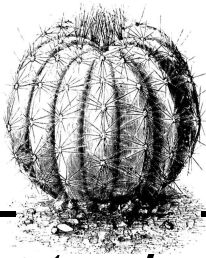


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WHS September Speaker

Special WHS Annual Louisa Beck Guest Lecture!

September 9: Bill McNamara Executive Director,
Quarryhill Botanical Garden, Glen Ellen, CA

“Plants on the Move: Why Botanic Gardens are Vital to our Future”

It isn't a stretch to say Bill McNamara rubs shoulders with some of the most well-known folks in the horticultural field. The company he keeps includes horticulturists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Windsor Great Park and Howick Arboretum as well as our own San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum. As Executive Director of Quarryhill Botanical Garden, he has had the opportunity to travel far and wide collecting plants. This has given him a unique perspective on the effects of plants that have been moved around the world. While plant hunting is a great passion of Mr. McNamara's, he is well aware of the problems that can arise when species from another geographic location take over in their new homes. While all good gardeners try to prevent bringing invasive species to their areas, Mr. McNamara will discuss how the lives we lead today have been changed - mostly for the good - by the import of plants from around the world. Economic, conservation and aesthetic factors have all played a role in how our gardens, parks and neighborhoods function, not to mention the foods on our plates.

October 14: Robert Kourik, Publisher, Author, Freelance Writer and Landscape Designer, Occidental, CA
“Roots Demystified, Change Your Gardening Habits to Help Roots Thrive”

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”

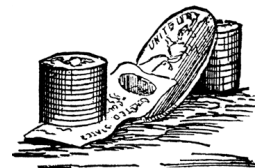
Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7pm and meetings begin at 7:30. The location is at Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Please also join our speaker for dinner prior to the meeting at Chef Chu's at 5:30pm at the corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio 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 September 23rd for the October 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.



Important - 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 coffer 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!



“Half the interest of a garden is the constant exercise of the imagination.” ~ Mrs. C. W. Earle, 1897

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

I know that May was a long time ago, but we had a lot of fun with the plants left-over from the plant sale! Thanks to all the member growers. The September table is traditionally the responsibility of the WHS board, but any nice plants or plant related items are happily accepted.

Last Chance for Discount Tickets!

If you plan to attend The Late Show Gardens in Sonoma on Sept 18th -20th and do not yet have your tickets, contact Nancy Schramm immediately. We have the opportunity to get group discount tickets if at least ten WHS members are interested. Purchasing group tickets will also enter WHS in a drawing for a \$500.00 prize. Contact Nancy by September 1st (or maybe a day or two later...) (408)847-2313 or edgreenthumb@att.net

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

WHS Spring Plant Sale 2010

Now is an excellent time to divide your perennials and get some starters going for the Spring plant sale. Use 1 gallon or 4 inch pots. Plants that need little water and are suitable for our Mediterranean climate are particularly welcome. Make sure you keep a record of the plant name and its requirements, e.g. sun or shade. We have a list of recommended plants. Please contact either Pat Knight 650-941-6136 or Elizabeth Garbett for this list. The Plant Sale is our big fund-raiser and helps to keep our dues reasonable. So if you want to help Western Hort and love messing about with plants, please join our plant propagation group and start your plants so they will be a good size by April. ~ Pat Knight

In Memory

Sometime late evening August 9th, 2009 Rosalie R Cape, a WHS member and avid gardener, passed away after struggling with cancer for nearly a year and a half. During the day of August 9th she had marvelous time in Monterey with her daughter-in-law Katie and her son James at a wine tasting event and exploring the aquarium until early evening. It couldn't have been a better last day on earth for her. Despite being very sick and not very comfortable, she always remained up beat and positive. This singular strength is an example and inspiration for us all. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

Rosalie had collected many plants in her garden, and her family would like to have a sale of these plants in late September; for more information or to help volunteer with the sale, please call Richard Tiede at 408-251-6618.

Other Horticultural Events...

The Late Show Gardens

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 18th – 20th, 2009
Cornerstone Sonoma, 23570 Highway 121 (Arnold Drive),
Sonoma, CA 95476

We have all been to numerous garden shows before - mostly in the spring. Now is your chance to go to a new and thought provoking show created by the most innovative designers on the West Coast. And it will be in the fall! The Late Show Gardens will highlight solutions to the threats facing our planet.

The Late Show Gardens is an alliance of professionals and dedicated gardeners, many of whom are world renowned.

They have come together to create gardens that address the challenges of our changing environment. Climate change, drought, sustainable practices and renewable resources are the primary focus of the event and are the issues that the speakers and designers will address. There will be gardens, speakers and vendors over a 3-day period.

Adult Single Day Pass: \$20, Senior 65+ Single Day Pass/Group Rate (10 or more): \$15

Adult Three Day pass \$45, Youth Three Day Pass (6-12): \$30

Children Single Day Pass 6-12: \$10, Children under 6: Free

To order your tickets you can contact:

Leslie Dean 650 967-5408, lesliekdean@mindspring.com

Judy Wong 650 321-2504 judygardn@aol.com

Lorena Gorsche 408 554-1955 lgggarden@comcast.net

For more information on the gardens or to order tickets on line go to www.thelateshowgardens.org



Other Horticultural Events...

Cal Hort Society September Program

September 21, 2009 "Plant Hunting in the High Andes of Chile and Argentina"
Presented by Walter Teague, noted plant explorer and photographer.
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.

