



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

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NEWSLETTER

September 2023

## NEXT LIVE MEETING

**Thursday, Sept. 14**

*at The Huntington*

1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino 91108

Announcements at 7:10 p.m.

Program at 7:30



Detailed map on Page 2  
and at: [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*We're happy to welcome:*

**Jodie Cook  
Peter Evans  
Florence Nishida  
Diana Suarez**

*Thanks for joining us!*



Find membership options at:  
[www.socalhort.org/join](http://www.socalhort.org/join)

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### YOU CAN FIND US AT:

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[www.facebook.com/pg/socalhort](https://www.facebook.com/pg/socalhort)  
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All membership options  
are listed on our website.

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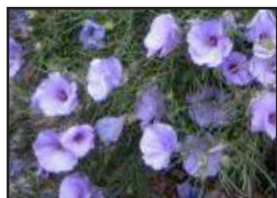
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## HOT & COOL NEW PLANTS FOR L.A. GARDENS

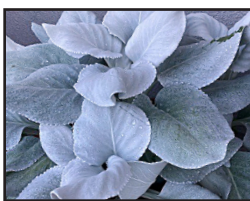
You are invited to join the SCHS at the Botanical Center of the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens on September 14 for a special presentation by a panel of plant experts.



*Alyogyne  
'Elektra Blue Hutwow'*

They will be offering suggestions for new plant candidates suited to Los Angeles gardens.

Kathy Musial, Curator of Living Collections at The Huntington; Nicholas Staddon, spokesperson and plantsman with wholesaler Everde Growers; and Tim Becker, Director of Horticulture at the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, will share



*Senecio 'Angel Wings'*

some of their favorite "hot & cool" new or overlooked plants - that we might wish to add to our own gardens - just in time for the 2023 fall planting season!



*All photos  
courtesy of  
speakers.*



*Tecoma 'Red Hot'*

*See Page 2 for a detailed map of parking at the Huntington's Botanical Center.*

### Kathy Musial



holds a BA in Biology from UCLA and has been the Curator of Living Collections at The Huntington since 1985. In her position she is responsible for acquisition, development, landscape siting, mapping, and identification of plants in the non-succulent collections.

Musial has traveled worldwide to study plants in their native habitats and she actively participates in the American Public Gardens Association, as well as being involved with a number of horticultural organizations.

### Nicholas Staddon



received credentials in Agricultural Science from Otley Agricultural College in the UK, before working at Monrovia Nursery for 27 years. In his current position at Everde Growers he supports the marketing and new plant introduction programs. He also works with professional garden writers, providing information on plants, trends and more.

Staddon has been associated with breeders and plant explorers for 25 years, scouring the globe for new plant discoveries.

### Tim Becker



holds a BA in Environmental Studies and Agroecology as well as a Certificate in Ecological Horticulture from UC Santa Cruz. His passion for horticulture was founded in agriculture, but he quickly recognized the importance and beauty of California native plants and their role in a sustainable future for L.A. and the region at large.

In his 13 years with the Theodore Payne Foundation, and in his current position as Director of Horticulture, Becker has been dedicated to curating and growing superior quality plants for their nursery selections.

*This program will be in-person and recorded for our YouTube archives. In keeping with L.A. County Health Dept. guidelines, and because a new COVID variant is circulating, we recommend that masks be worn indoors and that vaccine boosters are current.*

