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SHOP OUR HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

NOVEMBER 11th
6-9 PM



On the Cover: *Agave parryi* in Holiday mode

Volunteer Appreciation Party a Huge Success!

Details on page 3. All photos by Frank Oddo, Jr..



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NOVEMBER 11, 6-9 PM, SURFSIDE RACE PLACE, DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS

MINGLE AND SHOP the SDHS Holiday Marketplace with exhibits by SDHS sponsors, business members, horticultural vendors, botanic gardens, and other non-profits. Shop for plants, garden related merchandise, gift memberships and horticultural services from leading businesses and vendors.

Exhibitor Highlights

SHOP PLANTS GALORE

- Find the perfect unique and rare plant, as well as, cut flowers, from a variety of vendors. Shop Cedros Gardens, Barrels & Branches, Ausachica Nursery, Flower Girls, Glorious Gardens and More, all under one roof!

BUY ONE OF A KIND HANDMADE GARDEN GIFTS

- From ceramics for the garden, to a variety of unique garden art, succulent arrangements, and beautiful holiday decor, you'll find the perfect gift for friends and family!

VISIT AND LEARN

- We'll have a variety of educational exhibitors, including representatives from horticultural departments at local colleges, garden clubs, garden designers and botanic gardens. Stop by the San Diego Master Gardeners, San Diego Water Authority, San Diego Botanic Garden, MiraCosta College, and Southwestern College.
- The Association of Professional Landscape Designers, will be hosting their popular \$30 for 30, half-hour landscape design consultations. Advance reservations required at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/497511
- Meet local authors - Nan Serman, Debra Lee Baldwin, Bonnie Jo Manion and Lucy Warren and Greg Rubin - who will be signing and selling their popular titles.

TASTE

- Looking for unique food items for entertaining during the holiday season? Exhibitors selling jams and jellies, local honey, and other edible items, will bring flavor to the Marketplace! We'll also have beverages and snacks on sale, should you need a treat!

Visit www.SDHORT.org, FOR A FULL LIST OF EXHIBITORS AND TO REGISTER FRIENDS FOR FREE ENTRY INTO THE MARKETPLACE



Gardens of the California Wine Country

Join the San Diego Horticultural Society on a 4-day tour of public & private gardens and wineries in world-famous Sonoma County.

Sunday, May 4 Meet this evening for welcome dinner with wine at the Santa Rosa Hyatt Hotel, our home for 4 nights.

Monday, May 5 After breakfast, depart for Sebastopol and Hoghill, the garden of Mary and Lewis Reed. One of the finest in Sonoma County, the garden offers expansive views to the surrounding forests and valleys. We next see the Asian-inspired garden of Ann Hatch and Paul Discoe before continuing to the private garden of Carol Brant, featuring a diverse and unusual assortment of plants. Next it's Western Hills Garden, under new ownership the garden is undergoing a true renaissance. Enjoy the garden once described by the New York Times as the "Tiffany of plants." The hummingbirds are back as are ducks, turtles, fish, and an occasional heron in the big pond. Enjoy a boxed lunch in the garden before a private guided tour. Next stop is the Healdsburg Nursery, carrying a wide array of bedding plants, bulbs, seeds, ornamentals, perennials, fruits and vegetables plus a nice selection of gifts. We then continue to Healdsburg, where we can explore unique boutiques, independent bookstores and so much more. Stop in at Williamson Winery, offering complimentary tastings of exceptional wines paired with tiny bites of what they call "fridge food." You'll have plenty of time for an early dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants around the square before returning to the Hyatt.

Tuesday, May 6 After breakfast, we visit the garden of Sara Malone, surrounding her home on a private horse ranch, with an emphasis on foliage, bark, and form. After another private garden, we arrive in lovely Petaluma. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the many bistros downtown or along the revitalized riverfront. Next visit the eclectic Cottage Garden Nursery offering a large selection of grasses, succulents and more. More private garden visits before arriving back at the hotel.

Wednesday, May 7 After breakfast, we head for Quarryhill Botanical Garden, one of the best Asian botanical gardens in the world. With 25 acres of mature, flowering trees & shrubs including magnolias, dogwoods, maples, birches, roses, lilies and rhododendrons, the garden is laced with paths and hidden places to sit and relax, while surrounded by ponds, waterfalls, and lovely vistas. Next stop is Cline Cellars for a picnic lunch amid the gardens. Thousands of rose bushes line the drive to the winery's 1850s farmhouse tasting room. After lunch we'll visit Cornerstone Gardens, an ever-changing series of walk-through gardens showcasing new and innovative designs from 17 of the world's finest landscape architects and designers. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the gardens and have time to shop. Another private garden is a likely stop before we arrive at the Glen Ellen Inn for our farewell dinner with wine.

Thursday, May 8 After breakfast, say farewell or perhaps continue your exploration of the California Wine Country and beyond.

\$1095 per person land only based on double occupancy. Includes \$100 donation to San Diego Horticultural Society.

For information and reservations:

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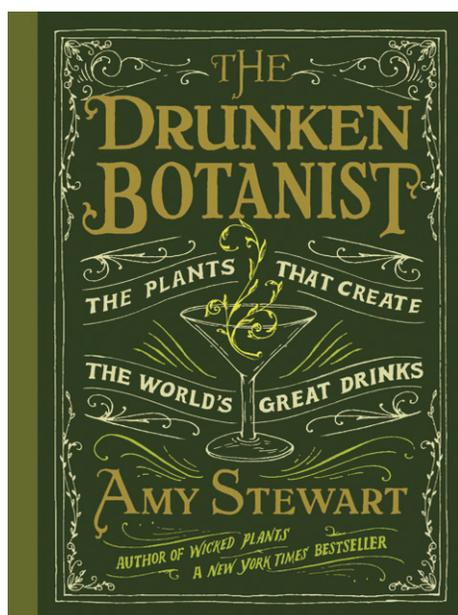
Save the date!

Monday, December 9 Our next regular meeting

Enjoy a delightful talk by the effervescent Amy Stewart as she tells us about her new book, *The Drunken Botanist*.



Who knew that horticulture was such an intoxicating subject? In this follow-up to the bestsellers *Wicked Bugs* and *Wicked Plants*, Amy Stewart explores the odd, unusual, & surprisingly common plants that produce the world's greatest spirits.



The Drunken Botanist uncovers the enlightening botanical history and fascinating science and chemistry of over 150 plants, flowers, trees, fruits, and even a few fungi.

We'll be selling cocktails made from one of the many exciting recipes in the book! Invite your friends to join you for this very fun evening.

ADMISSION: Members are FREE. Guests: \$15

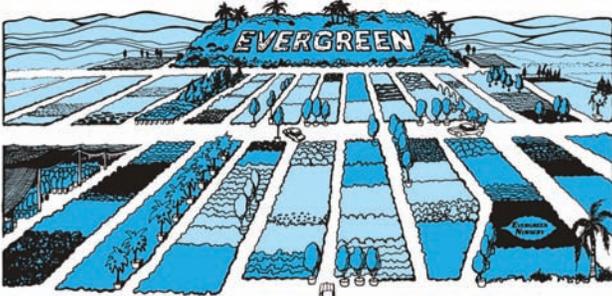
What's Happening? for NOVEMBER 2013

The SDHS is happy to publicize items of horticultural interest. See other side for resources & ongoing events.

Send calendar listings by the 10th of the month before the event to Neal King at calendar@sdhortsoc.org.

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Nov. 2: Fall & Winter Color

Come check out the colorful flowers available during
the fall and winter months. You will be surprised at
all of the choices. We will also look at using grasses
and succulents for fall accents as well.

Each FREE seminar is about 1 hour long. Refreshments will be
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To view our entire seminar schedule and check
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Events at Public Gardens

❖ **Alta Vista Gardens** contact info on other side
See www.avgardens.org for events & classes.

❖ **San Diego Botanic Garden** contact info on other side
Nov. 2, 9am-noon, Build Your Own Hydroponic Fall Garden: Learn
the principles of the hydroponic wick method & build a sustainable garden to take
home. Members \$75, non-members \$90.

Nov. 3, 11am-noon, Members-Only Plant Clinic: Learn about the
common and not-so-common fruit trees that grow well in our area. FREE.

Nov. 19, 9am-2pm, Succulent Wreath Class: Take home a beautiful
succulent wreath that you make yourself. Members \$60, non-members \$72.

Nov. 23, 10am-noon, Composting Workshop: Learn the basics of
backyard composting & vermicomposting. FREE. Register: www.solanacenter.org.

❖ The Water Conservation Garden

contact info on other side

Nov. 2, 10am-4pm, Fall Plantstravaganza! Plant sale, demos, ask the
experts, more!. Members free, non-members \$2.

Nov. 9, 10am-noon, he Dirt on Soil: Testing, Prepping and Plant-
ing: Hands-on workshop on how to test your soil and prepare it for planting, and
the proper use of fertilizers. Members free, non-members \$10.

Nov. 16, 10am-noon, Home Composting Workshop: Learn the basics
of composting, how to compost with worms, and how to save water in the
process. Compost bins sold, with subsidized prices for Unincorporated County
residents. Register at www.solanacenter.org or (760)-436-7986 ext. 222. FREE.

Events Hosted by SDHS Sponsors:

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❖ Barrels & Branches Classes & Workshops

Nov. 2, 10am-noon, Succulent-Topped Pumpkin Workshop: Laura
Eubanks teaches how to craft decorative succulent pumpkins. Fee: \$68 incl. materials.

Nov. 3, 2-3pm, Design Your Own Landscape: Learn from Samantha about
landscape design, soil types, sun exposure, plant growth habits. FREE.

