



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

August 2018

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 9

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"
when you see our newest
members at a meeting:*

Ronald Nakawatase

Helen Yee

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SHARING SECRETS

For August, we would like to know:

*What "survival lessons" have
you learned from the recent heat
waves? Which plants are doing
well and which ones are suffering
that you thought might not?*

Respond by Monday, August 13

Online at socalhort.org OR send
e-mail to gardensbysabine@aol.com

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RUTH SHELLHORN:

MIDCENTURY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

presented by KELLY COMRAS, FASLA

Our speaker in August will be Kelly Comras, a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and a member of the State Bar of California. Her landscape architectural practice focuses on community-based open space design, as well as research and publication in the field of cultural landscape. She is a founding member of the Stewardship Council for The Cultural Landscape Foundation, Past-President of the California Garden & Landscape History Society, and has served for seven years as Chair of the Editorial Board for the quarterly journal, *Eden*. She lectures extensively and is also the author of the recently published book, *Ruth Shellhorn*, which will be the subject of the evening's program, summarized by Comras as follows:



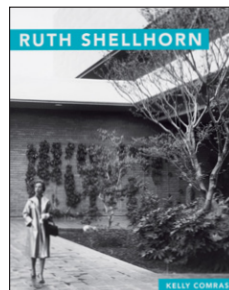
Photos provided by speaker.

Landscape architect Ruth Patricia Shellhorn helped define the distinctive mid-century regional aesthetic of Southern California. Most well known for her work on the Bullock's department stores and Fashion Square shopping centers, projects that redefined the commercial genre as a relaxing and entertaining activity, and for her work with Walt Disney on the

original design of Disneyland, Shellhorn also designed a landscape master plan for the University of California at Riverside and other campuses, as well as a number of private gardens and estates for movie stars and the business and financial leaders of the Los Angeles region. She created landscape designs that refined the indoor-outdoor living concept, and developed a palette of plant materials that perfectly expressed the exuberance and optimism of the post-war era, which became known as "the Southern California look."

Shellhorn placed a high value on how people would use the spaces she designed. Her professional peers considered much of her work to be elegant and timeless, and she collaborated with some of the finest architects of the era, including Welton Becket, A. Quincy Jones, and Wallace Neff. With Becket, in particular, Shellhorn put post-war Los Angeles on the map.

A brief film about Shellhorn will be shown during the presentation. Comras will answer questions and have copies of her book available for purchase after the lecture.



Please join us for this insightful look at one of the pioneers who helped shape our unique Southern California landscape aesthetic and history – it promises to be an enlightening and inspiring evening!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & EVENTS

SCHS BOARD BALLOT

Annually, we present members with a slate of names to consider for filling board vacancies as well as for incumbents. To vote you may download and mail in a paper ballot, or link to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Z5SWRV to respond electronically.

2018 HOTY BANQUET and SILENT AUCTION

SCHS's annual award banquet and silent auction will be held Saturday, September 22, to honor our 2018 Horticulturist of the Year, John Schoustra.

Save the date and reserve your tickets now! Event details can be found on the enclosed registration form.

CALL FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS
Please see Page 2 for auction specifics.

Returning to the SCHS as our guest speaker for July was Philip Rundel, Distinguished Professor of Biology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCLA, and Director of the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden. As a researcher and biology professor whose work has centered on the ecology, biodiversity, and conservation of plants and plant communities in the Mediterranean climate regions of the world, Rundel is considered a leading authority in his field. His comprehensive knowledge was evident from the lecture he presented, entitled "From Proteas to Aloes: Exploring the Remarkable Flora of South Africa," which featured beautiful slides and informative graphics compiled from decades of travel to the Cape Region and Namaqualand.



Photo provided by speaker.


Rundel began with an overview of the enormity of this area's botanical significance to the study of Mediterranean climate flora on a global scale. He explained that the over 9,000 plant species originating from this region have evolved in large part due to its geography, climate and geological age. He listed its five biomes – succulent Karoo, Nama Karoo, savanna, grassland, and fynbos – comparing them to their counterparts in other parts of the world. (Reference SCHS April 2016 newsletter for greater detail about global comparisons.) Rundel then went on to describe the some of the dominant types of vegetation found in the Cape Region, and their varied uses.

