



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

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NEWSLETTER

June 2021

## OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING

**Thursday, June 10**

Announcements at 7:10 p.m.

Plant Forum at 7:15 p.m.

**Webinar at 7:30 p.m.**



Visit: [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)  
for registration info.

## SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*May brought us the following:*

**Marcene Forrester**

**Tony Keer**

**Patrick O'Hara**

**Joel Racine**

**Elizabeth Tucker**

**Sharon Zarate**

*Welcome to you all!*

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Please engage with us online!

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*All membership options  
are also listed on our website.*

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## Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates – Beyond Mediterranean

On June 10 the SCHS welcomes back popular guest speaker Saxon Holt, photojournalist and sole photographer of more than 30 garden books, including his recently-published book *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates*, coauthored with landscape architect Nora Harlow. He is also the director of the Summer-Dry Project ([www.summer-dry.com](http://www.summer-dry.com)), a board member of Pacific Horticulture Society and owner of the PhotoBotanic Garden Library.

Photo credit: Saxon Holt.



Holt's presentation will derive from *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates* and focus on the authors' objective of trying to expand the climate conversation to include the entire Pacific Coast, all of which is summer-dry, but all of which cannot be considered Mediterranean. The book is part of the Summer-Dry Project which is also helping Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS) update the database of plant photographs and descriptions. Holt's commentary about the featured gardens and their climate-appropriate plantings will be accompanied by his beautiful and inspiring photos.

At its core, *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates* encourages gardeners to

understand and work in harmony with their region. As shown in garden settings through Holt's lens, these plant selections can assist gardeners in choosing naturally-occurring, climate-appropriate plants and creating healthy ecosystems that support wildlife and conserve biodiversity, one backyard at a time. Holt will talk about how working with – rather than against – the summer-dry climate means reducing impact on water supplies and creating spaces that attract and sustain wildlife, often by taking a step back, letting nature assert itself in the garden, and welcoming in the unique wildness of these special regions.

With the continuing drought conditions we're experiencing, and summer fast approaching, the topic of climate-appropriate planting is highly relevant to gardeners in Southern California and beyond. We look forward to seeing Holt's photos and hearing about his new book, and encourage you to join us by registering for this webinar at [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org). If you would like to learn more about Holt – and see more of his photos – you can visit both [www.saxonholt.com](http://www.saxonholt.com) and [www.photobotanic.com](http://www.photobotanic.com).



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF SCHS BOARD

At this time of year the SCHS asks members to vote on a slate of names to fill board vacancies, including incumbents seeking reelection. We appreciate your participation and involvement in helping shape the direction for the future of the society.

This year's ballot with voting instructions and deadlines will be emailed soon.



### COFFEE IN THE GARDEN RETURNS!

We are excited to offer a hands-on, in-person fruit tree pruning demonstration at Arlington Gardens with our July guest speaker, Joanna Glovinsky. The number of participants will be limited and details, including the date, are being finalized now, so expect to see further announcements!



### 2021 HOTY ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual SCHS Horticulturist of the Year (HOTY) award program for 2021 is currently in the planning stages, and we will once again be presenting a trio of posthumous awards during a virtual event. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 23 when we will be honoring Bill Baker, John Dourley and Virginia Hayes for their contributions to horticulture.

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*Until we are able to meet again in person, the SCHS continues to host monthly webinars and other virtual events. Presentations are being archived on YouTube for your viewing convenience.*

In May, the SCHS hosted speaker Rebecca Burgess, the executive director of Fibershed and chair of the board for Carbon Cycle Institute, who presented a program about fibersheds, which are geographic regions that provide all of the resources needed to make an article of clothing, including the production and use of natural plant dyes. Awareness of this bioregional designation engenders appreciation, connectivity, and sensitivity for the life-giving resources within these landscapes, and Burgess provided a look at the extensive network of farmers and artisans within the Northern California Fibershed, while also sharing some of the plants and methods used in creating the natural dyes they use.



Photo credit: Paige Green.

