



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

March 2017

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 9

Friendship Auditorium
3201 Riverside Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027



Socializing: 7:00 pm

Meeting begins: 7:30 pm

SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please say hello
to our newest members:

Brendan Dennis
Sherry Heyman

Questions about membership?

Check us out:

www.socalhort.org

SHARING SECRETS

This month we're going
to keep it simple:

*What is your favorite
spring bloomer and why?*

Please share your answer -

Online at socalhort.org
or e-mail to:
gardensbysabine@aol.com

Respond by Friday, March 17

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WILD SUBURBIA: LEARNING TO GARDEN WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Speaking to us in March will be Barbara Eisenstein, a research associate and former horticultural outreach coordinator at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, California, as well as a South Pasadena resident and gardener.

She is the horticultural chair of the San Gabriel Mountains chapter of the California Native Plant Society, and founder and head of Friends of South Pasadena Nature Park, and author of the recently published book: *Wild Suburbia: Learning to Garden with Native Plants*.

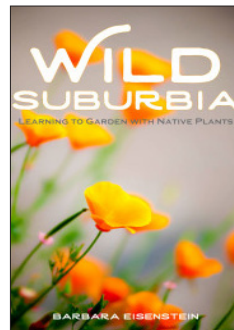
Barbara will reference the book as she guides us through the process of transforming a traditional, high water-use yard into a peaceful habitat garden abounding with native plants. Because there are so many variables

in gardening, answers to even simple questions about establishing a native plant garden are rife with caveats and exceptions. *Wild Suburbia* describes some of these variables so that gardeners will be better able to select the best practices for their own specific garden conditions.

Attendees will be encouraged to share their thoughts and experiences on horticultural practices that worked, and those that did not. For example, how do you water your native plants? What is the best way to get rid of a lawn of weedy Bermuda grass? What were some of your most surprising successes and failures?

Her presentation will conclude with a discussion of how we, as horticultural enthusiasts and professionals, might improve the dissemination of accurate information on sustainable gardening with California native plants.

Following the talk, Barbara will be available to sign copies of her book which can be purchased at the meeting. Please join us.



MARCH MEETING RAFFLE and SALE

At the March meeting, we will also be holding a raffle of 30+ South African "Mystery Bulbs" in 4" pots from the late Charles Hardman's collection - a unique opportunity!

Additionally, our own Joan Citron is generously donating about 40 decorative pots of assorted sizes (many of them glazed) for purchase at bargain prices. Maybe you can find a match for your newly won bulbs?

Bring your dollar bills and treat yourself while supporting the SCHS...

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 7
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

SCHS GARDEN EVENT

Details Inside

Photo provided by speaker.

The speaker for our February meeting was Australian-born horticulturist Robin Parer, owner and operator of Geraniaceae Nursery in Marin County. She has been featured in magazines such as *Garden Design*, *Horticulture*, *Martha Stewart Living* and *Sunset*, and recently debuted *The Plant Lover's Guide to Hardy Geraniums*, published by Timber Press. During her 34 years at Geraniaceae Nursery, Robin has collected and propagated over 500 geranium species, selected color forms and hybrids, and she drew upon her extensive knowledge to tailor her slide show and lecture to those varieties best suited to Southern California gardens.

By way of introduction, Robin made it clear that her focus for the evening would be on Geraniums, not their Pelargonium, Erodium or Monsonia cousins, which are the four genera within the Geraniaceae family. She indicated that Geraniums are usually classified as hardy and are typically simple, five-petaled wildflowers that are winter dormant. While the genus contains around 420 species, and is found on all continents except Antarctica, Robin's presentation was composed primarily of the Mediterranean-climate types.

She began her talk with *G. californicum*, or California cranebill, which can be found in the wilds of the Sierra Nevada and Southern California coastal ranges.



Photo from wikipedia

While available in the trade, she said that the seeds of this pink-flowering native can easily be harvested to grow at home.

Continuing with ground covers, she showed slides of the various *G. x cantabrigiense*, including 'Biokovo', 'Hanne', and 'Cambridge', all of which are widely available, and have a color range from white to purple. Rounding out the ground covers, she spoke about *G. macrorrhizum* and its numerous

cultivars, including 'Album', 'Ridsko', 'Pindus', 'Variegatum' and 'White-Ness' among others. Finishing this class of plants was *G. dalmaticum*, a pinkish-purple species that only blooms in May.

