



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

May 2016

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 12

Friendship Auditorium
3201 Riverside Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027



Socializing: 7:00 pm

Meeting begins: 7:30 pm

SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We're pleased to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Timothy Becker
Erik Pounders
Michelle Sullivan
Laurence and Janet Watt



SHARING SECRETS

The SCHS Sharing Secrets question for June is:

*Do you grow any flowers for cutting?
If so, which ones & why?*

Answer on our web site at
schs.memberlodge.org
or e-mail your response to:
gardensbysabine@aol.com
by Friday, May 13

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The Why & How of Seeds



Photo: UCLA Extension Archive

David King began growing food as a five year old at his grandfather's side and has never been very far from a garden since.

From the beginning, he grew most of his plants from seed. This early practice blossomed into a love affair with these marvelous things we call "seeds." Now, almost forty years later, he is founding chair of the Seed Library of Los Angeles.

He teaches in the Gardening and Horticulture Program for UCLA Extension, is the Gardenmaster of The Learning Garden at Venice High School, and his book, *Growing Food*

in Southern California, is nearing the press-ready stage. King brings his passion for locally adapted seeds to all gardeners with a fervent belief that every gardener needs to save seeds - for ourselves and future generations.

With his sense of humor and well-paced delivery, we will learn the reasons to save our seeds. King will also show us his process, plus will open the door to the wonder of saving seeds from our own gardens and growing seeds that are better than those we can buy.

SHARING SECRETS RESPONSES:

Do you have a new or favorite gardening tool you can't live without?

The tool that I can't live without is my hori hori soil knife. I use it for weeding, digging and planting. It is by far the best weeding tool I've ever used. I love that I can cut deep taproots below the soil surface and not disturb the soil too much while I'm weeding.

- Lora Hall,
Horticulturalist

My absolute favorite is my Japanese "Hori hori". It's a very strong, well-made tool, with the shaft going all the way through the handle, so it'll never break off like so many

trowels. It has a wide blade, slightly curved lengthwise, so it can be used as a scoop, but its heft makes it the best for grubbing out tenacious weeds, tap-rooted plants, or breaking up hard soil. It has a pointed end and serrated long edge, so it's very useful for dividing perennial plants, corms, tubers, etc. And it's created to be balanced, so it's a joy to use even with arthritic fingers. The only fault (and it isn't a fault) is that the oak handle makes it nearly invisible if I leave it on the ground. I should put a bright orange tape on the handle, except that it's too beautiful a tool to spoil.

- Florence Nishida,
UCCE Certified Master Gardener

My favorite tool is called a "planter" - I think. It's a hand tool with a pick on one end and a little shovel on the other. I use it for planting annuals and weeding (on my knees or sitting). It's a WAY easier overhanded motion like swinging a hammer vs. using a trowel with an underhanded movement. I NEVER use a trowel. I have an old wooden handle planter that I keep in my truck and use on jobs AND an all metal one that I got at a trade show about 10 years ago that I use at home.

- Aprille Curtis



APRIL SCHS MEETING RECAP - "COOL PLANTS FOR HOT GARDENS"

The April meeting featured a panel of guest speakers from four southland nurseries: Laura Bauer, garden designer, who represented Australian Native Plants in Casitas Springs (Ventura County); John Schoustra, grower and owner of Greenwood Daylily Gardens in Somis; Lili Singer, Director of Special Projects and Adult Education at the Theodore Payne Foundation in Sun Valley; and Bob Sussman, grower and owner of Matilija Nursery in Moorpark. Carol Bornstein introduced the panel, and then each speaker talked about the ten "cool" plants they brought along for use in home gardens. The specimens were also donations to the SCHS, and offered as prizes for the plant raffle which followed the presentation.

The first nurseryman to speak was Bob Sussman, who began by telling us that his Matilija Nursery has been operating for over 21 years, and features approximately 60% California native plants, with the balance being irises and a mixture of plants from the Southwest. His selections included the following:

1. *Salvia* 'Bon Bon' is a hybrid native sage resulting from a cross between *S. 'Point Sal'* and *S. 'Aramis'*. It grows 2½' high by 3' wide in full sun, with a blooming season running from spring through summer.

