



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

October 2017

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 12

Friendship Auditorium  
3201 Riverside Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90027



**Socializing: 7:00 pm**  
**Meeting begins: 7:30 pm**

## SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please say hello to our newest member:

**Peggy Neiman**

Invite your friends to check us out or come to a meeting:

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## SHARING SECRETS

The SCHS Sharing Secrets question for September is:

*What are your favorite "cool season" vegetables, herbs and annuals?*

Answer on our website at [socalhort.org](http://socalhort.org) or e-mail your response to: [gardensbysabine@aol.com](mailto:gardensbysabine@aol.com) by Monday, October 16

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## BENEFICIAL BUGS IN THE GARDEN

A healthy garden includes a miniature menagerie of tiny insects and related creatures that keep pest populations in check. Lili Singer presents this richly illustrated lecture which highlights helpful bugs you're likely to find in home landscapes, with tips on how to attract and conserve them.

Two of Lili's favorite books are: *Insects of the Los Angeles Basin*, by Charles Hogue, Third Edition revised and edited by James N. Hogue, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 2015; and *Natural Enemies Handbook*, The Illustrated Guide to



Larva of the Mealybug Destroyer: *Cryptolaemus montrouzieri*

Photo credit: Jeffrey W. Lotz, Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services [www.Bugwood.org](http://www.Bugwood.org)

Biological Pest Control, by Mary Louise Flint, et al., UC Press, 1998. Together, these references will help you recognize both potential pests and the "good" bugs in your garden, and are useful resources for any gardener.

A limited number of both books will be for sale at the meeting.

Lili is a horticulturist, educator and garden writer, and Director of Special Projects and Adult Education at the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants. She published two award-winning periodicals, *The Southern California Gardener* and *The Gardener's Companion*, and for more than a decade hosted "The Garden Show," a live call-in radio program on KCRW-FM. "Horticultural Pest Control" was one of many courses she has taught at UCLA Extension.



Photo courtesy of speaker.

A Los Angeles native, Lili admires California flora and fauna, as well as a wide range of other plants and animals. She was named SCHS Horticulturist of the Year in 1997, is a long-time member of the Society, and serves on its Board of Directors.

As many of our gardens will be needing a fall clean-up soon, this informative presentation will be an asset in identifying bugs we may want to keep around. Please join us.

## SHARING SECRETS RESPONSES

We received only a few responses to last month's question - maybe due to the heat?

*Where are your favorite "secret gardens" to get away from (or enjoy!) the heat?*

So, it's been a little warm lately... If I lived closer to San Marino, I might find some cool relief in the Cloud Forest garden inside the Conservatory at the Huntington. It's wet, but COOL!

- Anonymous

When I've got a little time to spare, I find Descanso a great place to just walk and cool down. Even just a short stroll under the shady canopies of the oaks and other mature trees always leaves me feeling refreshed and calmed from the day's stresses. And it's close to my home, so I try to take advantage when I can...

- Sabine Steinmetz

I go outside and sit in the filtered shade of my Australian willow (which we planted ourselves) with a good book and a cool drink!

- Anonymous

This month we will be passing out Sharing Secrets response cards at the meeting again, so you can think about your answer to our next question ahead of time...

## SEPTEMBER AWARD BANQUET RECAP & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The annual SCHS Horticulturist of the Year banquet was held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in September, and this year's honoree was well-known and respected plantsman Randy Baldwin, President and General Manager of San Marcos Growers. In addition to running a wholesale nursery recognized in the landscape industry for its diversity of plants and ongoing introductions of plants suitable for cultivation in California, Randy's career has led to achievements extending far beyond the nursery. The breadth of his life's work and the many relationships he has forged in service to the greater horticultural community were the subjects of this evening's celebrations.

During social hour, guests bid on the array of donated Silent Auction items, after which everyone enjoyed a catered dinner outside the Peacock Cafe. Following dinner, SCHS president Steve Gerischer acknowledged past Horticulturist of the Year recipients in the audience, and gave Randy a brief introduction before commencing with the award ceremony. A slate of notable friends and colleagues then began speaking about their relationships with Randy, both personal and professional.

First was Jill Vig, curator of the Water Conservation Garden at the L.A. Arboretum, Master Gardener and SCHS board member. She called Randy the modern day version of the mythical "Green Man" for representing the gifts that nature, and plants in particular, bring to our lives. She also cited his donations to botanical gardens, prolific plant introductions, and continuing outreach to the horticultural community and beyond via the smgrowers.com website which has become such a valuable landscaping resource.