The next category Robin shared was made up of the many shade-loving species which she considers to be the "supporting cast" in any garden - useful as fillers, edging and at the base of trees and shrubs. These included the many varieties of *G. maderense* (all of which can be crossed), *G. pyrenaicum*, *G. nodosum*, and the very large group of *G. phaeum* that have a wide range of colors (including the yellow 'Springtime') and sizes, making them useful in many garden settings. Some of the highlights were 'Mrs. Withey Price', 'Merry Widow', 'Lily Lovell' and 'Wargrave Pink.' Next among the shade lovers were *G. gracile*, *G. x oxonianum*, and *G. endressii*, which offered some taller options for the back of the border. She also showed some pictures from the 2016 Chaumont Garden Festival in France, including *G. oxonianum* 'Ankum's White', which is very pure, and *G. oxonianum* 'Dreamland' in a container, and is in flower from May through December.

Next came plants for rock gardens and containers that were limited to selections of *G. cinereum*, including 'Signal', 'Thumbling Heart' and 'Rothbury Gem', followed by border and bedding plants. This last was the largest group by far, with over 40 different species, including *G. magniflorum*, *G. sanguineum*, *G. libani*, *G. x magnificum*, *G. himalayense*, and the popular *G. pratense*, which Robin indicated cannot survive more than a season in the heat of Southern California. She also warned against *G. incanum*, which she described as a "thug" because it seeds like crazy and is impossible to remove once it takes hold.

Robin concluded her presentation with some general recommendations covering basic care guidelines applicable for most geraniums, as follows:

- plant in fast-draining soil
- make a soilless mixture for container

plants, which can include perlite, sand, coir, red lava rock, or finely ground bark

- don't allow plants to dry out
- cut plants back in late fall, or winter
- give them "morning sun / afternoon shade" as a general rule

Afterward, she answered a round of audience questions and then made herself available to sign copies of her book. Both her book and plants from her nursery were for sale during the meeting and received positive attention, much as her informative presentation did.

For a complete list of the slides shown, go to the "Past Meetings" page on SCHS website at: www.socalhort.org, and to learn more about specific plants, visit Robin's website at: geraniaceae.com.

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

SCHS GARDEN EVENT

The SCHS is excited to offer a new local Garden Tour at the Hollywood Hills home of Johanna and Eugene Woolcott. Here is one view of the garden from Joanna's website, wildgardeningla.com (Park Oak page).



Mark your calendar for this event!

Sunday, May 7

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A flyer with more info. will be available at the March meeting, and a reservation form will be posted online, as well as included in the April newsletter.

Reservations will be required for this event, so don't miss out!

SHARING SECRETS RESPONSES

What is your favorite rainy day, garden-based reading material? Design magazines? Seed catalogs? Botanical-themed mysteries?

Unfortunately, we did not receive any responses to the above question we posted last month! Perhaps everyone was too engrossed in their reading to write about it...

However, we did receive a friendly letter from former member, Roger Boddaert, who is an ecological landscape designer in Fallbrook, California. He calls himself a "maker of natural gardens" and sent along a very detailed list of gardening resolutions which are never too late to apply. As we have no reading recommendations to share, we will pass along some of Roger's suggestions instead.

- tackle that problem area in your garden - and take joy in fixing it

- create a "secret niche" in your landscape to rest and meditate awhile
- share your extra bounty with a Senior Center, food bank, or others in need
- think globally and act locally, for you, your family and community are part of the solution for a sustainable Earth

Thank you for your positive words and for staying in touch with the SCHS, Roger. We appreciate it and wish you the best! Feel free to correspond with us in the future... - Ed.

GREEN SHEET

PLANT FORUM SELECTIONS • JANUARY 2017

The Plant Forum is a display of plants grown by members & exhibited at our monthly general meeting.

PLANTS SHOWN at JANUARY 12, 2017 MEETING

Leonotis nepetifolia (Lamiaceae)

Lion's ear, shown by Eric and Ann Brooks in a bouquet with an unidentified *Salvia*, is a plant species that is native to South Africa and southern India, but is also commonly



found growing in Latin America. Flowers grow as whorls of orange flowers on stems that can reach 6-8 feet high. Can be distinguished from *L. leonurus* by its cordate leaves. It is typically considered an annual, but will survive as a perennial in Zones 8 and above.

This specimen was grown in Baldwin Hills.

Aloe vaombe (Aloaceae)

This aloe (exhibited in bloom) was grown from seed and shown by Matt-Dell Tufenkian. *Aloe vaombe* is from Madagascar, and when full grown can reach a height of 12 feet, earning it the name Malagasy Tree Aloe.



The flowers are red and held in candelabra-like spikes well above the foliage.

