



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

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January 2013 Newsletter

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 10
7:30 pm

Friendship Auditorium
3021 Riverside Drive
Los Angeles CA 90039

*We meet the second Thursday
of each month at 7:30 pm*

This special meeting is
free to SCHS members and
is **\$10 for non-members**.
No guest passes accepted.

Tell a friend – they may
join at the door!

Every attendee will receive
a free bare root rose plant
courtesy of Weeks Roses.

PLANT FORUM

Bring one or more plants,
flowers, seeds or fruits for
display and discussion at the
Plant Forum and receive one
Exhibitor's Ticket for a chance
to win a free Opportunity
Drawing plant.

These plants are also included
in our newsletter's *Green Sheet*.

JANUARY OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Our January Opportunity
Drawing will feature choice
roses and a selection of great
rose-companion plants
provided by **John Schoustra** of
Greenwood Daylily Gardens.

NEXT SHARING SECRETS QUESTION

Some rose plants perform better
in Southern California than
others and we'd like to hear
which ones you recommend for
our region.

The Sharing Secrets question
for January is:

*Which roses do you grow
that have proven beautiful
and resilient in your garden?*

You can answer on the cards
we'll supply at our January 10
meeting or e-mail your
response to bushweit@yahoo.com
by Friday, January 11.

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The January Meeting

A Rose Panel with Tom Carruth, Steve Gerischer and Ping Lim:

For the Love of Roses: A Talk and Q & A

Our January 10 meeting of the Southern
California Horticultural Society will be a
celebration of roses. It is bare root rose
season and many gardeners are wondering
if roses can fit into a responsible, water-
thrifty landscape.



We have a panel
discussion to
address the many
questions around
growing roses in
Southern
California. The
program will
begin with a short,
illustrated talk by
SCHS president,
Steve Gerischer,
(pictured left) who
has been growing
roses in our region
for most of his life.



Following the introduction will be a panel
discussion featuring two top rose breeders.
Tom Carruth (pictured above) is the curator
of rose collections at the Huntington
Botanical Gardens and former head breeder
at Weeks Roses. **Ping Lim** (pictured right)
first worked as Devor Nurseries' rose
breeding assistant and later directed the
Rose Breeding and Research Department at
Bailey's Nursery. Steve Gerischer, proud rose
dilettante, will also round out the panel.

The list of roses introduced by Tom Carruth,
and Ping Lim is too long to include here, but
contains many hardy favorites that grow
easily in Southern California. We are looking
forward to hearing what new and exciting
things are happening with roses as we all try
to maintain a responsible approach to

gardening in our dry climate.

After the discussion, each attendee will
receive a bare root plant of 2013 rose
introduction 'Yabba Dabba Doo' courtesy of
Weeks Roses (weeksroses.mobi/rose_yabbadabbadoo.html). This meeting is free
to our SCHS members, but we are charging
\$10 for non-members. No guest passes will
be accepted for this special event.

The panel will field questions regarding
roses, and growing healthy roses in
Southern California in particular. If you
would like to submit your questions ahead
of time, please e-mail them to Steve
Gerischer at: sglarkspur@aol.com. Or bring
written questions and submit them when
you sign in at this meeting.



December Meeting Recap

The December meeting of the Southern California Horticultural Society was our upbeat annual holiday gathering.

This year we were treated to the cheerful music of the season as performed by the talented quartet known as **Red Car Trolley** (pictured below). Favorite holiday songs and old-fashioned carols were wonderfully sung a cappella as we gathered for the evening.

Their program was titled, *Christmas, Chanukah, Flowers and Nature*, and you may have noticed that a number of their musical selections were botanically related. We wish to thank the members of Red Car Trolley, especially **Rebecca Rasmussen Tufenkian**, for adding this lovely offering to our festive night.



As usual, at our holiday event there was a lot of "party food" to enjoy while we mingled. Savory snacks and finger foods, and lots of sweet treats (alas, no forks – so fingers did indeed get messy). Big thanks to everyone who brought goodies to share.

Sharing was the theme of the night, and the **Sharing Table** section, which became three tables, was full. Thank you to everyone who brought in their "orphan" items for this annual part of our meeting. Every item needing a new home found one.

Another new addition to the holiday meeting was a **Silent Auction of Gift**



Baskets filled with wine and gift items. There were twelve baskets (one is pictured above), each with different items, and eleven of them brought in \$265. All of the profits go to the SCHS. Special thanks to **Sandy Masuo** and **Lisa Ceazan** for putting these together and running the auction.