Next to share memories was renowned landscape designer and author John Greenlee, who sent his well wishes via video. Their relationship dates to the late 1980s, well before John became an expert in grass ecology and while Randy was still coming up at San Marcos. They became so close that eventually John served as best man at Randy's wedding. In commenting on the evening's award presentation, he congratulated his friend and stated that "Randy, anybody who knows anything about plants will tell you, is the smartest guy in the room."

Another brief video by Simple the Roving Plant Artist followed, leaving the audience laughing and providing a lead in to remarks by Kathy Musial, Curator of Living Collections at the Huntington, and SCHS board member. She recalled memories of Randy dating to 1981, when she was a student of Bob Fletcher at UCLA, who raved about San Marcos Growers. Soon after, Kathy became acquainted with Randy, with whom she has enjoyed exchanging plants and knowledge

ever since, especially Australian plants. She also spoke about both of them belonging to a group called the "Tree Club," whose members have on-going discussions about the identification of selected trees, with Kathy asserting that invariably, Randy's answers are always the most thoroughly researched.

Next to speak was another SCHS board member: well-known horticulturist and author Carol Bornstein, former Director of Horticulture at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and current Director of the Nature Gardens at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. She summarized Randy's contributions to the world of horticulture as embodying the definition of "generous." She spoke of his generosity to the plant world



mentorship of Botany professor Bob Haller, and on completing his thesis on the effects of fire upon vegetation in Joshua Tree. He also recalled how receiving *Xanthorrhoea* seeds from Dara Emory in a class at San Barbara Botanic Garden led to some of his first propagation work at San Marcos, as well as his long-term relationship with SBBG.

From there, Randy's talk became a who's-who of horticultural and landscape industry personalities he has known throughout his career (several of whom were in the audience) including: his wife Heide Stolpestad, Morgan "Bill" Evans, Paul Comstock, Phil Chandler, Marcia Constance, Bob Perry, Owen Dell, Bill Paylen, Rudy Ziesenne, Mark Bartholomew, Bruce Van Dyke, Virginia Hayes, Paul Mills, Jeff Chemnick, Dylan Hannon, Kelly Griffin, Brian Kemble, Tom Cole, John Bleck, Fred and Helen Woodley, John Schoustra, Dave Verity, Jeff Bohn, Mike Evans, Carol Bornstein, Dave Fross, Bart O'Brien, Lili Singer, Fred Meyer, Matt Ritter, Ken Greby, Jim Henrich, Don Hodel, John Trager, Luen Miller, Nevin Smith, Dave Lannom, Gary Hammer, Morten Damsted, Marshall Olbrich, Ed Carman, Robin Parer, David McCrory, Marcia Donahue, Dan Heims, Sean Hogan, Lynn Woodbury, Don and Dave Harris, Alice Waidhofer, Greg Star, Robin Stockwell, Jeff Moore,

Ruth Bancroft, Virginia Gardner, and many others. Besides reminiscing about people he has known, Randy punctuated his talk with photos of plants he has been involved with introducing into the nursery trade.

After Randy's remarkable slide show was over, he was presented with the Horticulturist of the Year plaque by Steve Gerischer, closing the award ceremony. Guests then collected their auction winnings, concluding the evening's festivities for another year.

*Sabine Steinmetz*

*We would like to thank Village Nurseries, Wild Wings, Asian Ceramics, Rincon-Vitova Insectaries, Minifarmbox, and all the individuals who donated the fantastic plants and objects for our Silent Auction. We are also grateful for the efforts of the SCHS board in planning the evening, setting up and cleaning up, and to the SCHS members and guests for their support by attending and also bidding on auction items - your participation equals our success!*

*Ultimately, we wish to express our gratitude to the Arboretum and their staff for the assistance they provided during the evening, and Nicole's crew at the Peacock Cafe, who not only served a delicious dinner, but were also the last to clean up before leaving...*

*Many thanks to everyone!*

# OCTOBER HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

*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.**

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia 91007  
626.821.4623 arboretum.org

Saturday, 10/14, 10am-4pm. Botany Boot Camp with Frank McDonough. Learn terminology, concepts and structures for identifying plants. Certain texts and an illuminated hand magnifier are required. For details, go to <http://laarboretumplantiid.blogspot.com/>. \$65 members, \$75 non-members. Call to pre-register or pay at class.

Thursday, 10/12, 9:30am-12noon. What's Happening in Gardening Series: Propagation Greenhouses. Plant Nursery Manager Sherry Tobin opens this behind-the-scenes area, shows propagation techniques and plants growing for Arboretum collections. \$140 for series or \$25 per class. Call to pre-register or pay at class.

