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NEWSLETTER

October 2023

NEXT LIVE MEETING

**Annual Horticulturist
of the Year Banquet**
(and Silent Auction)

Saturday, October 21
L.A. County Arboretum



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Autumn is here along with:

**Dennis Gaudenti
Allison Keeney
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SCHS 2023 AWARD BANQUET

Honoring our Horticulturist of the Year

Richard Schulhof

Saturday, October 21 at L.A. County Arboretum



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

Inspired by a life-long love of plants, Richard has enjoyed a 50-year career in horticulture. After assisting in his grandfather's garden in Rancho Santa Fe as a child, he completed horticulture classes at San Dieguito High School in Encinitas to work in the greenhouse industry of north San Diego County. He later worked in Los Angeles area nurseries and completed internships at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden at UCLA. He holds a BA in landscape architecture from UC Berkeley, and master's degrees in botanic garden

administration from the University of Delaware, and in Forestry from Harvard University.

It was in botanic gardens that Richard found a lasting professional home, drawn by highly diverse collections of plants. In addition to his tenure at the LA Arboretum, where he collaborated with an exceptional team to create new gardens and programs for over 600,000 annual visitors, he previously served as deputy director of Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum in Boston, as executive director of Descanso Gardens, and as a Longwood Fellow at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania.

Richard has also maintained a strong interest in garden-based education. He has collaborated with public schools in Boston and Los Angeles to help develop teacher training programs and life science curricula. Working with the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Park Service, he has launched programs preserving and interpreting landscape history and design.

You are invited to participate in this special evening honoring Richard Schulhof as this year's HOTY award recipient, by sharing in a delicious catered dinner with friends and enjoying the opportunity to bid on an intriguing array of silent auction items. Prior to the actual award presentation you will be hearing accolades from several of Richard's esteemed colleagues, followed by a presentation prepared by Richard for the occasion on "Adventures and Hijinks in Horticulture: Detours and Rewards in Over 50 Years of Working with Plants."

We hope you will be able to join us for this year's banquet and other festivities! We look forward to socializing with you and celebrating our 2023 HOTY award honoree.

**Link here to reserve
your tickets!**

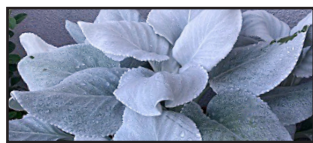
**More details on Page 2
(including Silent Auction)**

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.

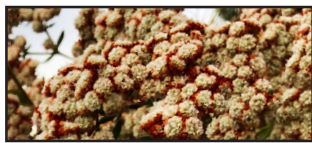
SEPTEMBER PROGRAM RECAP • 2023 HOTY & SILENT AUCTION • GARDEN SHARE



Tecoma 'Red Hot'



Senecio 'Angel Wings'



Erigonum x blissianum

The SCHS September 14 program on "Hot and Cool New Plants for L.A. Gardens" was held at the Botanical Center of the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens. We invited three horticultural experts to speak on the topic, and they showed pictures, offered planting tips and answered audience questions. They also donated plants and seeds that were raffled off to attendees after the program.

Our first speaker was Kathy Musial, Curator of Living Collections at The Huntington, who shared waterwise plants that she selected for their manageable size in home gardens. These included: *Alyogyne 'Hutwow'* (Elektra Blue), *Dalea capitata*, *Galphimia gracilis*, *Lithodora zanii*, the *Tecomaria capensis* 'Cape Town' series and several *Zinnia*. Many of her featured selections are available in nurseries or by mail order.

Nicholas Staddon, spokesperson and plantsman with wholesaler Everde Growers, followed her with his top plant selections from his company and from recent trade shows. At Everde he supports the new plant introduction program, and his choices to share included: *Daphne 'Banana Split'*, *Echinacea x hybrida* 'Double Scoop', *Hesperaloe parviflora* 'Desert Dusk', *Muhlenbergia reverchonii*,

Senecio 'Angel Wings', and his raffle plant: *Coprosma 'Pacific Sunset'*. All will be in retail nurseries soon if they're not already available.

Closing out the program was Tim Becker, Director of Horticulture at the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, who shared his favorite "underutilized" garden plants, all of which are available at TPF. These included: *Rhus lentii*, *Eriogonum x blissianum*, *Mentzelia laevicaulis*, *Phacelia grandiflora*, *Salvia carduacea*, *Calochortus plummerae*, *Lilium humboldtii* and *Lewisia rediviva*. His choices ranged from shrubs to bulbs, perennials to annuals, and selections suitable for container gardening.

See ALL the plants presented in our YouTube archive as you consider what you might want to plant in your gardens this fall. It will be worth it!

 Sabine Steinmetz

Link here for entire program:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYIfUSYxONG>

All photos courtesy of speakers.

SCHS GARDEN SHARE

October in the SoCal garden is a busy time!