2. *Callirhoe involucrata*, aka Winecups, is a perennial with magenta flowers from late spring into fall, and a sprawl up to 3'. It grows 12" high in full sun, with a tap root which makes it relatively drought-tolerant.

3. *Conoclinium coelestinum*, or Blue Mistflower, blooms from spring into winter, and requires weekly summer watering. It's a valuable source of nectar for butterflies, and grows 2' high & wide in partial shade or full sun.

4. *Adiantum jordanii* is our evergreen, native, maiden-hair fern. Besides being easy to grow, it is ideally suited for shady areas. It grows to approx. 18" high & wide.

5. *Asclepias speciosa* is also called the "showy" milkweed for its large pink flower heads and full 3' high x 4' wide form. Attracts Monarchs and other butterflies as well.

6. *Berlandiera lyrata* earned its common name of "Chocolate Daisy" from the fragrance of its small yellow flowers. It is 1' high by 2' wide and will produce large clusters of flowers in full sun from spring into winter, making it a very good performer.

7. *Lavatera glabra*, or Island Bush Mallow, will grow into a 9' high x 9' wide shrub, covered with purplish-magenta flowers that attract bees. Plant in full sun, but be aware it can be susceptible to suffering frost damage.



8. *Sphaeralcea* 'Magenta Bob' is a hybrid desert mallow, introduced by Sussman. Growing 3' high & wide it flowers year round in full sun, and is an excellent bee plant.

9. *Iris* 'Call Ripley's' is a re-bloomer with peach and burgundy flowers that grows 3' high x 2' wide and may require weekly watering. Plant in well-draining soil either in full sun or filtered shade.

10. *Iris* 'Pacific Coast' is a native hybrid suited for shade and requiring no summer water. Expect this 2' x 2' beauty to bloom in its second year.

The next panelist to speak was board member Lili Singer, currently of the Theodore Payne Foundation for Native Plants. As she described her selections she also provided her unique horticulturist's perspective on their significance to Southern California gardens.

1. *Lewisia rediviva*, or Bitter Root, grows 6" high & wide in full sun on slopes, with pink flowers in spring. It has a tap root, needs good drainage and is summer dormant.



2. *Calycanthus occidentalis* (Spice Bush) has burgundy flowers in summer that attract birds and butterflies. It grows 8' high by 10' wide in partial shade, needs regular water, and is winter deciduous.

3. *Arctostaphylos auriculata* 'Knobcone Point', is a 5' high by 8' wide evergreen shrub that performs well in full sun both inland and on the coast. Its winter to spring flowering season attracts hummingbirds and bees.

4. *Bahiopsis laciniata* (*Viguiera laciniata*), or San Diego Sunflower, is an endangered evergreen shrub with low water needs. Adaptable to many soils, it grows 3' high x 5' wide in sun to partial shade, with yellow flowers in spring and summer that attract birds and butterflies.

5. *Dudleya farinosa* is a 6"-12" diameter succulent excellent on slopes or in containers. It grows in full to part sun and its blooms attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Avoid summer watering and provide good drainage.

6. *Marsilea vestita*, the Hairy Watercress, is an aquatic evergreen fern that grows to 12" high streamside in ponds or water gardens and also tolerates partial shade.

7. *Heuchera hirsutissima*, is an endangered evergreen perennial which grows 6" high & wide in dry shade. It attracts hummingbirds and can be grown in containers.

8. *Berberis nevadensis*, is a rare and endangered shrub which grows 6' high x 10' wide in full sun. Heat and drought-tolerant, it is adaptable to many soil types and provides food and shelter for birds. It also attracts butterflies in the spring with its yellow flowers.

9. *Eriogonum fasciculatum* 'Theodore Payne', is a 1' high buckwheat which spreads from 3'-6', forming a tight mat excellent for erosion-control. Heat and drought-tolerant, the flowers, leaves and seeds of this fast-growing evergreen are food sources for varied wildlife.

10. *Monardella viminea*, is a rare evergreen perennial that grows 1'-2' high & wide in full or part sun. Its purple flowers attract butterflies in spring and summer.

