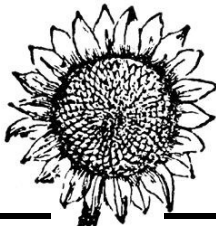


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Western Horticultural Society

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WHS September Speaker

September 12: Carol Bornstein

Director of Living Collections and Nursery, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

“California Natives for the Mixed Border”

Gardens that embrace our Mediterranean climate are increasingly popular in California. This trend reflects a desire to create water-thrifty, regionally appropriate landscapes, and is motivating garden designers and home gardeners to reinvent traditional styles, such as the renowned perennial borders of Britain. Learn about new ideas for designing borders that offer year-round beauty, exuberant color, and bold texture with California native plants. The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is devoted to the study, display, and conservation of California’s native flora. In working with California native and Mediterranean plants for 25 years, Carol has experimented with innovative design applications, introduced new cultivars, and advocated for regionally appropriate landscaping through her writing and teaching. She is co-author of California Native Plants for the Garden, which was released by Cachuma Press in 2005.

October 10: Dennis Makishima

Arborist and Professor at Merritt College
"Aesthetic Pruning of Small Trees and Shrubs in the Urban Setting"

November 14: Tom Bressan

The Urban Farmer Store "Innovations in Landscape Water Conservation"

December 11: Helen McKenna-Ridley and Allan Ridley

Tour Leaders for Birding and Natural History
“Travels on the Eighth Continent: A Natural History Adventure in Madagascar”

January 9: Barbara Worl

Plantswoman, Owner of Sweetbriar Press and Photographer
"Bits and Pieces of a Life in the Garden"

February 13: Ernie Wasson

Nursery and Garden Curator at Cabrillo College "Foliage Plants: The Backbones of the Garden"

March 12: Rosemary Nightingale

Educator, Artist, Co-founder of the Squaw Valley Herb Gardens, and author of Recipes & Remedies
“See, Smell, Hear, Taste and Feel: Herbs, the Useful Plants”

April 9: Patrick Worley

Hybridizer, Webmaster and Graphic Designer for Suncrest Nurseries "Peru, a Plant Lover’s Journey"

May 14: Jeff Rosendale

Owner of Rosendale Nursery and Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens, Watsonville, CA
“Plants, People and Art – Putting Them all Together in a California Garden”

Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7pm and meetings begin at 7:30. The location is Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. Please also join our speaker for dinner prior to the meeting at Chef Chu’s at 5:30pm at the corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Avenue. This is a terrific opportunity for our members to get to know each other better, and to get to chat with our speakers. Please call Pat Knight to confirm at 650-941-6136. 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 if you are interested.

The next newsletter deadline will be September 19th. Please call or email Michelle Bond (editor) at 650-363-9244 or michelle@hunzikers.org for newsletter content. Please contact Claudia Stopp at 408-370-6936 or cjsubhi@sbcglobal.net with any changes of address.



More About Our September Lecture

The Western Horticultural Society is greatly honored to have **Carol Bornstein** as our Louisa Beck Guest Lecturer this year. Carol will use her vast experience with California native plants to discuss how we can incorporate them into beautiful year-round mixed borders in our own gardens.

The WHS Annual Louisa Beck Guest Lecture features a yearly special program by a highly regarded individual in the horticultural field. This program is funded by a generous distribution from the estate of Louisa Beck, a senior research scientist with NASA Ames Research Center, who died in 2001 of ovarian cancer at age 52. She was a vigorous, animated, lively woman who had a strong affinity for plants and gardens. There is more information about her on our website. ~Janice Gillmore



“There is no such thing as an ugly garden—gardens, like babies, are all beautiful to their parents.” ~ Ken Druse

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

Keeping to tradition, your very own WHS board of directors will provide plants for the Sept raffle table. As usual, we welcome interesting donations at any time. This year we have the LBAM 'situation' to deal with, so if you live in a quarantined area, start thinking of plant *related* items to donate to the raffle table (such as seeds, books and magazines, tools, and interesting containers). Thanks goes out to everyone who contributes to this important, entertaining fund raiser.

CEU Credits

Remember: WHS offers Continuing Education Credits for the CCN Pro—a program of the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers. One CEU credit for attendance at each monthly lecture. Just sign in at the registration desk after the program. Spread the word! ~Nancy Schramm

Tour Santa Barbara Gardens Sketching and Painting with Professor Chip Sullivan

May 30 – June 1, 2008

Co-sponsored by Pacific Horticulture & our own Western Horticultural Society—and escorted by our own Leslie Dean! You are invited to join this springtime tour of Santa Barbara's most spectacular gardens. Learn about the artistic process in order to observe and record your impressions of the gardens.

