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NEWSLETTER

June 2022

OUR NEXT HYBRID MEETING

Thursday, June 9

Announcements at 7:10 p.m.
Plant Forum at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Visit: www.socalhort.org
for registration info.

SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*Along with proverbial
flowers, May arrived with:*

Janet Blank
Amanda and Andrew Chaves
Donna and Don Palmer
Greg Rubin

Happy to have you!

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are listed on our website.*

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Antioxidants from Your Garden

PLEASE NOTE: Proof of vaccination and booster will be required to attend this live meeting, and masks are strongly recommended to be worn indoors. For the safety of our members, we will be adhering to current L.A. County Health Department guidelines.

On June 9 the SCHS will be treated to a presentation by Tom Spellman, Southwestern Sales manager with Dave Wilson Nursery, which specializes in fruit and nut trees for commercial agriculture as well as wholesaling to retail and wholesale nurseries nationwide. Spellman is a seasoned fruit-growing expert, who will be talking about the best fruits with high antioxidant value that can be grown successfully in Southern California. In the program he will also provide growing tips including best cultural practices, fertilizing, irrigation and harvesting.

Spellman began his career at the age of 13 working for a small retail nursery in Rowland Heights, California. In 1978 he went to work for Armstrong Nurseries in Ontario - in retail sales on the weekends and with production and hybridization during the week. In 1981 he accepted a position as general manager with La Verne Nursery, which produces and sells avocado, citrus, sub-tropical and deciduous fruiting plants, and worked there until 2001, when he accepted his current position at Dave Wilson Nursery.

In addition to his work in the nursery industry, Spellman shares his expertise and knowledge through lectures, in

print, and via radio, television and video projects on fruit, growing fruit and management of fruit trees for commercial and backyard growers. He is also involved with the Nursery Growers Association, California Citrus Nursery Society, California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers, and California Rare Fruit Growers, as well as serving on the board of the California Citrus State Park located in Riverside.

With nearly 50 years of experience in the nursery industry, and with no plans to retire anytime soon, Spellman continues to be uniquely attuned to the fruits that we are able to grow in Southern California, and the best methods for doing so. We look forward to his tasty talk and being able to ask questions in person as we come together for this live presentation. Plus, we will once again have an in-person Plant Forum and plant sales from several vendors! Lots to see and do - but, if you are unable to join us this evening, you can still watch the program by registering online at: www.socalhort.org.



Photo provided by speaker.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

JUNE 9 MEETING

Our first live meeting of 2022 at Friendship Hall will include the following:

- guest speaker Tom Spellman
- Plant Forum with members' exhibits
- plant vendors offering fresh specimens
- guests may bring food for personal use (SCHS will provide refreshments in future)

We hope you will be able to join us.



SCHS LIVE EVENT GUIDELINES

We are pleased to once again host live gatherings, beginning with our monthly meeting in June. More events are planned over the summer and fall, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

However, because COVID continues to evolve, we must conduct these events in accordance with applicable L.A. County Health Department guidelines.

We will post notes in conjunction with event announcements so you may arrive prepared for any given situation.



BOARD ELECTIONS

Members will be receiving a ballot with a proposed slate of names to fill board vacancies this month. Voting instructions will be provided, but if you require more information, please contact any of the current board via: socalhort@gmail.com.

Thank you for your participation.

MAY WEBINAR RECAP • MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE • CONNECT WITH SCHS

Our May webinar, titled *Of Cultivars and California Native plants - and 'Nativars'*, was presented by Bart O'Brien, Director of the ten-acre Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Berkeley. RPBG is dedicated to horticulture, conservation and research of California native

plants. The evening's program focused on cultivars found within the California Floristic Province, which consists of the Mediterranean climate parts of California (as well

as small portions of Oregon and Nevada, and extending a good distance into Baja California, Mexico).

A fifth generation Californian, O'Brien is an authority on the flora of the state of California and of northwestern Baja California, as well as an accomplished collector, grower, photographer, lecturer and author. In addition to his current position at RPBG, O'Brien is the president of the California Horticultural Society and was recently honored as the 2022 recipient of the prestigious American Horticultural Society's highest honor, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Award. He is also working on a listing of over 300 named cultivars of manzanitas (*Arctostaphylos*) for an upcoming issue of *The Four Seasons*, RPBG's technical journal.

By way of definition, O'Brien explained that within the order of plant taxonomy – genus, species, sub-species, botanical variety, forma and then cultivar – forma refers to an unusual form of a plant found in the wild, and cultivar refers to an unusual form of a plant found in cultivation. Both are distinct from cultivariants which are names given to different growth forms of genetically identical plants.

The term cultivar was coined by horticulturist Liberty Hyde Bailey in 1923 in his paper, "Various Cultigens, and Transfers in Nomenclature" in *Gentes Herbarum*. They are always written in single quotation marks and have names in the common language (English, Spanish, German, etc.). Latin names are not acceptable for any cultivars named after January 1, 1959. He provided as an example *Erigeron glaucus* 'Wayne Roderick' (a wild selection) and *Erigeron* 'W.R.' (a cultivated variety), which are both cultivars but are often confused for one another because they derive from the same person's name, despite having very distinct differences. Also of note is the fact that while most cultivars are produced by cloning, a cultivar designation does NOT indicate that the plant is a clone or was

clonally produced. It does indicate that the plant shares definable trait(s) that the cultivar name was applied for (e.g.: size, growth habit, color, etc.) Further, "cultivariants" is a another term that refers to a concept equal to "clonal variants" or "clonal variations".

O'Brien then went on to share some favorite cultivars, some of which may be easily found in the nursery trade or conversely, only in the wild. Some of the ones readily available to the public are: *Glandularia* (formerly *Verbena*) *lilacina* 'Paseo Rancho', *Salvia clevelandii* 'Winifred Gilman', *Salvia* 'Aromas' and *Arctostaphylos* 'Howard McMinn', all grown for their specific traits as well as their garden adaptability and vigor.