Board member Laura Bauer followed, speaking on behalf of Jo O'Connell, owner of Australian Native Plants. This specialty nursery is open by appointment only and offers a diverse selection of plants that are adaptable to southern California gardens, including:

1. *Melaleuca* 'Brian Walters', is a 2'-3' high x 4' wide shrub with creamy-white flowers. It grows equally well in full sun in-ground or in containers, and resembles a myrtle.

2. *Anigozanthos* 'Rufus', is a variety of Kangaroo Paw that grows 3' high & wide, with blue-gray foliage and red flowers. Grow in full sun with good drainage.

3. *Banksia grandis*, this dwarf form can be trained as a small 8'-10' high tree. It flowers from fall into spring, is drought-tolerant and performs in sun or partial shade.

4., 5. & 6. *Eremophila*. These heat and drought-tolerant plants love the sun and can tolerate high-alkaline, heavy clay soils. *E. decipiens* sprawls 3'-5' high & wide with red flowers in spring and summer. *E. racemosa* (aka Easter Egg bush) is more upright at 3'-5' high & wide with flower colors of yellow, orange and hot pink on the same plant. *E. polygoniflora* is a 9'-12' tree form with lavender-pink flowers that resembles *Chilopsis* and can tolerate poor drainage.

7. *Acacia terminalis*, or Sunshine Wattle, is a 12' high drought-tolerant tree that tolerates most soil types. It grows in full sun or partial shade, with yellow flowers appearing from fall into winter.



8., 9. & 10. *Grevillea*. These plants perform best in sunny locations or light shade, with well-draining soil. They are highly sensitive to phosphorus and over-watering. *G. 'Robyn Gordon'* is a dense 6' high & wide shrub with large rosy flowers that bloom nearly all year. *G. banksii* is the Red Silky Oak that grows into a 15' high x 12' wide tree with red flowers that bloom off and on during the year. *G. bipinnatifida* is a 12" high ground cover that can spread 3'-5' wide. It is covered with large red flowers most of the year. Bonus plant #11: *G. 'King's Rainbow'* is a brand new hybrid everblooming shrub. At 6' high x 8' wide, with yellow/red bi-color blooms it will become available this summer.

The final presenter of the evening was John Schoustra, board member and frequent speaker on topics ranging from plant introductions to garden design. His selections included favorites as well as plants he thinks will see increased popularity due to their versatile attributes.

1. *Hemerocallis* 'Elves', is a daylily that blooms year 'round, with a yellow flower on a 40" high black stem. They need full sun and like regular water, but become more drought-tolerant over time.

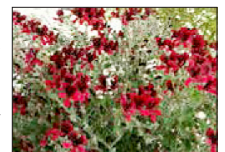
2. *Pelargonium* 'Moras Shubert' is a profuse 8" high bloomer with fragrant foliage, that can grow in full sun as well as deep shade. Schoustra suggested massing it under *Tabebuia* for a long display of color.

3. *Salvia flocculosa*, or Blue Ecuadorian Sage is a perennial that can grow in most soils, and whose 10 month bloom season attracts bees. It can exceed 4' high with an even wider sprawl, but looks better kept at 4'-5' wide. Grow in full sun, or partial sun inland.

4. *Hesperaloe* 'Brakelights' has blue-gray foliage and clear, true red flowers that attract hummingbirds. At 2'-3' high & wide and drought-tolerant, Schoustra predicts that this and other "false aloe" will become an increasingly sought-after genus in the near future.

5. *Iris* 'Bernice's Legacy' grows to 32" high with deep maroon flowers. It only requires water bi-monthly, tolerates light shade, and may bloom up to 5 times a year.

6., 7. & 8. *Pelargonium*. These perennials provide almost year-round color, are water-wise and perform in both full sun or light shade. All are new introductions for Southern California gardens. *P. 'My Valentine'* is an 18" high Regal Pelargonium that blooms with deep pink flowers from February (inland) through fall. *P. 'Queen of Hearts'* has red/black flowers, and looks best if cut back twice a year. *P. 'Queen of Orange'* has orange/salmon flowers, with a more formal growth habit than 'Queen of Hearts'.



9. *Salvia* 'Love Child', is a cross between *S. clevelandii* and *S. leucophylla*, with the fragrance of the former and the pink flowers plus low growth habit of the latter. A true sun-loving southern California native!

