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New Member Orientation



Barbara Raub

New members are invited to our next New Member Orientation on December 2nd at the extraordinary home and garden of Susan & Frank Oddo. The planter above is an example of the fun garden art you'll be seeing nestled among an exceptional collection of succulents and other plants. **Be sure to register when your invitation arrives. Email any questions to sdhspresident@gmail.com.**

November Featured Garden

Date:

November 25

Time:

10am to 2pm

Location:

Escondido



Cathy Carey

The next Featured Garden is at Cathy Carey's exciting garden and fascinating artist studio near Lake Hodges in Escondido. Learn about Cathy's art at www.artstudiosandiego.com.

Details will be emailed to members in your monthly eblast, and are also on our website, where you'll be able to register:

<http://sdhort.org/FeaturedGarden>

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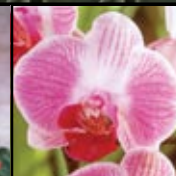
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SAN DIEGO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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 – 9:00 Announcements, Hot Hort Picks, door prizes, speaker

MEETINGS & EVENTS IN 2012 & 2013

November 25	Featured Garden, Escondido
December 10	Debra Prinzing on Slow Flowers: Follow Your Flowers from Field to Vase
January 14	Dylan Hannon on Exotic Bulbs for Southern California
February 11	Tom Carruth on Just for the Smell of It
March 1-3	Spring Home/Garden Show
March 11	Paul Isley on Growing on Air: Amazing Tillandsias
April 6	SDHS Spring Garden Tour in Poway

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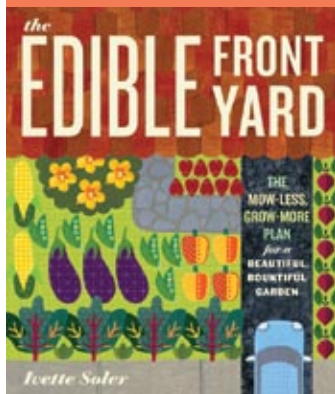
COVER IMAGE: The front yard of Freeland and Sabrina Tanner in Napa, CA, is a model of what an edible front yard can be. Learn how you can create similar excitement at home from our November speaker. (Photo: Rebecca Sweet)



Design Guidelines for Creating a Successful "Integrated" Edible Front Yard

A Special Evening with fascinating IVETTE SOLER

Monday, November 12, 7:00PM (doors open 6:00 pm)
Surfside Race Place, Del Mar Fairgrounds



Hear from the vibrant **Ivette Soler** (aka The Germinatrix) about how **you** can transform your front yard into a beautiful *and* productive landscape! Ivette will have you re-thinking how to use this most visible part of the garden. Her passion is **"creating edible gardens with curb appeal."** She's an exciting garden designer, blogger, popular speaker and author. Her gorgeous book, ***The Edible Front Yard***, will be available for sale. Come early and shop with our vendors!

Seating is Limited - \$15/members, \$20/non-members
Reserve your seat **TODAY** at <http://tinyurl.com/nov2sol>

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2013 SPRING GARDEN TOUR MAKING GREAT PROGRESS

By Dannie McLaughlin

Our 2013 garden tour will be held on April 6 in Poway. The planning committee includes Linda Bressler, Cheryl Leedom, Martha Pehl, Barbara Raub, and Roy Wilburn. We have already scheduled some fabulous gardens, among them an award winning native garden, an award winning succulent garden, an award winning palm/cycad garden, a fabulous organic veggie garden, and a lovely cottage garden. Watch this space for future updates!

If you would like to have us visit your Poway garden, please contact tour coordinator Dannie McLaughlin at drdannie@roadrunner.com. I'll 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.

Want to get in on the fun early? Volunteer now to help with: garden selection, event logistics, publicity, organizing musicians and artists, signage and map preparation, plant ID, ticket sales strategy, etc. The time commitment is very varied, and some tasks involve just a few phone calls, while others will keep your organizational skills well-honed. Contact Patty Berg for more details at pattyberg@gmail.com. ☛



Award-winning garden designed by Linda Bressler will be featured on the tour.

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

Wanted! Website Calendar Updater for PR Committee:

Here's a great task for someone who likes to help from home. We need someone to post the upcoming SDHS events to less than ten website calendars. Takes just one afternoon every three months, and an hour or so in between. You only need basic Internet and Excel skills to do this quick but important volunteer job for your SDHS. Contact Susan Oddo at soddod@earthlink.net.

Coordinate Plant Display Table At Monthly Meeting

We are looking for a volunteer to organize and recruit other volunteers to help with the plant display table (see page 13) starting in 2013. For 2012, Susi Torre-Bueno has been organizing the table to highlight one type of plant, usually related to the meeting topic, and finding an expert to staff the table and answer questions. You can continue this in 2013, or come up with new ideas that would encourage member participation. To volunteer please contact Patty Berg at PattyJBerg@gmail.com or 760-815-0625.

Thanks So Much!



Many thanks to Scott Borden for hosting our third Pomegranate & Persimmon Picking at Borden Ranch. Look for photos on our Facebook page. ☛



TO LEARN MORE...

By Ava Torre-Bueno

Food Not Lawns

Turn your front lawn into a productive, water conserving, vegetable garden. You can learn the necessary skills at City College's Seeds at City Garden:

www.sdcity.edu/SeedsAtCity

You can volunteer at the San Diego Peace Garden to learn urban farming skills:

http://sdpeacegarden.org/Peace_Garden/about_us.html

or go to Kitchen Gardeners International for tips and suggestions:

<http://kgi.org/>

Another local group to check out is the San Diego Edible Garden Society:

www.sdedible.org

Here's an article about how folks in Detroit are feeding themselves by farming abandoned properties:

www.slowfooddetroit.org/articles6.html

But be careful! Many municipalities, while trying to cut teacher and firefighter pay, want to spend the money to take you to court and throw you in jail for putting your vegetable garden out front. This story actually has a happy ending:

<http://tinyurl.com/novfront>



But do Google "front yard vegetable garden laws" for a bunch of articles about people all over North America fighting for the right to grow food gardens in their front yards.

If you're going to be in the Washington DC area, you can get a tour of the Whitehouse "front yard" garden:

www.whitehouse.gov/about/tours_and_events/garden

and here's the garden layout:

www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/garden_layout.pdf

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 contact Ava at gardeners4peace@hotmail.com and visit sandiegofriendscenter.org/volunteers.htm. ☘

**Join the fun and bring SHRUBS
to the Plant Display table at the
November 12 meeting.
Expert Marilyn Guidroz
(www.marilynsgarden.com)
will be on hand to answer
your questions.**



FROM THE BOARD

By Jim Bishop

Thanks so much to the Torre-Buenos for hosting the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party at their lovely home and garden in Vista. I know it was a challenge to keep a garden going after the long hot summer. Special thanks also to Patty Berg and Carol Lane for putting the event together. Also, we appreciate all who donated gifts for door prizes. The food, décor and setting were wonderful and everyone had a fun and relaxing afternoon. And of course, a big thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the past year. If you would like to attend next year's party, check out page 2 for volunteer opportunities you can help with – the list gets updated monthly.

Save the Date

November 12th is our annual Special Meeting and once again we have an outstanding speaker. Ivette Soler is author of the bestselling book *The Edible Front Yard*, which tackles the institution of the front lawn and challenges readers to re-think that space, showing how a front yard can become a garden that can feed the body and soul, as well as stop traffic with its beauty. Join us for this very special meeting and be sure to invite your gardening friends to attend. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$20 for non-SDHS members, and free for sponsors. Tickets can be purchased at SDHS events or online at: <http://tinyurl.com/nov2sol>

Do we have your email address?