The evening was capped off by the showing of the wry and sweetly humorous video, *No Work Gardening*, by **Ruth Stout**. Many of us had never seen this short film, but have heard about it for years. It was a perfect way to end a celebratory evening.

Thanks to everyone who helped set up, decorate and clean up afterwards! A special thank you to **Lili Singer** for coordinating and arranging so much of this special meeting. Hope your New Year is off to a bright start!

- By **Steven Gerischer**

- Gift basket photograph by **Lisa Ceazan**

SOME THINGS NEED REPEATING: A PLEA FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

In last month's newsletter, we asked for your help in performing some needed tasks for our Society (listed below), either by yourself or sharing the job with others.

Now that you have had time to think about our plea, we urge you to contact **Steve Gerischer** at sglarkspur@aol.com or call 323-257-3629 to get started. The new year is a great time to begin something new.

- **Handle Refreshments at Meetings**
Make coffee and bring snacks at the start of each meeting. *If one or more persons do not volunteer to handle this, we will not be able to offer it at future meetings.*

- **Staff the Welcome Desk at Meetings**
Greet attendees, direct them to sign in and make a name tag, collect the entry fee from guests or mark on roster.
- **Update the Website and Provide Content**
Send program information to webmaster monthly, along with other updates and relevant content.
- **Join the Finance Committee**
Our treasurer, **Laura Bauer**, heads this committee which needs more members.
- **Join the Field Trips Committee**
Help organize field trips for members.
- **Become a "Buddy" for Prospective and New Society Members at Meetings**
Familiarize new and prospective members with events at our monthly meetings.
- **Solicit Sharing Secrets Responses at Member Meetings**
The Sharing Secrets column is a popular feature in our newsletter and we need help soliciting responses at our meetings.
- **Write a Column or Feature Article for the Newsletter**

A Special Evening with **DEBRA PRINZING:** **SLOW FLOWERS** February 27

On Wednesday, February 27, at Friendship Auditorium, author **Debra Prinzing** will discuss her new book, *Slow Flowers: Four Seasons of Bouquets from the Garden, Meadow and Farm*.

This is a follow up to her popular book, *The 50 Mile Bouquet*, a sequel that plays off of the revolutionary Slow Food movement.

Debra challenged herself to create 52 bouquets, one for each week of the year, strictly from locally grown materials. Using a regional bounty of organically grown cut-flowers, seed pods, greens, twigs and greenhouse materials, Debra fashioned seasonal arrangements with a timeless quality.

This special event is co-sponsored by the Garden Conservancy and the Southern California Horticultural Society. \$30 for GC and SCHS members; \$35 for non-members.

6:30 pm: Check in and registration.
7:00–8:30 pm: Lecture and floral design demonstration.

For more information check the Garden Conservancy website at gardenconservancy.org or the SCHS website at socalhort.org.

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

Thursdays, January 10–31

9:30 am–12:00 noon (except as noted)

Thursday Garden Talks with Lili Singer, includes *Edible Landscaping in Southern California* with Kelly Coyne and Erik Knutzen, 1/10; *Planting LA/LA Plants: A Talk and Plant Sale* with Antonio Sanchez, 1/17; *Field Trip – A Walk on the Westside: Three Extraordinary Coastal Gardens*, 1/24, 10:00 am–1:00 pm; *Splendid Salvias: Sages for the Garden* with Bart O'Brien, 1/31. Fee. Classes may be taken separately.

Fridays, January 11–March 1
11:00 am–12:30 pm

Basic Ikebana with instructors Reiko Kawamura and Yumiko Kikkawa. Fee.

Saturday, January 19
10:00 am–1:00 pm

Square Foot Gardening Workshop with Jo Ann Carey. Fee.

CLAREMONT 91711

RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN

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

Saturday, January 5
10:00 am–1:00 pm

Free Native Plant Clinic. Garden admission is not necessary to attend.

Saturday, January 26
10:00 am–1:00 pm

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

CORONA DEL MAR 92625

SHERMAN LIBRARY & GARDENS

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

Saturday, January 5
9:30 am

Rose Pruning Demonstration. Part of their Weekend Gardener series. Free.

