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# Western Horticultural Society

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## WHS October Speaker

**October 14: Robert Kourik**, Publisher, Author, Freelance Writer and Landscape Designer, Occidental, CA

### “Roots Demystified, Change Your Gardening Habits to Help Roots Thrive”

Most of us look at a plant and see its beauty in the leaves and flowers. Robert Kourik sees a whole other world of beauty below the surface of the soil. He knows that in order to have that beauty above ground you have to take care of the root system below ground. In the late 1970's he wrote the now classic *Designing and Maintaining Your Edible Landscape* which, as his website states, “defined the genera of gardening now known as edible landscaping.” He has worked in the landscape construction, design, consultation, and education fields since the mid-1970's and written numerous books and articles. He is an authority on drip irrigation systems and the use of graywater in the landscape, and wrote the graywater ordinance for the City of Malibu, CA. Mr. Kourik continues to learn by doing, and states “I'm still trying to graduate from the school of hard knocks.”



**November 11: Patrick Anderson**, Horticulturist and speaker on garden design, history, and plants, Fallbrook, CA  
“Bringing Succulents into the Garden”

**December 9: Aaron Dillon**, Four Winds Growers, Fremont, CA  
“Nursery History”

**January 13: Saxon Holt**, Garden and Horticulture Photography, CA

“The Aesthetics of Sustainability—What is ‘Good’ Garden Photography?”

**February 10: Kathleen Navarez**, Horticulture Instructor at Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA  
“Propagation Methods”

**March 10: Sherri Osaka**, Owner, Sustainable Landscape Designs, San Jose, CA  
“Sustainable Landscapes”

**April 14: Deva Luna**, Landscape Designer, Speaker, Master Gardener, Cupertino, CA  
“Alternatives to Lawns”

**May 12: Rosemary Foster**, Landscape Designer and Horticultural consultant, Carmel, CA  
“Lester Rowntree: Contributions to Native Plant Horticulture”

Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7pm and meetings begin at 7:30. The location is at Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Please also join our speaker for dinner prior to the meeting at Chef Chu's at 5:30pm at the corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Avenue. This is a terrific opportunity for our members to get to know each other better, and to get to chat with our speakers. Please call Pat Knight to confirm at 650-941-6136. Would you like to sponsor a lecture for the WHS that is of particular interest to you? It would be much appreciated! Please call Pat Knight at (650)941-6136 if you are interested.

The next newsletter deadline will be October 21 for the November newsletter. Please call or email Michelle Bond (editor) at 650-363-9244 or michelle@hunzikers.org for newsletter content. Please contact Claudia Stopp at 408-370-6936 or cjsubhi@sbcglobal.net with any changes of address.



## One More Time - Dues Renewal Reminder!

It is that time of year again; our membership year is from September 1 through August 31. It is important to renew without delay to ensure the smooth continuation of your subscription to Pacific Horticulture magazine and to keep our coffers in the black. There are established deadlines so that the process of transferring information can be made in a timely manner. Renewal applications with pre-addressed envelopes were mailed out to you in August; we urge you to send in your dues now if you haven't already. Prompt renewal helps those who have to coordinate with Pacific Hort, the newsletter editor (we try to keep members notified of new members,) as well as the volunteers who put together the information for labels and mailing, etc. We look forward to your participation in the activities we have planned for you this coming year. Thank you!

## Update: Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM)

The WHS would like to remind you that if you live in a quarantined zone, please remember not to bring any plants for the plant discussion or raffle table. Nancy Schramm let us know that The University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program has produced a publication to answer the public's questions regarding the LBAM. To download a free copy, go to [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu).

## ***More Western Hort Business and News...***

### **Raffle Table**

Thank you WHS board members for a wonderful selection of plants on the September table! So many plants to choose from! October is our month for the general membership to supply the table, so check around your gardens for any special or well-grown plants you might be able to share. If your garden is looking grim after all the late summer heat, consider bringing plant *related* items: seeds, bulbs, books, magazines, tools and special containers are all welcome.

### **CEU Credits**

The WHS is pleased to be able to offer Continuing Education Credits for CCN Pro's (CANGC) and for the Assn of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD). You know who you are—bring your fellow members with you and sign in at the registration desk. ~Nancy Schramm

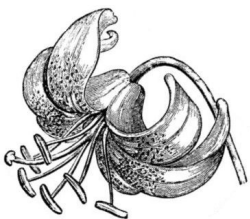
### ***28 Years Ago***

Looking back an additional month, the Sept 14th 1981 WHS meeting featured Brett Hall, Managing Director of the UC Arboretum at Santa Cruz. "The Arboretum contains the world's largest display of plants from the Southern Hemisphere, and it holds periodic plant sales that let us share in its treasures." I'd like to mention here that the Arboretum is in a serious financial situation, facing cutbacks from the University that threaten the very existence of the Arboretum. Please consider what actions you might be able to take on it's behalf: write the Chancellor and your State Representative, join the Arboretum Society, investigate additional sources of funding. Everything will help.

