



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

September 2021

## SCHS 2021 HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR EVENT

Thursday, September 23

Presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.



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

## SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*We invite new members*

**Adrienne Fontanella** and

**Bruce Wakefield**

*to join us for the 2021 HOTY presentation*

*We'll "see" everyone there!*

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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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# VIRTUAL SCHS ANNUAL EVENT

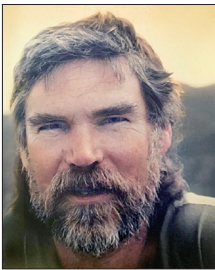
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## 2021 Horticulturist of the Year Awards *will be Presented Posthumously to 3 Recipients*

### BILL BAKER

was a nurseryman and a plant hunter. His San Fernando Valley nursery, California Gardens, specialized in bulbs, bromeliads, epiphytic cacti and succulents – but his interests included unusual plants from myriad families.

Photo by: Donna Marie Baker.



Baker explored Baja California, mainland Mexico, and Central and South America in search of fascinating flora. His plants were featured at the Huntington's plant sales and offered through their International Succulent Introductions program. His world-renowned hybrids and selections are coveted by gardeners and landscape designers; two of the finest being *Dyckia* 'Brittle Star' and *Agave* 'White Rhino'.

### JOHN DOURLEY

came to America from Scotland in 1952. By 1967 he had settled in Claremont and began working at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden with almost no prior

Photo courtesy of Mike Evans.



knowledge of California native plants. He soon became a recognized expert, making new horticultural contributions at RSABG where he served as the Director of Horticulture until 1987.

Durley coauthored a book in 1981 with Dr. Lee Lenz entitled *California Native Trees and Shrubs*, and the *Arctostaphylos* cultivar 'John Dourley' remains one of the most popular mid-sized manzanitas for California native gardens.

### VIRGINIA HAYES

was Curator of the Living Collection at the world-renowned Lotusland garden in Montecito for 25 years until her retirement in 2017. Her many and varied contributions did much to catapult Lotusland into the national and international limelight.

Photo courtesy of Pau Mills.



A prolific writer, Hayes contributed to *Pacific Horticulture*, wrote columns for the *Santa Barbara Independent* newspaper and authored the book *The Gourmet Gardener*. Additionally, she served on the board of the American Public Garden Association, was a reviewer for the APGA Plant Collections Network and cofounded the Horticulture Consortium of Santa Barbara.

*Please join us for this special presentation as we honor and celebrate the lives and contributions to horticulture made by this year's HOTY recipients.*

In case you can't view it live, this program will also be archived on our YouTube channel.

The SCHS held its first in-person meeting in 18 months on August 12 and live-streamed it simultaneously for those preferring to watch via Zoom. To mark the occasion, we welcomed horticulturist and educator Jill Morganelli to speak about "Gardening Tools of The Trade," most of which she brought along for a show & tell presentation so she could demonstrate their attributes and educate us about their care. The tools she selected were her personal favorites that she has tried and tested over the years and describes as "Arboretum tough" when Morganelli worked for ten years as Horticultural Supervisor at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. She currently instructs the Gardening Practices and Techniques class in the UCLA Extension Horticulture and Gardening Certificate Program where she is also on the Horticulture Advisory Board. Her hands-on experiences with a broad range of tools provided the basis for her talk which had valuable information for both novice and experienced gardeners.

Morganelli knows that having the right equipment for any job will give you the best chance for success, including proper gear, and began by reviewing several types of gloves she prefers for different tasks. The first tools she shared were her favorite top-quality brands of hand-pruners (bypass, ratchet, loppers) at a range of price points, but all of which can have a long life with proper

maintenance, a topic she covered in the following segment. Morganelli recommended the Speedy Sharp knife sharpener as must-have to keep on hand at all times for quick touch-ups, and also to extend the life of our tools with routine maintenance. She demonstrated the correct technique for holding and angling the tool when sharpening blades and advised using a soy-based lubricant on the blades afterward to keep them loose. Moving on, Morganelli covered numerous tools and their specific uses, including shovels, sickles, folding, hand and reciprocating saws, brooms, rakes, Hori Hori knives, hoes, assorted irrigation tools and even her preferred tool bag, hat, boots and water bottle. During her talk, she reiterated that all of the selections shown were her own recommendations, based on personal experiences and that she was not being compensated to endorse any particular brands or manufacturers.