We have email addresses for all but 56 of our members. If we do not have your email address, you miss out on many membership benefits, such as our monthly email news message, invitations to the monthly Featured Garden, and announcements about upcoming events. Your email address also provides access to the monthly newsletter online (including back issues). Naturally, we never share your email address with anyone. If you have a household, group or business membership, you can add a second person, including their email address, to your membership profile. They will then receive all the same announcements and emails that you receive. To add a second member, login to the website (<http://sdhort.org>) with your email address and password and click on the View Profile link at the bottom of the left side of the screen. And while you are there, take a moment to update your profile with your volunteer interests.

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Be sure and see the box on page 8 for information about how you can apply the Hort Bucks you've received (for referring new members) to your next renewal or paid SDHS event. Referrals are a great way to share SDHS with your friends, while also saving you money. ☘



THE REAL DIRT ON...

By Linda Bresler

Townshend and Katharine Brandegee

Townshend Stith Brandegee and Katharine Layne Brandegee were the most renowned botanical couple of 19th century America. They were responsible for collecting the world's best private collection of plant specimens from the western U.S. and Mexico. They married in San Diego in 1889, and lived here from 1894-1906. They collaborated with Kate Sessions on several plant expeditions, and Townshend was involved with the development of San Diego's City Park (now Balboa Park).

Katharine Brandegee (1844-1920) grew up in northern California and became a teacher. After a short-lived marriage left her a widow, she moved to San Francisco and entered medical school in 1874. During her medical studies she became interested in botany, and in 1879 was appointed Curator of Botany for the California Academy of Sciences herbarium. She established the *Bulletin of the California Academy of Sciences*, which gave Western botanists a means of publishing their findings more quickly and aided the cause of scientific independence. Before the creation of this publication, new plant species were sent to the East Coast to be verified, especially to Dr. Asa Gray at Harvard University.

Townshend Brandegee (1843-1925) was born in Connecticut. Following his engineering and botany studies at Yale University, he was appointed an assistant topographer and botanical collector on the 1875 Hayden Survey, which resulted in years of surveying and botanical work across the West. During his first trip to California he visited the herbarium at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco where he met Katherine. After their San Diego marriage they honeymooned by walking to San Francisco, collecting plants along the way.

Townshend began to specialize in the flora of Mexico and the Southwest, and was one of the first plant collectors to explore Baja California. Over the five-years of his Mexico expeditions, he established himself as the leading authority on the plants of Baja and the islands in the Sea of Cortez. He began to publish his own species instead of sending the plants to other experts for botanical description, and he discovered and named some 225 plants of Baja. On one expedition to Baja, Kate Sessions went with Townshend. They discovered a new palm tree, which was named *Erythea brandegeei*. The cactus *Echinocereus brandegeei* is shown above (photo by Peter Mansfeld).

To be closer to Mexico and Southern California, the Brandegees moved to the Banker's Hill area of San Diego in 1894, where they assembled the richest private herbaria in the United States. As they got older, the Brandegees decided to return to San Francisco. They donated their huge botanical collections and library to U.C. Berkeley; this donation added 76,000 specimens to the university collection and immediately gave the collection world-class status. The Brandegees continued their independent scientific lives until they died, and are honored in the names of about 120 plants.

For further information on the Brandegees, please consult an excellent article by Nancy Carol Carter in the Fall 2011 issue of *Eden: Journal of the California Garden & Landscape History Society* (www.cglhs.org/files/eden_vol14_no4.pdf).

Linda Bresler is a Landscape Designer living in Poway. She specializes in drought-tolerant, low maintenance designs that provide four season beauty.



BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Caroline McCullagh



Farmers' Almanac for the Year 2013

Paul Geiger, Philom., Editor

My friend and co-author, Richard Lederer, handed me a small magazine one day. Richard is definitely a non-gardener, so I was surprised to see that I was holding a copy of *Farmers' Almanac*. Richard explained that he is a

contributing editor.

The entire title is a mouthful: *Since 1818, Farmers' Almanac for the Year 2013 Being the first after bissextile, or leap year, and until the Fourth of July, the 237th year of the Independence of the United States*. This is probably one of the oldest magazines in America. I had heard of it before, but I had no idea it was still publishing. Did you?

It's packed full of interesting information, including farming, gardening, and homemaking tips. Richard's contribution is an article entitled "A flower is a flower or is it?" He wrote a similar article for *Let's Talk Plants* in the January 2012 issue. He also has a second article: "The Real Reason Animals are Not Allowed in Restaurants." I suspect that most of the other humor comes from him, too.

But wait, folks. There's more. Want to know how to have silky smooth legs? It's in there. How to keep bees for fun and profit? Yep. Next year's weather? The winter's going to be milder than normal with average precipitation. The summer will be warm and dry. This magazine has a little bit of everything.

I was curious about the title carried by the editor and managing editor: Philom. It turns out that is an honorary title used by many editors of almanacs including Benjamin Franklin who wrote under the pseudonym Poor Richard, Philom. The abbreviation stands for "philomath" or "lover of learning."

The weather articles are done by Caleb Weatherbee, the pseudonym of the person or persons who have been creating the predictions since the beginning. The magazine website claims that they are 80-85% accurate.

I've always thought of *Farmers' Almanac* as being most famous for its instructions on when to plant and harvest and it still provides that information. It also has schedules for the best days to fish, hunt, set eggs, bake, brew, cut hair, wean babies, and wash windows, among many other activities. They explain how they decide on these dates with an article of astrology and astronomy. Both are in play here. And there are a myriad of other articles, humor, recipes, and scientific information. Even the ads are interesting.

Farmers' Almanac (ISSN: 0737-6731) is available in many chain stores such as Barnes & Nobel, K Mart, Target, and Walmart, as well as many other stores for \$5.99, or you can get a three-year subscription for \$16.99. You can also find it at www.FarmersAlmanac.com. Their website is definitely worth checking out.



TREES, PLEASE

By Tim Clancy

Basic Diagnosis Techniques

The two most frequently asked questions of many arborists are: "Does my tree need to be pruned," and "When is the best time to prune my tree?" These questions can be easily answered when there is a valid diagnosis of the problem to be fixed. To make a valid diagnosis requires some basic information.

First, it is important to know what species of tree you are dealing with. Once the species is identified further information can easily be learned. What is the typical shape of the tree at maturity? Is it pyramidal or round? What are the known height and spread of the mature tree? When does it flower? Does it flower on new wood (i.e. Jacaranda, *Jacaranda mimosifolia*) or old wood (i.e. Coral tree, *Erythrina caffra*)? Much of this information can be found in the *Sunset Western Garden Book* under the species description. Sunset also publishes a pruning guide that has some information about flowering times for many trees and shrubs.

Once the basic information has been gathered it's time to go to work. I like to look at the tree from a distance to see if it is growing in the shape that it's genetically programmed to grow into. It is possible to change the shape of the tree with pruning, but to maintain this new shape more frequent pruning will be required because the tree's genes are hard at work to make it grow into a preprogrammed shape. Topiary and bonsai (above) are good examples of pruning methods that can alter the shape of a tree. Both require copious amounts of attention to maintain the desired size and shape.

After looking at the overall tree shape, the next order of business is to look for what is referred to as the "demons of D:" branches that are dead, diseased or dying. Also, look for branches that are growing toward the center of the tree and/or ones that closely cross over other branches. These crossover branches can create a situation where the branches make contact and the tree self-wounds. Any of these branches can be removed using the crown cleaning treatment. (Discussed in the September 2012 newsletter.)

