



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

July 2021

OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday, July 8

Announcements at 7:10 p.m.

Plant Forum at 7:15 p.m.

Webinar at 7:30 p.m.



Visit: www.socalhort.org
for registration info.

SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We're happy to say "hello" to:

Heather Ashley

Jaydene Davis

Helen Wu

Lily You

Glad you chose to join!

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

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Fruit Tree Ins-and-Outs: Why Commercially Cultivated Fruit Tree Species Are Different From Other Trees

Photo supplied by speaker.



The SCHS is pleased to have Joanna Glovinsky, the founder of Fruitstitute, a Los Angeles-based fruit tree care and education service, present a unique webinar on the specialized care of fruit trees. Glovinsky will be breaking down the biological differences between commercially cultivated fruit tree species as compared to other trees, and the implications this has for management.

In this program, Glovinsky will explain how commercially cultivated species of fruit trees are grafted and genetically engineered for optimal fruit production, making them fundamentally different from trees growing in residential and urban environments, or growing in forests. Meyer lemons, Fuji apples, Santa Rosa plums, etc., are not trees you will find growing in the forest and they all need humans and specialized care in order to be functional fruit producing landscape trees. The orcharding industry, technically recognized as the "tree fruit" industry, has established the standards of management for growing fruit. However, fruit trees grown in a residential landscape have a different purpose than those grown

for the commercial market and therefore require different management practices.

Glovinsky holds a master's degree in Health and Social Change from USC Annenberg School of Communication and is currently studying for her arborist certification. She formally trained in fruit tree care at Huntington Ranch, and also worked in edible gardens on the streets of South L.A. with the Ron Finley Project. Through her hands-on experience Glovinsky realized that fruit trees growing in L.A. landscapes were not only underserved and mismanaged, but that there was also a void in knowledge on how to properly care for them. Fruitstitute was established as a service with the mission of teaching people that all fruit trees need specialized care to grow great fruit. (Learn more at www.fruitstitute.com.)

In this evening's program, Glovinsky will enlighten us to the differences of growing fruit commercially and residentially, and illuminate why most of the "rules" on fruit tree management don't apply to residential fruit trees. We look forward to learning more about how to care for our home orchards in order to maintain healthy and abundant fruit trees.

We invite you to tune in by registering for this free webinar at www.socalhort.org. We'll see you there!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

COFFEE IN THE GARDEN EVENT

Our July guest speaker, Joanna Glovinsky will be presenting a hands-on fruit tree pruning demo on Sunday, July 11. Due to timing and limited attendance capacity, this CITG event was only publicized via our social media and through an e-mail blast, and filled up quickly.

However, we will be sharing information about the event online and are already planning more gatherings for the future!



IN-PERSON SCHS MEETINGS

The SCHS board is planning on resuming live meetings beginning with our August program. Parameters to ensure a safe and comfortable environment are currently being worked out, so details are coming soon. Looking forward to seeing you again!

NOTE: We will also be continuing to host online webinars as they have allowed us to reach out to more people than ever before, and are becoming a great archival resource.



SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 23 2021 HOTY AWARD PROGRAM

Please mark your calendars for this year's event, posthumously honoring Bill Baker, John Dourley and Virginia Hayes!

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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.

On June 10th the SCHS was pleased to welcome speaker Saxon Holt, photojournalist and sole photographer of more than 30 garden books, to talk about his new book *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates*, coauthored with landscape architect Nora Harlow. His program



Photo credit: Saxon Holt.

derived from the book's objective which is to expand the climate conversation to include the entire Pacific Coast, all of which is summer-dry, but cannot all be considered Mediterranean. *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates* is also part of Holt and Harlow's online Summer-Dry Project (www.summer-dry.com) which is helping Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS) update the state database of plant photographs and descriptions.

Holt spoke briefly about his career as a photojournalist (www.saxonholt.com, www.photobotanic.com) and how he is currently using his skills primarily to promote a "gardening where you are" philosophy. He encourages gardeners to understand and work in harmony with their region to create healthy ecosystems, one yard at a time, by becoming "stewards of the land, attuned to the local environment on behalf of all creatures" because "every act we do adds resiliency." He went on to talk about the Pacific coast regions described in his book, and further broke them down into "ecotopes" defined as the "smallest ecologically distinct landscape feature in a mapping and classification system."

Gardens that share common ecotopes can benefit from using plants that are

adapted for various vegetation border zones, called "ecotones." These are places where "ecological systems meet and mingle, sometimes forming new communities" including our own gardens. If consciously designed using climate-appropriate plants, they will help support wildlife and conserve biodiversity. By considering local micro-climates and trying to connect wild nature with our built landscapes, we can have a positive impact on surrounding habitats that are under threat in our summer-dry climates. Gardeners who need to rely on supplemental water can plan for building a healthy green infrastructure by connecting individual gardens to local ecotones.

As a photojournalist, Holt has observed that gardeners are increasingly opting for climate-adapted plants and he believes part of his job is to help others understand the importance of this practice by showcasing gardens planted to a new standard of beauty that works with – rather than against – our summer-dry climate. He shared a series of garden photos from his book illustrating design solutions including water-banking through the use of bioswales, rain barrels or cisterns; firescaping to mitigate danger during the fire season by planting low-water grasses such as carex or succulents closer to structures; and also increasing carbon-sequestration by planting to cover a lot of ground. When selecting plants, Holt suggested considering which cultivars can coexist in your environment (especially crucial when selecting native species), as well as recognizing their eventual scale as they grow. He also recommended checking

local botanical gardens for practical examples when planning your space.

