



## WHS September Speaker

Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

### Special WHS Annual Louisa Beck Lecture!

Katherine Greenberg, Garden Designer, Lafayette, CA

#### “The Evolution of a Native Garden”

*Native plant gardens are dynamic,  
changing with the seasons as well as the years.*

There is a lot to learn from Katherine Greenberg's 30-year-old Lafayette garden, celebrated in publications such as EBMUD's *Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates*, Diablo Magazine, and Pacific Horticulture. Katherine will talk about the development of her garden that includes plants associated with the major plant communities: grassland, chaparral, coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, riparian woodland, and redwood forest. Katherine selected plants that are natural companions in the wild and suited to the climate and conditions of the site. The colors and textures add interest in every season of the year and the creek attracts deer and other wildlife. As a garden designer Katherine has a special interest in California native plants and climate-compatible gardening. She was the founding president of the Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden and a past president of the Mediterranean Garden Society and Pacific Horticulture. She has led tours to Spain, Portugal, Morocco, and Greece, sponsored by Pacific Horticulture. She also organizes native plant workshops in her garden for small groups.

*There will be a workshop in Katherine Greenberg's garden on Saturday October 16, 2010. Sign up at the September 8 meeting or see page 2 for how to reserve a space.*

**MEETING LOCATION** Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7 p.m. and meetings begin at 7:30. The location is at Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos.

Please also join our speaker for dinner prior to the meeting at Chef Chu's at 5:30 p.m. 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.

## WHS Speakers 2010-2011

**October 13** Richard Merrill, Emeritus Professor of Horticulture, Cabrillo College, Cabrillo, CA. “Managing the Garden and the Landscape as an Ecosystem.”

**November 10** C. Todd Kenney, The Arboreum Company, San Francisco, CA. “The Unlimited Orchard of the Finest Fruits You Can Grow.”

**December 9** Jennifer Dungan, Earth Sciences Division, NASA, Mountain View, CA. “Can You See My Garden From Space?”

**January 12** Andrea Hurd, Mariposa Gardening & Design, Berkeley, CA. “Mallorcan Masonry: Dry Stacked Stone Walls for Beauty and Habitats.”

**February 9** Don Mahoney, Curator/Nursery Manager, San Francisco Botanical Gardens at Strybing Arboretum, San Francisco, CA. “The Best New Plants for Shade.”

**March 9** Cliff Low, Perry Laboratory, Watsonville, CA. “Fertilizers, Amendments, Organic, Conventional, Oh My! Testing to Decide What to Use for Improving Soil Condition.”

**April 13** Jim Dixon, Jim Dixon Gardens, Kensington, CA. “Transforming the Sense of Place: Redefining with Shape, Color and Texture.”

**May 11** Kristin Yanker-Hansen, Kristin's Garden, Danville, CA. “Year-Round Cut Flowers from the Garden.”

### **Important - Dues Renewal Reminder!**

It is that time of year again! Our membership year is September 1 – 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. Renewal applications with pre-addressed envelopes were mailed in August; we urge you to send in your dues now if you haven't already. Prompt renewal helps those who coordinate with Pacific Horticulture and the volunteers who put together the information for the newsletter, labels and mailing, etc. We look forward to your participation in the activities we have planned for you this coming year. Please see page 3 for details on membership rates and where to send the form (this is the same as on the mail you received in August). If you have any questions, please contact our membership guru at [grew@pacbell.net](mailto:grew@pacbell.net) or 650-851-5162. **Thank you!**

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

### ***Hello from the President***

Hello and welcome back. What a strange and cool summer we have had, and I hope we've warmed up by the time you read this. Yes, the tomatoes were slow in ripening, but are they yummy when ripe. However, the squash did not seem to mind the change in the weather. We have a wonderful lineup of speakers for 2010-2011 so a big "thank you" to the Speakers Committee. Also, welcome our new Newsletter Editor Marianne Mueller, and the new look to our Newsletter. Please tell friends and family about WHS and I look forward to seeing you all again in September. ~Richard Tiede

### ***Raffle Table***

The September table is traditionally supplied by the Board, and wait 'til you see the goodies we're bringing! Of course, we always welcome extra donations to the table of plant materials, gardening tools and books. The greater the selection, the greater the excitement! ~Nancy Schramm

### ***CEU's***

WHS is pleased to be able to offer 0.5 CEU's for APLD members (Association of Professional Landscape Designers) at each of our meetings from September through May.

