



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Where passionate gardeners meet to share knowledge and learn from each other.

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## OUR NEXT IN-PERSON MEETING

Thursday, January 12  
Announcements at 7:10 p.m.  
Screening & Panel Discussion at 7:30 p.m.



Visit: [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org) for more information

## SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Joining us to ring in the new year is:

Elizabeth Mendoza



To join SCHS, go to: [www.socalhort.org/join](http://www.socalhort.org/join)

## CONNECT WITH SCHS

Please engage with us online!

### YOU CAN FIND US AT:

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All membership options are listed on our website.

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# SPECIAL EVENT

## FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION:

# Saging the World

This program will be IN-PERSON ONLY and NOT live-streamed or videotaped for YouTube. In keeping with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks health guidelines, attendees will be required to show proof of vaccination at the door. Masks are not required, but are strongly encouraged.

For the first program of the new year, on January 12 the SCHS is pleased to invite members and the public to a free screening of the short documentary *Saging the World*. The 2022 film was created by Rose Ramirez and Deborah



Image provided by CNPS

Small in partnership with the California Native Plant Society to bring attention to the alarming increase in the poaching of white sage (*Salvia apiana*), and to advocate for its protection. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion and a Q & A session with director Rose Ramirez (artist, photographer, filmmaker, writer, and California Indian basketweaver of Chumash and Yaqui descent) and Rico Ramirez (botanist, Gabrielino-Shoshone Nation).

*Saging the World* spotlights ecological and cultural issues associated with California's native white sage which is increasingly at risk of becoming endangered due to over-harvesting.

The film gives voice to advocates from indigenous communities who have long protected and cherished white sage, and it seeks to foster awareness to inspire action for the preservation of this threatened plant.

This special event is being co-sponsored by the SCHS, the L.A./Santa Monica Mountains and the San Gabriel Mountains chapters of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), as well as the Theodore Payne Foundation, who will all have representatives on hand with information about their organizations. To learn more about the film and ways to support white sage, visit: [cnps.org/sagingtheworld](http://cnps.org/sagingtheworld).

We hope you will consider joining us for this program to mark the beginning of the new year in SoCal horticultural adventures!

**Attendance is FREE but registration is required by January 10.**  
**Link here to register now.**



Photo: Sabine Steinmetz

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### FIRST MEETING OF 2023

will be a FREE screening of *"Saging the World"*

**REGISTER NOW TO JOIN US!**



### PLANS FOR 2023

The SCHS board is currently working on programs and other horticultural events to share with our membership this year, including:

- Ruth Borun Lecture Series - TBA soon
- Coffee-In-The-Garden - new locations!
- Plant sales, field trips, special guests raffles and more...



### MEMBERS' INVOLVEMENT

The SCHS is a society built on sharing horticultural knowledge with Southern California gardeners for the benefit of our members and the community.

If you have information to share, would like to suggest speakers or topics of interest for future monthly programs, or just have a question about gardening, please contact us at:

[www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)

and someone will be in touch. Board members and committees can be found on Page 4 of this newsletter.

## DECEMBER PROGRAM RECAP • IN MEMORIAM • GARDEN SHARE

On December 8, the SCHS celebrated in person at our annual holiday meeting which included a members' potluck, our table of giveaway goodies and a special program featuring SCHS board member Layla Valenzuela. She was on hand to demonstrate how she crafts beautiful crepe paper flowers (oversized versions of which were on show-stopping display at our 2022 HOTY banquet) with a nod to the holiday season.

Valenzuela has been active in the California native plant community for the last 15 years, and currently works as a horticulturist with Descanso Gardens, where she is in charge of their Natives Garden section. She introduced her presentation by explaining that her interest in native plants sparked the desire to recreate them artistically. After admiring a crepe paper poppy that Lili Singer showed her, she decided to try her hand at making some by learning from books, online tutorials and websites. Another reason she was drawn to this craft is that at Descanso she is tasked with creating an annual wildflower

display for visitors, and thought that the paper flowers would be a unique way to showcase these blooms and allow for the duration of the display to be extended. After some trial and error Valenzuela settled on several patterns that worked for her (samples of which she had for sale at the meeting) and which she alluded to during her program and demonstration.