Dombeya wallichii (Malvaceae)

Pink ball tree shown by Eric and Ann Brooks. This plant, with flowers resembling a hydrangea, is a large evergreen shrub / small tree to 25 feet, with a native range including India, East Africa, and Madagascar. It



blooms fall to winter with large, pendulous clusters of pink flowers that are both showy and fragrant. Needs regular water and pruning back to prevent having a ragged appearance.

Also exhibited (not all shown):

Crassula perforata (Crassulaceae)

from South Africa
Shown by Gary Kamisher.

Calathea sp. 'Prayer Plant'

(Marantaceae)
from tropical regions of the Americas
Shown by Gary Kamisher.





'Prayer Plant'

Aloe *hybd.* × *haworthioides* 'Twilight Zone'

(Tissue cultured)
Shown by Matt-Dell Tufenkian.

Poellnitzia rubriflora × *Gasteria* (Grown from seed)
Shown by Matt-Dell Tufankian.

 Compiled by Steven Gerischer
 Photos by Sabine Steinmetz

GREEN SHEET

PLANT FORUM SELECTIONS • FEBRUARY 2017

The Plant Forum is a display of plants grown by members & exhibited at our monthly general meeting.

PLANTS SHOWN at FEBRUARY 9, 2016 MEETING

Hermodactylus tuberosa (Iridaceae)

Snake Head iris, from the Mediterranean region, shown by Laura Bauer. This summer dormant bulb has small, slightly fragrant iris flowers of greenish-yellow with black purple falls. Needs well-drained, summer dry soils to thrive.

Collection of *Lachenalia* (Asparagaceae)

Shown by John Wickham. These South African bulbs are perfect subjects for growing and displaying in small containers - also allowing for the summer dry conditions they need. Many are available from specialist growers, or through bulb exchanges.

Lachenalia aloides var. *aurea*

This selection has pure golden flowers

Lachenalia aloides var. *quadricolor* (pictured here)

This selection has golden-yellow blooms with green and red markings and a pronounced flare of the petals at the end of the flower tube, marked with pale purple



Lachenalia bulbifera 'Mango'

Large orange tubular flowers

Lachenalia framesii

Bottle-shaped blooms of delicate lilac and yellow

Lachenalia gillettii 'Dark Purple'

Lachenalia mutabilis 'Electric Blue'

Darker blue flowered selection with long flower spikes of small but brightly colored bloom



Triteleia clementina (Asparagaceae)

The San Clemente Island triteleia, shown by John Wickham, is a rare cormous perennial endemic to San Clemente Island. The funnel-shaped flowers are light lavender-blue.

Ipheion uniflorum 'Rolf Fiedler' (Amaryllidaceae)



Shown by Kathy Itomura, 'Rolf Fiedler' is a darker blue selection of this flowering bulb native to Argentina and Uruguay. Often used as a carpet

grower under native oak trees as it appreciates the shaded, summer dry conditions there.

Ixia rapunculoides (Iridaceae)

Shown by Joan Citron, this bulb from South Africa has small lavender bluebell-like blooms.

Arctostaphylos densiflora 'Sentinel' (Ericaceae)

Manzanita, native to California, shown by Sheldon Lisker. Shrub to 6 feet high and wide with silvery green foliage. White blooms have a pink blush. Specimen shown has been in his garden for 30 years. Needs good drainage but will tolerate clay soil with care. No summer water!

Crossosoma californicum (Crossosomataceae)

California rockflower, native to the Channel Islands and a few spots on the mainland. Shown by Sheldon Lisker. Not often found for sale. This shrub with white flowers can reach 6 feet. After flowers fade the seed pods are of interest. Tolerates clay soils.



Also exhibited (but not shown):

Bulbine latifolia (Asphodelaceae) from South Africa. Shown by Joan Citron.

Coffea arabica (Rubiaceae) endemic to the mountains of Yemen and south-west Ethiopia. Shown by Matt-Dell Tufenkian.

Iris unguicularis (Iridaceae) from the Mediterranean. Shown by Sheldon Lisker.

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☞ Photos by Yoav Paskowitz

MARCH HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Please contact location(s) to confirm listed events, and for a full schedule.

Events are free with admission unless otherwise indicated.

Locations are listed by Zip Code.

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

Saturday & Sunday, 3/18 & 3/19, 9:30am-5pm. L.A. Nature Fest. Celebrate city wildlife including plants and animals in our Nature Gardens, which are also a research site where our educators explain nature's stories. Fest features performances, workshops and tours. Members: Free; Non-members: \$12 for adults, \$9 for students & seniors with valid ID, \$5 for children, free for ages 2 and under. For tickets and info., visit: nhm.org/naturefest.