Nov. 9, 10am-noon, Miniature and Fairy Gardens: Danica teaches how to
create your own whimsical miniature fairy garden. Fee: \$49 incl. materials.

Nov. 10, 10am-noon, Hypertufa Planters: Learn how to craft lightweight,
composite concrete planters.. Fee: \$48 incl. materials.

Nov. 16, 10am-noon, Living Wall Succulent Box Frame: Create a living
wall of succulents in a wooden frame to hang, stand, or lay flat.. Fee: \$55 incl. materials.
Info: events.barrelsandbranches@gmail.com or (760) 753-2852. See ad on page 15.

❖ Cedros Gardens, Saturday and Sunday FREE classes.

Details at www.cedrosgardens.com; address in ad on page 17.

❖ City Farmers Nursery Workshops

Nov. 2, 8-11am, OR Nov. 22, 11am-2pm, OR Nov. 23, 8-11am,
Biointensive Gardening: Grow all your vegetables in a very small space.. Fee:
\$45. See www.cityfarmersnursery.com.

Nov. 16, 10am-noon, FREE Composting Workshop: Info & registra-
tion: www.solanacenter.org.

❖ Evergreen Nursery FREE Seminar Each Month

See column at left for details.

❖ Grangetto's FREE Workshops (see inside back cover)

Nov. 16, 10am-12pm, Rainwater Harvesting Workshop: FREE. 1105
W. Mission Ave, Escondido.

Info/registration: www.grangettosgardenclub.com/workshops

❖ Sunshine Care FREE Workshop

Nov. 16, 10:30am, TBA.

Sunshine Care - ad on page 14. Info: (858) 752-8197 or www.sunshinecare.com.

❖ Walter Andersen Nursery FREE Saturday Classes

Details at www.walterandersen.com; addresses in ad on page 15

	Point Loma, 9am	Poway, 9:30am
Nov. 2	Azalea Care & Culture	TBA
Nov. 9	Mulching: the Basics	TBA
Nov. 18	Pine Trees & Poinsettias	TBA
Nov. 23	Rose Pruning	TBA

❖ Weidners' Gardens classes & workshops

Nov. 1, 9am, Pansy Digging!

Nov. 9, 9:30am-3pm, Fruit Tree Day: Special speakers, discounts, more.

Nov. 23 & 24, Poinsettia Tours: The only free tours in So. Calif.
See website for details: www.weidners.com.

Next SDHS Meeting

Nov. 11 - Holiday Marketplace!

See insert & website for details

More garden-related events on other side.

Other Garden-Related Events:

Check with hosts to confirm dates & details

◆ Solana Center FREE Composting Workshops:

Nov. 3 11am-1pm, Manure Management & Composting Workshop: 16251 Bandy Canyon Road, Escondido.

Nov. 9, 10am-noon, Composting Workshop: Bayside Community Center, 2202 Comstock St.

See www.solanacenter.org to register.

◆ **Nov. 1, 11am, Vista Garden Club:** Scholarship Luncheon. Info: www.vistagardenclub.org.

◆ **Nov. 2, 9am-noon, Lake Hodges Native Plant Club Plant Sale:** California Native plants and many other varieties. In front of Vons in the Plaza Center, Rancho Bernardo. Guests welcome. Info: www.lhnpc.org or (858) 487-6661.

◆ **Nov. 2, 9am-4pm, Lake Hodges Native Plant Club Plant Sale:** California Native plants and many other varieties. In front of Vons in the Plaza Center, Rancho Bernardo. Guests welcome. Info: www.lhnpc.org or (858) 487-6661.

◆ **Nov. 9, Lake Hodges Native Plant Club Field Trip:** Details TBA. Info: www.lhnpc.org or (858) 487-6661.

◆ **Nov. 10, 1:30pm, American Begonia Society:** Begonias and companion plants. 423 Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas. Info: (760) 815-7914 or marla.keith@cox.net.

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◆ **Nov. 12, 10am, Dos Valles Garden Club:** Herbs, How to Grow and Use Them Farm to Table. 31020 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center. Info: www.dosvallesgardenclub.org.

◆ **Nov. 13, 10am, Poway Valley Garden Club:** Program on organic gardening. Templars Hall, Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. Info: www.powayvalleygardenclub.org or (760) 743-9500.

◆ **Nov. 13, 10am, Point Loma Garden Club:** Creating Unique Holiday Containers. 2818 Avenida de Portugal. Info: www.plgc.org.

◆ **Nov. 13, noon, Ramona Garden Club:** TBA. 524 Main St., Ramona. Info: (760) 787-0087 or www.RamonaGardenClub.com.

◆ **Nov. 14, 10am, Village Garden Club of La Jolla:** Program open to the public: "Wreaths For All Seasons." Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Dr. North, La Jolla. Info: www.villagegardencluboflajolla.com.

◆ **Nov. 16, 6:30-9pm, California Native Plant Society:** Lawns in Nativescape, and The Plants of Baja California: Diverse, Beautiful, & Fascinating. Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 104. Info: www.cnpssd.org.

◆ **Nov. 20, 7:00pm, San Diego Cymbidium Society Plant Auction:** Many species/varieties, grown by members, will be auctioned off. 1105 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos. Info: (760) 717-6814.

◆ **Nov. 21, 1:00pm, Bernardo Gardeners:** Renowned word-smith Richard Lederer will entertain with his famous knowledge on language and how we use it, with special emphasis on the botanical. R.B. Swim & Tennis Club, 16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego. Info: www.bernardogardeners.org.

◆ **Nov. 25, 7:30pm, San Diego Rose Society:** New Roses from Weeks. Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101. Info: www.sdrosesociety.org.

Do you belong to a garden club or organization whose events aren't listed above? For a FREE listing (as space permits) send details by the 10th of the month before the event to Neal King, Calendar Editor, at calendar@sdhort.org.

San Diego County Farmers Markets

www.sdfarmbureau.org/BuyLocal/Farmers-Markets.php

For an extensive list of garden club meetings and events, visit the San Diego Floral Association website: www.sdfloal.org/calendar.htm

Resources & Ongoing Events

ALTA VISTA BOTANIC GARDENS: Open Monday-Friday 7:00-5:00 ; 10:00-5:00 on weekends. Fee: members/free; non-members/\$2. 1270 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista. Info: www.avgardens.org or (760) 945-3954.

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN (formerly QUAIL BOTANICAL GARDENS): Open daily 9-5 (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day); 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas. Fee: \$12/adults, \$8/seniors, \$6/kids; parking \$2. Free to members and on the first Tuesday of every month. (760) 436-3036; www.SDBGarden.org.

THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN: Open 9-4 daily, FREE. Docent-led tours every Saturday at 10:00am. 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, (619) 660-0614 or www.thegarden.org.

MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK: Guided hikes Wed., Sat. & Sun. Visitor Center open 9-5, off Mission Gorge Rd., San Carlos, (858) 668-3275.

MASTER GARDENER HOTLINE: Gardening questions answered by trained volunteers Mon.-Fri., 9-3, (858) 822-6910, www.mastergardenerssandiego.org.

SAN ELIJO LAGOON CONSERVANCY: Free 90-minute public nature walk 2nd Saturday of each month start at 9:00 am. Call (760) 436-3944 for details.

DESERT WILDFLOWER HOTLINE: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park: (760) 767-4684. For information, events, road conditions, etc. call (760) 767-5311 or visit <http://desertusa.com/wildflo/wildupdates.html>.

WILDFLOWER HOTLINE: March to May call the Theodore Payne Foundation hotline: (818) 768-3533 for info. on blooms in Southern California and elsewhere; visit <http://theodorepayne.org>.

BALBOA PARK:

Offshoot Tours: FREE 1-hr walking tour in Balboa Park every Sat., 10am. Meet at Visitors Center; canceled if rain or less than 4 people. (619) 235-1122.

Botanical Building is one of the world's largest lath structures, with 1200+ plants and lavish seasonal displays. FREE. Open Friday-Wednesday, 10am to 4pm.

Botanical Library: Room 105, Casa del Prado, Mon.-Fri. and first Sat., 10am-3pm, FREE. Info: (619) 232-5762.

Japanese Friendship Garden: Tues. to Sun., 10-4. Fees: free 3rd Tuesday; \$5/family; \$2/adult, \$1/seniors/students; (619) 232-2721, www.niwa.org

Canyoneer Walks: FREE guided nature walks Saturday & Sunday. (619) 232-3821 X203 or www.sdnhm.org

Balboa Park Ranger Tours: FREE guided tours of architecture/horticulture, Tuesdays & Sundays, 1pm, from Visitors Center. Info: (619) 235-1122.

San Diego Natural History Museum: Exhibits, classes, lectures, etc. (619) 232-3821; www.sdnhm.org

S.D. Zoo: Garden day 3rd Friday of every month from 10am. Pick up schedule at entry. Info: (619) 231-1515, ext 4306; www.sandiegozoo.org.

Garden TV and Radio Shows:

Garden Compass Radio Show (local). Saturday 9-10am. XEPE 1700AM radio, hosts Bruce and Sharon Asakawa, John Bagnasco. Call-in questions: (619) 570-1360 or (800) 660-4769.

GardenLife Radio Show (national). Saturday 8-9am and Sunday 8-10am. KCEO 1000AM radio, hosts Bruce and Sharon Asakawa, John Bagnasco. Call-in questions: 866-606-TALK. Hear it streaming live on lifestyletalkradio.com. GardenLife shows are also archived at lifestyletalkradio.com.