First she shared her basic supply list, consisting of specialty crepe paper of different grades in assorted colors (found primarily online), floral stems of different lengths and weights, floral tape for attaching elements together, scissors (a large pair plus a smaller pair for detail work), a paper-scoring tool, a needle-nose awl, small clips to hold pattern pieces together and a fine point glue pen (which she recommends for accuracy with small pieces, although a glue gun is better for large-scale flowers). And for those who are really interested in trying this craft, Valenzuela also recommended two books: *Flowersmith* by Jennifer Tran and *Crepe Paper Flowers* by Lia Griffith, who is considered to be the guru of the craft.

For our holiday meeting Valenzuela selected a poinsettia to use for her demonstration - despite never having made one before! She went through the various steps from orienting the grain of the crepe paper to run in the

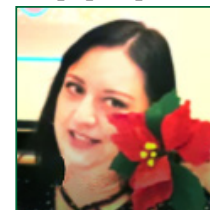
same direction as the "veins" of the leaves and bracts of her sample flower, to making tissue paper balls on the end of floral wires that served as points of attachment for her flower parts. She also shared all the in-between steps of wrapping everything with floral tape and even gave tips on how to manipulate the different sections by tweaking the edges to make the finished flower look more realistic. The demonstration took about 10 minutes (using pre-cut paper pieces) and resulted in a very festive-looking poinsettia blossom! After showing some other types of flowers with different leaves as well as a few oversized samples, Valenzuela concluded her program by encouraging people to try a hand at the craft since these flowers will last year after year as long as they are not damaged by water or exposed to direct sunlight... wonderful for your own home or as special handmade gifts!

🌀 Sabine Steinmetz

**Link to view entire program:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=as-k604rqiY>

Photo provided by speaker.



### IN MEMORIAM

#### James Jaeger

Last month the SCHS was notified about the passing in late October of society member Jim Jaeger. He will be remembered for his work as a landscape contractor, an educator who taught horticulture courses at Santa Monica Emeritus College for 25 years, and as a friend to many in the various plant societies he belonged to over the years.

Jaeger's course "Artistic Expression through Gardening" would visit a wide variety of gardens on a weekly basis and was a platform for him to share his humor as well as his extensive plant knowledge. Good friend and long-time SCHS member Patricia McGrath shared his comment that "If I weren't teaching this class, I would be taking this class" as an example of Jim's personality which will be missed by many, but also fondly remembered.

### SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE

**The beginning of the year brings new opportunities for our gardens - either to work or to relax!**

- Work on your winter rose pruning so you'll finish by early February AND plant any new bare-root varieties that you'll find available in nurseries now!
- If you really want to do planting this month, it's not too late yet to add some California natives - but hurry!
- Cut back any cane berry vines and grape vines, while they're bare.
- Prune back deciduous fruit trees (like apples) but be aware of which branches are fruiting wood (varies by species).
- If there are prolonged dry spells between rainy days, hand water any seeds you've started to keep them from drying out.
- Harvest and enjoy your citrus fruits and at month's end give the trees their first feeding.
- When raking up under deciduous trees, retain some leaf litter to insulate the soil and protect roots.
- If any plants do get frost damage, DO NOT cut it off now or you will expose more of their tissues to damage. Wait until mid-March to do any corrective pruning.
- Check out those seed catalogues for more goodies you can begin planting in about 8 weeks time.
- If you don't have to do any of the aforementioned chores this month you can relax and enjoy your winter garden during this quiet season.

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# JANUARY HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Venues open at press time are marked  or  for those that are online only.

Organizations are offering events, both online and in person, but may have updated protocols in place. Please continue to check with your favorites for current info if you are planning a visit.

## ARLINGTON GARDEN

275 Arlington Drive, Pasadena 91105  
626-578-5434  
www.arlingtongardenpasadena.com

## CALIFORNIA BOTANIC GARDEN (formerly RANCHO SANTA ANA)

1500 N. College Ave., Claremont 91711  
909.625.8767 www.calbg.org

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS CHAPTER

1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107  
818.398.5420 www.cnps-sgm.org

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

L.A./Sta Monica Mtns Chapter / Sepulveda Garden Ctr  
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino 91436  
818-782-9346 www.lasmmcnps.org

## DESCANSO GARDENS

1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada 91011  
818.949.7980 www.descansogardens.org

## EATON CANYON NATURE CENTER

1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107  
626.398.5420 www.ecnca.org

## FULLERTON ARBORETUM

1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831  
657.278.3407 www.fullertonarboretum.org

## HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108  
626.405.2100 www.huntington.org

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia 91007  
626.821.4623 www.arboretum.org

## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF L.A.

