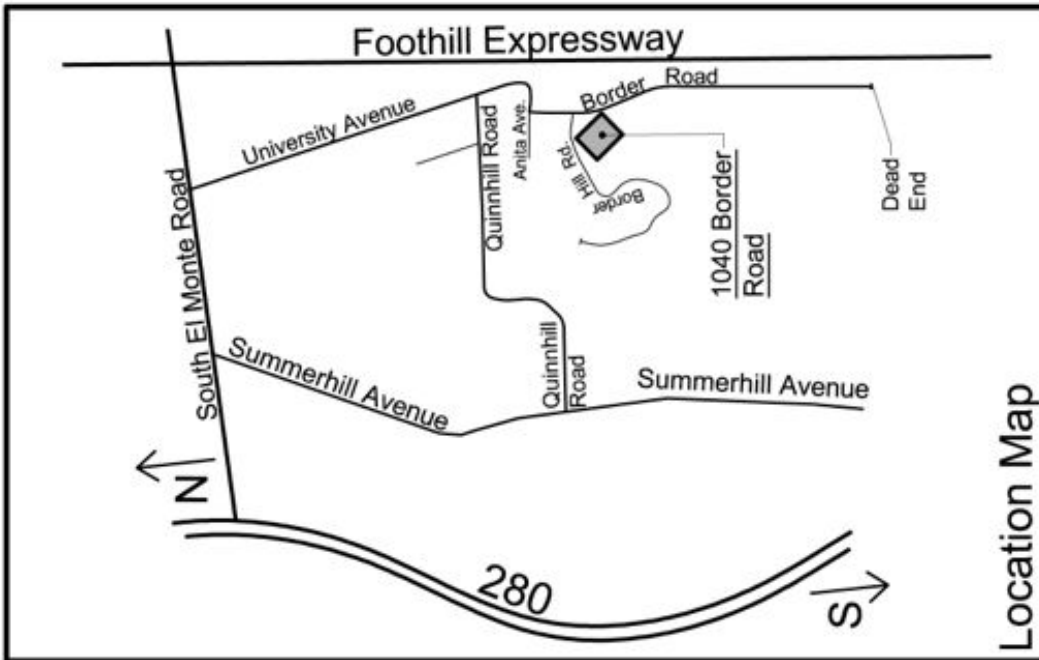
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Would you like to **sponsor a lecture** for the WHS that is of particular interest to you? It would be much appreciated! Please call Pat Knight at 650-941-6136.