10. *Alstromeria* 'Indian Summer', has tri-color flowers that bloom all year long and burgundy foliage, requiring little water or maintenance. In full sun, filtered light or as a cut flower, Peruvian Lilies are strong performers.

The program concluded with an enthusiastic response from the audience when invited to examine the plant selections, resulting in the purchase of more tickets for the plant raffle which followed. Winning raffle numbers were announced and lucky participants selected their prizes of unique hand-picked selections to take home to their gardens.

✿ Sabine Steinmetz

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

GREEN SHEET

PLANT FORUM SELECTIONS • MARCH 2016

The Plant Forum is a display of plants grown by members & exhibited at our monthly general meeting.

PLANTS SHOWN at MARCH 10 , 2016 MEETING

Hippeastrum 'La Paz' (Amaryllidaceae)



Shown by Sheldon Lisker. 'La Paz' is a hybrid from an *H. cybister* cross. Originally from South America, the cybister amaryllis has narrow, red petals with greenish-white streaks, giving this hybrid a more natural, wild look.

Grown in Sun City, CA

NOT PICTURED - *Cyrtanthus falcatus*, 'Shepherd's Crook' (Amaryllidaceae) Shown by Sheldon Lisker. This South African bulb produces a stem with pendant, trumpet-shaped flowers in shades from pale pink through the more common reddish-orange form. Sheldon mentions that it grows best crowded in pots. Grown in Sun City, CA

Vireya Rhododendron 'Haloed Gold' (Ericaceae) Shown by Jim Gardner. *Vireya rhododendrons* (mainly from Malaysia) are found in the wild growing as epiphytes or with very spare



moss and leaf-duff covering their roots - thus cultivation of them in the garden requires skill and knowledge. 'Haloed Gold' has beautiful bright yellow blooms brushed with orange highlights. Grown in Palos Verdes in part shade.

Euphorbia atropurpurea (Euphorbiaceae)

Shown by Jim Gardner. Originally from the Canary Islands, this single-trunked perennial euphorbia features silvery-gray foliage and dark purplish-red bracts which surround its tiny yellow flowers.

Grown in full sun in Palos Verdes.



Euphorbia fruiticosa (Euphorbiaceae)



Shown by Jim Gardner. This South African euphorbia makes a handsome potted specimen. Cylindrical stems resembling cactus are crowned with a ring of small yellow-green blooms surrounded by yellow-green bracts.

Grown in full sun in Palos Verdes.

Also displayed (but not pictured):

Corydalis lutea, Fumitory (Papaveraceae) Shown by Marcia Moore.

Nemophila menziesii, Baby Blue Eyes (Boraginaceae) Shown by Mary Montes.