Professor Chip Sullivan will present a short workshop on the art of keeping a sketchbook with tips on field sketching and painting. No prior drawing or watercolor experience is necessary, and we will sketch or paint a series of selected views in each garden. Participants may choose to take photos or keep a journal of their impressions of the gardens. The idea is to enjoy the experience of being in these beautiful gardens! Gardens we will visit: Lotusland, Casa del Herrero, and the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Carpools will be organized on site due to limited parking availability at the gardens. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Lynnda or Valerie in the Group Department at Giselle's Travel 1300 Ethan Way, Suite #100 Sacramento, CA 95825 (800) 782-5545/(916) 679-3024 or please call or email Leslie Dean 650 967-5408 or lesliedean@mindspring.com.



WHS Special Announcement: the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM)

In light of the recent quarantines due to the spread of the LBAM in the Bay Area, the WHS would like to remind you that if you live in a quarantined zone, please remember not to bring any plants for the plant discussion or raffle table. If you would like to contribute to the raffles, please consider bringing seeds, bulbs or books instead. For more information on the LBAM, visit the California Department of Food and Agriculture website at http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/pdep/lbam_main.htm

Other Horticultural Events...

The California Rare Fruit Growers

The California Rare Fruit Growers will be meeting October 13th at Emma Prusch Park at the corner of Story and King in San Jose. Doors open with fruit tastings at noon, meetings run from 1-4 pm. For more information contact Nancy Garrison (408) 298-5828 or nancyg2@aol.com

Cactus and Succulent Society of San Jose 2007 Fall Show and Sale

Saturday October 6th 9am-5pm and Sunday October 7th 10am-4pm
Location: Buchser Middle School 1111 Bellomy Street (off Lafayette), Santa Clara. For information call (408) 243-3692 or <http://csssj.org>

Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Fall Show & Sale

September 15 & 16th. Location: Jardines de San Juan Restaurant, 115 Third Street, San Juan Bautista. For more information contact Naomi Bloss (831) 722-1446



28 Years Ago in the WHS...

The September 10, 1979 WHS meeting featured Ed Carman "revealing some of his secrets for photographing plants" (sure wish I'd paid more attention!) The newsletter goes on to say that "Ed has delighted us with his pictures and articles in California Horticulture Journal and it's successor, Pacific Horticulture". I wonder how he decided which slides to use to illustrate the talk. I just took a quick look at his slide collection. There are at least 10-12 boxes full of slides, all labeled. I pulled one out at random, it was a delightful shot of a self-sown seedling about 2" tall, growing out of an upturned snail shell. So perhaps part of his advice was to be observant, take LOTS of pictures, and label every one no matter how good your memory is! ~ Nancy Schramm

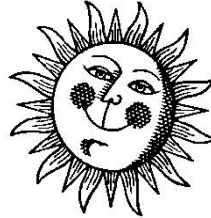
Other Horticultural Events...

A Pacific Horticulture Symposium: Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies V: Lessons In Our Gardens - San Diego

September 29-30, 2007 Quail Botanical Gardens, Encinitas, California

- Enjoy tours & talks by experts in six of San Diego's finest gardens
- Learn how easy it is to create gardens thriving in harmony with your climate
- See how you can have a beautiful landscape with a lower water bill
- Hear award-winning landscape architects Owen Dell, *Sustainable Landscaping* and Shirley Kerins, *Exceptional Plants for Mediterranean-Climate Gardens*

Registration for Western Horticultural Society members is offered at the discount rate of \$129, and includes two lunches. The standard fee is \$155. After Sept. 1 fees go up by \$30. See the San Diego Horticultural Society website for registration info & fees at <http://www.sdhortsoc.org/medsky.htm> Or, for more information, contact skies@sdhortsoc.org or call (760)295-7089.



The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz

Propagating Ferns From Spores Sunday, September 23, 10 am to 4pm



Martin Grantham, Arboretum Visiting Scholar, offers a class that will cover collection, storage, and sowing methods for fern spores, as well as the crucial process of acclimatization for young plants. Limited to 20. \$50 General Public, \$40 Arboretum or CNPS Members. For more information call (831) 427-2998 or email arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu.

