



## September 2017 Speaker

**Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 pm.** Meeting room officially opens to members and the public at 7pm but if you can arrive by 6:45pm to help with set-up, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**2017 Louisa Beck Guest Lecturer: Corey Barnes, SFBG, San Francisco, CA, Seed Collection in Sichuan Province, China**

Corey had the opportunity to visit Sichuan, China with San Francisco Botanical Garden (SFBG) colleagues Jason Martinez and Jeanne Rich in September and October, 2016, on a seed collection



expedition funded by a generous SFBG donor. Focused on magnolias, rhododendrons, maples, and companion plants, the team of three plus Yaling Wang, a magnolia specialist from the Xi'an Botanical Garden, traveled for 3.5 weeks through the Himalayas to observe, learn, and collect. Approximately 30% of SFBG's 55-acre living collection is wild-origin and covers six of the planet's seven continents, including Asia. As one of Earth's most significant biodiversity hotspots, and with so much of our traditional Western North American plant palette hailing from temperate Asia, this trip presented an important opportunity to

educate SFBG staff, forge local relationships in Sichuan, and collect wild material as seed to build the temperate Asian collection at SFBG and to share with other institutions.

Corey Barnes is Associate Curator at SFBG, a position he has held for two years. In this role, he works with the Collections team to build, develop, and interpret the Garden's living collections. He also educates SFBG volunteers and contributes to the garden's public outreach efforts through focused garden tours. Prior, Corey was the Education Coordinator and Nursery Manager at Quarryhill Botanical Garden, where he propagated the garden's wild origin collections for display and for fundraising purposes. He also directed the garden's elementary education program and managed their volunteer program, and he had the opportunity to travel with Bill McNamara, the garden's Executive Director, to Sichuan, China in 2009. Corey has an MS from UC Davis in Horticulture and Agronomy.



**Corey Barnes**  
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*Join us for dinner with Cory Barnes on  
September 13th ~ Chef Chu's Restaurant*

Enjoy a wonderful meal and intimate conversation with our speaker.

Contact Katie Wong to RSVP: [alivensilk@aol.com](mailto:alivensilk@aol.com), 408-251-2742

## May 2017 Potluck Photos



### Book Table

WHS members, Michael and Elaine Marlow have generously donated their large personal, horticultural book collection to us. A selection of books related to our speaker topics will be available for sale at the upcoming meetings. There are many lovely books in good condition so check out the books for great additions to your own collection.

### Plant Table

Roberta Barnes has moved away and will no longer be bringing in all of the wonderful plants that she propagated for our monthly plant sale table. That means that the rest of us need to step up. We are looking for a member or members who would be willing to form a **plant table committee** to coordinate the table for each meeting. In the mean time, please bring in your surplus seedlings or rooted cuttings of some of your favorite plants. Please label plants with **botanical names**. Any cultural or descriptive information that you can provide will also be helpful. Books and garden related objects are also welcome. If you have suggestions on how to keep our plant sales going please speak with any of our board members at the upcoming meetings or drop us an email.

### Volunteer

The Western Horticulture Society is a dynamic group of plant loving folks. We have a great lineup of guest speakers for each of our meetings and we have ongoing plant sales all thanks to our **member volunteers**. Without the help of our members, we cannot do what we do to make our meetings as great as they are. Richard Tiede has stepped down as our **Recording Secretary** so we are looking for someone to take his place for the coming year. This job involves handling the organization's correspondence like thank you letters for donors or letters to scholarship recipients. Our co-presidents Carrie Parker and Liz Calhoon will be completing their terms as of the end of December so we will also be looking for a person or persons to take their place before the end of the year. We are also looking for more board members. This is a great way to get to know other WHS members and become more of a part of the organization. Please contact any current board member to learn more about how you could help out.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Oct 11, 2017** – Roberta Barnes, Los Altos, CA, *Pruning: Making the Cuts that Count*

**Nov 8, 2017** – Lisa Waud, Pot and Box, Detroit, MI, *Flower House Project*

For a complete list of speakers and topics see the membership renewal form at the end of this newsletter and do not forget to renew (or start) your membership so that you will not miss any of our great line-up of horticultural experts and their pertinent topics as well as receive every issue of *Pacific Horticulture* magazine.

## ***Horticultural Happenings***

**National Heirloom Expo**, Sept 5-7, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA. Come and walk the aisles at an event for pure food enthusiasts, home growers, farmers, school groups, and the general public. The event has been dubbed the “World’s Fair” of the heirloom industry! This is a non-profit event and all funds above costs will be donated to school gardens and food programs. Find out more at <http://www.theheirloomexpo.com>

**Garden Conservancy Open Days Tour, San Jose**, Sunday, Sept 24, 10am-4pm. Open Days is back in San Jose for the first time in ten years with three brand new gardens open to the public for self-guided tours as part of the Garden Conservancy’s national garden visiting program. No reservations required; rain or shine. Admission is \$7 per garden (cash or check); children 12 & under free. For garden locations and details visit [www.opendaysprogram.org](http://www.opendaysprogram.org)

**Drama in the Garden**, Sunday, Oct 14, 9am-noon, Fallbrook, CA, \$35 for PHS members, \$45 for non-members and guests. Visit a two-acre property purchased in 1988 by Patrick and his partner Les Olsen. They have transformed the original landscape—once dominated by ice plant, citrus trees and “gas station plants”—into the spectacular and immersive drought tolerant landscape that includes aloes, cacti, euphorbias and exuberant sculpture and outdoor art. You are invited to visit this remarkable garden and enjoy light refreshments, hosted by PHS board member Princess Norman. Debra Lee Baldwin, succulent expert and bestselling author, will be on hand to sign her new book, the completely revised second edition of *Designing with Succulents*, from Timber Press. For registration and more information visit <mailto:https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pacific-horticulture-open-garden-at-the-home-of-patrick-anderson-tickets-37038606469>

**NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:** I am still looking for the person or persons who bought Bailey Journals at the December meeting. I bought the March 1958 journal and discovered that it was the start of an interesting 4 part series on Liberty Hyde Bailey’s journeys throughout the world. I am looking to borrow the subsequent issues with his travels through the Carriibbean, S. and C. America, the US and Mexico. I will repay you by including a synopsis in future newsletters. Please bring to the September meeting or contact me using information on the last page.