RANCHO LOS CERRITOS 4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach 90807 562-206-2040 rancholoscerritos.org

Saturdays & Sundays, 1-5pm. Garden Tours. Free 1-hour garden tours for visitors. For details visit: <http://www.rancholoscerritos.org/things-to-do-hub/tours/>. Repeats every weekend.



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

Thursday, 3/9, 9:30am-12noon. What's Happening In Gardening Field Trip - Less Common Australian Trees, Beyond Eucalyptus, at The Huntington with Kathy Musial. Learn which Australian trees can be grown in Southern California, from the familiar Brachychiton to the lesser-known Hernandia. Wear comfortable shoes to walk in the Australian Garden. \$25 (incls. Huntington admission). Preregistration required through Education Dept.

Sunday, 3/12, 1-3pm. What's Happening in Gardening - Planning The Summer Garden with Christine Anthony, the Renee's Garden Seeds rep for The Arboretum and a UCCE Master Gardener. She will give tips on plant choices from the garden to the kitchen. \$25 members, \$35. non-members. Call Education Dept. to register or pay at class.

Thursday, 3/16, 9:30am-12noon. What's Happening In Gardening - Landscaping with Herbs & Edibles with Matt Tufenkian. Learn practical applications of a variety of plants to create attractive and useful gardens. \$25. Call Education Dept. to register or pay at class.

Saturday, 3/18, 10am-12noon. Plant Propagation with Laramee Haynes. Class will cover and demonstrate basic techniques (seeds, cuttings, divisions) you can do at home. Handout with easy-to-propagate plants will be provided. \$25 members, \$35. non-members. Call Education Dept. to register or pay at class.

Sunday, 3/19, 1-3pm. What's Happening in Gardening - Scented Geranium Garden. Matt-Dell Tufenkian will share his family legacy and favorite plants: geraniums. See slides from the building of the Scented Geranium Garden (which Matt helped create) and go on a walk-through tour. \$25 members, \$35. non-members. Call Education Dept. to register or pay at class.

Thursday, 3/23, 9:30am-12noon. What's Happening In Gardening - 5 Things That Will Completely Blow Your Mind About Trees. Frank McDonough, the Arboretum's answer man, will talk about trees, and the difference between success and failure in caring for them. \$25. Call Education Dept. to register or pay at class.

Friday-Sunday, 3/24-26, 9am-4:30pm, Gift Shop Patio. Tomato Sale: Top Tomato Picks for 2017! Choose from large selection of different varieties of organic heirloom tomato plants. Free with admission.

Saturday, 3/25, 10am, Palm Room. Tomato Talk. Christine Anthony, the Renee's Garden Seeds rep for The Arboretum and a UCCE Master Gardener, will talk about tomato plants and seeds, including heirloom varieties, and how to grow them. Free with admission.

Saturday, 3/25, 10am-4pm. Peacock Day! Celebrating the birds and learn about their habits and natural attributes. Reservations required for 3pm lecture: \$5 members, \$10 non-members, \$4 children 5-12. Call to reserve.

Thursday, 3/30, 9:30am-12noon. What's Happening In Gardening - Spring Blooming Plants. Joe Brosius, Production Manager at Magic Growers will bring a wide array of plants from the nursery for show and tell. www.magicgrowers.com. \$25. Call Education Dept. to register or pay at class.



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

Saturdays & Sundays, 3/4 & 3/5, and 3/11 & 3/12, 10am-4pm. Cherry Blossom Festival. Two weekends of live music, origami, food and beautiful blooms in the gardens. NOTE: Advance Timed Tickets are required and available at descansogardens.org.

Saturday & Sunday, 3/25 & 3/26, 9am-5pm. Tomatomania! World's largest tomato seedling sale returns with plant sales, growing classes, cooking demos, food offerings and hands-on, tomato-themed fun for everyone! Activities free with admission unless otherwise noted.



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

Thursday, 3/9, 2:30pm, Ahmanson Room, Brody Botanical Center. Garden Talk & Plant Sale: Passionate Eyes: Expressing Your Love of Gardens in Photography with nature photographer Irwin Lightstone. Tips for beginners and experienced photographers alike.

Saturday & Sunday, 3/19 & 3/19, 10am-5pm, Brody Botanical Center. 14th Annual Clivia Show & Sale. Learn about clivias from exhibits, talks and demos, and browse sales area for unusual varieties. Presented by Southern California Chapter of the North American Clivia Society.



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

Friday, 3/10, 9:00am-noon. Propagating California Native Plants with TPF's Propagation Manager Jordan Isken. Learn basics of vegetative propagation from cuttings and divisions, and leave with a flat of starts. Limit: 10 participants. \$50 members, \$60 non-members.