Horticulturist's Alice: A Garden Tour of Wonderland— An entertaining evening with one of Alice's biggest fans, Bob Hornbeck

Wednesday September 9th 6:30-9:30pm
San Francisco Botanical Garden Society at Strybing Arboretum, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way, San Francisco. Phone: (415)661-1316
Fee: \$20.00; pre-registration is required.



Planning & Understanding Drought Tolerant Gardening - A Class with Alane Weber

A Recycle Works 2009 Sustainable Gardening Lecture Series
Wednesday Sept. 16th 7-9:00pm. Free; Location: San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo (located just off Alameda de las Pulgas, 4 blocks south of Hwy 92.) Call (650)599-1498 for more info or visit <http://www.recycleworks.org> on the web.

34th Annual Fall Garden Tour

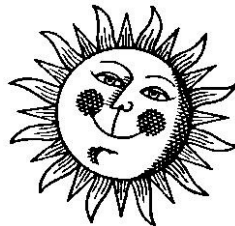
Saturday September 12th 10:00am-4:00pm
A self-drive tour of four private gardens in San Mateo, Hillsborough, or Burlingame; proceeds benefit San Mateo's Central Park. For more information, contact the San Mateo Arboretum Society at (650)579-0536 or tour@sanmateoarboretum.org. Tickets are \$35.00 or \$40 on day of tour.

Designing, Building, and Managing a Native Garden

Saturday September 26th 3:30-6:00pm
A series of do-it-yourself classes on gardening with California native plants, plus a garden tour on Sunday. California Native Garden Foundation, 76 Race Street, San Jose. For more information, call (408)292-9993 or email info@cngf.org. Fee \$65.00; RSVP to hold your space.

Green Gardener Program

This ten week series will expose landscape maintenance professionals to ecological landscaping, or "Green Gardening." Green gardening includes practices that conserve water, protect the soil, and reduce the use of pesticides. Included in the curriculum are classes on Soils, Right Plant Right Place, Irrigation, Pruning, Fertilizers, Compost and Mulch, Integrated Pest Management, and Air Quality. A Green Gardener certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of the course. Classes are held at Erikson Adult Center, 4849 Pearl Ave, San Jose, (408)723-6450. Fee: \$120, scholarships available. Classes begin Tuesday, September 22 (Spanish class), and Wednesday, September 23 (English class), 4-6pm.



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:
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Membership in Western Hort:

To join, send in your name, address, phone number and a check made out to:
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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 for a membership form.

September Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Amaranth to Wheat: Part I: And All Points Between. Part II: From Seed to Table Margo and Dan Royer-Miller Sat. September 5 10:30-12:30pm Part I \$30; 1:30-3:30pm Part II \$30

Plant Your Own Winter vegetable Garden Jody Main Sat. September 12 10:30-12:30pm \$30 plus \$5 materials fee

Introduction to Grow Biointensive Dan Royer-Miller Sat. September 19, 2009 10:30-12:30pm \$30

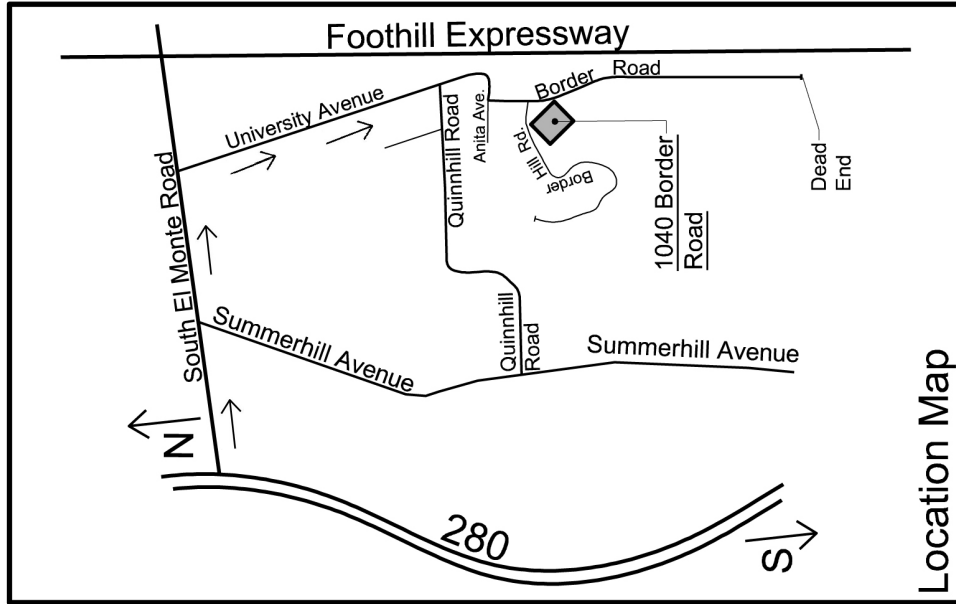
Grow Biointensive Composting Margo Royer-Miller Sat. September 19 2-4:00pm \$30

Two-Day Introduction to Permaculture Doniga Markegard & Drew Harwell Sa. & Sun. September 26 & 27 10:30-4:30pm \$170

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

**"Except during the nine months before he draws breath,
no man manages his affairs as well as a tree does."**

~ George Bernard Shaw



Location Map

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 Monthly Meeting
 Christ Episcopal Church
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