## MAP TO SEPTEMBER SCHS MEETING

### HUNTINGTON GARDENS BOTANICAL CENTER

1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino 91108

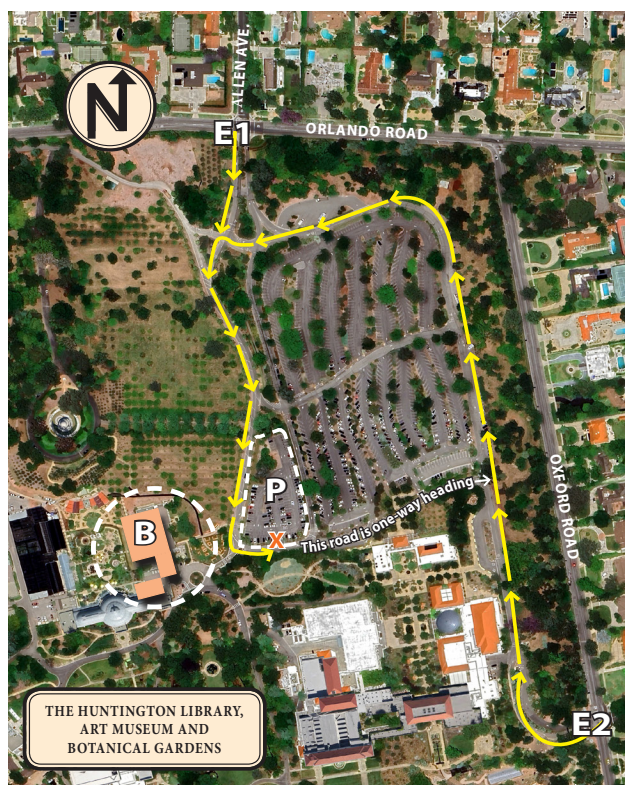
*Below is a map of how to reach the parking area adjacent to the Botanical Center (B). You can also view it on our website at: [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org).*



### DIRECTIONS TO P WEST PARKING LOT

*From ALLEN AVE. E1  
keep to the Right  
and enter lot at X*

*From OXFORD RD. E2  
circle around entire  
lot and enter at X*



## SCHS 2023 HOTY

The SCHS is pleased to honor Richard Schulhof as our Horticulturist of the Year for 2023, as his distinguished career and work in Southern California horticulture has reached beyond local geographic boundaries and has already



Photos courtesy of speaker.

impacted multiple generations.

Locally, Schulhof is probably best known for his leadership role as CEO of the Los Angeles County Arboretum, a position he held from 2009 until his recent retirement in the spring of 2023. Other career highlights include his service as deputy director of Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum in Boston, executive director of Descanso Gardens, and as a Longwood Fellow at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania.

During his tenure at the Arboretum, in collaboration with his exceptional team, new gardens and programs were established for the enjoyment

and enrichment of the venue's 600,000 annual visitors. Notable among his accomplishments there are the establishment of Crescent Farm in 2015 (a water conservation and sustainability demonstration landscape), the mass-planting of Engelmann oak seedlings on Tallac Knoll, the ongoing restoration of historic Baldwin Lake and the Reid-Baldwin Adobe, as well as the recently-completed new Visitor Plaza entrance.



*We are looking forward to hearing a presentation from Schulhof – at the Arboretum – during this special annual event, in addition to enjoying a delicious dinner and the other activities of the evening. Look for more details and ticketing information during the coming month as we finalized details for this year's HOTY award banquet.*

*So, we remind you again to*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, October 21**

*and we'll see you there!*

## MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE

*This September is forecast to be hotter than average, so:*

- Continue supplementing your watering as needed – at least one more month!
- Consider hosing off foliage (preferably early morning) to protect against mites and other late summer pests.
- Pick ripe fruits now to eat, share, freeze or preserve. Leaving them to rot may attract rodents and other pests to your garden.
- Feed pumpkin vines and keep the desired ones off the soil to prevent rotting.
- Hold off on raking leaves this month which may help insulate root zones against the heat.
- If you like to plant fall bulbs, consider shopping online or via catalog now for a good selection – but keep bulbs chilled until it's time to plant.
- If you need to prune and tidy up ahead of fall planting, try to do it later in the month.
- As well as protecting your plants, protect yourself as well by shielding against the sun, hydrating frequently and not overexerting yourself!