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SAN DIEGO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Mission is to promote the enjoyment, art, knowledge and public awareness of horticulture in the San Diego area, while providing the opportunity for education and research.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Details on membership are on page 20 and at www.sdhort.org
For questions contact membership@sdhort.org or
Jim Bishop at (619) 296-9215.

MEETING SCHEDULE

5:00 – 6:00 Meeting room setup
6:00 – 6:45 Vendor sales, lending library, plant display
6:45 – 8:30 Announcements, door prizes, silent auction, speaker

MEETINGS & EVENTS

(**FW** = Free Workshops; Register at www.sdhort.org)

- November 2** Fall Fruit Pick (see page 3)
- November 11** Holiday Marketplace
(see insert, page 7 & website for details)
- November 20** Hardscaping Ideas for Simple Pathways (**FW**)
- December 9** Amy Stewart on The Drunken Botanist
- January 13, 2014** Kathy Musial on Native Plants of Chile
- February 1, 2014** Companion Gardening with Chickens (**FW**)
- May 4, 2014** Wine Country Garden Tour (see insert & page 5)



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COVER IMAGE: Garden photojournalist and author Debra Lee Baldwin spotted this *Agave parryi* in a neighbor's yard, festively decorated for the holidays. Such a simple idea, easily executed. Debra, who lives in Escondido, is known nationwide for her books, *Designing with Succulents*, *Succulent Container Gardens*, and the newly-released *Succulents Simplified*. She'll be signing and selling all three at the Holiday Marketplace, and will do a demo, too (see page 7). More info: www.debraleebaldwin.com.

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2014 SPRING GARDEN TOUR: SHARING EXCEPTIONAL NORTH COUNTY GARDENS

By Dannie McLaughlin

Remember how much you enjoyed the garden tours you've been on? How fascinating it was to see the ways other people used perennials and pathways, succulents and stones, color and texture and art in their gardens? Now *you* have the chance to show off YOUR garden – and let your hard work and creativity really shine. And for a very good cause, too!

Currently we're seeking gardens in North County – Carlsbad, Olivenhain, Encinitas and Rancho Santa Fe. You don't need to have an estate garden to be on

our tour – we're looking for a variety of gardens that will appeal to a variety of tour goers: cottage gardens, veggie gardens, succulent gardens, Zen gardens... even orchards. Sharing your garden with others is part of the great tradition of nurturing and caring that gardeners have in common. Just as you've enjoyed other people's gardens, so will they delight in yours!

Garden Designers: The beautiful gardens you have designed can be an inspiring part of this tour. This is a wonderful opportunity to show off your creativity and to market yourself and your skills at the same time.

The Spring Garden Tour is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and proceeds go towards funding college scholarships for local horticulture students, as well as for our programs that promote the enjoyment and knowledge of horticulture in the San Diego area. Your beautiful garden can help us reach our goals by being an inspiring part of this Tour. Best of all, our volunteers will take care of all the mundane things on tour day, freeing you to do the fun part: talking to visitors about your garden.

Please contact our tour coordinator (that's me, Dannie McLaughlin!) at drdannie@roadrunner.com. Let me explain how easy it is to share your garden with others, and how we'll make tour day a joyful and rewarding experience for you.

Tour planning and organization starts this Fall, and you'll enjoy being part of this very exciting activity. What a delightful way to see some marvelous gardens! Volunteer ASAP to help with: garden selection and photography, event logistics, tour publicity, organizing musicians and artists, signage and map preparation, plant ID, ticket sales strategy, etc. The time commitment is varied and some tasks involve just a few phone calls, while others will keep your organizational skills well-honed. No matter your talents – WE NEED YOUR HELP! Contact Patty Berg for more details at pattyberg@gmail.com. ☘



The stunning Matthys succulent garden was on our 2013 tour.

Linda Bresler

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

Board Opening: Garden Tour Assistant

Do you like gardens and have good organizational skills? We are looking for someone to work with existing Garden Tour Chair, Dannie McLaughlin, to help organize the 2014 Spring Garden Tour. You would work with Dannie in 2014 and become the Garden Tour Chair in 2015. Some of the tasks are: identify the tour area; schedule the tour date; find and review tour gardens; and work with homeowners, sponsor(s), and vendors. You would work with and supervise other volunteers that staff the gardens, create publicity materials, and sell tickets. Requires familiarity with email. Contact Jim Bishop at president@sdhort.org.

Need Plant Experts at Meetings

We are looking for members who are plant experts to answer questions at the Plant Display table at our meetings. We don't expect you to know everything about every plant – maybe you know a lot about roses, or sell perennials, or perhaps you can share your knowledge of low-water plants with other members? To volunteer please contact Susanna Pagan at 858-342-8667 or susannapagan@gmail.com. ☘

To Learn More...

November Holiday Marketplace

By Ava Torre-Bueno

This month's meeting is a sale of many garden related products (including plants), so I won't be directing you to web sites where you can shop; just window shop until the Hort Society sale on the 11th.

Start by Googling the words "garden ceramics." You'll find a variety of images, from the excellent to the excrescent. Then do the same with the words "garden sculpture," and see if you can spot Michelangelo's David with 100 extra pounds on him!

And here's why you should try to do all your holiday shopping at the Hort Society sale: buying local supports the community you live in three times more than buying from a big corporation:
www.organicconsumers.org/btc.cfm

So, please enjoy the festive sale on the 11th of November – bring your holiday list!

Member Ava Torre-Bueno is a psychotherapist in private practice and the organizer of Gardeners 4 Peace. This group of volunteers is helping to create a peaceful, organic, permaculture garden at the San Diego Friends Center. To learn more visit www.sandiegofriendscenter.org/volunteers.htm. 🌿



FALL FRUIT PICK

The November Featured Garden, just in time for Halloween, is a Fuyu persimmon

and pomegranate fruit pick at Borden Ranches in Pauma Valley. The fruits are wonderful to eat or for holiday decorations. This fun event will be on Saturday, November 2, from 1-4PM. Register ASAP at www.sdhort.org.

- Bring clippers for fruit picking, bag(s), \$5 CASH per bag, water, sunscreen and a hat.
- Bring your own sturdy **grocery-sized** bags. A bag of fruit can weigh up to 50 lbs.
- This is a working farm, with dirt roads and uneven ground. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing. Take any trash home with you.
- A Porta-potty will be available.
- Carpooling is highly recommended.
- FREE and for Society Members only. You must register to reserve your space.
- Directions are emailed in the registration confirmation message.



FROM THE BOARD

By Jim Bishop

Special Thanks to the Oddos

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party and semi-annual New Member Orientation were held at Susan and Frank Oddo's lovely home and garden in Elfin

Forest. Thanks so much for sharing your home and garden. Thanks also to volunteer coordinator, Patty Berg, for organizing the VAP and coordinating the door prizes. Photos from the VAP are on the inside front cover.



Frank, Susan & Frank Oddo Jr., with Jasmine

Holiday Marketplace! You can help make it a success

Our November 11 meeting will be an extra special Holiday Marketplace. We hope this will become an annual event that brings together the best of the San Diego horticultural community.

This open house event is FREE for members and starts at 6:00pm. We are offering a special low entry fee of \$5 for non-members, or better still – your friends and guests can receive a FREE pass by pre-registering at <http://tinyurl.com/lusownq>. So be sure and invite your non-member friends and relatives. Please copy the link above and email to all your friends.

Shop and mingle at exhibits by SDHS sponsors, business members, horticultural vendors, botanic gardens, and other non-profits. Get an early start on your holiday shopping for plants, garden related merchandise, gift memberships and horticultural services from leading businesses and vendors. See insert and our website (www.sdhort.org) for details.

There will be five FREE mini-demonstrations during the event by Horticultural Superstars including Debra Lee Baldwin and Greg Rubin. See page 7 for details on the demos.

If these weren't enough reasons to attend, there will be an authors' corner where local authors will sell and sign their books. For a minimal charge, the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) will be offering 30-minute garden design consultations. Exhibitors will be offering special discounts and giveaways to attendees. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our wonderful local horticultural community.

If you'd like to volunteer to help at this special event, please contact Patty Berg at volunteer@sdhortsoc.org.



New Membership Chair

Julie Hasl has joined the board as Membership Chair. She has previously volunteered for many other local horticulture organizations, including the Master Gardener Association, Point Loma Garden Club, San Diego Botanic Garden, San Diego Floral Association, and the California Rare Fruit Growers Association. Julie has been an SDHS member since 2006, and has enjoyed attending our meetings and events and is ready to get more involved. We welcome Julie and look forward to working with her. 🌿



THE REAL DIRT ON...

Bernard Trainor

By Carol Buckley



Jason Liske

Viewing Bernard Trainor's work changes how one views buildings. Of a revered Spanish colonial revival one thinks, "What if they dug out the boxwood and planted some of the soft grasses, like dune sedge, he favors?" "Wouldn't it be more fitting for the environs, more at peace and inviting?"

On the forefront of landscape design in California, Trainor has set roots as deep as his beloved Coastal Live Oak into the region. Growing up on the Mornington Peninsula in Australia, he learned young to revere rough landscapes and to respect hearty native plants that survive the constant assaults of the elements. When working in the local parks of Melbourne, while studying horticulture and design, he came face to face with the lack of sustainability in the featured English gardens. In *Landprints* (his 2013 book written with Susan Heeger) he says, "It struck me that I was dousing these temperamental plants in annual borders with fertilizers and fungicides so they'd live where they didn't belong." Diploma in hand, he traveled on scholarship to England, to study at the English Gardening School at the Chelsea Physic Garden, and apprenticed himself as a gardener to Beth Chatto, an English landscape designer and writer who was a major proponent in planting plants where they were "at home."