Emily Brown's plant notes included *Leycesteria formosa* with a cluster of wine color fruits, *Helenium hoopesii*, daisy flowers with very narrow showy rays, and two plants that sparked controversy. A salvia "While the species name 'nevadensis' had been attached to it, neither the exhibitor nor Betsy Clebsch had discovered it in the literature." and *Pernettya mucronata* "it seems that some plants may be hermaphrodite and some unisexual. (It is not strictly dioecious.) One may have but one plant and yet it may berry." ~Nancy Schramm

**“Garden writing is often very tame, a real waste when you think how opinionated, inquisitive, irreverent and lascivious gardeners themselves tend to be. Nobody talks much about the muscular limbs, dark, swollen buds, strip-tease trees and unholy beauty that have made us all slaves of the Goddess Flora.”**

~Katzel Levine



### ***Other Horticultural Events...***

#### **Community Day at Gamble Gardens, Palo Alto**

Sunday, October 4, 10am-2pm

Come for a day filled with children's activities, a gorgeous plant sale, horticultural resources, garden demonstrations, food, entertainment, and much more! This event is free of charge and is open to the community; everyone is welcome. Enjoy strolling through the gardens, shopping at the plant sale, lunch, horticultural resources, and more! Our plant sale will include Miss Gamble's iridescent iris, a superb succulent collection, salvias galore, and succulent container gardens. Many of these plants are propagated by Gamble volunteers and are of the highest quality. In addition, Acterra Nursery will be selling native plants, and the Master Gardeners and the **Western Horticultural Society** will be there to answer your garden questions. Call (650)329-1356 for more information.

#### **Landscapes for Living: Post War Years in Northern California**

Saturday, October 24: Wurster Auditorium, University of California, Berkeley

Sunday, October 25: Self-guided driving study tour, San Francisco/Marin

A symposium by The Cultural Landscape Foundation celebrating the publication of *Shaping the American Landscape: New Profiles from the Pioneers of American Landscape Design Project* (University of Virginia Press, 2009) Cosponsored by: *The Garden Conservancy, The California Garden and Landscape History Society, University of California, Berkeley, College of Environmental Design, and National Trust for Historic Preservation*

*Landscapes for Living* will place a focus on the unique Post War legacy of public and private landscapes in Northern California through actual participants who played an active role during what is now thought to be an unprecedented, optimistic time of innovation and experimentation. Speakers will provide rare insight and will include critical participants of the era, in addition to present-day practitioners and historians.

Info and tickets available at The Cultural Landscape Foundation's website at <http://www.tclf.org/events/pioneers/berkeley/index.html>

## Other Horticultural Events...

### Cal Hort Society October Program

October 19, 2009 "Life after Lawn: Toward New Naturalism" Presented by Anthony Garza Jr., Supervisor of Horticulture & Grounds, UC Botanical Garden Meetings start at 7:15pm in the County Fair Building at the San Francisco Botanical Garden. If you're not a member, there is a Guest Fee of \$5.

### Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, October 17, 10am-3pm

Scores of hard-to-find native plant species, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Organized by California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. 2 miles west of I-280. Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information, visit [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org), email [cnps\\_scv@yahoo.com](mailto:cnps_scv@yahoo.com) or call (650) 941-1068.

### Cactus and Succulent Show & Sale

Saturday October 3, 9am-5pm and Sunday October 4, 10am-4pm.

The Cactus & Succulent Society of San Jose; location: Buchser Middle School, 1111 Bellomy Street, Santa Clara, CA

Call (408)281-1290 or email [webmastercscsj.org](http://webmastercscsj.org) for more information.

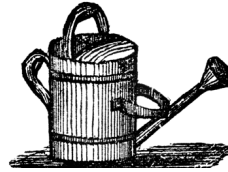
### Irrigating Your Garden with Rainwater and/or Greywater

A class with landscape architect Bobby Markowitz

Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12:30pm

Hakone Estate & Gardens, 21000 Big Basin Way, Saratoga

Call (831)475-9355 or email [infoearthcraftdesign.com](mailto:infoearthcraftdesign.com) for more information. Fee \$45.00; pre-registration required.



### Harvest Fair & Exposition

Saturday, October 3 at Emma Prusch Farm Park, from 9am-4pm The park is located at 647 South King Road in San Jose, near the intersections of Highways 280/680 and 101. Admission and parking are free. Visit the Rare Fruit Orchard, Heritage & High Density Orchards, Emma's Heritage German Garden, the Friendship Forest, Petting Zoo, and be part of 4-H Mega Field Day!