Sabine Steinmetz



# SEPTEMBER 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).

## UPCOMING LIVE EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

### City of Santa Monica's Community Garden Program

### SEED STARTING EXTRAVAGANZA

- FREE Admission -

**Saturday, September 23 • 9-11 a.m.**

### Marine Park Community Garden

1406 Marine Street, Santa Monica 90405

Participate in: mini-workshops on Composting, Seed-Starting, Transplanting and Small Art Projects to help beautify our spaces! Enjoy refreshments and maybe even some fresh-from-the-garden veggies!

### For more details and info contact:

Teag at [gardens@santamonica.gov](mailto:gardens@santamonica.gov)

or visit:

<https://santamonica.gov/events>

### L.A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden

### INT'L. PLUMERIA CONFERENCE 2023

**COST: \$350.**

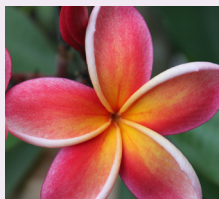
(incl. Arboretum visitor's pass each day)

**September 28 -30 • 8:00 a.m. - Noon**

### L.A. County Arboretum

301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

This international event features behind-the-scenes insights and advice from experts offering lectures, workshops, panels, demos, and a specially-curated tour of the L.A. Arboretum's Plumeria Grove. It is the most extensive public collection in the American West, with 112 plants comprising multiple species of new and old cultivars.



### For more information contact:

Mike Atkinson, [mike@atkinsonplumeria.com](mailto:mike@atkinsonplumeria.com)

or visit:

<https://www.ipc2023.com/>

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:** Online meetings are either recorded for YouTube or live-streamed for Zoom viewing (with pre-registration.)

Please visit [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org) for monthly schedule.

## SCHS EVENTS CALENDAR

### 🌀 September 14 *IN PERSON*

Panel presentation on *Hot & Cool New Plants for LA Gardens* with Kathy Musial of the Huntington, Nicholas Staddon of Everde Growers, and Tim Becker from Theodore Payne Fdn. sharing plant recommendations as a lead-up to fall planting.

### 🌀 October 21 *SPECIAL EVENT - IN PERSON*

2023 SCHS Horticulturist of the Year Awards Banquet honoring Richard Schulhof. Program, dinner, award presentation – and Silent Auction – will be held at the L.A. County Arboretum this year.

### 🌀 November 9 *IN PERSON*

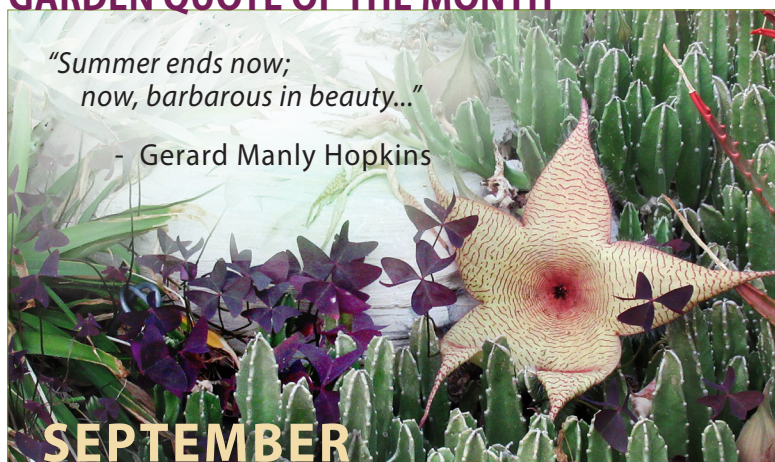
Sandy Masuo, a senior writer with the Huntington, will present *Rooted in History: Stories from The Huntington*, a look at the histories of plants culled from scientific works found in the Huntington Library collections.

--- **LOCATION TBA** ---

## GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Summer ends now;  
now, barbarous in beauty..."

- Gerard Manly Hopkins



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

**Next deadline (for October newsletter): Monday, September 18**

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