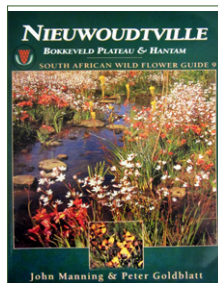
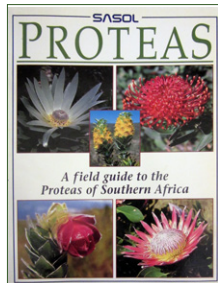
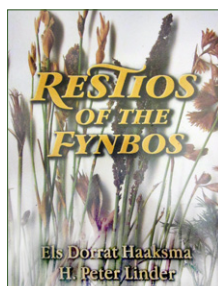
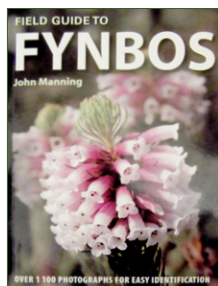
Table Mountain National Park, located in Cape Town, is composed of sandstone, limiting what can be grown (or built) on the soil, but it does support the rare endemic fynbos vegetation. The shrubby proteaceae and ericaceae, as well as the grass-like

restinoiacea are the dominant genera, and many of their species do well in Southern California's chaparral landscapes. Proteas in particular have become popular in the floral and nursery trades globally.

Further up the western coast is Namaqualand, an area populated by succulent Karoo and also recognized as a global diversity hot-spot. As well as attracting botanists to see the over 1,700 species of desert flora, it is a major tourist draw for its annual wildflower displays, including many species of colorful ice plants.

Other areas included the Richtersveld (a World Heritage Site), Hantam National Botanical Garden (a motherlode for geophytes), and the eastern Cape region (home to the common *Crassula ovata*, *Portulacaria afra* and *Strelitzia reginae*.)

After wrapping up his program by answering audience questions, Rundel also shared some book recommendations. (Pictured below.) These titles will be useful for those wanting to pursue further research on their own, or just "plan" a South African fantasy vacation.  Sabine Steinmetz




CALL FOR SILENT AUCTION

SCHS's annual silent auction of garden-inspired paraphernalia is held annually during our Horticulturist of the Year award banquet, and is a major fund-raiser for the society. The auction is the perfect opportunity to both purge *and* enhance your personal collections, or maybe do some early holiday shopping! This is always a popular event and we are eagerly anticipating what kind of goodies will come up for auction this year...

Bring your donations of plants, books, botanical art, gently used pots and tools, as well as any unique or interesting garden-related items to the August meeting, or contact Steve Gerischer at sglarkspur@aol.com or (323) 257-3629, to coordinate a pick-up. If given advance notice, he can prepare a bid card for anything you wish to drop off the evening of the event.

Thank you for participating - we can't wait to see this year's selections! AND, we can now take credit cards in payment, so bid generously...

 Sabine Steinmetz

Silent Auction bidding closes at 7:00, BEFORE dinner, and pick up is after award presentation.

SHARING SECRETS RESPONSES

What is your favorite type of mulch and why? Do you use different mulches for ornamentals and edibles?



Living mulch! I use both *Sutera* (aka *Bacopa*) and *Cotula lineariloba* to help feed my soil...

- Kathy Musial

For edibles, I like to use straw mulch. It reflects heat and breaks down by the end of the season.

- Laura Bauer

I use free city mulch for my ornamentals from piles I have sampled previously that I have deemed to be "clean." I also take along a rake to quickly run over the top of the pile and remove any unwanted matter (ex: eucalyptus leaves that drop from overhead trees at one location). Plus, when the mulch is free I'm also inclined to apply it liberally, in deeper layers, and more frequently.

- Sabine Steinmetz

Homemade compost is my fave because I make it all the time, don't have to buy it, and it is cooler on the plants' roots than inert types.

- Anonymous



Thank you for the great tips and giving us all more options to think about using in our own gardens!