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007  
213.763.3466 www.nhm.org

## RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS

6400 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach 90815  
562.431.3541 www.rancholosalamitos.org

## RANCHO LOS CERRITOS

4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach 90807  
562.206.2040 www.rancholoscerritos.org

## SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas 92024  
760.436.3036 www.sdbgarden.org

## SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes 90274  
310.544.1948  
www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org

## THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION

10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley 91352  
818.768.1802 www.theodorepayne.org

## UC RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDENS

900 University Ave., Riverside 92521  
951-784-6962 www.gardens.ucr.edu

 Yvonne Savio

See more events at: [www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events](http://www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events).

## LINKS TO UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS

Please check with individual organizations for class fees & details

### Rose Pruning Demonstration

University of California Riverside Botanic Gardens

- FREE Admission -

**Sunday, January 8 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Annual event in our rose gardens where staff, volunteers and local experts demonstrate pruning of hybrid tea, floribunda, miniature roses and climbers, and will also be available to answer participants' questions.

For more information, visit:

<https://gardens.ucr.edu/events/rosepruning>

### Rose Talk & Bare-Root Sale

Huntington Botanic Garden

- FREE, but Reservation Required -

**Friday, January 13 from 2:30 to 5 p.m.**

Tom Carruth, curator of the Rose Collections, discusses colors, scents, growth habits, and best planting practices for the bare-root roses available to purchase after the talk. Staff will be available to shuttle attendees to the nursery - no early-bird shopping.

To make a reservation, go to:

<https://huntington.org/event/rose-talk-bare-root-sale>

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for FREE January 12 screening of "SAGING THE WORLD" [Link here to reserve your spot!](#)



In-person monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in the evening, **unless otherwise noted**. Address for live meetings is:

**Friendship Auditorium**

3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027

**NOTE:** Meetings are simultaneously live-streamed (unless otherwise noted) for viewing via Zoom with pre-registration.

(Please visit [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org) for more information.)

**SCHS EVENTS CALENDAR**

**January 12** *IN-PERSON ONLY* \*\*

Live screening of the documentary "Saging the World" followed by a panel discussion. As co-hosts of the program, The California Native Plant Society and the Theodore Payne Foundation will have representatives available to speak with and share information.

\*\* PLEASE NOTE: This program will be in-person only, and will **not** be live-streamed or videotaped.

Attendance is FREE, but online registration is required.

**February 9** *IN-PERSON & ONLINE*

Chris Cosma, a PhD candidate from UC Riverside, will give a presentation on "Prioritizing California Native Plants for Butterfly and Moth Conservation."

**March 9** *IN-PERSON & ONLINE*

Renee Shepherd, founder of Renee's Garden seed company, will share "Garden to Table from Seed", her program on how to plan and enjoy a seasonal kitchen garden.

**SCHS BOARD & COMMITTEES**

**Laura Bauer** - President, Finance Committee (Chair), RBLs Committee, Website Committee (Chair) and Voicemail

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**Steven Ormenyi** - Finance Committee and Internships

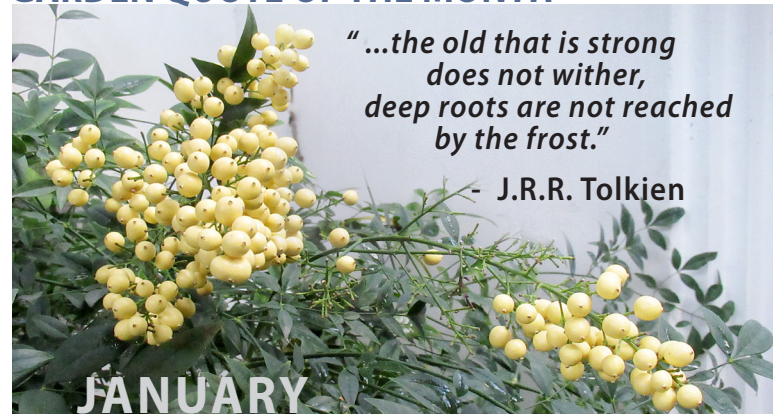
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**Sabine Steinmetz** - Garden Share, Graphic Design, Newsletter Editor and Website Committee

**Layla Valenzuela** - Membership Coordinator

**Jill Vig** - Coffee-in-the-Garden Committee, Oral History Committee (Chair) and Special Projects

**GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH**



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You may contribute an article of interest or information to be considered for publication in future issues.

**Next deadline (for February newsletter): Monday, January 16**

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