Wednesday, January 16
9:00 am

Hypertufa Pots. Learn how to make your own hypertufa pot. Fee. ☞

FULLERTON 92831

FULLERTON ARBORETUM

1900 Associated Rd. at Jamboree
657-278-3407
fullertonarboretum.org

Saturday, January 12
9:00–11:00 am

Botany Kick-Start with Bob Allen, followed by a short walk in the garden. Fee. ☞

Thursdays, January 17 & 24
6:00–9:00 pm

Thursdays in the Kitchen with Jonathan Dye, includes *Healthy Cooking for the New Year*, 1/17; and *Southern California Cool Season Vegetables*, 1/24. Fee. ☞

Saturday, January 19
10:00–11:00 am

Free Nature Tour. Meet nature guides at the Nature Center and tour the garden. Free.

LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE 91011

DESCANSO GARDENS

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

Saturday–Sunday, January 12–13

1:00–5:00 pm (1/12),
9:00 am–5:00 pm (1/13)

Pacific Camellia Society Show. Free with garden admission.

Tuesday, January 15
2:00 pm

Planning the Spring Bulb Garden. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, January 19
11:00 am

Rose Pruning Demonstration. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, January 19
1:00 pm

Propagation Part 2 with Guy Hernandez. Fee.

Saturday–Sunday, January 26–27

1:00–5:00 pm (1/26)
9:00 am–5:00 pm (1/27)

Southern California Camellia Society Early Show. Free with garden admission.

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA 90274

SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

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

Sunday, January 6
12:00–3:00 pm

Rose Pruning Demonstration with the South Coast Rose Society. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, January 19
1:00–4:00 pm

Use Feng Shui to Bring Good Luck to Your Garden. Fee.

Sunday, January 20
1:00–4:00 pm

Fruit Tree Pruning Demonstration with Rick Wheeler. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, January 26
1:00–3:00 pm

Creating an Edible Container Garden with Judith Gerber. Fee.

SAN MARINO 91108

HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

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

Thursday, January 10
2:30 pm

Garden Talk: Just for the Smell of It with Tom Carruth. Plant sale follows. Free.

Saturday, January 12
8:30 am–2:00 pm

New Oak Threats Workshop. Fee.

Saturday, January 12
9:00–10:30 am

Rose Pruning Workshop with Tom Carruth. Fee.

SUN VALLEY 91352

THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION FOR WILDFLOWERS & NATIVE PLANTS

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

Saturdays, January 5, 12 & February 2
9:00 am–1:00 pm

Native Garden Design with Anna Armstrong and Richard Walker. Fee.

Saturday, January 12
9:00 am–1:00 pm

Basics of Native Plant Identification with Lorrae Fuentes. Fee.

Saturday, January 12
1:30–3:30 pm

Manzanitas for the Garden with Bart O'Brien. Fee.

Saturday, January 19
11:00 am–3:00 pm

California Native Plant Horticulture with Lili Singer. Fee.

Saturday, January 26
9:00 am–1:00 pm

Native Plant Garden Maintenance with Antonio Sanchez. Fee.

Saturday, January 26
1:30–3:30 pm

Baja California: Flora Fantastica with Jon Rebman PhD. Fee.

The **San Diego Horticultural Society** meets Monday, January 14, 6:00–9:00 pm, at Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Activities include a talk, *Exotic Bulbs for Southern California* with Dylan Hannon. Information: 619-296-9215, sdhort.org. Fee.

- Compiled by Bettina Gatti

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UPCOMING 2013 SCHS PROGRAMS

At Friendship Auditorium, 3021 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90039, starting at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted.

February 14 – Andrew Bunting, curator of Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College in Philadelphia and president of Magnolia Society International, will discuss *Magnolias in the Home Garden*. (See notice below about Andrew at Magnolia Study Day).

February 27 – A special SCHS program in conjunction with the Garden Conservancy.

Debra Prinzing, will discuss her new book *Slow Flowers: Four Seasons of Locally Grown Bouquets from the Garden, Meadow and Farm* at Friendship Auditorium.

\$30 admission to SCHS & GC members; \$35 admission to non-members. (See page 2 for details.)

March 14 – A panel discussion on salvias, with guest speakers joining us from the recent Salvia Summit II held at the Huntington Botanical Gardens.

April 11 – Billy Goodnick, will present *Crimes Against Horticulture*.

MAGNOLIA STUDY DAY

Wednesday, February 13, 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Huntington Botanical Gardens

Sponsored by the Magnolia Society International and the Huntington Botanical Gardens. The program speakers are **Andrew Bunting**, **Kathy Musial**, **Bill McNamara** and **Tim Thibault**. Register by February 6, space is limited; \$25 for registration and lunch. Call 626-405-3504 or 626-405-3517.

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Next deadline: Friday, January 11 (for February newsletter).

It is the Friday following our monthly membership meeting.

Please contribute an article or information of interest.