Next, consider clearance issues. Are any branches growing on your house or building? Ants and rats use these branches to reach buildings and wreak their own special brand of havoc. Are any branches blocking pedestrian access (useful in some situations)? Identify any clearance issues and deal with them using one of the previously discussed treatments, usually crown reduction or crown raising.

The above diagnostic techniques address 95% of all tree pruning needs. The key word in the previous sentence is *needs*. Usually anything else is unnecessary, and often results in wasted money or time being spent, and may be harmful to the tree.

A valid diagnosis is a straightforward process in most situations. If you find yourself in need of an arborist, find one who uses the diagnosis process and be sure to ask what will be accomplished if you use one of the recommended treatments to correct the problem.

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PAINTED & GRAFTED SUCCULENTS LOVE 'EM OR HATE 'EM

By Frank Mitzel

Beat Generation poet Allen Ginsberg once said, "Vividness is its own reward." The quote's connotation conjures up brightly colored rainbows and sunset sightings. But, in the case of the succulent photos shown here, nature's living jewels had some artificial help in the way of spray paint.

Brilliantly painted in vivid colors, these floral-quality live echeveria plants are intentionally enhanced strictly for one purpose, to catch your eye and the attention of the curious. That's exactly what these new-fangled plants did for me on a September 2012 visit to the tiny Republic of San Marino (a country landlocked within Italy near the Adriatic coast resort town of Rimini, Italy).



Italian technicolor echeverias

I was curiously drawn to these unusually hued specimens with fantastical colors I had never seen before on any plant, succulent or not. I wondered... were these oddities artificially manufactured of some rubber material or perhaps plastic?

No matter, I was mesmerized, like looking through a kaleidoscope or a beautiful stained glass church window. What possessed the historically inventive and ingenious Italians to hit upon the idea to spray paint these living rose-shaped plants, changing them into colors not normally found in nature? Your guess is as good as mine, but whatever the reason, Italians do have a cutting edge design sensibility for furniture, fashion and fun.

So, not surprisingly, they may have started a new trend in vivid living color for the entire world to awe and enjoy.

Except for one problem: it's likely that the paint is going to cause permanent damage to the health and future growth of these plants, an appalling thought.

After sharing the photograph below of colorfully-capped grafted euphorbias (which I snapped in Sydney, Australia in March 2009), my friend and acclaimed succulent garden writer Debra Lee Baldwin informed me that colorful crested euphorbias were all the rage among certain succulent collectors. Conversely, I suspect some people will be "in a rage" over the painted echeverias seen above.



Grafted euphorbias in Australia

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GOING WILD WITH THE NATIVES

By Pat Pawlowski

A Tale of Two Poppies

Writing a description of something can be a Dickens of a problem. For example, how to explain the yellow-orange color of *Eschscholzia californica*, the California poppy (shown above)? In his novel *East of Eden*, John Steinbeck said it very well: "... splashes of California poppies. These... are of a burning color – not orange, not gold, but if pure gold were liquid and could raise a cream, that golden cream might be like the color of the poppies... These were the flowers of the open spaces exposed to the sun."

I visited the Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve once. Field after field of glistening golden cream flowers. It (together with Steinbeck's description) made me feel that somewhere, someplace in my yard I had to have California poppies. In Fall I chose a sunny area, scattered seed and raked it in very lightly after a few good rains had made my soil more agreeable. However, you can plant them any time, as long as they have some irrigation; but it's best not to try to start them inside because they don't transplant well. (When poppy seed shopping, note that California poppies come in other colors, but to my mind none can compare to those of golden cream.)

In addition to you, others will be captivated by your nectarious, pollen-rich poppies. Beneficial insects like bumble bees, honey bees, hover flies and butterflies will pay your garden a visit. When the poppy pods ripen and toss their small black round seeds hither and yon, birds will stop by, too (make sure to buy enough seed – but after one poppy seed planting, you'll have enough poppies for the rest of your life). California poppies are classified as perennials grown as annuals. If you cut the plants back after their initial display, you can often get a second bloom.

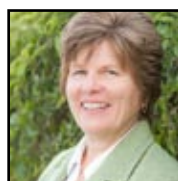
That's the tale of one poppy, which blooms heaviest in Spring and Summer. For Summer through Fall, there is another member of the Papaveraceae that's almost a California native: The Mexican tulip poppy (*Hunnemannia fumariifolia*), native to the highlands of Mexico. It's the brightest of clear yellows – it strikes the eye with sunniness, the color of a yellow magic marker (not as poetic as Steinbeck's account of the California poppy, but seriously accurate, I think). The flower head is chock full of outrageously orange stamens. I saw it first in a vase, on a floral display table of other kinds of flowers, where it blew away all the competition.

And so I had to get that kind of poppy, too. That took a little more doing, but last year a wonderful friend gave me some seed, I tossed it



Mexican Tulip Poppy; Photographed at www.csupomona.edu/~biotrek/BioTrek

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Patty Berg

The Wild Blue Yonder Leads This Volunteer Back Home



After more than 23 years in the Air Force, it is no wonder Carol Lane is so cheerfully efficient. Among her many duties was event planning, and anything short of perfection was unacceptable. After all, the guests were usually VIPs and proper hospitality that was graciously extended could have positive effects on the operations of an entire base. Her assignments took her to Europe twice, as well as to Virginia, where she finished out her career at Andrews AFB. Lucky for SDHS, Carol retired in 2011 and returned home to San Diego, where she was born and raised.

Carol joined SDHS to learn more about plants and to reacquaint herself with what grows well here, but she soon found herself back in familiar terrain, taking on the role of event chair for the Night at the Fair in June. That splendid evening was barely behind her when she took up the clipboard again and started on the 2012 Volunteer Appreciation Party.

Should you assume that being retired means she has time on her hands, you'd be quite mistaken. Carol's days are often busier than ever now that she is the sole caregiver for her elderly mom and dad. And in addition to SDHS, she's a recent graduate of the San Diego Police Department's volunteer RSVP program. Add three kitties to the mix and you know there's not a dull moment!

When she lived in Virginia, Carol enjoyed growing hostas and collected uncommon varieties and cultivars. She loved the tropical milieu they created but gave them up when she returned to San Diego where hostas don't get enough cold to thrive. These days she says she fancies succulents and is having fun exploring the amazing variety they offer.

Carol says, "I think the best thing about gardening in San Diego is the year-round opportunity to have flowers and colorful plants in my garden!" Well said by someone with enough frigid winters in Germany to truly appreciate coming back home again.. 🌱

out in the sun, lovingly scraped it in, and eventually up popped those magic marker poppies. Although poppies are drought tolerant, some of the seeds had fallen near a sprinkler and I think they were happy to get a drink now and then (as am I).

Mexican poppies are perennials, grow 1-2' tall with handsome finely divided gray-green leaves. So you'll have to plant some; but beware of the militant pods to come. Recently I brought some pods in (they had not split yet). Some time later I heard tiny popping sounds, as if a troop of ladybugs were shooting miniscule Colt 45s at the enemy. It turned out that the pods had split open and blasted the seeds all over the kitchen floor. Wow – how cool is that?

We Californians are so blasé about our wonderful native wildflowers; but in yards in England, gardeners grow dizzy with ecstasy when they see our poppies appear.

So, too, should we.