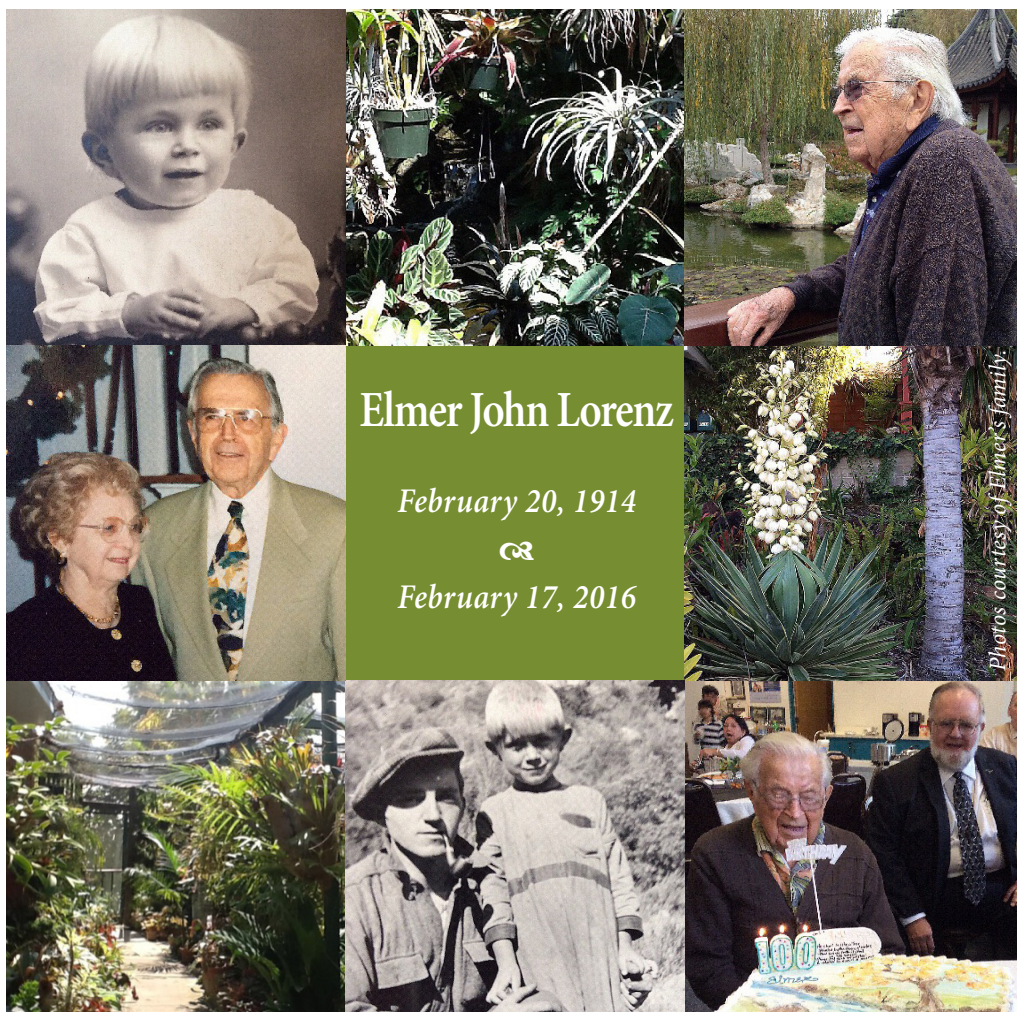
Solandra maxima, Cup-of-Gold Vine (Solanaceae) Shown by Jim Jaeger.

Salvia karwinskii, (Lamiaceae) Shown by Jim Jaeger.

Odontonema callistachyum, Purple Firespike (Acanthaceae) Shown by Eric & Ann Brooks.

Grevillea 'Bonfire' (Proteaceae) Shown by Eric & Ann Brooks.

 Compiled by Steven Gerischer



Elmer John Lorenz

February 20, 1914



February 17, 2016

SCHS Says "Good-Bye" To An Inspirational Member

On February 17, 2016, Elmer Lorenz passed away just shy of his 102nd birthday. Elmer was a long time member of the Southern California Horticultural Society, Horticulturist of the Year in 1990, and one of the founding members of the Bromeliad Society International. Elmer had a lifelong passion for tropical plants. He was interviewed by Los Angeles Times garden writer, Bob Smaus, for a 2002 article.

"I've always been interested in the tropics and in jungles but figured I'd never get to travel there, so I decided to grow my own."

For over 65 years he tended a garden in the backyard of his Eagle Rock home that was packed with exotic plants ranging from tiny orchids to massive staghorn ferns, bromeliads and immense philodendrons. He eventually amassed a collection of plants that contained a staggering 6,000 species.

Elmer's interest in all things horticultural never waned and he attended SCHS meetings well into his late nineties. Also a generous man, he donated plants, books, time and money to various horticultural organizations. In the L.A. Times article his tireless work as a volunteer was cited by Bob Smaus. He wrote how Shirley Kerins, then in charge of the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens' plant sales, beamed when she spoke about Lorenz.

"Elmer volunteers every Friday, helping with preparations for the sales. He's so amazing," Shirley said. "He's in charge of the shade plant section, which means he schleps all the plants, and he's 88 years old!" And she didn't stop there. "Elmer's one of the most devoted plantsmen. He's a treasure!"