HOTY TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

at the L.A. Arboretum
honoring John Schoustra



ORDER ONLINE or by MAIL
Reservation Form enclosed

AUGUST 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.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF L.A.

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007
213.763.3466 nhm.org

Friday, 7/13 & 7/27, 5-9pm. Summer Nights in the Garden. Sip a garden-infused cocktail, check out science and nature experiences, and enjoy nature-inspired take-home activities and live music performances. More at: www.nhm.org/summernights



J PAUL GETTY MUSEUM - GETTY CENTER

1200 Getty Center Dr., Los Angeles 90049
310.440.7300 www.getty.edu/museum

Daily, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 45-minute Garden Tours. Meet at bench outside entrance to tour the Central Garden, designed by artist Robert Irwin - an evolving work of art, with tree-lined walks through extraordinary sights, sounds, and scents.



J PAUL GETTY MUSEUM - GETTY VILLA

17985 Pacific Coast Hwy., Pacific Palisades 90272
310.440.7300 www.getty.edu/museum

Thursdays & Saturdays, 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 40-minute Garden Tours meet outside the entrance. Discover rich mythological and cultural connections of four ancient Roman gardens.



SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes 90274
310.544.1948 southcoastbotanicgarden.org

Friday, 8/25, 9am-5pm. Palos Verdes Begonia Society Show and Sale. Get questions answered and take home tips from plant vendors and experts!



RANCHO LOS CERRITOS

4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach 90807
562.206.2040 rancholoscerritos.org

Saturdays & Sundays, 1-5pm. 1-Hour Garden Tours. free for visitors. For details, visit <http://www.rancholoscerritos.org/things-to-do-hub/tours/>. Repeats every weekend.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM

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

Saturday, 8/25, 10am-12noon. Hypertufa Pot Workshop. Make a planting pot with hypertufa, a mixture of cement, peat moss

and perlite molded to resemble tufa or crumbling granite, and used for creating "instant antiquities" for the garden. Beginning with a small bowl or trough, techniques will be illustrated so you can make larger pieces at home. All materials provided. Wear comfortable clothes, a hat and bring water. \$30 Arboretum members / \$35 non-members. Pre-registration required by calling the Education Department at 626.821.4623.



EATON CANYON NATURE CENTER

1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107
626.398.5420 ecnca.org

Every Wednesday & 2nd Sunday, 10am. Eaton Canyon Gardening Group. Volunteers maintain the garden.

Saturday, 8/18, 9am-12noon, Nature Patio. Conservation Work Day. Help with weeding invasive plants to conserve habitat for the native species. Gloves, tools and a snack will be provided. Please bring your own drinking water. Wear clothing, footwear and sun protection appropriate for outdoor work. Volunteers under the age of 18 need to bring along an adult. RSVP to eatoncanyon.conservations@gmail.com



HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108
626.405.2100 huntington.org

Every Saturday, 10am-1pm. Ranch Open House. Stop by this urban agriculture site (open weekly) and pick up fresh ideas for sustainable gardening.

Thursday, 8/9, 2:30pm, Plant Sale Nursery. Garden Talk & Sale: 2nd Annual Plant Sale Nursery Open House. Pick up seasonal tips on propagation, watering techniques, and xeriscape gardening during a series of informal talks in the nursery. Plus, take 20% off all plant purchases! Complimentary refreshments will be served, including freshly squeezed lemonade.

Saturday, 8/25, 9-10am. Ahmanson Classroom, Brody Botanical Center. Ranch Clinic - End of Summer Garden Tune-Up. Extend the life of your home food garden into fall with seasonal secrets and best practices to maximize results. Master Gardener Roger Gray of the University of California Cooperative Extension leads this workshop, including a tour of The Huntington's Ranch Garden.

Thursday, 8/30, 4:30-5:30pm, Auditorium, Brody Botanical Center. Botany Bay Series: Plant Science for Gardeners and Citizen Scientists. Explore the wonders of the plant world through discussion and hands-on lab time led by Jim Folsom, the Telleen/Jorgensen Director of the Botanical Gardens.



THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION

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

Saturday, 8/18, 1:30-3:30pm. Look, Ma, No Lawn! with Steve Gerischer. Have you applied for a cash for grass rebate? We'll explain how to take turf out and suggest lawn alternatives, specifically low-care native plants that need no fertilizer and use a fraction of the water. \$25 members, \$35 non-members.

Saturdays 8/25, 9/9 & 9/22, 9:00 am-1:00pm. 3-Part California Native Garden Design with landscape architects Anna and Richard Armstrong. This comprehensive course for home gardeners covers design styles and process, sustainability, and how to model a garden after patterns in nature. Prior to class, students will complete a questionnaire and exercise for their site, and will be asked to bring photos and a baggie of the site's soil to first day of class. Prerequisite: Right Plant, Right Place class (must be taken before first session of design course). \$225 members, \$275 member couples; \$285 non-members, \$335 non-member couples. See website for Cancellation Policy. Last day to register: Friday, August 17.

Saturday, 8/25, 1:30-3:00pm. Aromatic Native Plants for the Garden with Genevieve Arnold, TPF's Seed Program Manager. Take an olfactory tour of aromatic California native plants via images, scented samples and a walk and talk on TPF grounds. \$25 members, \$30 non-members.



SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas 92024
760.436.3036 sdbgarden.org

Saturday, 8/25, 9am-12noon. Planting for Pollinators and All Things Gardening with Marianne Bretell-Vaugh. This class covers how to attract and support the various pollinators that may visit your garden. Other topics include: good soils, tips on planning and planting a healthy garden, and more. \$30 members, \$36 non-members. Please register by August 17.



FULLERTON ARBORETUM

1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831
657.278.3407 fullertonarboretum.org

Saturdays, 7/14 & 7/28, 10am. Public Nature Tour. Meet at Nature Center where a knowledgeable docent will guide you on a garden tour. Repeats 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

Saturday, 8/19, 1pm. Saving Seeds, Wet & Dry with Yvonne Savio. Loved that tomato or sunflower but not sure how to save seeds to grow them again? Learn how to determine which vegetable and flower seeds to save, with step-by-step instructions of successful techniques. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Register online or by calling, or pay at the door at 12:45pm.




COASTKEEPER GARDEN


1560 E. Santiago Cyn. Rd., Orange 92869
714.850.1965 coastkeeper.org

Saturday, 11/11, 9:30am. Monthly Garden Share. Attendees bring garden-related items such as plants, cuttings, pots, tools, produce, etc., to trade. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CoastkeeperGardenShare>. Repeats second Saturdays.

 Yvonne Savio

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are regularly held at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, 90027

 August 9 - Kelly Comras, landscape architect & author presents a program on Ruth Shellhorn

 September 22 - SCHS Horticulturist of the Year Award Banquet and Silent Auction, honoring John Schoustra

VENUE CHANGE *This event will be at the L.A. Arboretum*

 October 11 - Designers Wynne Wilson & Shawn Maestretti on blending native & Mediterranean plants in gardens

GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Beauty surrounds us,
but usually we need to be
walking in a garden to know it."*

- Rumi

AUGUST

Steven Gerischer - *President, Oral History Committee, PR, Pacific Horticulture representative*

John Schoustra - *Vice President, Field Trips, Finance Committee, Plant Raffle, Plant Sales at meetings*

Laura Bauer - *Treasurer, Finance Committee, Website Committee, HOTY Event Committee*

Pat Steen - *Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, Coffee-in-the-Garden Committee, Greeter*

Carol Aronson - *Coffee-in-the-Garden Committee, Field Trips, Voice Mail*

Carol Bornstein - *Program Committee*

Aprille Curtis - *Social Media Committee, Plant Forum supplies*

Fleur Nooyen - *TBD*

Steven Ormenyi - *Finance Committee*

Yoav Paskowitz - *Finance Committee, Oral History Committee, Website Committee*

Yvonne Savio - *Horticultural Happenings, Coffee-in-the-Garden, PR*

Lili Singer - *Book-of-the-Month, Nomination Committee, PR, Program Committee, Social Media Committee, Archives*

Sabine Steinmetz - *Newsletter Editor, Sharing Secrets*

Jill Vig - *Coffee-in-the-Garden Committee, Oral History Committee, Special Projects*

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Next deadline: Monday, August 13 (for September newsletter)
Please contribute an article or information of interest.