Member Pat Pawlowski is a writer, lecturer/garden consultant who is an avid poppy watcher. 🌱



FALL HOME/ GARDEN SHOW

By Patty Berg

Despite the record-breaking heat wave that engulfed the county in mid-September, thousands of folks ventured out to the Del Mar Fairgrounds to enjoy the 2012 edition of the Fall Home/Garden Show. SDHS was there with a nifty display of edibles and succulent container gardens created by members Tory Monigold and Jason Hunter (pictured here) from Entwined Landscape Design. The Island



Patty Berg

of Edibles was cleverly conceived and beautifully rendered, using well-know garden favorites along with the most unusual and unlikely. Bet you didn't know that *Achillea millefolium* (aka yarrow) was a very popular vegetable in the 17th century and that its young leaves can be used just like spinach. In the terra cotta succulent container gardens, the *Lithops dorotheae* had people doing a double take at the very idea of "living stones."

In addition to the splendid efforts of the Entwined team, many thanks go out to the volunteers who cheerfully staffed the booth and spread the good word about SDHS to all who stopped by. We couldn't have done it without Anne Murphy (shown here), Una Marie Pierce, Susan D'Vincent, Mary Lee, Susi Torre-Bueno, Mary Poteet, Jim Bishop and Scott Borden. Susi and Jim also provided dozens of cuttings that we gave away to visitors, and Borden Ranches generously donated piles of beautiful Angel Red pomegranates to give to our new members who joined at the show. ☺



Patty Berg

8TH ANNUAL FALL GARDEN FESTIVAL AT THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN



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 Garden Festival, held at the Water Conservation Garden from **10am-4pm on Saturday, November 10**, helps San Diegans make the most of the region's fall-to-spring planting season and save water while they do it.

The festival, now in its eighth year, 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.

A potpourri of gardening know-how at the festival includes Ask the Experts booths open throughout the day. Experts on making compost, growing cool season veggies, drought-tolerant gardening and arbor care will be part of the gardening know-how on hand as resources for the public. 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.**

A guest speaker lineup will include a native plant talk by Greg Rubin of California's Own Native Landscape Design, a blueberry growing workshop led by April Bright of the San Diego Edible Garden Society, and Don Axe of Valley View Farm will give a class on making chevre and ricotta cheeses using goat's milk.

Live entertainment, animal encounters, and fun especially for kids are another highlight of the family-friendly Fall Garden Festival. At 10am, Ms. Smarty-Plants™, The Garden's educational mascot, will entertain and educate with her *Magic of Water Show* on the amphitheater stage. Valley View Farm will host a petting zoo with Flemish giant rabbits, goats, and chickens, and will be showing their organically raised turkeys, which visitors can place orders for in anticipation of Thanksgiving celebrations. Crazy hat making, eco-crafts, and face painting will ensure that all ages have a great time at the festival.

New this year, 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, and from the artisans and crafters selling unique and unusual items throughout the day.

Admission to the Fall Garden Festival is \$5, with Garden members and children 12 years and younger getting in free. 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. ☺



MY LIFE WITH PLANTS

By Jim Bishop

This series of articles chronicles Jim's experiences with plants and the effect they have had on his life.

Ostentatious Austin – Part II

Like the south mall, the west mall was originally grass-covered. As part of the 1970s building boom, and with much controversy, it was paved over and raised limestone planters were added. The original design included a large round fountain at the edge of campus. However, by the mid-70s the energy crisis and student protests about the inappropriate use of electricity resulted in shelving plans for the fountain, and instead a large round flowerbed was installed.

After the death of George Washington Littlefield's widow in 1935, the Victorian Littlefield house was donated to the University of Texas. The high-style Victorian house was completed in 1894 at a cost of \$50,000. Besides the beautiful red granite façade with iron verandas, the property is famous for the large Deodar Cedar (or Himalayan Cedar, *Cedrus deodara*), imported from the Himalayas and planted on the property by the Littlefields. The tree is one of the most distinctive on campus, and today is 58 feet tall and nearly as wide. Littlefield even had the soil where the tree was planted dug up and replaced with Himalayan soil.

Across from the Littlefield home are three large pre-Civil War live oaks. All other oak trees in the area were cut down during the Civil War to build a fortress around the capital. Years later, the oaks were to be cut down to construct the Biology Laboratories. Fortunately, Dr. William Battle, for whom the oaks are now named, started a successful movement to relocate the building and save the oaks.

Other notable trees on campus are several tree species that were new to me. There was a small stand of *Ginkgo biloba*, (when I heard they were "living fossils" I hunted them out). Behind one building were two large-leaved *Aesculus pavia*, known as Red Buckeye. These are native to the Southern portion of the US and put on a beautiful spring bloom display. On one side of campus runs Waller Creek. Alongside the creek are many native bald cypress, *Taxodium distichum*. In the courtyard of my dorm were a few evergreen pears (though not evergreen in Texas), that bloomed in late winter. Papershell pecan grew along the street in front of the dorm. Today, UT has about 4900 trees on campus, and it was named "Tree Campus USA" in 2008.

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

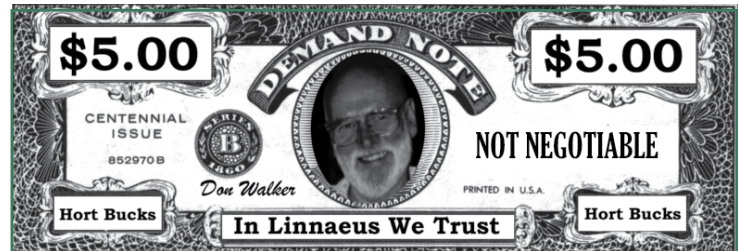


Jim's drawing of the Littlefield house; cedar is on the left.



Bald Cypress cones

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HORT BUCKS EASIER TO REDEEM

By Jim Bishop and Susi Torre-Bueno

In January 2001 the board approved a new member benefit: "Any current member in good standing who brings in a new member will receive a \$5 Hort Buck certificate which can be used towards dues, raffle tickets, or organizational merchandise." The image on the hort buck honors our founding president, Don Walker. On page 10 of the newsletter we list the members who have received hort bucks this year, and we applaud their success in getting friends to join the SDHS.

Currently, when a new member lists on the membership application form the name of the member who referred them, the referring member is mailed a \$5 value hort buck. However, there are few opportunities to use hort bucks at meetings and most members don't remember to bring them. Hort bucks are occasionally used with mail-in membership renewals, but more and more members are renewing online.

To make hort bucks easier to use, the board voted in October to:

- Replace the paper hort buck with a \$5 credit to the referring member's online account. The hort buck value will automatically be deducted from any purchases they make on our website. This includes membership renewals and items ordered at the same time you renew (printed newsletter, Pacific Horticulture membership, name badges, donations, or tree book purchases). You can also use the credit for tickets to our annual Spring garden tour, November special meeting or any workshop. When members log on to the website, their hort buck credit will show up in the lower right corner of the screen with the following format: Balance -\$5.00 (overpayment).

- To redeem your paper hort bucks, simply write your name on the back and either turn it(them) in at the check-in desk at a meeting, or mail it(them) to us (address on top left of page 20). You could also tear it(them) in half, scan or photograph it(them) and email the picture to membership@sdhort.org. We will then credit your online account for the hort buck(s).

- Members who do not have an email address in their account (which prevents them from being able to log into the website) will be mailed paper hort bucks (when a new member list them as a referral on their application) and encouraged to provide us an email address.

We hope you'll continue to encourage your friends to join the SDHS and remind them to put your name on their membership applications so you get the \$5 credit. 🌿



THANK YOU SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS

By Jim Bishop and Susi Torre-Bueno

Their Support Makes a Big Difference!