- **Do a thorough "Fall Clean-Up" by:** pruning back shrubs, clearing out dead plants and replenishing mulch.
- **Replenish – or start – your compost pile** with healthy clippings from your fall cleaning and water it in well.
- **Begin your fall planting now!** Add: bulbs, CA natives and cool-season veggies - then keep going with new selections & your seasonal favorites!
- **Plant a tree if you've been thinking about it – this is the best time so they can become established during the months they're dormant.**
- **Harvest your pumpkins and other squash, as well as the last of your warm season veggies. Add any inedible pickings to the compost.**
- **Sow seeds!** Try growing several cool-season edibles from seed and also sow plenty of CA wildflowers – this is inexpensive and you'll reap bountiful rewards.

 Sabine Steinmetz

SCHS 2023 ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Ayres Hall at L.A. County Arboretum ■ 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia 91007 (enter thru side gate)

Social hour & silent auction begin at 5:30 pm. Auction closes at 7 pm, followed by dinner, & award presentation at 8:15 pm

Link here to RSVP and purchase a ticket at \$60

Reserve online until October 19,

or call Laura Bauer at (626) 437-9459 thereafter to check for ticket availability.

**LAST CALL
SILENT AUCTION
DONATIONS**

We are happy to accept your donations to the Silent Auction, whether or not you are attending the banquet! You may either:

1. Coordinate with Steve Gerischer to drop off your donation(s) to him by Friday, October 13 **OR**
2. Bring your donation(s) with you to the banquet, **BUT please inform Steve at least 2 days in advance** so he can prepare a bid card for your item(s).

Steve can be reached at: sglarkspur@aol.com or by phone at: (323)257-3629.

Thank you!

Please note: All donations are appreciated, but we do need the advance notice to make sure we can accommodate everything.

RESERVE YOUR BANQUET TICKET TODAY!

PLEASE REMEMBER: The SCHS Annual Silent Auction is our major fundraiser of the year - and we always appreciate your participation - both as donors and bidders!

OCTOBER 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

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

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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.

MONTH-LONG EVENT

Self-Guided Exploration

FREAKY FLORA HALLOWEEN WALK

- Free with Admission -

October 1 thru 31 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Los Angeles County Arboretum

301 North Baldwin Ave, Arcadia 91007

Enjoy the gardens at your own pace and discover their eerier side as you wander along, looking for little scarecrows that indicate a stop on our Freaky Flora plant list. Each scarecrow has a QR code connected to our full route, plus fun, spooky facts about 25 plants. You may use a phone to access the route and plant guide via the QR code OR download a Freaky Flora document from our website... either way it's **Fun for all ages!**

For more info call: 626.821.3222 or visit:

www.arboretum.org/events/freaky-flora/2023-10-31

SCHS FALL YARD SALE



Shop for PLANTS, ceramics, garden items & more at the



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Fall Horticultural Yard Sale!

this **FREE EVENT** will be at

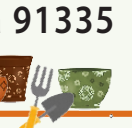
Baker's Acres

Our hostess Laurel will be selling incredible Cycads, Bromeliads, Tillandsias, Gasterias & pots from her inventory!

October 14 🍊 9 am - 12 pm

18552 Erwin Street, Tarzana 91335

Street Parking Only



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 for monthly schedule.

SCHS EVENTS CALENDAR

🌀 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 in Ayres Hall.

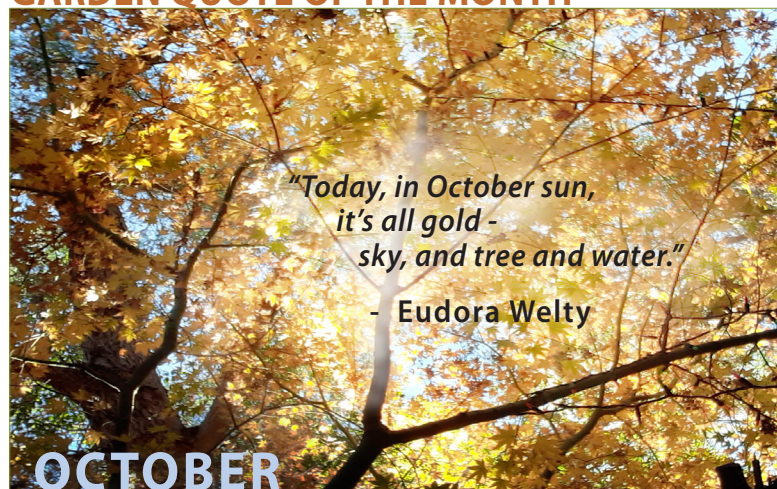
🌀 November 9 ONLINE

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.

🌀 December 14 IN PERSON

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION featuring: Eric Focht of UC Riverside will be presenting a talk on avocados, and members will have time to socialize, enjoy holiday snacks and look for treasures on our “freebie” table of garden give-aways! **JOIN US FOR THE FUN!**

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.

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