



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

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September 2012 Newsletter

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 13
7:30 pm
Botanical Center
Huntington Botanical
Gardens
1151 Oxford Rd.
San Mateo CA 91108

A BONUS:

5:45 pm arrive
6:00 pm tour departs
Meet at Botanical Center
for a free one-hour tour of
the Huntington Ranch
hosted by featured speaker,
Scott Kleinrock

Our meetings are free to SCHS members and \$5 for non-members without a guest pass. This month, guests may also attend The Ranch tour with their admission.

Bring your plants or cuttings for the **Plant Forum**.

SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

We welcome **John Mathews** who will provide cactus and succulent plants for the Opportunity Drawing at our September meeting.

A selection of plants from members will also be for sale.

NEXT SHARING SECRETS QUESTION

Was it someone you knew personally who strongly inspired you to garden or was it someone you admired from afar? Tell us who motivated you and how they did it.

The Sharing Secrets question for September is:

*Who in your life has most inspired you to garden?
How did they do this?*

You can answer on the cards we'll supply at our September 13 meeting or e-mail your response to bushweit@yahoo.com by Friday, September 14.

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The September Meeting

Scott Kleinrock:



The Huntington Ranch Project

Our September 13 meeting of the Southern California Horticultural Society will take place at the **Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens**, and is titled, *From Food Forests to Urban Ecosystem Agriculture: An Introduction to Edible Gardening Like a Force of Nature*.

Our speaker, **Scott Kleinrock**, Ranch Manager at the Huntington, will share theory, images, and stories of his explorations of edible gardens constructed on principles of resilient ecosystems at the

Huntington Ranch. Included will be plenty of how-to tips on ways to establish these garden systems for your own home with everything from designed edible landscapes to wild orchards.

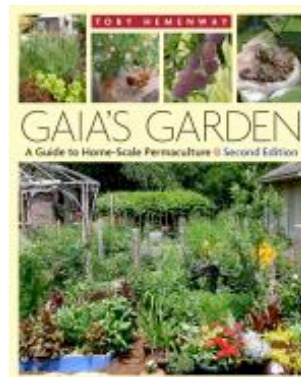
Scott runs the Huntington Ranch, an experimental urban agriculture field station dedicated to exploring and interpreting approaches to productive gardening in the semi-arid and urban conditions of Southern California.

In addition to his work at the Ranch, Scott manages the Huntington's herb garden and children's garden, and consults on design projects.

Scott has designed and consulted on a variety of urban agricultural spaces including residential and community-based projects. He holds a bachelor's degree in communications studies from UCLA and is currently a master's candidate in landscape architecture at Cal Poly Pomona, where his thesis research focuses on intensive approaches to vegetable production in containers.

Scott will lead a brief field trip to the **Huntington Ranch** for those who can show up early. The tour begins at 6:00 pm, so plan on arriving by 5:45 pm to make sure you can take advantage of this opportunity.

SEPTEMBER SELECTED BOOK



Gaia's Garden, Second Edition, A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture by Toby Hemenway is recommended by Scott Kleinrock and will be sold at this month's meeting.

Published by Chelsea Green Publishing;
April 2009.
Paperback
8 x 19 inches, 320 pages
Color photographs and illustrations.
SCHS member price: \$24.00.
Retail price: \$29.95.

SCHS ANNUAL BANQUET HELD ON OCTOBER 11 THIS YEAR

Our Annual Award Banquet is usually in September, but this year it has been moved to October 11 to meet the schedule of our honoree, Richard Turner. See the enclosed flyer for details.

August Meeting Recap



The August meeting of the Southern California Horticultural Society was all about creative uses for things others see as trash.

Repurposing materials for everything from pathways to lighting was the focus as **Matthew Levesque** took us through the projects from his recent book, *The Revolutionary Yardscape*.

Matthew runs Building Resources, the only not-for-profit salvage yard in San Francisco, as well as the Red Shovel Glass Company, dedicated to recycling glass as material for landscaping.

The process of finding uses for salvage materials and cast-offs is fascinating. When someone with Mr. Levesque's inventiveness asks himself, "What can I do with this...?" the results can be stunning, useful and even humorous.