It takes a lot of help to succeed in a garden – you need plants, seeds, soil amendments, tools, and plenty more. In the same way, our organization needs monetary support to help us succeed, and an important part of the support that the San Diego Horticultural Society receives comes from our sponsors and advertisers. These are the local businesses and organizations whose significant financial contributions help us to achieve many of the things that we do as a non-profit group.

Membership dues alone do not provide enough income for us to:

- provide exciting meetings with professional speakers
- publish a 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 46 sponsors (listed on page 10, and linked at <http://sdhort.org/SponsorList>) pay more in their dues than over 200 regular members! Our updated website also includes our sponsors' logos, business descriptions, contact information, and any discount they offer members.

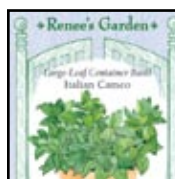
During this month of Thanksgiving, it seems especially appropriate to say THANK YOU SPONSORS and ADVERTISERS for allowing us to achieve our goals and give back to the community. Therefore, we are asking each member who contacts one off these fine businesses to make a point of thanking them for their 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. 🌱



VEG OUT

By Susi Torre-Bueno

Sometimes, especially as the holiday season approaches, we just need a few minutes to reduce the stress of shopping, cooking and generally rushing around. No worries, help is in sight and I've been testing it for a few days and love how it forces me to empty my mind of everything else. The clever folks at Dirt du Jour sent me news that, "Online jigsaw puzzles of gardening scenes should do the trick. The clever folks at Fine Gardening put these brain teasers together." Go to www.dirtdujour.com to sign up for their excellent daily emails about all things garden-related, and go to www.jigzone.com/gallery/Flowers+Gardens to get in on the fun.



TAX-FREE SEEDS AND PLANTS

Member Louise Anderson did some research recently and found that you should NOT be charged tax for certain seeds, fruit trees, or some fertilizer. Here's the details from the California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 6358 (as found on this website: <http://law.oneycle.com/california/taxation/6358.html>):

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More details can be found in this State Board of Equalization publication: www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/pub66.pdf. Seed packet images courtesy of our sponsor Renee's Seeds (www.reneesgarden.com). 🌱



ARE YOU SEEING THESE GORGEOUS SEED PACKETS IN COLOR???

Our monthly eblast has the password for the digital newsletter, featuring all color images and live links. Back issues are also on our website. Over half our members like it so much they get only the digital edition! To switch to the digital edition exclusively send an email saying "online only" to membership@sdhort.org

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

Isaac Argueller	Debra Hunter	Cameron & Sarah Presley
Suzanne Arney	Gayle Monastero	Anne Spindel
Cecilia Goehner	Jean Peccia	Jo-Anna Sutton
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Marianne Hoffman	Roger Pierce	

HORT BUCKS ARE GREAT!

See page 8 for an update on redeeming Hort Bucks. Kudos to these members whose friends joined in 2012; 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.

Jeanne Akin (1)	Marla Keith (1)	Gabriel Mitchell (1)	Kenneth Selzer (2)
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What's Up at

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On November 15, author Dr. Jon P. Rebman, 2011 San Diego Horticulturist of the Year, will give a much anticipated lecture right here at the Garden about the latest and greatest on Baja botany featured in the 3rd edition of *Baja California Plant Field Guide*.

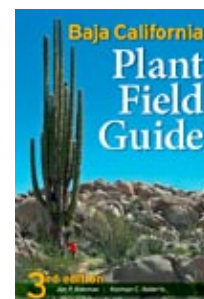
Over 715 different plants in more than 350 genera in 111 families are described in this newest edition, while offering tribute to the late Norman C. Roberts, author of the first two editions. As the definitive work on the plants of Baja California, this title will be of great interest not only to botanists in the peninsula, but also to plant enthusiasts in Southern California, as 50% of the species listed are also found in Southern California and the Sonora desert.

The third edition is updated with three hundred additional plant species and names are given in both English and Spanish. Ethnobotanical information describing the cultural uses of plants has been expanded. For example, the leaves of California Juniper are used in tea, and natives used to eat its bitter berries after drying and grinding them. Endemic plants are identified and discussed, and there are also brief discussions of the uses of many of the plants by both the aborigines and the Baja Californians living there today. Both vegetative and topographical maps are included on the inside covers.

The guide also accounts intriguing and unusual species, including a parasitic plant that dwells inside of other plants and can only be observed when its flowers sprout through the host plant's stem, and another species of plant that is pollinated exclusively by blood-sucking wasps.

Jon P. Rebman holds the Mary and Dallas Clark Endowed Chair, and has been the Curator of Botany at the San Diego Natural History Museum since 1996. He is also the director of the San Diego County Plant Atlas Project and he photographs plants in his free time.

A book signing will follow Dr. Rebman's presentation. For more information please visit www.SDBGarden.org.



MEMBER HAS SIXTY YEAR OLD HOUSEPLANT!

Back in June 2009 our Sharing Secrets question was about members' oldest plants. At that time the most venerable specimen we hear about was 42 years old – not bad! But that record has been beaten. Maxine Levine wrote to me earlier this year with a great story about her special oldie but goodie:

"I have a plant in my living room for the past 60 years. It is a *Spathiphyllum*, commonly known as a peace lily. I was a very young bride trying to make a nice home when I saw several stems in a vase with water in a florist shop. I purchased them. Eventually roots developed and then I planted it in a small pot. Over the years it has been transplanted many times. I have started new plants that I give away. The plant is a family heirloom older than my children and still going strong." ॐ



PACIFIC HORTICULTURE 2013 TOURS

Join SD Hort president Jim Bishop on one of these spring tours:

Tucson – *Gardens & Wildflowers of the Desert Southwest* features terrific public gardens including the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and Tohono Chul Park. We have an exclusive invitation to enjoy wine in the private garden of Pacific Horticulture Society co-founder Dick Hildreth. Tour Manager Scott Borden. Limited to 24 guests, this tour is sure to sell out. March 6-11.

Jim is also going on *Gardens of the Philadelphia Region*, which features some of the nation's top gardens, including Chanticleer, Longwood, Meadowood Farms, Winterthur and Mt. Cuba, plus fabulous private gardens. Limited to 24 guests. Tour Manager Scott Borden. May 20-26.

Also on tap for 2013:

Santa Cruz Island – June 9-14, Limited to 15. The 2012 tour sold out early – don't miss the boat!

Scotland: Castles & Gardens – a delightful romp through the highlands and islands of Bonnie Scotland. July 10-21.

Northern Italy in the fall, details coming soon.

Morocco & Andalucia – already fully booked...sorry!

For more info visit www.pacifichorticulture.org/tours or call 800-976-9497.

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GENEROUS DONATION FOR OUR LIBRARY

Many thanks to member Pat Venolia who generously donated two dozen horticultural books to our library. They were from her father, Everett Greer, who died earlier this year after a long career as a nursery owner. Among the books donated was the three-volume classic *The Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture*, by renowned horticulturist Liberty Hyde Bailey. This extraordinary encyclopedia (your editor cherishes her copy of the 1941 edition) eventually became *Hortus*, a reference book still popular today. To borrow these or other books go to <https://sdhort.wildapricot.org/Library>. Here's a partial list:

Enjoying Our Trees, by Charles Randall
The Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, by L. H. Bailey
The Cultivated Conifers, by L. H. Bailey
Palms and Cycads: Their Culture in Southern California, by William Hertrich

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SHARING SECRETS

This column is written by you, our members! Each month we'll ask a question, and print your responses the following month. You can find copies of previous Sharing Secrets on our website at <http://sdhort.org/SharingSecrets>.

