



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE SECRETS OF SOMIS - REVISITED

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Get an exclusive behind the scenes tour of Boething Treeland Nursery, visit Greenwood Daylily Gardens and enjoy a catered lunch (included in price of trip!), and be guided through Richard Baron's evolving 40+ acre Chinese Garden.

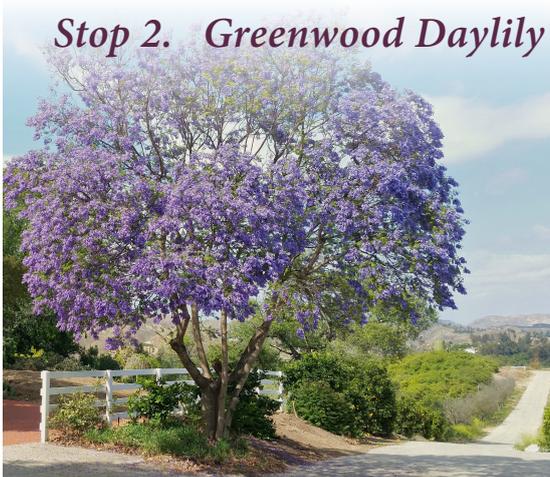
Where (and what) is Somis? It is a horticultural paradise in the Ventura County agriculture preserve. The SCHS last visited in 2009, and we are very fortunate to be able to offer another excursion this year. Whether you attended last time or this is new territory for you, please join your fellow Southern California Horticulture Society friends for a day of horticulture immersion exploring Somis. Board our reserved bus and be transported to a rural area where avocado trees outnumber humans, and countless nurseries grow over two hundred million dollars worth of nursery stock per year, all less than an hour's drive from L.A.

Stop 1. Boething Treeland Nursery



Ever see a 500 cubic yard pile of potting mix? How about 5,000 blooming 5 gallon Kangaroo paws? Large scale will be the theme as our bus travels through the Boething Moorpark tree and shrub yards, two of their ten ranches that ship plants throughout the western U.S. and Canada. The nursery was founded in 1952 by the late Susan and John Boething, and is now managed by their four daughters. Note: Boething only sells to licensed landscape professionals and nurseries. No shopping at this stop. www.boethingtreeland.com

Stop 2. Greenwood Daylily Gardens



It's 10 minutes to our next stop, owned by SCHS members Cynthia and John Schoustra. Stroll through acres of blooming daylilies and over 100,000 potted irises. See how hundreds of pelargonium varieties are propagated and grown, potting mix is made using local waste materials, and learn how the nursery is being reshaped to capture up to one million gallons of rainwater per storm. Check out future plant introductions and shop before the bus heads up to the one acre hilltop garden where new plants are



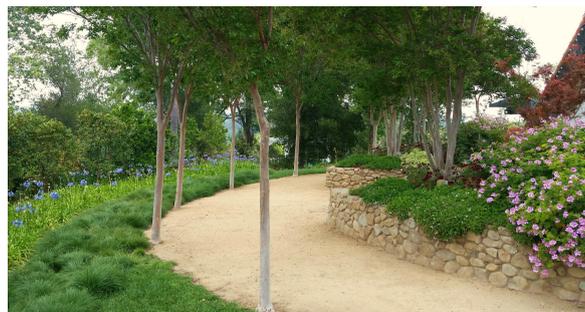
tested in a garden setting overlooking the valley. Those who visited previously should enjoy all the changes, many aimed at capturing rain runoff or limiting brushfire danger, along with fitting in more interesting plants. *(Cont'd on reverse)*

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Stop 2. Greenwood Daylily Gardens (cont'd.)

Lunch will be served under the grape arbor and prepared by the restaurant of Food Network contestant Damiano Carrara, www.carrarapastries.us

Nursery: www.greenwoodgarden.com



Stop 3. Richard Baron's "Garden of Dreams"



During the last Secrets of Somis tour SCHS members saw Richard Baron's 40+ acre "Garden of Dreams" (a term overheard on the tour.) At that time we saw a 5 acre dry lake, with an "island" full of choice ginkgo, acer, quercus and other tree specimens. Since then, the lake has been finished and hundreds of additional trees have been planted. Landscape architect Nick Williams will join us to talk about his involvement in the project and plans

to eventually make it a public garden. Richard Baron will personally lead the tour along the stream, over the moon bridge to the island, and on up to a garden overlooking the lake. Shopping for trees (in boxes up to 12 ft. square)

is permitted at this stop, but no trees will be allowed on the bus. Delivery by crane truck is available.

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This trip will be on a chartered bus, departing from the parking lot of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church at 13001 Victory Blvd. in North Hollywood at 8 am. We plan to return by 4 - 5pm. Sorry, no private cars allowed on this trip. Further details will be provided upon registration.

REGISTRATION

Due to the limited space, "first come, first served" reservations will only be allowed through our online system at SCHS MemberLodge (<http://schs.memberlodge.org/>) or by contacting the trip organizer by phone: Laura Bauer at 626-437-9459.

Member tickets are \$50 each/ Non-Member tickets are \$65 each. Catered lunch is included.

Please make your reservation soon as we expect this trip to fill up quickly.

We apologize there is limited space available on this tour. We are already planning future tours with more space and more notice.