Fridays, 3/10, 3/24, & 4/15, 11:30am-3:30pm. 3-Part California Native Garden Design with Carol Armour Aronson. Prerequisite: TPF's California Native Horticulture class (must be taken before first design class). \$225 members, \$275 non-members; \$285 member couples, \$335 non-member couples. Complete details on-line.

Saturday, 3/11, 8:30am-12:30pm. California Native Plant Horticulture with Lili Singer. Learn about plant communities, planting techniques, irrigation, pruning and maintenance. Prerequisite to 3-Part California Native Plant Garden Design course. \$45 members, \$55 non-members.

Saturday, 3/18, 8:30am-4:30pm. Poppy Day Spring Sale! Discounts on plants, seed and TPF wear! Members: 15% off all day. Non-members: 10% off after 11am. Not a member? Join at the door! Saturdays, 3/25, 4/14, and 4/29, 12:30-4:30pm. 3-Part California Native Garden Design with Andreas Hessing (at Hastings Branch

Library Pasadena). Prerequisite: TPF's California Native Horticulture class (must be taken before first design class). \$225 members, \$275 non-members; \$285 member couples, \$335 non-member couples. Complete details on-line.



RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont 91711 909.625.8767 rsabg.org

Saturday, 3/11, 8am-4:30pm. Native Plant Sale. Choose from a wonderful selection of California native plants for your garden! Get inspiration with free admission to the Garden.

Saturday, 3/11, 10-11am. Grow Native Nursery Workshop: Habitat Gardening for Birds and Animals. Gain skills for successfully establishing native plants for birds and other animals. Register on-line at: <http://rsabg.org/nursery-calendar>.

Saturday, 3/18, 8-9:30am. Free Family Bird Walk. Join Chris Verma of Wild Birds Unlimited on this walk through the Garden. Register on-line at: <http://rsabg.org/nursery-calendar>.

Saturday, 3/25, 10-11am. Grow Native Nursery Workshop: Pruning 101. Learn how to deadhead, pinch, thin and shape your native plants. Register on-line at: <http://rsabg.org/nursery-calendar>.



DESERT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY 92264 www.deserthorticulturalsociety.org

Sunday, 3/26, 12noon-4pm. 12th Annual Desert Garden Tour. Members free, \$15 non-members, \$5 students. Details at: www.deserthorticulturalsociety.org or www.facebook.com/DesertHorticulturalSociety, or contact Tour Chairman Robert Musial at roberttmusial@gmail.com or 760-333-3903.



U.C. RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDEN 900 University Ave., Riverside 92521 951-784-6962 gardens.ucr.edu

Saturday, 3/11, 9:30-11am. California Native Plant Walk and Talk with George Spiliotis. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. RSVP on-line at: ucrbg@ucr.edu or call 951-784-6962. Check payable to UC Regents, memo: 3/11 walk/talk, mail to: UC Riverside, Attn. Botanic Gardens, 2460 Geology, Riverside, CA 92521

Saturday, 3/18, 10am-12noon. Creating a Backyard Habitat with Ann Platzer. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. RSVP on-line at: ucrbg@ucr.edu or call 951-784-6962. Check payable to UC Regents, memo: 3/18 lecture/tour, mail to: UC Riverside, Attn. Botanic Gardens, 2460 Geology, Riverside, CA 92521



FULLERTON ARBORETUM 1900 Associated Rd., Fullerton 92831 657-278-3407 fullertonarboretum.org

Saturdays, 3/11 & 3/25, 10am. Free Public Tours. Knowledgeable docents guide tours through our different garden collections, on secret trails off the beaten path, and share stories and folklore.

Sunday, 3/12, 2pm. Plants of Disneyland: Jungle Cruise with Dr. David Marley. Learn the story of how the Evans Brothers created the Jungle Cruise in less than a year. Many of the plants were new to southern California then and required special care to keep them alive, and today a small army of horticulturists still work to keep it healthy and looking untamed. Dr. Marley will also read excerpts from his new book, Skipper Stories: True Tales from Disneyland's Jungle Cruise, A signed copy of Dr. Marley's book is included in the registration fee. \$20/members; \$25/non-members.

Meetings regularly held at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027, unless otherwise noted.

- R March 9 - Barbara Eisenstein, author of *Wild Suburbia: Learning to Garden with Native Plants*
- R April 13 - Scott Kleinrock, designer of the new California Garden at the Huntington Botanical Gardens
VENUE: The Huntington - Details TBA
- R May 11 - Rebecca Latta, horticultural consultant, speaking about TLC for Your Trees

GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



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