Trainor arrived in California in 1995 and began to transform landscapes to echo the wilderness around them. He and his team at Bernard Trainor + Associates (www.bernardtrainor.com) are internationally recognized for their work, mostly along the Pacific coast, in Carmel Valley, and in the valleys north of San Francisco. He admires the English environmentalist artist Andrew Goldsworthy, and in his own right is a sculptor of the land, creating a dialogue between the human dwelling and the area beyond. He is aware of the greater vista and of the subtle moment. In one project featured in *Landprints*, Tehama (in Carmel Valley), he took a barren hill and created a kind of chaparral (including the grass *Festuca californica*, which was propagated onsite), studded with trees placed so carefully that, "visitors are... acutely aware of experiential shifts: light alternating with shadow and openness with shelter."

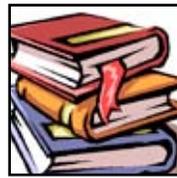
In working with native plants, Trainor urges people to remember that not all natives do well in the same place: "you have to understand your habitat." But, he would say not to worry. "What really gets my juices going is a plant telling me, 'I'm a living thing. You're not going



Jason Liske

Tehama garden in Carmel Valley, CA

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BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Caroline McCullagh

Great Holiday Gift Books for Youngsters

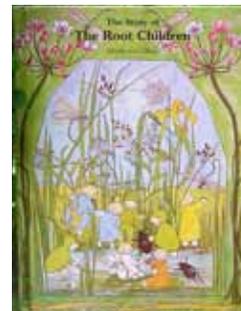
The holiday season is bearing down on us like a big truck. I've actually simplified my shopping routine. I give books. Are you surprised?

I'm always looking for good books to get my granddaughters interested in nature and gardening. I don't find many new ones that seem interesting, so I'm going back to some of the classics.



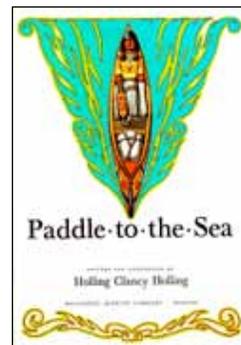
One that I hadn't thought about in a long time is *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The copy I have, published by Knopf in 1988, is beautifully illustrated by Ruth Sanderson. It includes 48 paintings in full color. Any edition is good, but this one is especially beautiful. The "point of view" character is a 12-year old girl named Mary who is orphaned and sent from India to live with her mysterious uncle on a great estate in England. The uncle, who has a tragic past,

has locked a particular walled garden and thrown away the key. Of course, Mary decides she needs to see it. Mary's interest and hard work brings life back to more than just the garden. Although the book would probably be of primary interest to girls, there are two boys, Colin and Dickon, who carry a good portion of the story, so boys might like it too. It's well-written and interesting for an adult – at least this one – to also read.



My second suggestion is *The Story of the Root Children*, written and illustrated by Sibylle Von Olfers. This beautiful book, recommended for children ages 4 and up, was first published in Germany in 1906. A simple story: Mother Earth wakes her sleeping children in the spring. They all work to populate the world with plants, flowers, and insects. It's hard to imagine a more beautiful way to introduce children to the concept of nature and growing things. Like

Burnett above, Von Olfers wrote a number of children's books, all of them worthwhile.



My final suggestion is any book written and illustrated by Holling Clancy Holling. I started with *Paddle-to-the-Sea*, the story of a small carved boat put into the water by an Indian boy in Lake Nipigon in Canada. The boat, with its small carved Indian figure, travels through the Great Lakes to the ocean, a trip the boy is not old enough to take himself. Not a gardening book, but it is a great way to introduce children to Nature, which, I think, ultimately leads to gardening for many of us

Nothing in these three books feels dated. They're as fresh as they were when they were favorites in my childhood. You can find them at Amazon or order them at a used bookstore. You won't regret it, nor will your young friends and relatives. 🌿

TREES, PLEASE

Heritage Trees

By Tim Clancy

There are many Heritage Tree programs in North America. The purpose of these programs is to recognize trees that for some reason are deemed worthy of the honor. In Encinitas, the Heritage tree program will recognize trees that have some connection to an historical event, or are simply the oldest or biggest of their species. Another way to get on the list is by being a unique species that you don't see everyday.

I used to live in the province of Ontario. They have an outstanding heritage tree program. They have an interactive map (www.treesontario.ca/programs/htrees.php) that lets you choose nominated and recognized trees to get more information on the tree.

The definition they use for heritage trees is as follows: "A notable specimen because of its size, form, shape, beauty, age, colour, rarity, genetic constitution, or other distinctive features; a living relic that displays evidence of cultural modification by Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal people, including strips of bark or knot-free wood removed, test hole cut to determine soundness, furrows cut to collect pitch or sap, or blazes to mark a trail; a prominent community landmark; a specimen associated with a historic person, place, event or period; a representative of a crop grown by ancestors and their successors

that is at risk of disappearing from cultivation; a tree associated with local folklore, myths, legends, or traditions." [Aird Paul. 2005. *Forestry Chronicle* 81 (4). July / August 2005. pp 593.]

Storm Lake, Iowa is probably not on many San Diegans' bucket list. There is, however, at least one reason to visit: the Living Tree Heritage Museum. It has a collection of trees that have connections to famous people and places. Each tree is an actual descendent of the original tree, and not merely a representative. You can mingle with the Colonel Sanders Ash or lounge under the Isaac Newton apple. George Washington is honored as well as Harriet Beecher Stowe. There are currently 39 trees in

the museum. You can take a virtual tour by visiting the Storm Lake web site (www.stormlake.org/index.aspx?NID=301).

While not technically heritage trees, www.ancienttreearchive.org is cloning redwoods and planting them to mimic old growth forests for enjoyment of future generations. If you're feeling weighed down by all that extra cash in your bank you can write a check for \$250,000.00 and they will plant a 5-acre Champion Supergrove in your honor.

On my way to the bristlecone forest in Inyo National Park, I encountered the giant sequoia shown here on the corner of U.S. route 395 and State Highway 168. This tree was planted on July 23, 1913 and is now over 100 years old. It is an outstanding specimen and a tribute to the foresight of the people of 1913. It is called the Roosevelt Tree, named to honor Teddy Roosevelt, and planted to commemorate the



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It's that time again – sign up now for our bi-annual out-of-town garden tour. Join the San Diego Horticultural Society on a four-day tour of public and private gardens and wineries in world-famous Sonoma County. This tour is limited to 35 people, and is sure to be a big hit. Here's the current itinerary:

Sunday, May 4: Meet this evening for a welcome dinner with wine at the Santa Rosa Hyatt Hotel, our home for four nights.

Monday, May 5: After breakfast depart for Sebastopol and Hoghill, the garden of Mary and Lewis Reed. One of the finest in Sonoma County, the garden offers expansive views to the surrounding forests and valleys. We next see the Asian-inspired garden of Ann Hatch and Paul Discoe before continuing to the private garden of Carol Brant, featuring a diverse and unusual assortment of plants. Next it's Western Hills Garden, under new ownership the garden is undergoing a true renaissance. Enjoy the garden once described by the *New York Times* as the "Tiffany of plants." The hummingbirds are back as are



ducks, turtles, fish, and an occasional heron in the big pond. Enjoy a boxed lunch in the garden before a private guided tour. Next stop is the Healdsburg Nursery, carrying a wide array of bedding plants, bulbs, seeds, ornamentals, perennials, fruits and vegetables plus a nice selection of gifts. We then continue to Healdsburg, where we can explore unique boutiques, independent bookstores and so much more. Stop in at Williamson Winery, offering complimentary tastings of exceptional wines paired with tiny bites of what they call "fridge food." You'll have plenty of time for an early dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants around the square before returning to the Hyatt.

Tuesday, May 6: After breakfast, we visit the garden of Sara Malone, surrounding her home on a private horse ranch, with an emphasis on foliage, bark, and form. After another private garden, we arrive in lovely Petaluma. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the many bistros downtown or along the revitalized riverfront. Next, visit the eclectic Cottage Garden Nursery, offering a large selection of grasses, succulents and more. More private garden visits before arriving back at the hotel.

Wednesday, May 7: After breakfast, we head for Quarryhill Botanical Garden, one of the best Asian botanical gardens in the world. With 25 acres of mature, flowering trees and shrubs, including magnolias, dogwoods, maples, birches, roses, lilies and rhododendrons, the garden is laced with paths and hidden places to sit and relax while surrounded by ponds, waterfalls, and lovely vistas. Next stop is Cline Cellars for a picnic lunch amid the gardens. Thousands of rose bushes

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GOING WILD WITH NATIVES

Larval Hosts

By Susan Krzywicki

We all love to see butterflies in our gardens. They are a delight, and an indicator of garden health. But butterflies come from caterpillars, and caterpillars sometimes don't seem like such a boon. Ignore this part of the cycle of life though, and you wind up with a garden that is like a Saturday night party – next morning your friends are all gone.

Keeping in mind garden practices that encourage larvae is more like raising a family: you give them the best start in life, allow them to eat their way through adolescence, chewing up the house, then they finally burst into full adulthood and move down the street and come to visit frequently. And then they have children and it starts all over again.

Using nectar-rich plants is akin to offering great party food. It is abundant, varied, fun and festive. Like party-goers, most butterflies can find nectar in a wide range of choices. Their larvae, though, may be fussier eaters. The critical need is for specific plants that provide the co-evolved food solutions. Many butterflies may have only one or two host plants.