For many years the Board of the SCHS had been interested in doing oral histories of some of our more senior members to record their vast wealth of knowledge and experience as well as their memories of luminaries of botany and horticulture who had already passed. When the opportunity arose to pursue this project in conjunction with the Huntington Library and Gardens, Elmer was the first person chosen. In 2014, Catherine Phillips was hired to interview Elmer and numerous hours of his memories were recorded.

**Elmer will be fondly remembered
and greatly missed.**

Contributed by Steven Gerischer

For entire L.A. Times article, go to:

<http://articles.latimes.com/2002/sep/12/news/lv-smaus12>

Please contact location(s) to confirm listed events, and for a full schedule.

Events are free with admission unless otherwise indicated.

Locations are listed by Zip Code.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF L.A.

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007

213.763.3466

nhm.org

Saturday and Sunday, 5/21 & 5/22, 9:30am-5pm. 30th Annual Bug Fair. Enjoy insect collections, bug-related products like honey and silk, "bug" art, jewelry, and protein-filled snacks from the Bug Chefs, bug hunts, performances and more! For details visit: www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/bug-fair.



SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

26300 Crenshaw, PV Peninsula 90274

310.544.1948 southcoastbotanicgarden.org

Friday, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 9:30-11:30am, Room B. Successful Gardens, hosted weekly by Los Angeles County UC Master Gardeners. Learn gardening from experts with a comprehensive course. 5/6 - Irrigation, 5/13 - Troubleshooting & Integrated Pest Management, 5/20 - Gardening Trends. Completed prep work required prior to each class. Single-class: \$12 members, \$15 non-members.



LA CASITA DEL ARROYO

177 So. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena 91105

MedGardenSociety@aol.com

Saturday, 5/21, 11am-2pm. 1st Annual Plant Exchange and Potluck Lunch of the Mediterranean Garden Society, Southern California Branch. Join us and bring a dish to share, plus plants and cuttings to exchange. RSVP by e-mail. Requested donation of \$10 per member - new members invited.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia 91007

626.821.4623

arboretum.org

Saturday, 5/14, 10am-12noon, Palm Room. Backyard Chickens & Bees with John Lyons. Learn about both disciplines, including care, disease control and use of proper equipment. \$25 members / \$35 non-members. Call to register, or pay at class.

Saturday, 5/21, 10am, Crescent Farm Series - Weaving Workshop with Staffers Leigh Adams, Yara Herrarte, John Latsko and Supervisor Jill Morganelli. Use plant waste to create structures. Learn weaving using leaves as cordage, and branches as trellises, tomato cages, shade and compost structures.

Saturday, 5/28, 10am-12noon, Palm Room. Composting for Drought Resilient Soil with Lynn Fang. Discover ways to compost at home and improve your soil's water holding capacity. \$25 members / \$35 non-members. Call to register, or pay at class.

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MORE HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

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DESCANSO GARDENS

1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada 91011
818.949.7980 descansogardens.org

Saturday, 5/7, 8am-4pm. Bird LA Day! 8-9am - Special Early Bird Viewing - Bring binoculars to the gardens an hour before we open. 8-9am - Center Circle Bird Walk with expert birder Hill Penfold; bring binoculars! All levels. 8am-4pm - Oak Woodland Bird Observation Station with knowledgeable volunteers. 10am - Center Circle Family Bird Walk - Bring the kids to look, listen, and learn about birds while walking the gardens.

Saturday and Sunday, 5/14&15, 9am-5pm. Rose Festival. 9am-noon - Rose Garden: Rare Rose Discovery Station looks at Descanso's collection. 10am-2pm - Rose Pavilion Floral Activities - make your own creations! 11am-2pm - Rose Garden "Human Vase" Living Art - Using the body as a canvas, floral artist Alison Franchi and make-up artist Jennifer Aspinall create living art. 1pm - Rose Pavilion: Rose Garden Walk & Talk with guides Rose Garden Horticulturist Molly Anne Malinick (Saturday), and Director of Horticulture Rachel Young (Sunday).

Tuesday, 5/17, 10am, Center Circle. Rose Workshop. Experts teach you best practices in caring for your roses.



CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY (CNPS)

San Gabriel Mtns Chapter / Eaton Canyon Center
1750 No. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107
818-398-5420 www.lacnps.org

Thursday, 5/26, 7:30-9pm. Effects of California's Historic Drought on Chaparral with Stephen Davis presenting research on levels of drought-induced mortality on varying species of chaparral shrubs.



HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108
626.405.2100 huntington.org

Thursday, 5/12, 2:30pm, Ahmanson Classroom, Brody Botanical Center. 2nd Thursday Garden Talk & Sale - Rainwater Harvesting. Designer Marilee Kuhlmann discusses capturing rainwater through a variety of collection systems, from rain barrels to underground tanks, and how to conserve and reuse water while maintaining a healthy garden. Plant sale follows.

Sunday, 5/15, 2pm, Ahmanson Classroom, Brody Botanical Center. So. Cal. Gardener Series - Secrets to Growing Edibles with Kyra Saegusa, coordinator of The Huntington's Ranch Garden. Learn easy steps to sustainability and transform your edible garden into a productive, water-wise, livable space full of beneficial insects and healthy plants.

Thursday, 5/26, 4:30-5:30pm, Botanical Auditorium, Brody Botanical Center. Botany Bay Series - Plant Science for Gardeners & Citizen Scientists. Join Jim Folsom, the Telleen/Jorgensen Director of the Botanical Gardens, for this monthly series about the plant world. A discussion-style lecture is followed by an opportunity for lab time with plant specimens.

Saturday, 5/28, 10:30am-1pm, Ranch Garden Open House (Cancelled in the event of rain). Self-tour this urban agriculture site and get ideas for sustainable gardening.



CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY (CNPS)

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

Tuesday, 5/10, 7:30pm. Rare Dudleyas of the Santa Monica Mountains with Luis Aguilar.



RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN

1500 N. College Ave., Claremont 91711
909.625.8767 rsabg.org

Saturday, 5/15, 10am-1pm. Medicinal Herb Walk with William Broen. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Supply list and registration at: <http://rsabg.org/community-education/>

Saturday, 5/21, 10am-12noon. Designing Native Gardens. Carol Bornstein presents tips for native gardeners of all levels through photos, lecture and walking the garden. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Register at: <http://rsabg.org/community-education/>

Saturday & Sunday, 5/28 & 29, 8am-5pm. Plant Taxonomy and I.D. Two-day overview of terms & techniques botanists use to identify plants. Includes lecture and labwork. \$125 members, \$150 non-members. Register at: <http://rsabg.org/community-education/>



THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION

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

Thursday, 5/5, 8-10am. First Thursday Bird Walk with Ken Gilliland. Ramble the Foundation's canyon land, with your binoculars, hat and water. Repeats first Thursdays through June. RSVP to programs@theadorepayne.org.

Saturday, 5/7, 9am-noon. First Saturday Volunteer Day. Clear, clean, plant, mulch, prune and do other tasks to show how beautiful native plant gardens can be. Bring hat, gloves, knee pads and personal tools. TPF provides shovels, trowels, rakes, loppers, hoes, pruners, and refreshments. RSVP: andrew@theadorepayne.org. Repeats first Saturdays through June.

Saturday, 5/7, 9am-noon. Birding at Quail Hollow, a Bird LA Day Event. Join us at this bird-filled native plant garden in Tujunga where over 108 species have been sighted by owners Ken and Rhonda Gilliland, who will share their extensive knowledge of birding and native flora. Bring binoculars and a water bottle. Limit: 20. Directions provided upon registration.

Saturday, 4/23, 1:30-3:30pm. Look, Ma, No Lawn! with Steve Gerischer. Learn how to replace your turf with low-care native plant options that need no fertilizer and use a fraction of the water. \$25 members, \$35 non-members.

Saturday, 5/7, 9am-noon. Propagating Native Plants with Tim Becker, TPF's Director of Horticulture. Learn basics of native plant propagation through use of cuttings or divisions. You'll leave with a flat of starts! Limit: 10. \$50 members, \$60 non-members.

Saturday, 5/14, 8:30am-12:30pm. California Native Plant Horticulture with Lili Singer. Basics of gardening with California flora: learn about plant communities, planting techniques, irrigation and maintenance. Recommended for beginners; prerequisite to our Three-Part California Native Plant Garden Design course. \$40 members, \$50 non-members.