Cal Hort Society September Program

Native Treasures: Gardening with the Plants of California Sept. 17, 2007

Presented by Nevin Smith, noted horticulturist and Horticultural Director of Suncrest Nursery, Watsonville. His abundant talents as a plant explorer and selector, propagator, nurseryman, author and photographer are reflected in his new book Native Treasures, Gardening with the Plants of California. Meetings start at 7:15pm in the County Fair Building at The San Francisco Botanical Gardens.

Gamble Garden, Palo Alto

Hydrangea Care and Pruning with Ed Holm

Date: Wed. September 19, 10am-noon. Fee: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Class limit 25. Location: Carriage House.

Propagation Basics for the Home Gardener

Date: Sat. September 29, 9-11am. Fee: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Class limit 25. Location: Carriage House.

Generation Connection Literacy in the Garden

Looking for a volunteer project with a brief time commitment and one that does not require bending, weeding or digging from you? This program brings elementary school students (grades K-3) into the Mountain View Senior Center Garden on Tuesday afternoons 12:30-2:30pm each fall and spring for 8 weeks. If you enjoy working with children, seeing the plants and bugs through their eyes and sharing your enthusiasm for life in the garden, please consider participating in this 8 week project! Volunteer training provided by the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School on September 11 and volunteers can start anytime during the program. Contact Linda McCrary at lmccrary@mvlaae.net or 650-940-6024 to volunteer or for more information.

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Other Board Members: Kerry Barrs, Michelle Bond, Janice Gillmore, Sherry Hall, Patricia Knight, Bill Kurtz, Niki Muller, Nancy Schramm

To contact us, please email us at: info@westernhort.org

Membership in Western Hort

To join, send in your name, address, phone number and a check made out to:

**Western Horticultural Society
PO Box 60507 Palo Alto, CA, 94306**

Membership rates:

A 1 year membership (Sept-Aug) of \$35 includes 4 issues of Pacific Horticulture magazine; Sustaining is \$45; Contributing is \$60 and Plant Lover is \$100+. We have also added a family membership rate of \$50 for two or more members of the same household.

Please visit our web site at www.westernhort.org for a membership form.

September Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Container Gardening

Susie Mader Saturday, Sept 8 10:30am-12:30pm \$25

Winter Compost Crops and Diet

John Jeavons Saturday, Sept 15 10:30am-12:30pm+ \$25

Economic Mini-Farming

John Jeavons Saturday, Sept 15 1:30-3:30pm+ \$25

Introduction to Grow Biointensive

Margo Royer-Miller Saturday, Sept 22 10:30am-12:00pm \$22

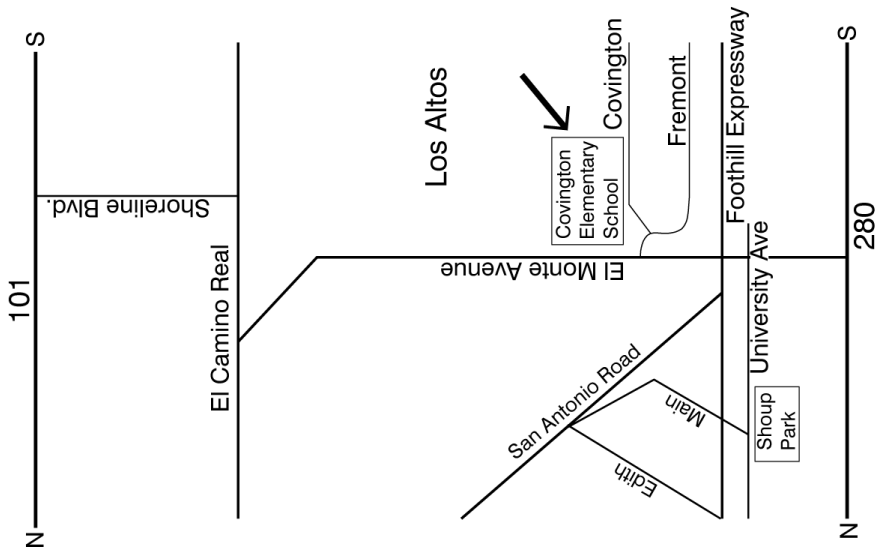
Seed Propagation

Dan Royer-Miller Saturday, Sept 22 2:00-4:00pm \$25

Starting a Winter Salad Garden

Jody Main Saturday, Sept 29 10:30am-1:30pm \$39

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