The event is hosted by the Prusch Park Foundation and supported by the City of San Jose. For more information about the event, please contact Prusch Farm Park at (408)926-5555.

### Native Gardens Sought

Gardens are being sought to participate in the Going Native Garden Tour, set for Sunday, April 18, 2010, which showcases bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, and water conserving gardens. Gardens must be located in Santa Clara County or San Mateo County, and contain 50% or more California native plants. To submit your garden, visit [www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org](http://www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org). The deadline is December 1, 2009. For more information, email [info@GoingNativeGardenTour.org](mailto:info@GoingNativeGardenTour.org).

**"I appreciate the misunderstanding I have had with Nature over my perennial border. I think it is a flower garden; she thinks it is a meadow lacking grass, and tries to correct the error."** ~Sara Stein

### Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members

**President:** Chris Egan

**Vice President:** TBD

**Recording Secretary:** Judy Mulenberg

**Treasurer:** Claudia Stopp

**Other Board Members:** Kerry Barrs, Christine Bate, Michelle Bond, Abby Garner, Janice Gillmore, Sherry Hall, Patricia Knight, Mark McCabe, Niki Muller, Nancy Schramm, Richard Tiede, Katie Wong

**To contact us, please email us at:**  
[info@westernhort.org](mailto:info@westernhort.org)

**Membership in Western Hort:**

**To join, send in your name, address, phone number and a check made out to:**  
**Western Horticultural Society**

**PO Box 60507 Palo Alto, CA, 94306**

**Membership rates: A 1 year membership (Sept-Aug) of \$35 includes 4 issues of Pacific Horticulture magazine; Sustaining is \$45; Contributing is \$60 and Plant Lover is \$100+. We have also added a family membership rate of \$50 for two or more members of the same household, and a Student rate of \$20.**

**Please visit our web site at [www.westernhort.org](http://www.westernhort.org) for a membership form.**

### October Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Using the Master Charts in *How to Grow More Vegetables* to Plan Your Garden

Carol Cox Saturday, October 10  
10:30-12:30; \$30

Seed Collecting and Saving

Carol Cox Saturday, October 10  
2-4pm; \$30

Gardening with Your Children

Jody Main Saturday, October 17  
10:30-12:30; \$30 plus \$10 materials fee

Container Gardening

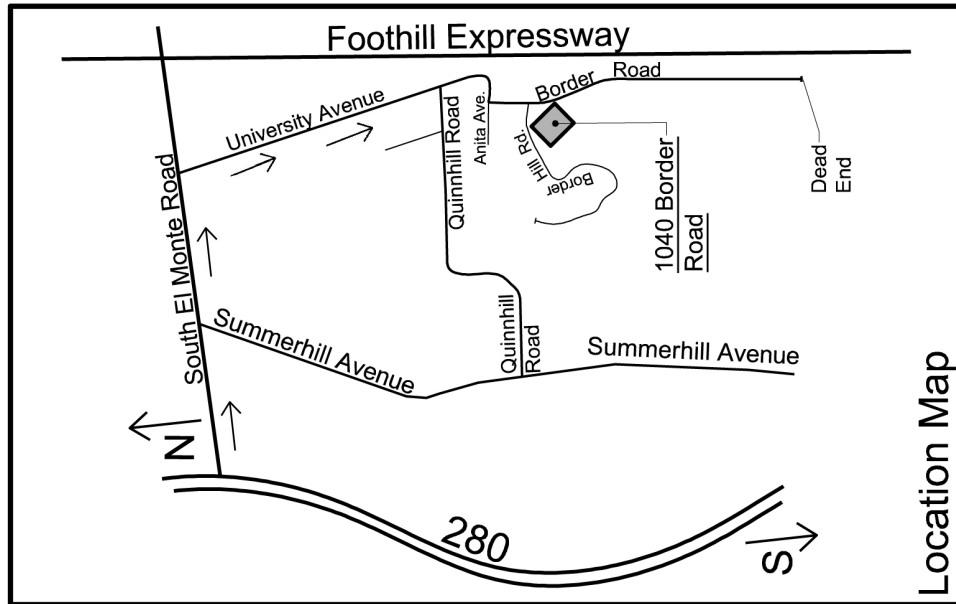
Susie Mader Saturday, October 24  
10:30-12:30; \$30

Worm Composting

Alane Weber Saturday, October 31  
10:30-1:30; \$35

To register for classes call (650) 493-6072.





Location Map

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 Monthly Meeting  
 Christ Episcopal Church  
 1040 Border Road, Los Altos

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