



ATTENTION! MEETING PLACE CHANGE FOR MARCH, APRIL AND MAY!

Our new/temporary(?) meeting place is official for March, April and May, 2016: **Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos** in the Multi-Purpose Room next to the parking lot. It needs to be emphasized that the change at this time is ONLY for those three months, **not February**. Stay tuned for future information!!!

February 2016 Speaker

Wednesday, February 10, 7:30pm. Doors open at 7pm.

Speaker: Drew Harwell.

LOCATION: Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1040 Border Rd., Los Altos (map on last page)

“Vegetables for All Seasons”

Drew Harwell has been eating out of local gardens every day for the past thirteen years. Living in the Bay Area, we have the luxury to grow food year-round. Drew will share ways to organize and plan your garden for year-round harvest. Topics will include diversified crop rotations, and techniques such as biointensive gardening and permaculture to maximize food production and maintain soil health and fertility.



Drew Harwell, our February speaker. He is an Edible Garden and Permaculture Consultant, Palo Alto, California.

Photo: westernhort.org

Join us for dinner with Drew Harwell on February 10, 5:30pm! Contact Katie Wong, alivensilk@aol.com or (408) 251-2742 to RSVP, and for directions to the restaurant.

Drew is manager of Chef Jesse Cool’s Seeds of Change Garden and a Stanford University lecturer. He has managed the Stanford Community Farm and the Common Ground Demonstration Gardens. A native of Palo Alto, he grew up gardening with his family in their community garden plot behind the main library. ~Pat Knight, Webmaster, <http://westernhort.org>

Upcoming Speakers See westernhort.org for descriptions

March 9, 2016 Wendy Proud, “Transforming the Landscape of Waterwise California.”

April 13, 2016 Ted Kipping, “Victor Reiter’s Garden.”

May 11, 2016 Kora Dalager, “Container Plants: The Ultimate Small Container Garden.”

Food for thought! Anyone want to write up responses or reactions?!

9%: Perspective on the California drought and landscape water use, University of California Cooperative Extension Report, May 2015. <http://ucanr.edu/sites/UrbanHort/files/216568.pdf> “Landscapes and the water they use are under relentless attack as California confronts ongoing drought. Most of these attacks are misguided when one looks at the facts, however.”

Go ahead, water your lawn ~ Shocking OpEd from L.A. Times? <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-hodel-pittenger-water-lawn-20150917-story.html> “Have you watered your yard lately? You probably should. Such a recommendation might seem irresponsible in the face of the California drought, but the recent rush to slash urban landscape water use, and in the process let trees, shrubs and lawns decline or die, is shortsighted, foolish, expensive and, most tragic of all, unnecessary.”

Free Garden Items Christine Bate is moving to Oregon and has a collection of terra-cotta pots, saucers, plastic pots and some plants in pots (including many succulents) that are all gathered together in one area. All free. If you are interested in anything, please call (650) 575-8095. Make an outing to Los Altos Hills with a friend. All items need to be removed by February 8. ~Christine Bate

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

New Board of Directors for the Coming Year The Board of Directors for 2016 are Liz Calhoon and Carrie Parker – Co-Presidents, Judy Wong – Vice President, Daxin Liu – Treasurer, Patricia Larenas – Recording Secretary, Judy Fulton, Richard Tiede and Katie Wong.

We are actively recruiting new board members. Anyone who is a member of Western Horticulture Society can become a Board member. Please contact any of the Board members for details. ~Carrie Parker, WHS Co-President

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Your Gift Package Includes...

- Announcement Card
- Small Box of Schurra's Chocolates
- Cafe Tool
- Gourmet Cookie
- One free red rose each month for a year from Citti's Florist
- Your personal message on a plaque by the rose bush of your choice in the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden for a full year

Sample Plaque

SEA OF FIRE
"Sea"
From Deutscher Rosarium, Dortmund, Germany
Kordes' Söhne, W. 1954
Floribunda L-10-25
Your Inscription Here
Adopt-a-Rose Today!
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Looking for a distinctive Valentine's gift? A bouquet of roses will last a week, but a rose bush will bloom throughout the year. With your donation of \$50 (no package) or \$60 (with special gift package), Guadalupe River Park Conservancy will help you select the perfect rose. Rose adoptions are fully deductible or partially tax-deductible if you include the gift package. For more details and to place an order see <http://www.grpg.org/adopt-a-rose> or call (408) 298-7657.

Free Rose Pruning Lessons ~ January through Mid-February

Free rose pruning lessons are offered in the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden during pruning season. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at Jessica@grpg.org or (408) 298-7657 about when to come, or just show up on a Wednesday or Saturday morning at the garden located inside Guadalupe River Park at Spring & Taylor Streets, San Jose. The final date for pruning lessons may be in late February, so contact the Volunteer Coordinator to find out.

Have you ever taken rose pruning lessons where the instructor only demonstrated how to prune? You then went home and found your roses didn't look at all like the ones the instructor demonstrated with! The Heritage Rose Garden's expert rosarians will demonstrate pruning and then you will, with supervision, prune several roses. This hands-on experience will build your confidence in caring for your own roses. If you get home and still don't feel confident with some of your roses, come back for another lesson.

The lessons can also cover other aspects of rose care in the Santa Clara Valley and the San Francisco Peninsula. They will answer your questions and can loan you bypass shears and leather gloves, but bring your own if you have them. What's in it for the Heritage Rose Garden? Your training sessions help them get the garden pruned for a gorgeous spring bloom! And whether you can help prune the roses or not, you do not want to miss the springtime bloom of the thousands of roses. See <http://www.heritageroses.us> for more details.