NEW FEATURE: You can now continue the discussion by adding new replies to Sharing Secrets topics online. Here's your chance to comment on how the plants you mentioned two years ago are doing today, or to suggest another way to do something in the garden. Members can subscribe to the Sharing Secrets forum or just individual posts in the forum to receive email updates when a new post is added. You can also set the frequency of the update emails in your profile.

The question for this month was:

During the warm summer temperatures, have you gardened in your pajamas even though that wasn't your intention? Alternatively, what other less-than-appropriate attire have you worn in the garden? (Thanks to Lorie Johansen for suggesting this.)

To read about a clothing-optional garden in England, go to: www.thespec.com/living/home/article/807937--naked-gardening-it-s-an-english-thing



Lorie Johansen started this topic off when she wrote: After starting a cup of coffee with the mere intention of enjoying the courtyard, I started pruning the water lilies... then I didn't like the looks of the potted stream plants and decided to prune those... then I had to get in the pond to prune those plants in the middle of the lower pond. I never finished the cup of joe, but still in my summer sleepwear, I finished cleaning the entire pond by noon.

Sharon Muczynski speaks for many of us when she says: I swear I will change shoes, but I always end up in the garden in slippers.

Enid Sherman sometimes suits up: I have worn a bathing suit... coming back from my water aerobics class, you just notice something in the garden that needs attention, so you do it pronto and then there is something else you notice and it goes on and on... my PJs, bathrobe, slippers all have made it in the garden!

Sue Lasbury says: I certainly have gone into my back garden in my cozy pajamas, sometimes even a nightgown. It's usually just to do some little thing by the door, but then I see something else and soon I'm checking the neighbors' windows to see if anyone is looking out

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at their goofy gardener neighbor in her night clothes. Gardening is addictive. Besides going out in my PJs, when I return home I almost always jump out of the car and into my garden to do just one thing. An hour later I'm still out there and my non-gardening clothes and shoes are really dirty. We gardeners are quite different from other folks and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Annie Forseth-Smith must look stylish in: A big hat and a jumper from Hawaii. Go tropical native.

Tory Monigold also gardens in PJs: I have most definitely gardened in my pajamas! The last time I found myself awake at 5am and headed out to the garden in gnome pajamas. The neighbors started stepping outside and I headed back in when a lil' voice cried "Mama!" This morning I was watering in my leopard-print robe. I'm usually more concerned that the plants get water early in the morning than what I might be wearing.

Meredith French also has shoe issues: I have often been caught in the garden still in my a.m. loungies with no bra! But what my husband complains about are my "gardening shoes." You know how you go out to water something and then you spot some weeds – in your "go to work" shoes? Any new pair of shoes remains publicly acceptable for about a week by this owner.

BJ Boland says: If by gardening we include repairing fence to keep the deer herd away from my rhododendrons, then house slippers (I was in a hurry) rather than snow boots. I was knee deep in ice-crusted snow and needed my husband to rescue me with hiking sticks. He was not amused. (This was in our garden in Boxford, Massachusetts. The only herds I see in Carlsbad are ants.)

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Lisa Bellora is another PJ gardener: Seems like every morning I'm up in the front yard in my jammies, watering or some such nonsense! Since my PJs cover more of my body than when I wear shorts and a t-shirt I figure what the heck. My neighbors do seem to be a little taken aback by my "baggy attire" sometimes, and then other times I tuck my jammies into my shorts which, of course, looks lovely.

Janet Miliken wears: Not pajamas, just old spotted ratty shorts and cool tops. A lot of dirt stains, so you won't see me in the "Martha Stewart" look in my garden. I grub.

Bryan Morse doesn't wear PJs: I usually garden in a great deal less than my pajamas at my home for as much of the year as possible. You aren't identifying the source of the information are you? Oh, I see that you do... I guess that I had better not elucidate on my reply.

Ann Hoepfner is sometimes overdressed: My biggest temptation is to "just do a little something" in the garden while still wearing my good clothes and good shoes. Harvesting vegetables and feeding the worms are particular temptations, because they don't take long and I can certainly be careful enough to stay clean. Yeah, right. That's how I got zucchini sap on my work blazer, and coffee grounds on my suede shoes.

Linda Bresler got sidetracked once: On my way to the pool, I got sidetracked by the overgrowth of the Pittosporum blocking my way down the steps. I spent the rest of the afternoon in my bathing suit pruning back the foliage. I totally forgot that I had planned to go swimming since I was so involved in what I was doing.

David Curtright dresses for his messes: Working in my own yard, instead of other people's yards, allows me to wear my more worn out and comfortable clothes, such as shorts with torn legs, broken zippers, split crotches, and the odd blood stain, or shirts with such problems that they aren't fit for public consumption. My work involves working in pond water all of the time, so sartorial elegance is out from the start, and I gave up looking good on the job a long time ago, but I at least don't wear the worst of it when I'm in other people's yards. No, I save the better rags for clients' yards by wearing the real rags here at home.

Susanna Pagan says: Watering in the early am to beat the heat, before I've had time to change out of my pajamas, is standard procedure at my home!

Susi Torre-Bueno has a favorite shirt: Almost every day I wear the same old cotton top with a blue geometric pattern. It has been washed so many times it's almost faded completely in some areas, and it's so stretched out (partly from using the front as a pouch to bring in veggies from the garden) that it's pretty loose – but I love it 'cause it's so light and cool. The many stains are like old friends.

Susan Krzywicki also gardens in PJs: Of course I've gardened in my PJs, or what passes for them in my house. I've gardened with a toothbrush still hanging out of my mouth when I just HAD to run out there and do that one little task and then, half an hour later, I'm still at it. But my dream is to have my garden in such great shape that I can garden in a bikini and flip flops. I seem to feel that some day I'll be past the "heavy lifting" stage that requires closed toe shoes. I have been dreaming of this for so long that I have begun to realize that I may not look so hot in a bikini by the time I achieve my goal.

Meg Ryan sometimes wears scrubs: I have gardened in my pajamas many times, but only during the winter months when it isn't too warm for PJs outside. The down side of this is that I have occasionally stepped in dog do-do in my bedroom slippers. In the summer, when it is way too warm to wear pjs outside at all, I wear scrub tops (like nurses wear at doctors' offices and hospitals) with a pair of shorts. All the pockets are handy. Not wanting to sweat on a clean bra, I went without for years. But now, I save yesterday's, and consequently I'm a whole lot more presentable. Maybe I shouldn't admit to all this!

Tynan Wyatt says: Boxer briefs have more than once been my gardening attire, though I have rationalized that if someone is looking hard enough to see through the wall of foliage and realize I'm in my underwear then they must be more intrigued than offended.

Rachele Melious is another member who fancies a bathing suit: Oh my gosh!!! ONLY for the sake of evening out my farmer's tan, particularly when I have an event I need to dress for; I have "killed two birds with one stone" by gardening in my bikini (in the back yard only and when no one else is home). My "go to" is old, faded and stretched out but oh so comfortable. Don't be fooled, it is NOT attractive. The top has trouble holding on and the bottom is so stretched it looks like Baby Huey's diaper! As for the farmer's tan... it helps!