### **Officers and Board Members:**

Co-presidents: Carrie Parker and Liz Calhoon  
Vice President: Judy Wong  
Secretary: Jennifer Doniach  
Corresponding Secretary: open

Treasurer: Chris Egan  
Other board members: Janet Hoffmann, Laura Wilson, Katie Wong, Richard Tiede

### **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: Western Horticultural Society, **PO Box 166, Mountain View, CA, 94042. (Note: we have a new PO address)**

**Membership Rates:** A one-year membership (Sep-Aug) includes four issues of *Pacific Horticulture* magazine. Regular membership is \$35, Family membership is \$50 for two or more members at the same address and a Student rate is \$20.

**Please visit our website at [2017-18 WHS membership form available online here](#)** for a membership form.

To contact us, please send email to: [westernhortsociety@gmail.com](mailto:westernhortsociety@gmail.com) or snail mail to address above.

## WESTERN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Membership Year is September 2017 - August 2018 **Please Renew as soon as you can via mail or meeting**

**Forget your renewal form? Joining? Please fill out the following form completely and legibly.**

**Please Print**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hort. Field: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your horticultural interests? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Master Gardener?    Yes    No

**2. Do you REQUIRE a paper copy of the newsletter? Please tick this box.**

No tick, no paper copy. We're trying to go electronic here, so please help us.

To contain costs for Newsletter, only check if unable to access newsletter online THANK YOU!

**3. The above information will be printed in our biennial roster UNLESS you specifically request otherwise.** \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4. MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

All levels of membership include a subscription to *Pacific Horticulture*; monthly newsletters and meetings featuring speakers, plant discussions, and plant sales; nursery discounts, field trips, summer/winter events.

Type (please circle):    **New**                                  **Renewal**                                  **Gift Membership**

Level (please circle):    **Individual (\$35)**                  **Family (\$50)\***                  **Student (\$20)**

Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note: Family membership is limited to 2 people living at the same address.**

Make checks payable to WHS and mail to WHS, P.O. Box 166, Mountain View, CA 94042. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you want WHS to mail your membership card to you.

## 2017-2018 MONTHLY SPEAKERS

*Tear off schedule and retain*

**Sept. 13: Corey Barnes, San Francisco Botanical Garden, San Francisco, CA**  
*Plant Exploration in Southwestern China*

**Oct. 11: Roberta Barnes, Los Altos, CA**  
*Pruning: Making the Cuts that Count*

**Nov. 8: Lisa Waud, Pot and Box, Detroit, MI**  
*Flower House Project*

**Dec. 13: Phoebe Cutler, San Francisco, CA**  
*Renovation of a Mission Garden*

**Jan 10: Kate Frey, Sustainable and Organic Gardens, Hopland, CA**  
*A Habitat Garden, by Design*

**Feb. 14: Mike Evans, Tree of Life Nursery, San Juan Capistrano, CA**  
*Natural Gardens in Small Spaces*

**Mar. 14: Sue Bell,**  
*Producing Food and Beauty Around Your Home*

**April 11: Theresa Lyngso, Lyngso Garden Materials, San Carlos, CA**  
*Improving the Soil*

**May 9: Pete Veilleux, East Bay Wilds Nursery, Oakland, CA**  
*Eriogonums*

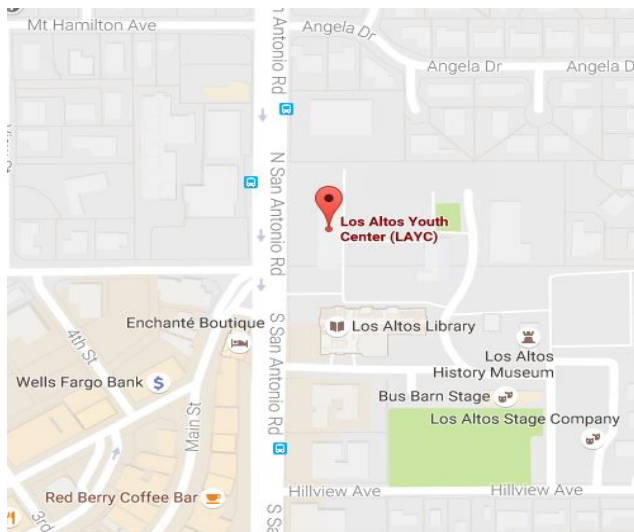
**Also at:** [www.westernhort.org](http://www.westernhort.org)





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**MEETING LOCATION**  
**Los Altos Youth Center,**  
**1 North San Antonio Rd.**  
**Los Altos, CA 94022**

Main entrance and parking are on the north side of the building. Turn off San Antonio at the sign for the City Hall and Police Dept. 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!

**Newsletter Submissions**

The newsletter publishes on the first of the month. The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month prior. Submissions after this date will likely appear in the next month's newsletter. Send submissions to: [Janet@hoffmann.net](mailto:Janet@hoffmann.net), or Janet Hoffmann, 826 Lana CT, Campbell, CA 95008