Saturday, 5/21, 9-11am. Native Bees & Plants with Hartmut Wisch. This illustrated program explores the great diversity of California's approx. 1,600 species of native bees that co-evolved with native flora. \$25 members; \$35 non-members.

Saturday, 5/21, 1:30-3:30pm. Hypertufa Container Workshop with Steve Gerischer. Make a container resembling a stone trough using cement, perlite and coir. Wear old clothes and shoes. All materials provided. \$30 members, \$40 non-members.

Saturday, 5/28, 9-11am. Backyard Birding with Scott Logan. Add beauty and song to your yard, and provide organic pest control. Learn how to attract a variety of local birds into your personal space. \$25 members, \$35 non-members.

Saturday, 5/28, 1:30-3:30pm. Your Native Garden's First Year with Lili Singer. This overview of the first 12 months in a newly installed native plant landscape provides tips on getting plants established, plus what to do and expect from your developing garden. \$25 members, \$35 non-members.



SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas 92024
760-436-3036 sdbgarden.org

Saturday 5/28, 9am-3pm. Palm, Cycad, Bamboo & Tropical Plant Sale, co-hosted by the Palm Society of Southern California. Rare and exotic species provided by local nurseries. For more info, contact Phil Bergman at 619-291-4605 or visit: www.SDBGarden.org/plantsales-tropical.htm.



FULLERTON ARBORETUM

1900 Associated Rd., Fullerton 92831
657-278-3407 fullertonarboretum.org

Saturday, 5/7, 10-11:30am. Beekeeping. Get started with the basics, including equipment, terminology, and helpful resources. \$20 members, \$25 non-members.

Thursday, 5/12, 9am-noon. Plant Propagation. Nursery Manager Brian Maddock leads a tour to collect seeds and cuttings. Learn propagation by various techniques. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Repeats second Thursdays.

Saturday, 5/14, 10-11am, Nature Center. Guided Nature Tour of the Arboretum. Repeats 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

Thursday, 5/19, 7pm. Orange County Wetlands: Status and Preservation. Habitat restoration expert and CSUF graduate Peter Stearns discusses status, history and restoration of wetlands in the area. \$20 members, \$30 non-members.

Saturday, 5/28, 10-11am, Nature Center. Guided Nature Tour of the Arboretum. See description for 5/14 above.



COASTKEEPER GARDEN

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Saturday, 5/7, 10-11am. SmartScape Workshop with garden manager Austin Brown. Convert your garden to save on water, resources, time and money. RSVP on-line.

Saturday, 5/14, 9:30-11am. Garden Share. Bring garden items to trade, such as plants, cuttings, pots, tools, etc. and meet like-minded people! For more info. go to: www.facebook.com/groups/OCPlantTrading. Repeats 2nd Saturdays.

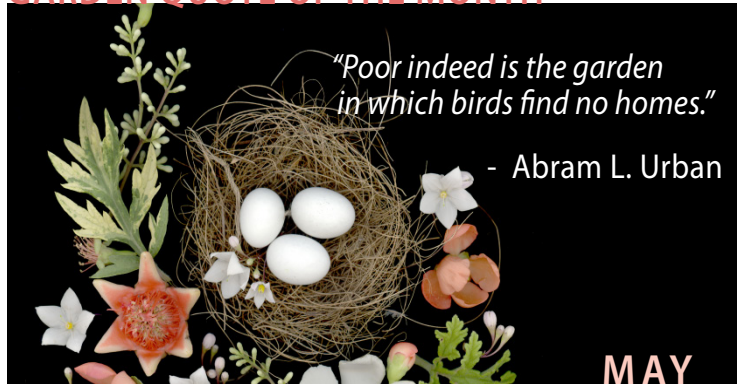
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Meetings regularly held at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027, unless otherwise noted.

NEW MEETING TIMES - Socializing at 7:00 · Meeting at 7:30

-  May 12 - The Why & How of Seeds with David King
-  June 9 - Grasslands and Human Nature - Promoting Wildness in Urbanized Areas with Lane Goodkind
-  July 14 - Program TBA

GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Steven Gerischer - *President, Pacific Horticulture Board, PR*
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