Matthew showed us keys turned into rain chains, drain pipes supporting tabletops and looking very modern and even industrial lighting fixtures turned into giant garden lights.

Most of these projects could be done by anyone with a knack for making their own garden a personal statement rather than the "average yard" seen repeated over and over from coast to coast. (We even had a late-summer sharing table of materials some of our members intended for repurposing, but never got around to.)

Matthew's book was for sale at the meeting and he graciously signed copies. It is a laudable goal to help keep these materials out of the landfills and trash heaps, and by seeing that it can result in remarkable and useful garden ornamentation and hardscape, it inspires the rest of us to ask, "What can I do with this...?" Thank you, Matthew Levesque.

The August Opportunity Drawing plants were provided by **El Nativo Growers**, and were brought to the meeting, and described by **Shannon Lubin**. Thanks Shannon, and El Nativo.

And thanks to all of our members who help set up, run and clean up after each meeting.

- By *Steven Gerischer*

- Photograph from *The Revolutionary Landscape* by *Matthew Levesque*.

SHARING SECRETS

In August, we posed the question "**What is the first plant you ever propagated successfully?**" and here are a few responses.

I had an enormous *Aloe vera* in a pot (about 16" clay) and it grew and grew and filled the pot until I came home from work one day to find it had toppled off the porch. The pot survived but the aloe came apart.

So I potted up all the pieces and gave them to all my friends. I kept a couple and they became a new colony. That's the beauty of propagating!

- *Sandy Masuo*

When I was in junior high school in Michigan, my mother showed me how to divide succulents she called "hens and chicks" in order to spread them around the planter. I never forgot how much fun it was to create new plants.

- *Debra Bushweit Galliani*

SECRET CONTRIBUTORS

Jade plant.

Jade plant - threw it on the ground and it grew.

Just out of high school, I was in a Zody's plant area with a guy who claimed to have an interest in plants. So I asked him if he knew about starting plants from pieces of them. He said "no," so I picked up a broken section of a heart-leaved philodendron, took it home, and rooted it. I later showed the rooted philodendron to this guy who by then had become my boyfriend. Decades later, the guy is gone, but I still have the philodendron.

Add your response to this question on our **Facebook** page discussion board or on our MemberLodge website page.

YOU CAN NOW REGISTER FOR OUR ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET

The enclosed flyer announces our Annual Award Banquet honoring Horticulturist of the Year, Richard Turner. It will be held on October 11 at the Huntington Botanical Gardens.

This is a beautiful setting for our Society's annual dinner and one you shouldn't miss.

Weather permitting, we will dine outside. We may be holding next year's banquet at a new location, with the departure of Kathy Musial from our board.

Sign up to attend using the enclosed form. Guests are welcome, as membership is not required to attend. We will also post this form on the MemberLodge section of our website so you may register online.

But don't delay, it is first come, first served.

CALL FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FOR OUR OCTOBER BANQUET!

Steve Gerischer's strong commitment to our annual Silent Auction fundraiser has him leading the effort to collect your donations again this year.

He seeks your contributions of quality items for our October 11 Silent Auction at our Annual Award Banquet. Steve's placing no limits, but some ideas include: unusual plants, art, decorative items, tools, special books and horticultural services.

Many of us now cherish the items in our homes or gardens that we successfully bid on and won at previous years' Silent Auctions.

Also welcome are non-garden items like gift baskets, event tickets and gift certificates. Please contact Steve at sglarkspur@aol.com or 323-257-3629 to make a donation. Thank you for helping us raise funds for our Society.

OUR THANKS TO SABINE HOPPNER

We are sorry to lose **Sabine Hoppner** as an SCHS board member, following her decision to step down from her post due to growing business and personal commitments. We thank her for her support and her interest in remaining involved in our Society.

Her board position will be filled by an SCHS member who will be elected by the board from a slate of candidates.

NEW PROGRAM COMMITTEE FORMED

After years of service as our Society's Program Committee, **Kerry Morris**, **Kathy Musial** and **Bart O'Brien** have retired their positions. They have brought us years of excellent speakers and we are grateful for their dedicated efforts.