Burgess' 25-year background in textile dying enlightened her to the major disconnect between what we wear and our knowledge of its impact on land, air, water, labor and health. This in turn led to the establishment of Fibershed and her current work in which she is focused on developing the vision and funding needed for

regenerative fiber systems models to succeed at the community scale. Her presentation included a bioregional look into the natural dye traditions of North America, how they evolved into today's textile industry processes. It explored our region's fibershed through the lens of plants and whole ecosystems with an eye toward the restoring and supporting these systems for the future.

Juxtaposing traditional methods of land use – many of which were consciously regenerative – with modern textile production, Burgess explained how synthetic dyes continually have a negative impact on the global environment. The Fibershed concept was made clear to her through these studies, and her work is currently focused on the intersection of restoration ecology and fiber systems, including dye-making. She gave examples of some of the plants she uses from California ecosystems, including specific species that offer light and colorfast hues for textiles. Using different parts of the plants, Burgess showed how *Baccharis pilularis* produces a buttery yellow dye, while *Mimulus aurantiacus* can create a mustard yellow or a light orange, and the stems of *Heteromeles arbutifolia* yield a red dye. Other color examples she shared were *Rhamnus californica*

(sage green), *Genista monspessulana* (pale green) and *Foeniculum vulgare* (dark green). Additionally, the type of fibers used, length of dyeing times and types of binding agents all impact the tones and intensities of the color that can be produced. Recipes for natural plant dyes can be found in Burgess' book *Harvesting Color*, and a broader overview of textile production can be found in her book *Fibershed: Growing a Movement of Farmers, Fashion Activists, and Makers for a New Textile Economy*.

Burgess stressed how conscientious harvesting and land stewardship were integral to supporting the ecosystems these plants come from, and reiterated the Fibershed module that "the goal of this work is to create and model that our textile culture and systems can function hand-in-hand with principles of ecological balance, local economies, and regional agriculture." Important work to be sure, and thoughtfully presented for our consideration. To learn more, visit Burgess' website at [www.fibershed.org](http://www.fibershed.org).

✿ Sabine Steinmetz

To watch this program on YouTube, click the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wYhhKts0kI>

## SCHS 2020 INTERN

As a non-profit, part of SCHS's mission is to provide educational opportunities to horticulture students through sponsored internships at various institutions.

In 2020, Sharon Zarate, currently graduating from Cal Poly Pomona, was our recipient of a 10-week internship at the Theodore Payne Foundation for Native Plants. Her experiences involved bulb sorting last August, followed by propagation in November, and a follow-up of growth assessment in April of this year.

Photo provided by S.Zarate



Click here to hear Zarate speak about her full experience:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZdY3Q1rjoY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZdY3Q1rjoY)

## ✿ SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE ✿

Expect to do some of the following gardening chores in June:

- Deep water your trees once a month during the summer and monitor/adjust other irrigation.
- Continue succession planting of veggies to extend your harvest.
- Plant pumpkins now for Halloween!
- Keep after pests on actively growing plants - often a foliage washing will refresh plants while also removing pests.
- Protect fruit tree crops against garden thieves with bird-netting.
- Stay on schedule with feeding, weeding and dead-heading.
- Touch up rampaging vines by clipping to keep them in check as their flowering winds down.
- Slow down as temps heat up and enjoy your beautiful, abundant and well-cared-for garden!

✿ Sabine Steinmetz

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## JUNE HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS


### COVID-19 UPDATES FOR LOCAL GARDEN VENUES

Venues open at press time are marked  and  for those that are online only.

Organizations and venues are offering more events and classes, both online and in person, while maintaining safety protocols, limited attendance and hours.

**Please continue to check with your favorites for updated info if you are planning a visit.**


 **CALIFORNIA BOTANIC GARDEN**  
(formerly RANCHO SANTA ANA)  
1500 N. College Ave., Claremont 91711  
909.625.8767 [www.calbg.org](http://www.calbg.org)

 **CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**  
SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS CHAPTER  
1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107  
818.398.5420 [www.cnps-sgm.org](http://www.cnps-sgm.org)

 **CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**  
L.A./Sta Monica Mtns Chapter / Sepulveda Garden Ctr  
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino 91436  
818-782-9346 [www.lasmmcnps.org](http://www.lasmmcnps.org)