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2018 ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET

honoring
Horticulturist of the Year:

John Schoustra

Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum

The Southern California Horticultural Society will be honoring nurseryman John Schoustra with its Horticulturist of the Year award for 2018 in recognition of his accomplishments in the field and continuing service to horticultural organizations. John is the owner of Greenwood Daylily Gardens in Somis, California, and has served as president of the All American Daylily Selection Council, as regional vice president of the American Hemerocallis Society, as well as being a current and long term board member of the Southern California Horticultural Society and the Nursery Growers Association (NGA.) Others know him from classes he has taught at the Los Angeles Arboretum and South Coast Botanic Gardens, and from his popular speaking engagements, both local and national.

Upon his graduation from the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in Landscape Architecture, John cofounded a landscape construction company that for 10 years designed, built and maintained projects ranging from small residential to entire campuses for several mental hospitals, hotels and office parks. This experience led him to found Greenwood Daylily Gardens in 1989, which he owns and operates with his wife Cynthia, and whose mission is to find, breed and grow superior daylilies for California landscape professionals. In recent years, he has also been breeding

irises, clivias, pelargoniums and other flowering perennials, as well as continually improving Greenwood's environmental impact. He composts thousands of tons of waste materials into potting soil, provides habitat for wildlife on his property, and has contoured the nursery grounds to detain, clean and percolate millions of gallons of stormwater runoff annually.

John has served the industry as Chief Horticulturist at Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Site and Gardens, where he developed an archival horticulture and arboriculture approach to caring for historic landscapes, presented at the 1997 Sustainable Tree Care Conference at UCLA; negotiated with the State Water Quality Board while serving as president of the NGA, resulting in the creation of the Los Angeles Irrigated Lands Group and quadrupling NGA membership; and introduced over 30 cultivars to California horticulture. Notable selections include 'Frankly Scarlett' the 2003 All American Daylily, 'Love Child', a native sage, and over a dozen pelargoniums.

We are pleased to honor John Schoustra as this year's HOTY recipient, and invite you to join us at the Arboretum, where he took plant classes as a child, taught adult education courses, and installed several landscape projects - including the trees that will be shading our dinner tables!

You can purchase banquet tickets on-line through the SCHS web-site at: www.socalhort.org or mail a check with the completed form below. *Please contact Steven Gerischer (323)257-3629 with any questions.*

Southern California Horticultural Society 2018 Annual Award Banquet **Saturday, September 22, 2018**

Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden · 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007

Join us at 6pm at the Peacock Cafe for social hour & silent auction

Auction closes at 7pm and dinner will be served, followed by presentation at 8:15pm

PLEASE RESPOND BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Yes, please reserve: _____ Tickets at \$45 each

Total enclosed \$_____ (check only)

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☐ Please check box if requesting VEGETARIAN meal(s). How many? _____

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BALLOT for SCHS BOARD of DIRECTORS

Southern California Horticultural Society

for the term from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021

At the end of each fiscal year, the Southern California Horticultural Society reviews the current roster of active Board Members and submits names for membership approval to serve during the new term. At this time, the Society is seeking to fill two vacancies. Write-in votes for qualified candidates are encouraged.

Please review the slate of names below and vote for TWO

- ☐ Laura Bauer (incumbent)
- ☐ Steven Ormenyi (incumbent)
- ☐ Yvonne Savio (incumbent)
- ☐ Lili Singer (incumbent)
- ☐ Jill Vig (incumbent)
- ☐ WRITE-IN : _____
(Must be a current SCHS member and willing to serve)



Please complete this form and turn in at the August 9 General Meeting

OR

mail back in an envelope postmarked
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OR

use this link to vote online by August 9, 2018

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Z5SWRV>