The relationship between monarch butterflies (*Danaus plexippus*, shown above) and the milkweed plant (*Asclepias* species) is well-known. The photo here is of a monarch landing on an *Asclepias* at the 2013 California Native Plant Society Plant Sale. The monarch spotted it, fluttered on over, and was already laying eggs within two hours of the plant's arrival at the site. Pretty fast work.

What we sometimes forget is that the caterpillars are actually going to consume much of the foliage on the individual plants. That plant may therefore not be a "front row" specimen that you would want to focus on.



In very naturalistic gardens, this cycle of life is celebrated. In more manicured gardens, we need to plant these larval host plants in spots that encourage feeding while not distracting from the overall look.

Here are a couple examples of butterfly and plant relationships: California tortoiseshell (*Nymphalis californica*) and *Ceanothus* species: a dusky orange beauty that hosts on the California Lilac; it is so beautiful to see the adults as they are in strong contrast to the cobalt bloom. Pipevine swallowtail (*Battus philenor*) loves the *Aristolochia* species. The pipevine is almost all black, and the caterpillar is black with orange spots. *Aristolochia* is commonly known as the Dutchman's pipe.

So, make sure to get some larval plants in your garden. Native plants provide unparalleled habitat value. As part of our efforts to encourage this full-cycle gardening, the San Diego chapter of California Native Plant Society (CNPS) has hired me as the new Horticulture Program Director. We will be rolling out educational programs, symposia, tours and a database to help all gardeners to use native plants. This sort of communication and connection is important to the San Diego Horticultural Society and CNPS. If you have any ideas or comments, please email me at skrzywicki@cnps.org. I look forward to lots of future collaborations.

Member Susan Krzywicki is a California native plant landscape designer. She is the first Horticulture Program Director of the CNPS San Diego Chapter, chairs the CNPS Gardening Committee, sits on their board, and is co-chair of the local Surfrider Foundation Ocean Friendly Gardens Committee. ♪



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A Very New Volunteer

By Patty Berg,
Volunteer Coordinator

"Lucky Lisa" Brown is a new member who has found joining SDHS to be especially fortuitous. In the three meetings she has attended since joining us in July, Lisa has won door prizes at two. She has also found that our members appreciate her beautiful art; they have purchased her decorative cement leaves by the dozens since she first set up her vendor's table.

By way of giving back, Lisa recently volunteered to help with the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. She found herself assisting drivers with parking on a very hot day on a very narrow lane out in Elfin Forest. Rookie volunteer or not, she guided folks to safe parking during the first fall Santa Ana when fire danger makes it imperative to keep roads accessible for emergency crews. Well done, Lisa!

Lisa grew up in Whittier and came to San Diego for college in 1977. After raising her kids, she enrolled in art classes at MiraCosta

College, where she studied painting, drawing, ceramics and such. Her husband, Steve, is a musician who gives lessons at their home, a business that has thrived for 25 years. They love having folks, including many children, come for a lesson and leave with a little more musical skill and appreciation.

Lisa gardens in Encinitas, where her husband's family has lived for five generations, since the early 1940s. They have three acres that Lisa describes as a "children's paradise," full of huge trees and fields to run in. When her children, Nathaniel and Sarah, were young, the Browns had a huge vegetable garden that provided endless family bonding time in addition to the bounty of food. She says her daughter loved to run through the rows of corn and leap over tomato plants. And just last week Sarah, now 24, surprised Lisa by clearing a plot where the two of them could sow some spinach and lettuce seeds. Knowing that her kids have acquired her love of the earth is the ultimate gardening achievement, Lisa says.

Here's the final word from Lisa: "I never stop marveling at the peaceful world of living plants. But especially the wonder of planting a seed and seeing it sprout a few days later and bearing fruit. A small miracle!" ♪



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6:40 PM – Mia McCarville: Great Veggies to Grow from Starts for your Fall/Winter Garden. It's easy to have a successful garden if you begin with tiny plants (called starts), and this skilled gardener will share her secrets with you. Mia is an organic gardening expert and owns Cedros Gardens; she'll be selling veggie starts.

7:00 PM – Debra Lee Baldwin: How to Make a Bouquet of Wired Succulent Rosettes. For a long-lived and unique bouquet, start with succulent cuttings and a few simple materials. Learn the how-tos from an exceptionally engaging presenter. An award-winning garden photo-journalist, speaker and author, Debra spoke to us in July about "Succulents Simplified," and she'll be autographing and selling her three best-selling books about succulents.

7:20 PM – Julie Harski: Preparing Worm Tea. Worms improve your soil, and using worm tea as a foliar spray or for watering is also an excellent way to keep your plants happy and healthy. Learn how easy it is to make your own. Julie owns The Worms' Way, which provides "quality vermicompost, compost worms and charming birds to local customers;" she'll be a vendor at the marketplace.

7:40 PM – Greg Rubin: Successful Native Landscape Secrets. There are some simple tricks to getting natives off to a great start and keeping them looking lovely, and this expert shares his experience with us. Greg owns California's Own Native Landscape Design, and has designed over 600 native landscapes in San Diego. He is co-author of *The California Native Landscape*, and will be signing and selling books.

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By Jim Bishop and Susi Torre-Bueno

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During this month of Thanksgiving it seems especially appropriate to say THANK YOU SPONSORS and ADVERTISERS for allowing us to achieve our goals and give back to the community. Therefore, we are asking each member who contacts one of these fine businesses to make a point of thanking them for their financial support of SDHS. Shopping at and/or using the services of our sponsors and advertisers is the perfect way you can show them that their donation dollars have been well-spent. **You can thank them at the Nov. 11th Holiday Marketplace, too!**

The individual and family membership dues alone do not provide enough income for us to:

- provide exciting meetings with professional speakers
- publish a 24-page monthly newsletter
- install an award-winning display garden at the San Diego County Fair
- give three annual \$1000 college scholarships
- present two \$100 Science Fair awards
- award \$1000 in cash prizes at the San Diego County Fair Flower and Garden Show

We are proud that we can make these meaningful contributions (and many others) to the local horticultural community, as they represent tangible ways in which we help others to succeed.

So... how exactly is the money from the advertisers and sponsors supporting SDHS? The newsletter advertising revenue pays much of the cost of producing the newsletter. And our 45 sponsors (listed on page 11), pay more in their dues than over 200 regular members! Visit our website Sponsor page (<http://sdhort.org/SponsorList>) to see our sponsors' logos, business descriptions, contact information, and any discount they offer members.



Saturday, November 2nd

Considering fall and winter as prime gardening months would be scoffed at in many parts of the United States, but not in San Diego, with its Mediterranean climate characterized by mild-to-cool wet winters, and warm-to-hot dry summers. The *Fall Planstravaganza!*, held at the Water Conservation Garden from 9am-4pm on Saturday, November 2, 2013, helps San Diegans make the most of the region's fall-to-spring planting season and save water while they do it.

The event boasts the most diverse drought-tolerant plant sale in San Diego County. Retailers and growers will sell shrubs, trees, perennials, succulents and more, making the event one-stop shopping for fall and winter gardening essentials. Plants that get into the ground during our mild fall planting season will reward gardeners with strong root systems that allow the plants to put on their best show in the spring.

This year, visitors can preview a newly constructed exhibit: the Dorcas E. Utter Butterfly Pavilion, which is scheduled to come alive with butterflies in early spring 2014. Team Butterfly will be on hand to answer the public's questions about how to create a butterfly garden, how to become a Team Butterfly volunteer, and how to become a Friend of the Butterflies. The Garden hopes to inspire event-goers to create a butterfly garden of their own and will offer a workshop during the event on the subject.

Other gardening know-how at the event include:

- Ask the Experts booths open throughout the day.
- Experts on making compost, growing cool season veggies, drought-tolerant gardening and arbor care will be on hand to answer questions for the public.
- Water agencies will provide information on generous rebate programs that assist homeowners in converting their landscapes to be more water-wise.
- As an added bonus, visitors can schedule a private, 20-minute landscape design consultation with a design professional at the event for just \$15. Visitors can bring photos of their current landscape and get feedback on how to create a landscape of their dreams. **Reservations for this service are highly recommended by calling 619-660-0614, x10.**

The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market located near The Garden, will feature organic produce and specialty food booths that will delight the most discerning foodies. Plus, visitors can pick up holiday gifts in The Garden's gift shop that will feature unique garden-inspired treasures, and the Garden membership booth will offer specials exclusive to the event.

Admission to the *Fall Planstravaganza!* is \$2, and FREE to Garden members and children 12 years and younger. Workshops and all activities throughout the day are included with admission (unless specified), and parking is free. A complete program is available at www.thegarden.org/plants.



We were delighted to see our 2008 Horticulturist of the Year, Chuck Ades, at the October meeting. He was selling the exceedingly rare *Ficus dammaropsis* (Dinner Plate Fig), which is extremely hard to propagate. To purchase one contact Darrell Ades at A&G Nursery, (760) 410-0400.



MY LIFE WITH PLANTS

By Jim Bishop

This is a continuing series of articles that chronicle Jim Bishop's experiences with plants and the effect they have had on his life.

Welcome to Coastal Southern California, A Gardening Paradise

Having moved from the Bay Area to Encinitas in October 1983, I soon learned that owning a house was a lot more work than I had anticipated. I bought a house so I would have a place to garden, but did almost no gardening the first year. Even though the house was only four years old, it required a lot of work to make it my own. I spent most of my time and money on interior improvements, but still tried to keep the outside looking OK.

Growing up in the South and Midwest, I'd never lived anywhere that required irrigation. To save money, I watered as little as possible, but without water the backyard Bermuda lawn soon turned brown (but somehow survived). I bought a rotary manual push mower and string trimmer to keep my parched lawn looking nice.