He next spoke about the relatively new term "nativar", which was coined in 2008 by Allen Armitage to describe native cultivars and hybrids. These are plants that have been bred specifically for the nursery trade and would never be found in the wild. They have been hybridized from species that would never come together or have any contact in the wild. The four major plant families in which you will find the most "nativars" sought after by plant collectors are: monkey flowers, irises, lilies, and (more recently) lewesia.

While some purists argue that nativars do not serve the same functions in a garden that California native species provide, O'Brien explained that the vast majority of California cultivars are actually from the wild or derive from garden selections that can be found in the wild. He shared as an example *Ribes malvaceum* var. *malvaceum* 'Dancing Tassels' which was originally found on San Clemente Island, but is a large vigorous plant in cultivation, used extensively by native bumble bees and hummingbirds. Additionally, it produces enormous and plentiful fruit to support native wildlife as well. *Arctostaphylos bakeri* 'Louis Edmunds' and *Arctostaphylos* 'Sunset' are other examples of garden plants that were originally discovered in the wild, while others like *Rosa* 'Schoener's Nutkana' and many popular *Huechera*, are hybrid crosses between natives that come from disparate regions.

Finally, O'Brien spoke about intergeneric hybrids, wherein multiple genera are crossed to create a new plant. If only two families are involved, the new name must combine portions of both genus' parent names, as in *XChitalpa* (for *Chilopsis* and *Catalpa*) and *XChiranthofremontia lenzii* 'Griff's Wonder' (for *Chiranthodendron* and *Fremontodendron*). However, if three or more genera are involved – which is very rare, except within the orchid family – then an original name like *Leelenzia* is created (as long as it is not already in use).

He also mentioned several nurseries where some of these unique plants are available.

In addition to presenting a fascinating webinar and sharing reference publications and other resources, O'Brien also generously answered audience questions both during and after his program. The entire presentation, including all of his references, has been archived on SCHS' YouTube channel.

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

Link to view entire program, including resources plus Q&A:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=352xuywVI1U>

SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE

Get ready for summer by staying ahead of problems with routine chores.

- If you're not already doing so, deep water your trees monthly.
- Don't allow camellias and azaleas to dry out as they are already setting buds for next year.
- Spray foliage occasionally (in the early hours) to rinse off dust and refresh depleted plants.
- Keep dead-heading, weeding and replenishing mulch as needed - you can slow down next month!
- Begin covering soft fruit trees with bird-netting to protect your crop.
- Feed roses again, as they are getting ready for another bloom.
- Provide some supplemental shade on hot days for veggie seedlings and other tender plants.
- Harvest and then harvest some more to keep veggies producing.
- Plant pumpkins now if you want them in time for Halloween!

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

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JUNE HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS • SCHS 2022 HOTY

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

Organizations are offering events, both online and in person, but may have updated protocols in place.
Please continue to check with your favorites for current info if you are planning a visit.

ARLINGTON GARDEN

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CALIFORNIA BOTANIC GARDEN (formerly RANCHO SANTA ANA)

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CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS CHAPTER

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818.398.5420 www.cnps-sgm.org

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L.A. / Sta Monica Mtns Chapter / Sepulveda Garden Ctr
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino 91436
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1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada 91011
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1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107
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FULLERTON ARBORETUM

1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831
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4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach 90807
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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
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UC RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDENS

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

 Yvonne Savio

See more events as they're posted at:
www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events.

LINKS TO UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS

Please check with individual organizations for class fees & details

California State University, Northridge explores the Gottlieb Native Garden

- FREE Virtual Program -
Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Garden owner Susan Gottlieb and photographer-naturalist Scott Logan share the inspirational journey of transforming an inhospitable landscape into an ecological habitat, currently supporting over 200 California native plant species and nearly 400 visiting animal species.

Registration required. Please go to:
https://csun.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JP77WCPZT02WQuxGxBWG0w

South Coast Botanic Garden and South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society present

Exploring Euphorbias with Tom Glavich

- LIVE Program -
Sunday, June 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
FREE with paid admission to garden

Glavich will focus about similarities and differences in species from South Africa, Madagascar, the Mediterranean, and the Americas, as he talks about this worldwide genus.






For more info and to purchase tickets online:
www.southcoastcss.org

UPDATE ON 2022 SCHS HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

We are pleased to announce that Dave Fross, founder and owner of Native Sons Nursery, is the SCHS Horticulturist of the Year honoree for 2022. The awards banquet, program

and silent auction will be held at Huntington Botanical Gardens on Saturday, September 17. Details will be posted here as well as online as specifics are finalized.

Meetings are online unless otherwise noted. Live meetings are held at: Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027. (Live meetings will be shown simultaneously online via Zoom and Facebook.)

-  June 9 - Fruit growing expert Tom Spellman of Dave Wilson Nursery presents "Antioxidants From Your Garden"
IN-PERSON
-  July 10 - Debby Dunn, water conservation administrator for city of Beverly Hills, will teach a FREE conservation workshop at Arlington Garden in Pasadena
IN-PERSON
-  July 14 - Architect Brian Tichenor presents "Ralph Cornell - Water & the 'Genuine' Southern California Landscape"
IN-PERSON
-  August 11 - Horticulturist and educator Katherine Pakradouni will talk about Griffith Park's new micro-forest
IN-PERSON
-  Sept. 17 - 2022 Horticulturist of the Year Banquet and Silent Auction at Huntington Botanical Gardens
IN-PERSON

GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"What will come
from the briar
but the berry?"

- Irish Proverb



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Please contribute an article or information of interest.