Annual General Meeting Report of the Western Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting took place on January 13, 2016.

President Richard Tiede called to order the annual Western Horticultural Society meeting at Christ Episcopal Church in Los Altos, CA at 7:30pm. The required quorum of 25+ members was present.

Outgoing President Tiede introduced newly installed Co-Presidents Liz Calhoon and Carrie Parker (voted in by the board on January 10, 2016).

Treasurer Daxin Liu gave his report with the checking account currently having \$40,144 and CD at \$6,557.83 (at Bank of the West in Los Altos). The group took in \$10,348 last year and spent \$12,943. He invited members to view the statements.

Retiring Board members Roberta Barnes and Rosalie Shepherd were thanked for their service and given gift cards as expressions of our gratitude for their service. New Board member Judy Fulton was nominated and approved with a unanimous voice vote.

At the previous Board meeting on January 10, the officers were chosen: Liz Calhoon and Carrie Parker will serve as Co-Presidents, Judy Wong continues as Vice President, Daxin Liu continues as Treasurer, Patricia Larenas replaced Liz Calhoon as Recording Secretary, and Richard Tiede replaced Rosalie Shepherd as Corresponding Secretary.

Announcements:

- The attendees were told that our group must find a different meeting place for the months of March/April/May (2016). The church (where our meetings are currently held) needs the room on Wednesday evenings. The board members are investigating options, and the new meeting location will be announced. (*Editor's Note: A location was found: Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. See page one.*)
- Co-President Parker encouraged the members to volunteer for service on the board of directors citing that there are five board meetings held yearly, and that a friendly potluck is held after the meetings.
- The attendees were informed that Pacific Horticulture no longer requires a representative.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm by Co-President Parker. ~Patricia Larenas, Recording Secretary

Horticultural Calendar

Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale!

Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28, 2016, 10am-4pm, at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Free. The Auction is on Saturday; you can preview Auction items here: <http://gsbf-lakemerritt.org/?gallery=mammoth-auction-2016>. Vendor sales 9am-4pm on Sunday onl; you can bring your trees and pots to the sale as pre-and developing-bonsai. See <http://www.gsbf-lakemerritt.org>.

Western Horticultural Society

Officers and Board Members

Co-Presidents: Liz Calhoon and Carrie Parker

Vice President: Judy Wong

Recording Secretary: Patricia Larenas

Corresponding Secretary: Richard Tiede

Treasurer: Daxin Liu

Other Board Members: Chris Egan, Judy Fulton and Katie Wong.

To contact us, please send email to info@westernhort.org, or contact Chris Egan at 650-948-4614, or send mail to Western Horticultural Society, PO Box 60507, Palo Alto, CA, 94306.

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 for a membership form.

Newsletter Submissions and Address Changes

The newsletter publishes on the first of the month. The deadline for submissions is the 18th of the prior month; items received after the 25th may not make it into the immediately upcoming newsletter but will be published the following month. Send submissions to Marianne Mueller, mrm@sonic.net or 333 Kingsley Avenue, Palo Alto 94301.

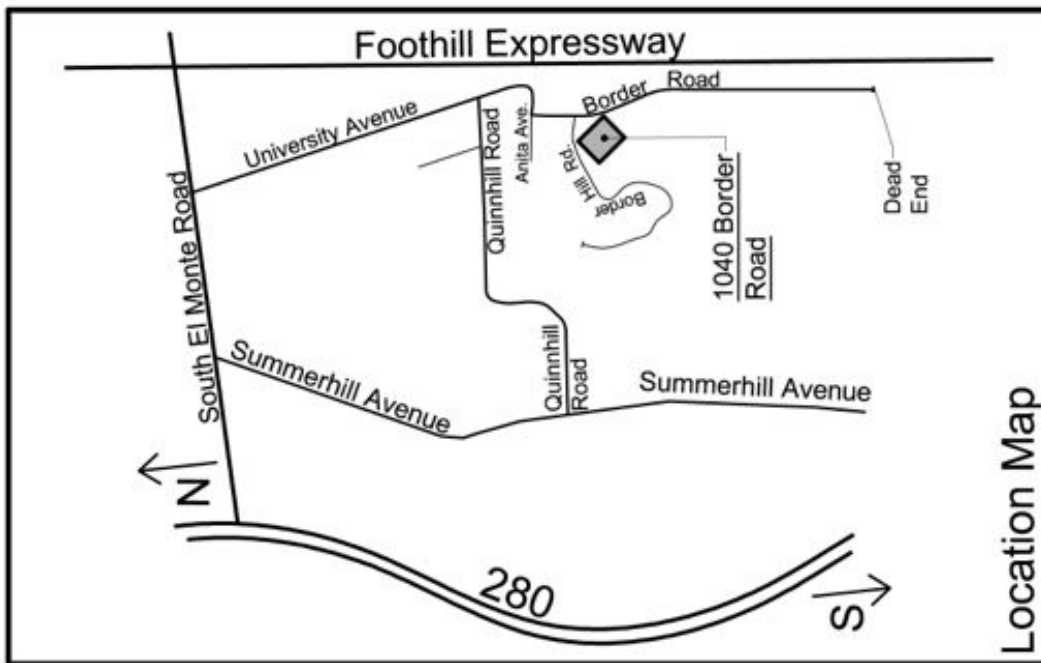
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Christ Episcopal Church
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MEETING LOCATION

Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos
Doors open at 7:00 pm. and meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

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.