All of the houses in my subdivision had been landscaped with the same handful of plants used over and over: most prominent were the *Melaleuca quinquenervia* planted in every front yard. The front of my house was framed by six of these monsters, three on one side and three on the far side of the driveway. I recognized this as the same invasive Australian tree found in the Florida Everglades, responsible for drying up acres of land and ruining native habit. How could this swamp tree be also well suited for dry Southern California? These were odd looking trees: why did they grow up and then hang down? And what was with the weird bark? Why didn't the leaves decompose? Still, I liked the pale yellow flowers each autumn. Over the years, many of my neighbors topped their melaleucas, which only made the trunks grow thicker and more ghost-like.

Each house also had a *Ficus benjamina* planted next to the front entrance. I only knew this tree as a difficult houseplant. Most of my neighbors wisely removed them over time. I left mine for too long, and the roots eventually uplifted the walkway and concrete landing in front of the house and encased (and finally squashed) the sprinkler manifold. The other heavily-used landscape plants were Indian hawthorn (*Rhaphiolepis indica*), agapanthus, pittosporum, juniper, African iris, and tons of iceplant and ivy. I guess many of my neighbors were, like me, from somewhere else, since many had added odd plants that never do well in San Diego, like Leeland Cypress, birch trees, Japanese maples, and even a very lost looking blue spruce. The more adventurous had added tree ferns, geraniums, roses, camellias, sycamores, hibiscus, Italian cypress, acacias, palms, and eucalyptus.

I was very proud that my front landscaping did not include a lawn. However, it did include a *Schefflera pueckleri* planted right next



Jim's backyard in 1984 before improvements.

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to the house, a row of mildew-prone *Nandina domestica* along the front walkway, a misshapen black pine, hedged *Asparagus densiflorus* 'Sprengerii', lots of trailing pink-flowered ice plant, and trailing yellow gazania. The previous gardener had trimmed all the trees and shrubs – including the African Iris – into balls and lollipops. A dry streambed of very out of place black lava rock ran diagonally across the front yard.

I was unfamiliar with most of the plants and trees in San Diego and set out to learn more. I would visit public gardens, hotels, and nurseries on weekends. I subscribed to *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Sunset* magazine. I borrowed a coworker's *Sunset Western Garden* book and learned I was in zone 24, one of the most temperate zones in the U.S. On first read, I didn't like the lack of plant photographs, but eventually bought my own copy and read it from cover to cover. I joined the American Horticultural Society, and got mail order seed and plant catalogues. In spring, I visited the flower fields in Carlsbad. In the 80's they were twice as big as they are today, continued further inland, and the hills they grew on were much steeper. It was here that I saw my first South African bulb flowers: freesia, ixia, watsonia, tritonia, and sparaxis. I was slowly making a mental list of plants I wanted to grow... but still overwhelmed by the plants from so many places.

In August 1984, my family met up in Washington State for a vacation. We took day trips to the Cascades and Canada. We visited Butchart Gardens in Victoria and the public parks in Vancouver. It was here that I realized how much I missed gardening. Returning home, I started putting together a plan to landscape the backyard. I would make many mistakes... but got a few things right. My life of gardening by trial and error had begun.

Jim Bishop is President of San Diego Horticultural Society and a Garden Designer. 🌿

SCHOOL GARDEN CONTEST

**Tell Your
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Edible San Diego (ESD), a quarterly magazine bringing San Diego a timely and intimate view of local food and drink in San Diego, is sponsoring a school garden contest during the 2013-2014 school year. The contest is open to any type of elementary school (K through 6), including public, independent, parochial, and charter in San Diego County. Schools are invited to enter to win awards in the following categories:

- Best Nutrition Education-based Garden
- Garden With the Best Community Collaboration
- Best Environmental Education-focused Garden
- Overall Best School Garden of the Year

Schools must show how they use their gardens in lessons, how they use the food produced, and how the community participates. Photo documentation and a written description are required as part of the application. *Edible San Diego* is currently seeking sponsors to help fund the cash prizes. To learn more about sponsorship please contact Riley Davenport at riley@ediblesandiego.com.

Each school garden must show successful growth and harvest of at least six different produce items during the 2013-2014 school year; and the produce from the garden must be used in the cafeteria or in another on-site cooking/dining/tasting venue at least four times during the school year. Entrants must present a plan for on-going maintenance, and funding and expenditures information must be provided. The entry form must be signed by the garden's adult supervisor and a school administrator.

ESD will provide instructions about photo format, labeling, model release forms, and other information. In addition to photos, entrants must submit a narrative descriptive summary to explain how each school uses the garden for nutrition education and environmental education. ESD will provide some questions to help tailor this summary to show off the garden to best advantage.

Entries will be judged by a committee of representatives from the farming and edible landscape community, an educator, a UC Cooperative Extension certified Master Gardener and a representative of the magazine.

The Overall Best School Garden of the Year award winner will receive a grant to be used for the purchase of garden equipment and materials, etc. Winners of the other three categories will receive smaller cash awards. All winners will be the subject of a story (minimum 3 pages) in the Fall issue of the magazine. All of the funds will be awarded to the winners and not used for contest expenses.

To participate, schools must submit a Participation Form by April 15, 2014 (submit online at www.ediblesandiego.com). An application with photos documenting how the requirements are met and a short narrative description must be submitted by May 1, 2014. Application information will be made available soon.

ESD will announce the contest in the Winter 2013 issue of the magazine, and the winners will be announced in the Fall 2014 issue (September 2014, back-to-school time). The Participation Form is online at www.ediblesandiego.com. ☞



KATE SESSIONS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

November 9th in Balboa Park

Join the fun On Saturday, November 9th, at the free annual salute to the Mother of Balboa Park, famous horticulturist Kate Olivia Sessions, on the occasion of her birthday. Von Marie May, noted cultural landscape historian, will speak on Sessions' life and work. Additionally, Von Marie May is an authority on the Marston Gardens.

The celebration will be held at the Marston House Museum and Gardens, 3525 Seventh Avenue, San Diego 92103. The program and birthday cake will commence at 11:00 am (ending at 2:00 pm). Plan

a walk through the park area planted by Sessions, and visit her statue. Enjoy half-price tours of Marston House and Marston Garden. Jim Zimcik's hybrid geraniums will be offered for sale.

This event is hosted jointly by SOHO, Friends of Balboa Park and San Diego Floral Association. No reservation necessary. Questions? Call the SDFSA office at 619-232-5762. ☞



Meredith French

HELP BRING NATIVE PLANTS AND BIRDS TO BIRD PARK

By Lucy Warren

Where: Bird Park is the extreme northeast corner of Balboa Park, located at the intersection of Upas, Pershing Drive and 28th Street in North Park

When: Friday, November 1, 2013

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Dress: Work clothes, gloves, trowels

This is an exciting opportunity to help Balboa Park and the City of San Diego to accomplish the first formal planting of native plants in this high-profile location. Bird Park is a neighborhood park for North Park, with vistas to downtown and the ocean. It is a six-acre site in the shape of a giant bird. This project is a major step in replanting the park with native plants, which should help to attract native birds.

Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren will give instruction on planting native plants at 9:00 am. The volunteers will help with planting and mulching the area. Many of the holes will be started. The project includes over 500 plants.

Sponsored by Friends of Balboa Park in its Waterwise Program for Balboa Park, this is an ongoing project. We hope that some of our volunteers will be interested in continuing to help on an ongoing basis, assisting the park staff to maintain and further develop this effort.

To sign up please contact Marlene Williams, Director of Volunteer Activities for Friends of Balboa Park, at info@friendsofbalboapark.org or 619-232-2282. ☞

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We encourage our 1300+ members to be active participants and share in the fun; to volunteer see page 2. **A warm hello to these new members:**

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HORT BUCKS ARE GREAT!

Kudos to these members whose friends joined in 2013; they earned Hort Bucks worth \$5 towards name badges, garden tours, dues and more! To get your Hort Bucks ask your friends to give your name when they join.

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Transitions at SDBG

By Liz Rozycki

Fall is traditionally the time for transitions. We transition to shorter, cooler days. We transition to growing cool season flowers and vegetables. Here at SDBG we are having one of our biggest transitions ever. Our Director of Horticulture, Dave Ehrlinger, has retired, and we are transitioning to our new Director, Paul Redeker.

Dave's tenure began in 2002, when the garden was still transitioning from a county park. He arrived to a park that was a quaint local hidden gem. The staff was small and focused on



maintaining the botanic collections started by Ruth Larabee and continued by the County Park botanists. Since then the collections that were hoarded back in the nursery have been planted out, increasing the taxa in the garden to over 4000. Quail was well on its way to becoming a world-class botanic garden.

To complement the interesting plants being put on public display, the gardens were renovated, often going from bare dirt to fully landscaped gardens. California Gardenscapes was renovated with upscale interpretive signage. The South African, Central American, and eventually the Mexican Garden, were all created, with full color interpretive signs enhancing most of them.

Interpretive signage was a hallmark of Dave's tenure here. He pursued grants to underwrite the new signs that did much to enhance the visitor experience. The full color signs with interesting graphics highlight the ornamental qualities of the garden's plants. Another hallmark of Dave's directorship was to increase the Garden's relevance to the surrounding region. Water wise gardens were promoted, as were fire safe landscapes. And recently SDBG joined the Center for Plant Conservation to work to preserve our endangered regional plants.