Thursday, 10/19, 9:30am-12noon. What's Happening in Gardening Series: Invasion Biology and Other Gardening Philosophies. Matt-Dell Tufenkian discusses the study of worldwide transport and introduction of species, their spread, overall impact, and what happens when gardening philosophies clash? \$140 for series or \$25 per class. Call to pre-register or pay at class.

Thursday, 10/26, 9:30am-12noon. What's Happening in Gardening Series: Urban Homesteading. Jose and Carrie Hernandez of CJ's Organic Farm share home techniques allow them to support their family plus grow saleable produce for farmers markets and CSA boxes. \$140 for series or \$25 per class. Call to pre-register or pay at class.

Sunday, 10/29, 4-6pm. High Line: Reimagining the Accidental Landscape with Rick Darke. Co-sponsored by The Garden Conservancy. This unique public space designed by Piet Oudolf is captured in Rick Darke's photographs, in their new book "Gardens of the High Line: Elevating the Nature of Modern Landscapes." \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Call to reserve a seat.



## DESCANSO GARDENS

1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada 91011  
818.949.7980 descansogardens.org

Saturday & Sunday, 10/14 & 15, 9am-5pm. Our Japanese Garden Festival features Ikebana flower displays from the Sogetsu School, plus a talk on 10/14 at 10am by Dr. Kendall Brown, professor of Asian art history who will also sign copies of his "Visionary Landscapes" book, followed by a walk through Descanso's Japanese Garden.



## 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, 10/26, 7:30pm. Native Bees Are Our Main

Pollinators with Hartmut Wisch. This talk explores the diversity of the approx. 1,600 species of bees that have co-evolved with California's native flora and covers all six recognized families of bees (Anthophila) and is illustrated by Wisch's macro photography. He is a contributing editor at [www.bugguide.net](http://www.bugguide.net) and a member of the Lorquin Entomological Society.



## HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108  
626.405.2100 huntington.org

Tuesday, 10/17, 2:30pm, Rothenberg Hall. Nevins Lecture: Founding Gardeners. Award-winning author Andrea Wulf looks at the founding fathers and how their attitudes to plants, gardens, nature, and agriculture shaped our nation in this illustrated talk. Book signing follows the program.

Friday-Sunday, 10/20-22, 10am-5pm, Brody Botanical Center. 3rd Annual Int'l Orchid Show. Celebrate this plant family of 22,000+ species, see blooms compete for honors and view displays by orchid societies and growers. Plants and related merchandise for sale.

Friday-Sunday, 10/27-29, 10am-5pm, Fall Plant Sale. Find great selections just in time for fall planting, including California natives, Southwestern and assorted Australian plants. Herbs, cacti and succulents, bulbs, and more will also be available.



## THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION

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

Saturday, 10/14, 1:30-3:30pm. Right Plant, Right Place with Lili Singer. Learn about local plant communities, and how to assess conditions of your site (including climate, soil, sunlight and space.) Valuable for beginners and prerequisite for our 3-Part Native Garden Design Course. \$25 members, \$35 non-members.

Saturday, 10/21, 1:30-4:00pm. Irrigation Practices for Native Plant Gardens with Tim Becker. Learn about irrigation principles, techniques and equipment for native plant gardens. Includes examples, a demo of TPF's system, plus Q&A. \$30 members, \$40 non-members.

Thursday-Saturday, 10/26-28, 8:30am-4:30pm. Fall Plant Sale. Best selection of California natives, with expert advice from staff and volunteers! Discounts each day: TPF members, 15% off all day; non-members, 10% off after 11:00am. Bring your own wagons and boxes!



## RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN

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

Friday & Saturday, 10/13 & 10/14, 5:30-9pm. Things That Go Bump in the Night. Bring flashlights to unravel mysteries of plants, insects, reptiles, owls and wolves on a family-friendly walk. Both days - Live owls from Wild Wings of California. Friday only - Live wolves from Project Wildsong. For info. and tickets go to: <http://rsabg.org/garden-events/462-bump-in-the-night>.



Saturday, 10/14, 10am-12noon, Lenz Classroom. What to Plant? Meet with RSABG nursery and horticulture staff to ask questions, express gardening concerns, plus receive advice or suggestions, before fall planting season! \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Register at <http://rsabg.org/classes>.

Saturday, 10/21, 8-10am members, 10am-4pm non-members. Fall Planting Festival! It's planting time for California native plants, and it's our seasonal opening of Grow Native Nursery! Free admission and lectures. Check website for more details.



## SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

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

Saturday & Sunday, 10/21&22, 10am-4pm. 35th Annual Fall Plant Sale. Choose from 1,000s of unique, exotic, unusual drought-tolerant and water-wise plants to enhance your garden and save on water bills, as well as herbs, succulents, annuals, perennials and more!

Monday, 10/23, 9am-12noon. 50% off Fall Plant Sale. All remaining plant stock goes on sale for 1/2 price

Saturday & Sunday, 10/28&29, 9am-5pm. Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale sponsored by the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society. Plants and pottery for sale. Judging on Saturday from 11am-12:30pm, with winners available for viewing both days.



## U.C. RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDEN

900 University Ave., Riverside 92521  
951-784-6962 gardens.ucr.edu

Saturday & Sunday, 10/21&22. Saturday 10am-4pm; Sunday 9am-3pm. 35th Annual Friends of U.C. Riverside Botanic Gardens Fall Plant Sale. Planting in fall allows plants to established in the cooler months and require less water when the heat returns. Choose from drought tolerant California Native plants, hummingbird and butterfly magnets, as well as fragrant plants or those suitable for cutting. Check our published list of trees, shrubs, vines, herbaceous plants, shade plants, water plants, house and patio plants, plus wildflower seeds and a portion of landscape size cacti and succulents. Each plant will have a detailed information sign and color photo to help you make your selections, and U.C. Master Gardeners, expert Gardens Staff, and Volunteers will be available to answer your questions. Visit our website for more details.



## FULLERTON ARBORETUM

1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831  
657.278.3407 fullertonarboretum.org

Saturday, 10/28, 10am. Pruning Shrubs and Small Trees. With 30+ years experience, arborist Ismael Vargas will teach you the basics of pruning shrubs and small trees. \$20 members, \$25 non-members.

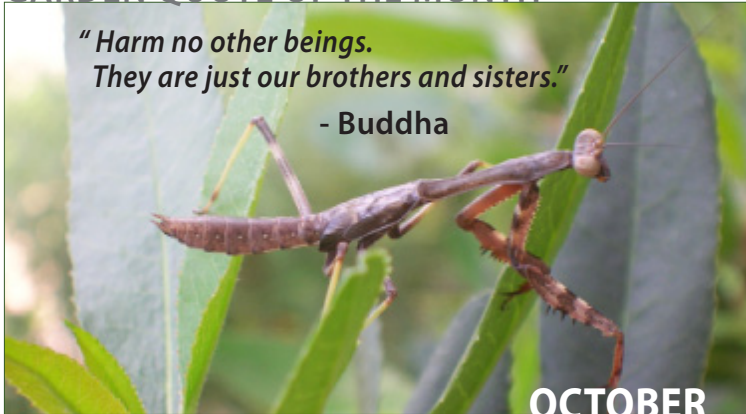
Saturday, 10/28, 10-11:30am, Arboretum bleachers. Composting with Worms. Miguel Macias teaches how to build a compost heap with food scraps and yard waste, and how to introduce and maintain worms into the system. \$7 members, \$10 non-members.

Yvonne Savio

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- 🌀 October 12 - Lili Singer, horticulturist and educator, speaking about "Good Bugs in the Garden"
- 🌀 November 9 - Jeff Moore, owner of Solano Succulents, talks about his new book *Aloes & Agaves in Cultivation*
- 🌀 December 14 - SCHS Holiday Party - program details TBA  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



- Steven Gerischer - *President, Oral History Committee, PR, Pacific Horticulture representative, Tech Support for meetings*
- Laura Bauer - *Treasurer, Finance Committee, Website Committee*
- Pat Steen - *Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, Coffee-in-the-Garden, Greeter*
- Carol Bornstein - *Program Committee*
- Yoav Paskowitz - *Finance Committee, Oral History Committee, Website Committee*
- Yvonne Savio - *Horticultural Happenings, Coffee-in-the-Garden, PR*
- John Schoustra - *Vice President, Field Trips, Finance Committee, Plant Raffle, Plant Sales at meetings*
- Lili Singer - *Book of the Month, Nomination Committee, Program Committee, PR, Archives*
- Jill Vig - *Coffee-in-the-Garden, Oral History Committee, Pacific Horticulture representative, Special Projects*
- Sabine Steinmetz - *Newsletter, Sharing Secrets*
- Steven Ormenyi - *Finance Committee*
- Marilee Kuhlmann - *Hospitality Committee, Program Committee*
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