Lisa Ceazan, **Steve Gerischer** and **Lili Singer** have already met as the new Program Committee. Our thanks to them for volunteering to take charge of this important function.

Contact individual locations to confirm events and for more details; some may require a facility entry fee.

☞ = Registration requested or required.

ARCADIA 91007

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN

301 N. Baldwin Ave.
626-821-4623; arboretum.org

Wednesday, September 5
1:30–3:00 pm

Plant Information Office: Arborists Secret Tips, featuring an interview with a top arborist; Frank McDonough, instructor. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, September 8
12:00 noon–4:00 pm

Organic Fruit and Vegetable Gardening, a class with Jill Morganelli. Fee.

Thursdays, September 13–November 1
9:30 am–12:00 noon

Thursday Garden Talks with Lili Singer, includes *New Gardens for New Directions at Descanso Gardens*, with Brian Sullivan, 9/13; *Easy Native Plants*, with Orchid Black, 9/20; and *Tree Damage & the Great 2011 San Gabriel Valley Windstorm: Predestined or Preventable?*, with Frank McDonough, 9/27. Fee. Classes may be taken separately.

CLAREMONT 91711

RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN

1500 N. College Ave.
909-625-8767 x200; rsabg.org

Saturday, September 8 & 29
9:00 am–12:00 noon

Sunday, September 16
1:00–4:00 pm

Free Landscape Design Class, by Plant Quest Landscape Design. The same one-day workshop is offered on several days. Free.

Saturday, September 9
8:00 am–5:00 pm

California Admission Day, free admission to the garden to commemorate the anniversary of California's statehood. Free.

Saturday, September 15
10:00 am–1:00 pm

Medicinal Plants of California Herb Walk, with herbalist William Broen. Fee.

Sunday, September 16
10:00–11:00 am

Guided Tram Tour. Fee, plus garden admission; tickets available after 8:00 am.

CORONA DEL MAR 92625

SHERMAN LIBRARY & GARDENS

2647 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.
949-673-2261; slgardens.org

Wednesday & Thursday, September 26 & 27
2:30 pm

Afternoon Tea in the Garden. Fee. ☞

LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE 91011

DESCANSO GARDENS

1418 Descanso Dr.
818-949-4200; descansogardens.org

Monday, September 3
10:00 am

Rediscover the California Garden, a walk with Rachel Young. Free with garden admission.

Saturdays, September 15, 22, 29
1:00–3:00 pm

Shakespeare's Theatre & Plants, teachers from Will Geer Theatrical Botanicum. Fee. Reservations by September 7. ☞

Saturday, September 29
11:00 am–12:00 noon

Fall Organic Vegetable Gardening, a class with Rachel Young. Fee for non-members.

LONG BEACH 90815

RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS

6400 Bixby Hill Rd.
562-431-3541; rancholosalamitos.com

Sunday, September 22

Growing Natives: Natives Incorporated, a symposium on native plants, presented by SCHS and the Pacific Horticulture Society. Lectures from Bart O'Brien, Carol Bornstein, Lili Singer and Barbara Paul. Fee. ☞

Sunday, September 29
10:00 am–12:00 noon

Pickling & Fermentation, culinary workshop conducted by Chef Debby Dubbs. Fee. ☞

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA 90274

SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
310-544-1948
southcoastbotanicgarden.org

Thursdays, September 13–November 1
10:00 am–12:00 noon

Successful Gardens, class with Sharon Ratterree. Fee. ☞

Sunday, September 16
10:00–11:30 am

Family Picnic Day: Discover the Lake & Creek. Free with garden admission.

Monday, September 17
9:00–11:00 am

Fundamentals of Gardening, with Judy Gerber; held at the Torrance Memorial Learning Garden, 4045 W. 190th St, Torrance. Fee.

Saturday, September 22
9:00 am–5:00 pm

Sunday, September 23
9:00 am–4:00 pm

Orchid Show & Sale. Show opens at 11:00 am on Saturday. Free with garden admission.