One might think that our transition to a world-class garden was complete with the opening of the Hamilton Children's Garden and our name change to the San Diego Botanic Garden. But, like most pinnacles achieved, there is always the next one to

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A brand new tour to New England is now open for reservations. "Boston to Bar Harbor," from July 25 to August 1, explores public and private gardens at the height of summer. The group will visit gardens in the Boston area before roaming north to Maine, with stops at Boothbay Harbor and Bar Harbor. This region has been a refuge for old New England families for generations, and many of the summer homes have magical gardens that were designed to capitalize on the relatively short summer season. The photo shows the Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boston. Some formerly private estates are now public gardens, but others are still occupied by the families that own them, making them among the most rarely seen of gardening gems.



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climb. As Dave retires from his successful career, SDBG welcomes Paul Redeker as the new Director of Horticulture. Paul brings his expertise from the Water Conservation Garden in Rancho San Diego. He will be a part of expanding efforts towards the construction of a new Education and Events Pavilion, increasing plant collections, enhancing existing exhibits, and cultivating native plant conservation efforts.

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The question for November was:

How has your garden fared during this long, hot summer and what have you done (in addition to extra watering) to help it survive?

Lorie Johansen swapped plants for solar power: We removed part of our garden. As you can see by the before photos, there were many succulents to remove to prepare for the photovoltaic installation. Naturally, these plants had the most ferocious spines and glochids. Two months later, I am still removing them! The plants went to a new home in the neighborhood, creating a fire-resistant landscape that was previously an acre of fire hazard.



Lorie's garden before solar array.



Lorie's new solar array.

Candace Kohl's garden was happy: My garden did just fine without any extra care this summer. That is a good thing, since I was traveling most of the time and couldn't monitor things myself. Sometimes less care is best.

Katrin Utt did some amending: I mulched, mulched and mulched and then I mulched again! My plants loved it and did fine.

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Ellen McGrath-Thorpe planned in advance: Before I had surgery on 8/1, I really got the garden in great condition. Since then, the garden has been growing by leaps and bounds with benign neglect and no extra water, in fact less water than usual! All I can think is the Great God of Gardens is watching out for me and my garden!

Tandy Pfost is a tough-love gardener: I only spot watered a little extra. The irrigation only runs two times a week. I have decided that if a plant is water needy it just might have to go away. It was also time to add another thick layer of mulch.

Christy Woodbridge has a helper and upgrader: I didn't do anything. Had total knee replacement in early summer, so my husband was on watering duty. He is currently re-working/upgrading the entire landscaping to drip (drip and micro-sprinklers). We have an 18-station irrigation controller for our 2/3-acre property.

Carol Bain Wilson has a reminder for future hot spells: At the Mission Hills Garden Club meeting last week, Tiger Palafox suggested that we NOT water during the day when plants look stressed from the Santa Ana winds. Early morning watering can be taken up by the plants, but they are too stressed in midday to absorb water and they drop more.

Carol Costarakis' garden fared quite well: We hand watered for the most part. We have just entered into a new watering mode: an operational automated watering system and irrigation people on board for 3 days.

Al Myrick also has a happy garden: We call our place the Darwinian Wilderness! I am the Drip System (nothing automatic). Only when a few of the very vulnerable plants cry out do I give extra water. We are north-facing, on a canyon, with heavy canopy cover, including a small conifer forest, a dozen native trees, and a number of giant blue gum eucalyptus. Mostly everything did well.

Marilyn Wilson provided extra shade: One new camellia apparently didn't need as much sun as it was getting. So I positioned a large trashcan to shade it until it's better established. Problem solved.

Louise Anderson nurtured her veggies: I actually got a few nice tomatoes. To help? Weed, weed, weed.

Gerald D. Stewart notes that: The garden fared well, with the exception of a *Pittosporum tenuifolium* cultivar – 'Jessica's Gold' – that croaked overnight during the one and only heat wave. He looks at losses like this as ongoing tuition at the University of Gardening, learning what will and won't live in the various microclimates on the property. Other *Pittosporum tenuifolium* cultivars ('Elizabeth', 'Black Lace', 'Harley Botanica', 'Lmelight', and 'Tandara Gold') have done the same in the past, never to be repurchased. 'Gold Sheen', 'Gold Star', 'Irene Patterson', 'Majorie Channon', 'Moonlight', 'Silver Sheen', and 'Wrinkled Blue' have proven to be sturdier. Some plants, like *Lantana* 'Greg Grant', are covered with shade cloth in the heat to prevent death. They are in a spot that will eventually be shaded by another plant, so eventually the extra effort will not be needed. While not limiting new plants to known drought-tolerant natives, plants that don't meet expectations are removed. (*Vitex trifolia f. purpurea* 'Fascination' is drought tolerant but grows too vigorously, for example.) There are more desired plants than room on the acre to house them, so if something doesn't like the conditions here, it should die quickly and make room for something that will thrive.

Annie Urquhart had mixed results: My tomatoes were not that productive even though I bought the more expensive Mighty 'Mato' Tomato at \$15.99. While I was away for two weeks, I just used the dripper on everything else and we had enough humidity, thank goodness.

Mia McCarville had enough food to preserve: My summer was spent canning surplus fruits starting in late May with Eva's Pride peaches, Mid Pride peaches, Royal apricot, and Dapple Dandy pluots to name a few. Also, I tried a few varieties of dried beans like Cherokee Trail of Tears, Yellow Eyes, and White Navy. They were the easiest, least time consuming crop in my veggie garden.

Dale Serafin created some shade: Since it is a raised garden bed, I placed a large piece of dark screening over the box. This provided shade during the hot part of the day. I stapled a long piece of wood on each end of the screening, thus allowing easy access to removing and replacing the screening.

Sandra Knowles hand-watered: Mostly been attentive to watering, since we do not have automation here, it really is attention to the plants' needs. The water bill was a little higher this summer compared to last year, but we have had a drier year. Also, I did minimal fertilizing and pruning, saving the majority of these activities until a few months from now.

Judy Keller didn't have the worst heat: I live in the coolest area of the county (Point Loma, between ocean and bay), so I was very lucky. It still was very hot here, but nothing like everyone else had. However, I must add, it's not always lucky here, because if the cloud cover is around it hits us here first and often stays all day. More often than not, I am envious of you all who have the SUN!

Charlotte Getz is pleased with her drip irrigation: We installed Netafim drip irrigation for all our trees and they are on a separate station, which works very well. For the other shrubs, I mulched everything well to keep the roots cool. For the succulents, I use a cactus/succulent mix as a mulch for both potted and in-ground plants. They get watered by drip irrigation. Everything has done well. My roses are ready to go to sleep; very few are blooming now.

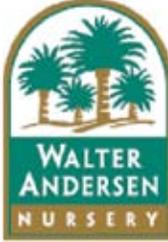
Cindy Sparks had mixed success: In Point Loma it was finally nice and warm, so my tomato was a success. Nothing extra needed, just the heat lovers did better. Squash and melons died, however, and I think I need to check their watering depth more carefully.

Alex Lee changed locations: I moved some potted plants to the shade of the patio!

Ron Hurov's plants are happy: My garden did very well this hot summer. I'm a wild gardener and allow my plants to survive on their own without the help of man. No water, fertilizer, pruning, etc. I usually plant drought tolerant tropical-looking plants that have vasicentric tracheids for their water piping system. (Vasicentric tracheids are the water conducting tissue in the wood near the cambium and have thicker walls and fewer pits than normal tracheids, and are thus a drought survival mechanism in plants of dry areas. For an article about this see www.sherwincarlquist.com/pdf/Vasicentric-Tracheids-as-a-Drought_1985.pdf). I prefer plants that are our ancestral natives and come from North Pacific Asia and Pacific Central America. I also like South African plants. I believe we over-pamper and overwater our plants.

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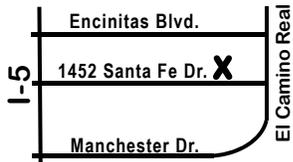
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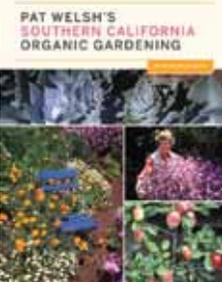
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Vivian Blackstone coped with the heat in several ways: I dug up and moved sensitive plants into pots in the shade. I sometimes watered again in the evening and watered with water I saved several times a day from the kitchen sink. I also saved shower water in buckets. I gathered the dropped leaves under the trees to make a thicker pile of mulch. If the pile gets to high, I rake leaves and put them in the composter.

Diane Scharar watered more than she meant to: My garden did well because I accidentally programmed the water to come on twice, once on schedule A and again on schedule B, which showed me that water does wonders for dry plants.

The question for December is:

What are the top 3 things on your garden "to do list" for 2014, and why?

Send your reply by November 5 to newsletter@sdhort.org.

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to control every aspect of my being!" He feels that some landscape architects who "see landscape simply as a support for architecture sometimes miss this – that we get to work with plants, that we're dealing with a living world of beautiful, imperfect things." (*Landprints*)

You can see photos of two of Trainor's gardens in the July 2008 issue of Pacific Horticulture magazine, available free online at <http://tinyurl.com/novtrainor>; and the January 2011 issue: <http://tinyurl.com/novtrainor2>.

We welcome a new columnist this month: member Carol Buckley is Assistant Librarian at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library in La Jolla, as well as a freelance writer, editor, and poet. She is an informal student of plants and gardening. 🌿

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opening of the Westgaard pass to automobile traffic.

I encourage you to look around at the trees you see everyday. Perhaps there is one that deserves to be on your city's Heritage tree list. If you city doesn't have such a list why not start one?