Whether you are just planning your landscape, or working in an established space, by using the principles and plant lists found in *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates* you can begin developing a summer-dry garden that is personally satisfying from both an aesthetic and an ecological perspective.

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7d7zMXtHd08>

REPORT FROM THE SCHS BOARD

The Southern California Horticultural Society board has been committed to maintaining a slate of events during the pandemic for our membership that is both safe and enriching. To that end, we have been working on bringing back routine functions that were either re-worked for a virtual format or in some cases indefinitely postponed.

Currently we are pleased to report that the following are all on track to be resolved by the end of this year.

- Return to an alternating schedule of live and online meetings, so we can accommodate a larger audience and support a greater range of speakers. *Resuming in August 2021.*
- Holding a live Silent Auction event in conjunction with a monthly meeting. *Being considered for late 2021.*
- Finalizing selection of our 2022 Ruth Borun Lecture Series speaker. *To be announced by end of 2021.*

Additionally, we are planning more Coffee In The Garden events, working on building the SCHS Oral History library and seeking ways to increase our student membership, as well as attending to routine society business – all with an eye toward to future of the organization.

Questions? Please reach out to a board member – names and committees are listed on Page 4.

✂ the SCHS Board

✂ SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE ✂

As the days get hotter, ease into your chores as you do the following.

- Harvest your squash, tomatoes, peppers and other veggies to keep them producing longer.
- Remove rotting produce to help prevent the spread of diseases.
- Pot up those succulent cuttings you've been accumulating.
- Keep adding mulch to beds to help stabilize soil temperatures.
- Start (or continue) collecting annual seeds as you dead-head.
- Try to do any supplemental watering early in the day - it's better for you and your plants!

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

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JULY 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

 **CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**
SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS CHAPTER
1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107
818.398.5420 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

 **COASTKEEPER GARDEN**
1560 E. Santiago Cyn. Rd., Orange 92869
714.850.1965 www.coastkeeper.org

 **DESCANSO GARDENS**
1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada 91011
818.949.7980 www.descansogardens.org

 **EATON CANYON NATURE CENTER**
1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107
626.398.5420 www.ecnca.org

 **FULLERTON ARBORETUM**
1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831
657.278.3407 www.fullertonarboretum.org

 **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108
626.405.2100 www.huntington.org

 **LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM**
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia 91007
626.821.4623 www.arboretum.org

 **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF L.A.**
900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007
213.763.3466 www.nhm.org

 **RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS**
6400 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach 90815
562.431.3541 www.rancholosalamitos.org

 **RANCHO LOS CERRITOS**
4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach 90807
562.206.2040 www.rancholoscerritos.org

 **SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN**
230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas 92024
760.436.3036 www.sdbgarden.org

 **SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN**
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes 90274
310.544.1948 www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org

 **THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION**
10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley 91352
818.768.1802 www.theodorepayne.org

 **UC RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDENS**
900 University Ave., Riverside 92521
951-784-6962 www.gardens.ucr.edu

 *Yvonne Savio*

To see more events as they're posted, check: 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
- Upcoming Online Events -
www.cglhs.org/upcoming-event-

California Native Plant Society
- Upcoming Online Events -
www.cnps.org/event/virtual-native-plant-events

Los Angeles Central Library program:
**Recycling and Repurposing Household
Throwaways Into New Garden Tools**
with Yvonne Savio

Zoom Class - July 10 at 2 pm

To register, contact: Ana Campos
213-228-7128 or acampos@lapl.org






Poly/Ana, a not-for-profit service organization hosts:

**Nature Is the Teacher -
An Observation Walk in Altadena**
with Leigh Adams & Shawn Maestretti
in-Person Event - July 24 from 8-11:30am - \$30.

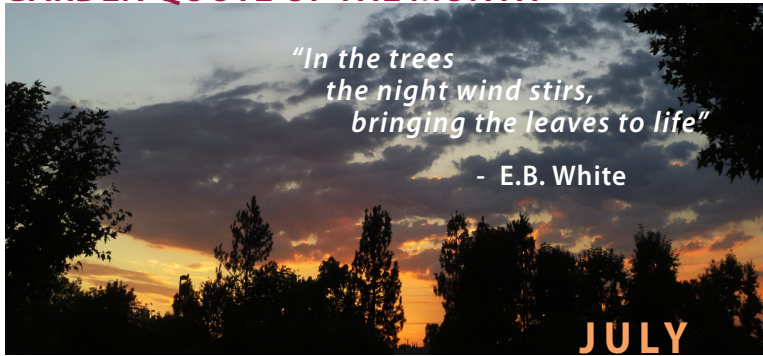
For more details and to register, go to:
www.studio-petrichor.com/events
(Location will be given upon registration.)

**Waterwise Community Center,
Chino Basin Water Conservation District**
- Upcoming Zoom Classes -
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.

-  July 8
WEBINAR - Joanna Glovinsky, founder of Fruitstitute will talk about managing residential "Fruit Tree Ins-and-Outs"
-  July 11
LIVE EVENT - Joanna Glovinsky will give a fruit tree pruning demo at Arlington Gardens - **EVENT AT CAPACITY** -
-  August 12
IN PERSON - 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 -
-  October 14
VENUE TBA - Johanna Silver, former Sunset editor and author will talk about Growing Weed in The Garden

GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



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Next deadline: Monday, July 12 (for August newsletter)

Please contribute an article or information of interest.