Margaret-Ann Ashton's hubby dresses up instead of down: Most of us have probably run to the garden in our jammies to turn off a water geyser that was a sprinkler the day before, or to grab a puppy that somehow managed to escape and is now rolling in the newly transplanted echeverias. You slip out barefoot with a pair of clippers to

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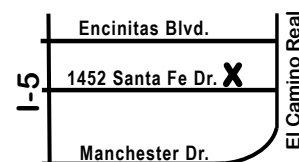
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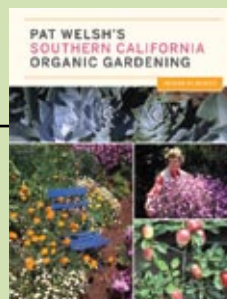
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deadhead "that rose" or fetch a blossom for the breakfast table, only to find an hour has passed and your wet nightgown is turning heads. My husband dresses "up" when he goes to the "back forty" to do the chipper-shredding. He usually picks a day that is hot, because that is when the piles of prunings are driest. On go the wellies, or high boots for protection from shrapnel, then a pair of jeans, then one of his white Oxford long-sleeved-monogrammed-button-down-collared-shirts that I slaved over ironing when he wore them to the office. Then a wide brimmed straw hat, protective glasses, and ear plugs. The white shirts reflect the sun and protect his arms from insects and clippings, and the cotton absorbs the perspiration. It's a way to get a last use out of those gol darn shirts he wore for years. Oh, he wore one the times he climbed Mt. Whitney for most of the same reasons.

Pat Crowl is among the ranks of members who can't stop at just one: I do occasionally garden in my PJs, while not really intending to. Sometimes I go out to do "one" thing, and CAN'T STOP! I bet there are other garden addicts who go to trim something or pull a weed, and soon find themselves involved in a more major project. The back yard is one thing, with only one neighbor who could observe, and no doubt has, but really, WHO CARES! I'm a little more careful bending over in the front yard! My spouse, who does not enjoy gardening, pleasantly reminds me I might want to come in to get dressed.

The question for next month is:
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- ❖ Details about the talk at the next meeting
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OCTOBER 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. Each month the display highlights one type of plant, and an expert talks informally about the plants and answers questions. All plants are welcome, but we hope you'll try to bring plants in the categories shown here. Write descriptions similar to those below, and put them with your plant(s).

Join the fun and bring SHRUBS to the November 12 meeting. Expert Marilyn Guidroz will be on hand to answer your questions. We thank Charley Fouquette for being our helpful expert on orchids at the October meeting.

Quercus engelmannii ENGELMANN OAK, MESA OAK
(Fagaceae) So. California, N. Baja California, Mexico

This majestic oak grows about 20-50 feet tall. The evergreen blue-green foliage on this semi drought-tolerant tree contributes to its beauty. Best grown in full sun. Over 90% of existing stands of Engelmann Oak are found in San Diego County, and is probably the most imperiled of all tree oaks in California. The following description is excerpted from our book *Ornamental Trees for Mediterranean Climates*:

Once common from Los Angeles to San Diego, the evergreen Mesa Oak has sadly seen a great reduction in its numbers due to urbanization. Although it is still frequent in many foothills areas of San Diego County, our existing old trees should be considered treasures and preserved at all costs.

Also known as the Engelmann Oak, the Mesa Oak can reach 40-50' tall at maturity, with a spreading crown to 60-80' wide. It has dense foliage of leathery, bluish-green oval leaves to 2" long that are usually smooth-edged. Flowering occurs in spring, with pendent yellowish clusters of tiny flowers, which are followed in the fall by 1" round-tipped oval acorns that are half-enclosed in a warty cap. Like the Coast Live Oak, the Mesa Oak grows best with occasional deep waterings, and is cold-hardy to below 10°F.

Because of their susceptibility to root rot, it is important to keep water away from the base of any of our native oaks, and in particular to avoid overwatering around any existing old tree. Preserving the natural layer of leaf litter underneath mature trees is important for their health as well. Old, established native oak trees are frequently endangered by intrusive human activity, sometimes with tragic results. Even a tree that has been healthy for centuries can die within 10-20 years if mistreated.

(Pat Pawlowski, El Cajon, 10/12) – P.P. & S.B.

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

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Dendrobium bigibbum



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■ **Plant Display** Continued from page 17

Can you spot the phony plant this month? The phony plant in the August newsletter was *Malus* 'Beverly Hills Cop' BEVERLY HILLS COP APPLE.

3 *Asclepias physocarpa* SWAN PLANT, FAMILY JEWELS
(Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/12)

× *Brassolaeliocattleya* Picnic Spots
(Outdoor Orchid Lover, El Cajon, 10/12)

× *Brassolaeliocattleya* Rustic Spots
(Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/12)

Brassia jipijapensis (Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/12)



Brassia jipijapensis

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Cyrtanthus hybrid (*C. elatus* × ?) FIRE LILY
(Sheldon Lisker, Temecula, 10/12)

Dendrobium bigibbum COOKTOWN ORCHID
(Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/12)

Dendrobium hybrid (lilac) (Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/12)

Dendrobium hybrids - section *Latouria* (2 New Guinea hybrids
displayed) (Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/12)

Paphiopedilum Doll's Kobold × *henryanum* PAPHIOPEDILUM
HENRY'S DOLL (Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/12)

Paphiopedilum Harold Koopowitz SLIPPER ORCHID
(Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/12)

Phalaenopsis hybrid (Darlene Villeneuve, El Cajon, 10/12) 3



OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

By Susi Torre-Bueno

It has been over 40 years since I left college, and I don't often envy university students in these days of crowded classes and ever-rising tuition costs and school fees. However, if my college professors were as interesting, personable, enthusiastic and passionate as October speaker Dr. Matt Ritter (who teaches botany at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), I'd seriously consider going back for another degree. His presentation on urban trees was outstanding, and I hope we'll have him back again as a speaker.

Because more people now live in urban areas than rural ones, Matt noted that it is "important to teach people to know the names of the plants around them so we can appreciate them." By learning the names of plants we begin to notice them and to care about them. He drolly called learning plant names "a gateway drug" to learning more about the plants and the natural world in general, and his passion for nature, and for trees in particular, was contagious. Matt said that his goal was "to get people to learn about and care about these plants," the trees that make urban life habitable and which contribute so much to our environment.

For his presentation he discussed in depth three pairs of similar-looking but very different trees. While all six trees are beautiful, some of them have been planted in inappropriate locations or for the wrong reasons, and it was fascinating to hear about how and why each tree choice had significant long-term consequences.

There are about 40,000 acres of *Eucalyptus globulus* planted in California. This plant comes from southeast Australia, and starting in the late 1800s it was sold to Californians as a good source of timber for long-term income. This is the second most commonly planted tree in the world, but most plantings are for wood pulp, as the timber is not very useful. In California it can quickly become a weedy pest. Comparing this plant with *Eucalyptus diversicolor* (from southwest Australia) was interesting. This other Eucalyptus is not weedy in the wild here, and would therefore make a much more desirable ornamental tree, plus it produces much better wood. One of his students recently went to central California and climbed 185' to the top of the tallest specimen found outside of Australia.

A second tree pairing was Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) and the Cork Pine (*Arucaria columnaris*). Both are seen in gardens here, often starting out as houseplants that outgrew the confines of indoor spaces. While the first species has an open growth habit and upright form, the second is much more densely foliated and always leans to the south.

The final plant duo was *Magnolia grandiflora*, a large magnolia native to the southeastern U.S. and widely planted in the tropics and other parts of the U.S. because it can survive a wide range of temperatures. The clean white dinner plate size blooms are a knockout. This was the tree that was supposed to be planted as a street tree in Santa Monica. Instead, the much larger Moreton Bay Fig (*Ficus macrophylla*) was planted by mistake, and the enormous aboveground buttress roots have been breaking up the sidewalk and playing havoc with underground utilities for decades. While the leaves have some similarities, only the fig produces a white latex sap, so many years of urban problems could have easily been avoided if only the people planting the small seedlings had known about this crucial difference. (The third largest Moreton Bay Fig in California is in San Diego, planted in Balboa Park between Spanish Village and the Natural History

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In closing, Matt mentioned that, "Our cities are conservatories for plants from all over the world." About a third of the urban trees in California are from Australia, and the vast majority of the other urban trees are from outside California.