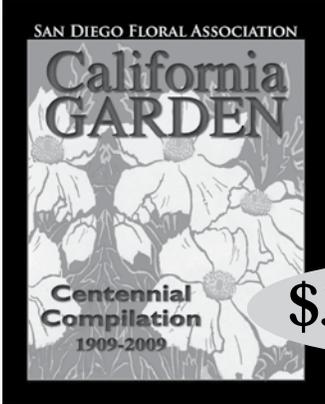
Member Tim Clancy is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist #WE-0806A. Tim welcomes comments and questions and can be reached at treemanagers@gmail.com. 🌿

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line the drive to the winery's 1850s farmhouse tasting room. After lunch we'll visit Cornerstone Gardens, an ever-changing series of walk-through gardens showcasing new and innovative designs from seventeen of the world's finest landscape architects and designers. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the gardens and have time to shop. Another private garden is a likely stop before we arrive at the Glen Ellen Inn for our farewell dinner with wine.

Thursday, May 8: After breakfast, say farewell, or perhaps continue your exploration of the California Wine Country and beyond.

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Fruit tree pruning workshop taught by Patty Berg



OCTOBER 2013 PLANT DISPLAY

By Pat Pawlowski and Susi Torre-Bueno

What is the Plant Display?

Each month members bring in plants, cuttings or flowers and put them in blue bottles on our display tables. What a great way to see what plants grow well in our area. EVERYONE is invited to participate. All plants are welcome. Write descriptions similar to those below, and put them with your plant(s).

Join the fun and bring something to the DECEMBER meeting. We thank those people who brought in plants to show to other members.

THERE WILL BE NO PLANT DISPLAY AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING BECAUSE IT IS OUR HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE. Please bring plants to the December meeting.

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evergreen tree (6'-12' tall and wide), with a light, open crown. Pea-shaped yellow flowers in hanging bunches of 8-30 flowers appear all year, starting when the tree is quite young. From a 1-gallon plant that was planted in the garden in December 2012, the specimen displayed has grown to about 6' tall. Blooming began in September 2013 and has continued since then. (Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/13) – S.T.B.

**Lantana montevidensis PURPLE SPREADING
LANTANA** (Verbenaceae) South America

This strongly-scented, low-growing, evergreen shrub is the BEST (or close to best) nectar plant for dozens of butterfly species and other beneficial insects. Ubiquitous (but non-invasive), and great used as a colorful and easy-care groundcover for full sun. It appreciated very light fertilizing and will grow to about 2' tall with a 6' spread. It is very long-blooming, with a "circular head of several purple to lavender to white funnel-shaped flowers with lobed corollas each nearly a centimeter wide." I call it Butterfly Bouquet. (Pat Pawlowski, El Cajon, 10/13) – P.P.

**Solanum melongena ovigerum ORNAMENTAL
EGGPLANT, EASTER EGG PLANT** (Solanaceae) Asia

A fascinating annual eggplant, this species bears fruit that look like small white eggs (aging to gold)! It has softly downy leaves and lilac flowers. Grows to about 3' tall in full sun, and can produce two dozen fruits per plant. Best grown as an ornamental, the fruits are probably not edible (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mv061>), although some websites say they are edible. Supposed to be easy to grow from seed. (Sharon Lee, Solana Beach, 10/13) – S.T.B.



In addition to the plants described above, those below were also displayed.

What's that in front of the plant name? Plants marked **3** are fully described in the *Plant Forum Compilation*. See www.SDHort.org for details on how to order this valuable reference tool.

Can you spot the phony plant this month? The phony plant in the October newsletter was **xBrassolaeliocattleya** Orange Tangy.

- 3 *Aloysia citrodora*, syn. *A. triphylla* LEMON VERBENA (Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/13)
- x***Amarine* (hybrid of *Nerine* and *Amaryllis belladonna*) (Sheldon Lisker, Sun City, 10/13)
- Cynodes Wine Delight 'JEM' FCC/AOS* (Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/13)
- Cyrtanthus* hybrid (Sheldon Lisker, Sun City, 10/13)
- Hibiscus tiliaceus 'Variegata' VARIEGATED HAUTREE* (Sheila Busch, Escondido, 10/13)
- 3 *Justicia fulvicoma* MEXICAN PLUME (Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/13)
- 3 **x***Laeliocattleya 'G. G. Roebling'* (Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/13)
- 3 *Lippia dulcis* MEXICAN LIPPIA, YERBA DULCE (Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/13)
- Lycopersicon esculentum 'Sun Gold' SUN GOLD TOMATO* (Jane Coogan Beer, Los Angeles, 10/13)
- 3 *Malva viscosa var. mexicana 'Rosea' TURK'S CAP* (Marie Smith, San Diego, 10/13)
- 3 *Muhlenbergia capillaris* HAIRY AWN MUHLY, CLOUD GRASS (Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/13)
- 3 *Odontonema strictum* FIERY SPIKE (Marie Smith, San Diego, 10/13; Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/13)
- Salvia leucantha 'Cotton Velour' MEXICAN PLUSH SAGE* (Garden Lover, San Diego, 10/13)
- Salvia leucantha 'Velour Pink' MEXICAN BUSH SAGE* (Marie Smith, San Diego, 10/13)
- Stapelia* sp. or cv. CARRION FLOWER, GIANT STARFISH FLOWER (Joan Oliver, Encinitas, 10/13)

MYSTERY PLANTS:

Unidentified plant with yellow flowers brought in by Sheila Busch is probably *Kerria japonica 'Pleniflora'*

Unidentified vine (growing from compost) brought in by Susan D'Vincent is probably a passion fruit (*Passiflora* cv. or sp.) ☞

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OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

By Susi Torre-Bueno

For our October meeting we enjoyed a stimulating change of pace with a panel of three local award-winning landscape designers: Ryan Prange, Kendra Berger, and Kate Wiseman. They were each excellent, and the overall presentation was of the highest caliber. They divided up the topic of contemporary trends in landscape design, with Kate (shown here) giving the opening comments about trends, followed by Ryan discussing hardscape and Kendra talking about plants. Each one showed a great many images, and it was valuable to see the same plants used in a variety of settings, and the multiple ways in which wood and concrete can be combined. Susanna Pagan, landscape designer and SDHS board member, introduced the panelists.

Kate Wiseman, of Sage Outdoor Designs (www.sageoutdoordesigns.com), explained how "design trends are a reflection of the times." During stressful times (like these) people prefer calming designs, while in calmer periods the trend is for "more invigorating designs." We're now "coming out of the 'ostentatious' design phase of big, showy designs, and there was a dramatic change when the recession hit a few years ago. Kate noted that folks are now looking for simpler designs with more emphasis on foliage color (versus bright flowers). Designs are getting less cluttered, with more emphasis on textures, especially softer foliage textures. Patterns in hardscape are getting simpler and more geometric as people become "more interested in form and shape instead of bling." Gardens are more open, with fewer accessories and more rustic materials that are coarser and less refined, such as reclaimed wood and paths made of gravel and decomposed granite. Sustainability is more of a focus, with less (or no) lawn, use of edible plants integrated into the landscape, and more emphasis on comfort. "We are indulging our nostalgia by including... found objects" in the garden.

Ryan Prange, of Falling Waters Landscape (www.fallingwatersweb.com), addressed the current trends in hardscape and materials, noting that people are "wanting to have simpler and more useable landscapes." Wood is being used more, especially reclaimed wood. Concrete is usually seen in its basic grey color, and it is used to delineate spaces. He's seeing it broken up with "green joints" of narrow planted strips, or pebbles between the joints. Asymmetrical designs are more modern, and straight-edged hardscape can be softened with plants. Combine wood with steel and concrete to create interest, and build your hardscape to a human scale. The trend is to create an outdoor den as a "hangout spot" with color coming in mainly from things like fabric cushions. Ryan suggests "creating an identity for the space" and using candles and Christmas lights; provide a heat source such as a fireplace and/or blankets. For water elements, he's also seeing more designs with raised pools and natural-looking and smaller pools, with solar heating and integrated lighting.

Kendra Berger, of Revive Landscape Design (www.revivelandscape.com), spoke about "trending plants for 2013," and gave out a list which can be found on our website at <http://tinyurl.com/KendraB>. She also arranged for Green Meadow Growers to provide



Kendra's display of grasses

Elizabeth Segil

a beautiful tabletop display of many different ornamental grasses. She says the trend is for "eco-friendly gardens that are simple and refine." Her clients are requesting gardens that have low-water needs, are fairly easy to maintain, and easily adaptable. Kendra went on to show images of about two dozen plants in a variety of landscapes, with a wealth of images of each species. The plants fall into five categories. Australian natives she especially likes include *Acacia stenophylla*, Shoe String Acacia, for its simple clean lines and airy canopy; this is also one of the few trees you can plant very close to a wall. Another notable Aussie is *Agonis 'Jervis Bay After Dark'*, with very dark burgundy foliage and a columnar form. Among the New Zealand natives she showed was *Phormium 'Black Adder'*, which grows to 4' tall and wide and holds its strap-like burgundy foliage color well and has a nicely arched form. We also saw a variety of plants from South Africa, a number of ornamental grasses (*Festuca amethystina* 'Superba' is a winner!), and some dramatic succulents. Another trend is mixing succulents with ornamental grasses.

Many thanks to this trio of exceptional designers for their thoughtful presentations. You can borrow the video of this talk at the video loan table at our meetings.

OOPS! We apologize for omitting the photo credits for the October newsletter cover and the images on the inside front cover, which were graciously supplied by the October panelists. Front cover, garden designed by Kendra Berger, photo by Lori Brookes (www.loribrookes.com). Inside front cover, garden on the right designed and photographed by Ryan Prange, Falling Waters Landscape; garden on the left designed by Kate Wiseman, Sage Outdoor Designs, photo by Ed Gohlich. 🌿



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Jim Bishop

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