SAN MARINO 91108

HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Rd.
626-405-2100; huntington.org

Saturday, September 1
8:30 am–5:00 pm

Succulent Plant Symposium, includes speakers, plant sales and optional dinner. Fee. Register at 626-405-3505; drudeen@huntington.org. ☞

Thursday, September 13
2:30 pm

Garden Talk & Plant Sale: Tree Pruning Fundamentals, with Jerry Turney. Plant sale follows. Free.

Wednesdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26
1:00–3:00 pm

Music in the Garden, by a traditional Chinese musical soloist. Free with garden admission.

SUN VALLEY 91352

THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION FOR WILDFLOWERS & NATIVE PLANTS

10459 Tuxford St.
818-768-1802; theodorepayne.org

Saturday, September 1
9:00 am–1:00 pm

Native Plant Garden Maintenance, with Antonio Sanchez. Fee.

Saturday, September 8, 22 & October 6
9:00 am–1:00 pm

Native Garden Design with Andreas Hessing. Fee. ☞

Saturday, September 8
1:30–3:30 pm

Twelve Months of Color with California Natives, with Lili Singer, includes info on hummingbird gardens. Fee.

Saturday, September 15
9:00 am–1:00 pm

California Native Plant Horticulture, with Lili Singer. Fee.

Saturday, September 15
1:30–3:30 pm

Where the Chaparral Meets the Desert, with Sula Vanderplank. Fee.

WESTWOOD 90095

MILDRED E. MATHIAS BOTANICAL GARDEN

Southeast corner of UCLA campus
310-825-1260; botgard.ucla.edu

September 1 (first Saturday of each month)
1:00 pm

Drop-in Tours, for plant lovers of all ages. Free.

The **San Diego Horticultural Society** meets Monday, September 10, 6:00–9:00 pm, at Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Activities include *Ideal Plants for San Diego's Mediterranean Climate* by panelists Jason Kubrock, Mo Price and Wendy Proud. Information: 619-296-9215, sdhortsoc.org. Free to members; fee to non-members.

- Compiled by Debra Bushweit Galliani

UPCOMING SCHS PROGRAMS

At Friendship Auditorium in Los Angeles unless otherwise noted.

September 22 – Growing Natives: Natives Incorporated, a one-day symposium on native plants, is presented by SCHS and the Pacific Horticulture Society, and held at **Rancho Los Alamitos**. Lectures from **Bart O'Brien**, **Carol Bornstein**, **Lili Singer** and **Barbara Paul**. See details on enclosed flyer.

October 11 – Annual Award Banquet honoring **Richard Turner** as our 2012 SCHS Horticulturist of the Year. Dick recently retired as longtime editor of *Pacific Horticulture* magazine and we are changing the date to match his schedule. The dinner and Silent Auction will be held at the **Huntington Botanical Gardens**.

November 8 – Helen Popper, author of the forthcoming *California Native Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide*, will discuss her book.

December 13 – Annual Members' Night (aka, Cookie Night). We will also have a DVD showing of *No Work Gardening* by **Ruth Stouts**.

2013 PROGRAMS

January 10 – To be announced.

February 14 – Andrew Bunting, curator of Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College in Philadelphia since 1993 and president of Magnolia Society International will speak.

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Next deadline: Friday, September 14 (for October newsletter).

It is the Friday following our monthly membership meeting.

Please contribute an article or information of interest.

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2012 Annual Award Banquet

Honoring

Horticulturist of the Year

Richard G. Turner Jr.



Thursday, October 11, 2012

6:00 pm Social Hour & Silent Auction • 7:00 pm Dinner & Presentation

Huntington Botanical Gardens

Botanical Center, 1151 Oxford Road (enter on Allen), San Marino



Originally hailing from Detroit, Michigan, Richard Turner fled to California after receiving degrees in architecture and landscape architecture from the University of Michigan. He served as education director at Strybing Arboretum, director of the San Francisco Garden Show and executive director of the Ruth Bancroft Garden after shepherding it through preservation by the Garden Conservancy.