After concluding her enlightening slide show, Morganelli demonstrated a few tools for video close-ups and then took audience questions. A brief break followed, during which attendees were able to resume checking out the plant forum selections that were on exhibit and/or continue browsing for plants and books that were available for purchase. The evening concluded with an appropriately-themed raffle featuring a range of international hand pruners donated by SCHS vice-president Steve Gerischer from his personal collection, making a number of the people even more glad to have ventured out for a much anticipated return to an in-person event.

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

**NOTE:** *all tools - and sources that they are available from - were projected in a slide show that was running as Morganelli spoke, and can be reviewed on our YouTube channel.*

*Click on link below to view this presentation:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGq2Ii1RNPg>

Photo supplied by speaker.



## SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE

*Hot days are coming during September, but so is the first day of autumn, so let's plan accordingly...*

- Maintain your watering regime and plan to give extra ahead of when Santa Ana winds are due.
- Start moving spent veggies into your compost and begin sowing seeds of leafy greens and other cool-season veggies. Don't allow seeds to dry out.
- Fertilize roses once more to give them a final push for fall blooms.
- Divide healthy but crowded perennials and replant (if it's not too hot) or keep divisions shaded and moist for fall planting.
- Begin shopping for bulbs so you can chill them in the fridge for 6-8 weeks before planting.
- Cool off indoors and finalize your plans for planting season which begins next month!

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

## SCHS VIDEO ARCHIVES - LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

*Our growing video archive of Speakers, Plant Forums, Events and more is becoming a valuable horticultural resource covering an increasing variety of topics.*

Watch SCHS on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SouthernCaliforniaHorticulturalSociety>

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# SEPTEMBER 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.**

### ARLINGTON GARDEN

275 Arlington Drive, Pasadena 91105  
626-578-5434  
www.arlingtongardenpasadena.com

### 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

### 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

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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*

### University of California Naturalist Certification Course

- Upcoming Live Course -

Saturdays: Sept. 11 - Dec. 11 from 10-11a.m.

[www.dominguezrancho.org/2020/01/28/dominguez-rancho-adobe-museum-hosts-uc-california-naturalist-certification-2021/](http://www.dominguezrancho.org/2020/01/28/dominguez-rancho-adobe-museum-hosts-uc-california-naturalist-certification-2021/)

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

- Upcoming Waterwise Activities -

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





- Upcoming Gardening Online Workshops -  
<https://www.cbwcd.org/354/Free-Workshops>

## SCHS 2021 HORTICULTRIST OF THE YEAR ONLINE EVENT

Please join us in posthumously honoring Bill Baker, John Dourley and Virginia Hayes at our annual award ceremony where we will celebrate the horticultural contributions of these noteworthy recipients.

Thursday, September 23  Details & registration at: [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)

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

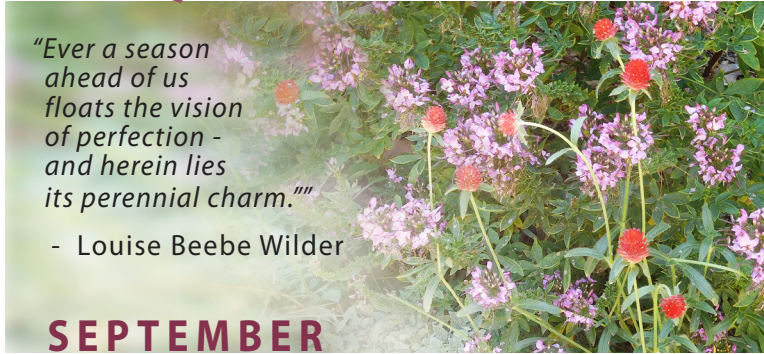
-  Sept. 23 - 2021 Horticulturist of the Year Award Program  
 WEBINAR *Please note event date is the 4th Thursday, with no other meetings in September. - EVENT DETAILS TBA -*
-  October 14 - Johanna Silver, former Sunset editor and author  
 WEBINAR will talk about Growing Weed in The Garden  
 - Plus: SCHS Intern, Bridget Lee, will speak briefly on her studies at the Huntington
-  November 11 - Matty Williams, landscaper and urban planner  
 WEBINAR - Program details being finalized -
-  December 9 - "Garden in A Vase" flower arranging demo  
 WEBINAR via Zoom - Guest speaker(s) being finalized -

## GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Ever a season ahead of us floats the vision of perfection - and herein lies its perennial charm."*

- Louise Beebe Wilder

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Next deadline: **Monday, September 27** (for October newsletter)

*Please contribute an article or information of interest.*