 **COASTKEEPER GARDEN**  
1560 E. Santiago Cyn. Rd., Orange 92869  
714.850.1965 [www.coastkeeper.org](http://www.coastkeeper.org)

 **DESCANSO GARDENS**  
1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada 91011  
818.949.7980 [www.descansogardens.org](http://www.descansogardens.org)

 **EATON CANYON NATURE CENTER**  
1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107  
626.398.5420 [www.ecnca.org](http://www.ecnca.org)

 **FULLERTON ARBORETUM**  
1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831  
657.278.3407 [www.fullertonarboretum.org](http://www.fullertonarboretum.org)

 **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108  
626.405.2100 [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org)

 **LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM**  
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia 91007  
626.821.4623 [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org)

 **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF L.A.**  
900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007  
213.763.3466 [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org)

 **RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS**  
6400 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach 90815  
562.431.3541 [www.rancholosalamitos.org](http://www.rancholosalamitos.org)

 **RANCHO LOS CERRITOS**  
4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach 90807  
562.206.2040 [www.rancholoscerritos.org](http://www.rancholoscerritos.org)

 **SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN**  
230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas 92024  
760.436.3036 [www.sdbgarden.org](http://www.sdbgarden.org)

 **SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN**  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes 90274  
310.544.1948 [www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org](http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org)

 **THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION**  
10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley 91352  
818.768.1802 [www.theodorepayne.org](http://www.theodorepayne.org)

 **UC RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDENS**  
900 University Ave., Riverside 92521  
951-784-6962 [www.gardens.ucr.edu](http://www.gardens.ucr.edu)

 *Yvonne Savio*

To see more events as they're posted, check: [www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events](http://www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events).

## LINKS TO UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS

*Please check with individual organizations for class fees & details*

### California Garden & Landscape History Society

*Japanese Gardens in California*

*June 16 at 6:00 p.m.*

For details, ticketing info and to register, go to:  
[www.cglhs.org/event-4271556](http://www.cglhs.org/event-4271556)

**The Gottlieb Native Garden,**  
A California Love Story with Susan Gottlieb  
*June 10 at 10:00 a.m. - FREE Zoom Event*

For more info and the Zoom link, contact: Kathy Itomura  
[kkitomura@gmail.com](mailto:kkitomura@gmail.com) or 818-954-0933

### Orange County Fuchsia Society

*in-Person Annual Sale - June 26 & 27 - 10:30am-4pm*

For details visit: [www.sanfernandovalleyirissociety.org](http://www.sanfernandovalleyirissociety.org)

### San Fernando Valley Iris Society

*in-Person Spring Iris Sale - June 13 - 8am-1pm*

For details visit: [www.ocfuchsiasociety.com](http://www.ocfuchsiasociety.com)

### UCLA Extension Horticulture Program

Online Summer Courses Begin June 21

*For info on classes, schedules and fees, visit:*

[www.uclaextension.edu/landscape-architecture-horticulture/horticulture-gardening](http://www.uclaextension.edu/landscape-architecture-horticulture/horticulture-gardening)






### Waterwise Community Center, Chino Basin Water Conservation District

*- Upcoming Zoom Classes -*

[www.cbwcd.org/328/Programs-Events](http://www.cbwcd.org/328/Programs-Events)



*Until we are able to meet again in person, monthly programs will continue to be scheduled as online webinars.*

-  June 10 WEBINAR - Photographer Saxon Holt shares excerpts from his and Nora Harlow's book *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates*
-  July 8 WEBINAR - Joanna Glovinsky, founder of Fruitstitute will talk about managing residential "Fruit Tree Ins-and-Outs"
-  July TBA **LIVE EVENT** - Joanna Glovinsky will present a hands-on fruit tree pruning demo at Arlington Gardens - *DETAILS TBA* -
-  August 12 WEBINAR - Jill Morganelli, instructor with the UCLA Extension Horticulture Program will speak on gardening tools
-  Sept. 23 WEBINAR - 2021 Horticulturist of the Year Award Program *Please note event date is the 4th Thursday, with no other meetings in September.* - *EVENT DETAILS TBA* -

## GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



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**Next deadline: Monday, June 14** (for July newsletter)

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