Thanks to Matt for an outstanding presentation! If you missed this superb speaker you can borrow the video at the next meeting you attend. Matt's handout on "Twenty Undeservedly Rate Trees for San Diego" is available on our website "Members Only" area under the subheading "Meeting Handouts." ☞

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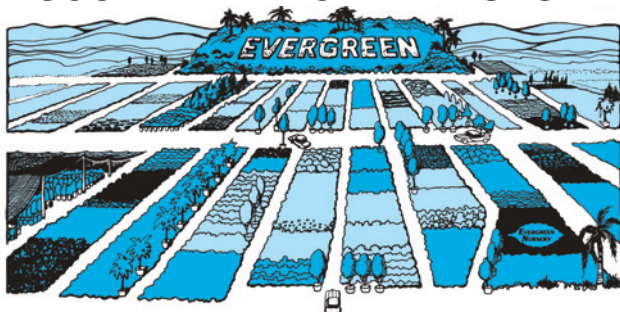
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Nov. 10, 10am-noon, Color Moss Holiday Home Centerpiece, \$40

See page 15 and www.barrelsandbranches.com.

✿ **Cedros Gardens, Saturday and Sunday FREE morning classes.** Details at www.cedrosgardens.com; address in ad on page 17.

✿ City Farmers Nursery FREE Classes

Nov. 11, 10:00am, Pruning 101. FREE.

See www.cityfarmersnursery.com or call (619) 284-6358.

✿ Evergreen Nursery FREE Workshop on November 3

See column at left for details.

✿ Sunshine Care FREE Workshop on November 17

10:30am, TBA. Doorprizes and refreshments. Address in 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

Nov. 3 Selecting a Shade Tree

Nov. 10 Bonsai for Beginners

Nov. 17 Wreath Making

Poway, 9:30am

Ferns for Shady Areas

Camellia Selection & Care

Dormant Spraying Roses

✿ Weidners' Gardens Weekend Classes & Greenhouse Tour

Details at www.weidners.com; addresses & phone in ad on page 21

Nov. 10, 10am-noon. Fruit Tree Day with Tom Spellman, FREE

Nov. 11, 1:30pm, Succulent Wreath making with Paige Perkins, \$65

Nov. 15 & 16, Mosaic Pottery Class, \$30

Nov. 17 & 18, 10am, noon, 2pm, Holiday Open House and Poinsettia Greenhouse Tour. FREE, but reservations succeeded.

Nov. 18 & 19, Mosaic Pottery Class, \$30

Next SDHS Meeting:

Nov. 12 - 6:00 pm

Creating a Successful Edible Front Yard

See page 1 for details

**More garden-related events on
other side.**

Other Garden-Related Events:

Check with hosts to confirm dates & details

- ◆ Nov. 2, 11am-3pm, Vista Garden Club: Annual Scholarship Luncheon; \$25. Info: www.VistaGardenClub.org, (760) 724-6256.
- ◆ Nov. 4, 9am-noon, California Native Plant Society: Tecolote Canyon Plant Walk. 5180 Tecolote Road. See www.cnpssd.org.
- ◆ Nov. 6, 6:30pm, S. D. County Orchid Society: TBA. Room 101, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park. See www.sdorchids.com.
- ◆ Nov. 10, Solana Center TWO Free Composting Workshops: From 9-11am at Monterey Ridge Elementary School 17117 4S Ranch Parkway. From 10am-noon, Collier County Park, Ramona. See www.solanacenter.org.
- ◆ Nov. 11, 1:00pm, San Diego Iris Society: Dave Ross of Walter Andersen Nursery. 9906 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. See www.sandiegoirissociety.org.
- ◆ Nov. 11, 1:30pm, Begonia Society: Begonias and companion plants or other plants of interest. 423 Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas. For info call (760) 815-7914 or email marla.keith@cox.net.
- ◆ Nov. 13, 10am, Dos Valles Garden Club: Ron Wheeler on "The Good, Bad and Ugly of Arthropods in Valley Center." 31020 Cole Grade Road. Info: www.dosvallesgardenclub.org.
- ◆ Nov. 14, 10:00am, Point Loma Garden Club: Roses, Roses, Roses. 2818 Avenida de Portugal. See www.plgc.org.
- ◆ Nov. 14, 10:30am, Poway Valley Garden Club: How to attract birds and butterflies to your garden. 14134 Midland Road, Poway. For info see www.powayvalleygardenclub.org or call (760)743-9500.
- ◆ Nov. 14, noon, Ramona Garden Club: We live in one of the birdiest counties in the country. 524 Main Street. Info: (760) 787-0087 or www.RamonaGardenClub.com.
- ◆ Nov. 15, 9:30am - 12:30pm, Create Herbal-Scented Wreaths for the Holidays. Create a beautiful scented wreath for hanging or as a center piece. Members, \$15; Non-members, \$20. Info: www.sdfloal.org.
- ◆ Nov. 15, 1:00pm, Bernardo Gardeners: Mr.Vallina, owner of Angel's Flowers in Murrieta, does gorgeous floral arrangements and will sell the ones he designs for us. See www.bernardogardeners.org.
- ◆ Nov. 17 & 18, 10:00am - 4:00pm, Fullerton Arboretum California Native & Fall Plant Sale: Nov. 18, 9am, Pre-sale Tour; learn about the beauty and efficiency these plants. Members \$15 Non-Member \$20. One block west of the 57 Freeway at Yorba Linda Blvd. and Associated Road. Call (657) 278-3407 or see www.fullertonarboretum.org.
- ◆ Nov. 19, 7:00pm, San Diego Rose Society: Roses, Just for the Smell of It. Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. See www.sdrosesociety.org.
- ◆ Nov. 20, 7pm, California Native Plant Society: TBA. Room 101 or 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. See www.cnpssd.org.
- ◆ Nov. 22, 6:30pm, Edible Garden Society: Pomegranate cultivars. Pests: Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing Disease. FREE. Rm 104, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park. See www.sdedible.org.

San Diego County Farmers Markets

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

MONDAY:

Escondido - Welk Village

TUESDAY:

Coronado
Escondido
Mira Mesa
Morena District
Otay Ranch
Pacific Beach
UCSD/La Jolla

WEDNESDAY:

Carlsbad
Encinitas
Mission Hills
North San Diego
Ocean Beach
San Marcos
Santee

THURSDAY:

Chula Vista
Horton Square
Linda Vista
North Park
Oceanside CFM
Oceanside Sunset
Pacific Highlands
Poway-Alliant Univ.
San Carlos
UTC

FRIDAY:

Borrego Springs
Fallbrook
Imperial Beach
Kearny Mesa
La Mesa
Rancho Bernardo
Southeast San Diego

SATURDAY:

Carlsbad
City Heights
Del Mar
Golden Hill
Little Italy
Pacific Beach
Poway
Ramona
Rancho San Diego
Scripps Ranch
Vista

SUNDAY:

North San Diego
Gaslamp District
Hillcrest
Julian
La Jolla
Leucadia/Encinitas
Point Loma
Rancho Santa Fe
San Marcos
Solana Beach

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) 694-2860, 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.