Dick had served on the board of directors of the Pacific Horticultural Foundation in the 1980s and returned to the organization as editor of *Pacific Horticulture* in 1997. During his 15-year tenure, he cheerfully and tirelessly promoted its mission to promote the art and science of gardening and continued its tradition as one of the horticultural world's finest periodicals.

Well-known not only on the West Coast but far beyond, Dick has lectured, led tours worldwide, spearheaded educational programs such as *Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies* and edited several books. Dick retired in March 2012 and now enjoys more time to tend his San Francisco garden and continue his travels.

Come gather for a delicious buffet, great company, a silent auction and a special presentation from Richard Turner, *The Accidental Editor*.

Contact Steve Gerischer at 323-257-3629, sglarkspur@aol.com or Laura Bauer at 626-437-9459, lbauer@ehuffy.com, if you have any questions. Please, do NOT call the Huntington about this event.

Southern California Horticultural Society • 2012 Annual Award Banquet

PLEASE RESPOND BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012

Yes, please reserve: _____ Tickets at \$45 each Total enclosed \$_____ (check only)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Make your check payable to SCHS. Mail to: PO Box 94476, Pasadena, CA 91109-4476

PACIFIC HORTICULTURE SOCIETY & THE SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

GROWING NATIVES: NATIVES INCORPORATED



A One Day Symposium on Native Plants

Rancho Los Alamitos

Saturday, September 22, 2012

A one day event to inspire gardeners to integrate California native plants into existing, drought tolerant gardens. Our panel of speakers will cover a range of subjects, including which plants will work best in the home garden, why we should be growing natives, vibrant plant combinations and basic design issues faced by home gardeners. Help grow California, the green way.

Lunch will be prepared by the kitchen at Rancho Los Alamitos, and is included in the price of admission.

LECTURES:

BART O'BRIEN

CAROL BORNSTEIN

LILI SINGER

BARBARA PAUL

The newly renovated center at Rancho Los Alamitos will be the venue for this day of celebrating the wealth that California native plants can bring to any garden with a lean water budget. Come learn how to enrich your drought tolerant landscape without tearing out everything and starting over! Plants, books, seeds and bulbs will be for sale.

Tickets can be purchased at: socalhort.org . Or by completing and mailing the coupon on the back of this page.



The Growing Natives

Symposiums have been sponsored by Pacific Horticulture and various other agencies, including East Bay Area Water District (EBMUD) and CNPS. The previous events were held in the Bay area, and in an effort to further the cause of educating the public about growing California native plants, this series is being extended to other regions.

The Southern California Horticultural Society is proud to co-sponsor this event for Southern California.

The Pacific Horticulture Foundation was formed in 1968 by representatives of the California Horticultural Society, San Francisco Botanical Garden



Society (formerly Strybing Arboretum Society), and Western Horticultural Society. Since that time, the Southern California Horticultural Society, Northwest Horticultural Society, and San Diego Horticultural Society have joined the Foundation expanding representation to encompass the entire West Coast.

The Southern California Horticultural Society was founded in 1937 by nursery professionals, with encouragement from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The ranks of the members soon swelled to include those with no trade connections. In 1947 the Society was instrumental in the



formation of the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

Rancho Los Alamitos started as part of the 300,000-acre Los Coyotes land concession given to Manuel Nieto in 1790. The original holdings included 25,000 acres which in 1833 became Rancho Los Alamitos-Ranch of the Little Cottonwoods. A rich and varied history of the area actually began before the Spanish arrived, with the Gabrielino-Tongva people of the Los Angeles Basin. The Bixby family, last private owners, donated the family ranch to the City of Long Beach. A complete renovation of this beautiful property has just been completed.

_____ Member Ticket(s) at \$110 ea. = Total Ticket(s) _____ /\$130 ea. _____ Non-Member Ticket(s) = Total Ticket(s) _____

Total Ticket(s) _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____ (Carpooling? _____ How many in your party? _____)

Member(s) Name(s) _____

Non-Member(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Make Check to SCHS (symposium) Mail to: SCHS P.O.Box 94476, Pasadena, CA 91109



Or Buy Tickets Online at: socalhort.org .