### ***Western Horticulture Native Plant Workshop in a Private Garden - Reserve Your Spot*** **Saturday, October 16, 10 am - 12:30 pm**

Join garden designer Katherine Greenberg for a fall native plant workshop in her garden. Started in 1980 on a 1.3 acre site in Lafayette, this waterwise garden reflects the character and diversity of the natural landscape and provides habitat for wildlife. Through an informal presentation, discussion, and a walk through the garden, you will learn about plants for seasonal interest in fall/winter, attracting wildlife, and design. Participants will receive a packet of handouts with ideas for planting, reading and resources, and light refreshments will be served. Sign up for this special workshop and get ideas for fall planting. Cost: \$20 for WH members, \$25 for non-members. Payment due upon signing up. Contact Leslie Dean at 650-966-8364 or email [lesliekdean@mindspring.com](mailto:lesliekdean@mindspring.com) to reserve your space. Directions to the garden will be provided closer to the workshop date. Make your check out to Western Horticultural Society and mail your check to Leslie Dean, 1019 Mountain View Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040.

### ***2011 Plant Sale: Looking for Chair!***

We are looking for a Chair for the 2011 Plant Sale, held every year in April. The Chair co-ordinates the growers and the sale volunteers as well as acting as a cheerleader by posting up-dates each month to generate enthusiasm among the members. We have a list of who has the equipment and who has to do what. Thanks to Pat Knight for doing this ably last year. She will be helping out in 2011 on the Plant Sale Committee, as will most of the other volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to be Chair, contact Chris Egan at 650-948-4614 or [chegan@pacbell.net](mailto:chegan@pacbell.net).

### ***Annual Louisa Beck Lecture***

The first lecture in the Western Horticulture lecture series is the Annual Louisa Beck Lecture. For more information about Louisa Beck and her life & gift, see our website at [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org). Click the Archive tab and look under 2004.

### ***WHS 2010 Picnic and Fieldtrip – Fruit Orchard at Steve Boboricken's***

Check out Katie Wong's write-up and photos on our website, [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org)! Katie writes: "Steve has carved out a fruit-lover's paradise ..." Thanks to Steve for his hospitality and showing us the possibilities for our own paradise.

### ***A Mine of Information - Our Website, [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org)***

Be prepared for the upcoming meeting - visit [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org) to find information about our speakers and follow links to their websites. Click on "Speaker" on the left hand side. Also, check out the "Events" and "About" pages, as well as information on our "Founding Fathers & Mothers" under the "Founders Award" pages. If you lose your newsletter or monthly plant information, they are always available on the site. Any ideas to add to the site are always welcome. Contact Pat Knight at [deerproof@yahoo.com](mailto:deerproof@yahoo.com).



## 28 Years Ago ...

In 1982, WHS was still meeting on Mondays at the Ampex Corp cafeteria. I'll bet most of us are pleased that the meeting location is now a little farther south! On September 13th, WHS was fortunate to have Albert Wilson speaking on "Outstanding Plants for Local Gardens." No doubt he supplied great entertainment along with "Cultural requirements and availability of his personal favorites." Barbara Worl gave a "5 minute talk" about books. There was an announcement about the upcoming Begonia Festival in Capitola - the 30th anniversary of the event - now in its 58th year. Plants on display included two interesting trees, *Oxydendrum arboreum* and *Hoheria populnea* (Ed Carman), *Primula marginata* in bloom (Dick Dunmire), and *Stokesia laevis* 'Silver Moon,' an uncommon white form (Jean Fowkes). Emily Brown (plant note editor) also commented "It was good to find Mr. & Mrs. Wilson (Peters and Wilson Nursery) in the audience and we hope this means that they will be in constant attendance." ~Nancy Schramm

## Other Horticultural Events ...

**Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies VII: Style and Whimsy in the Sustainable Garden**, Sep 23-26, Pasadena. See [pacifichorticulture.org](http://pacifichorticulture.org) or call (619) 299-3010.

**4th Annual Portola Garden Tour** Sep 25, 10 am - 3 pm, Portola District, San Francisco. See [portolagardentour.com](http://portolagardentour.com) or contact the Portola Garden Tour Organizer, Ruth Wallace, at 415-585-8399 or 415-420-6185, or [rwallace@portolagardentour.com](mailto:rwallace@portolagardentour.com).

**35th Annual Fall Garden Tour**. Sep 11. Visit four special gardens in Hillsborough and San Mateo, including one rarely open to the public. \$35 advance, \$40 on the day of the tour. See [sanmateoarboratum.org](http://sanmateoarboratum.org) or call 650-579-0536.

## Classes, Talks and Workshops ...

**Sep 2 Saving Water in the Garden**, Deva Luna. 7 - 8:30 pm, Los Altos Youth Center, One N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos, CA, 94022. See [cnps-scv.org](http://cnps-scv.org) for details on additional free programs this fall.

**Sep 4 Lawn Removal, Alternatives, and Management**, Frank Niccoli. 9 am - noon, Mountain View. Free but registration required. To register, call BAWSCA (Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency) at 650-349-3000 or email [landscape@bawasca.org](mailto:landscape@bawasca.org).

**Sep 11 Autumn Color Maintenance**, Mimi Clarke. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside, 94062. Contact Filoli to register at 650-364-8300. Fee: \$35 members, \$45 non-members.

**Sep 15 Landscaping with California Native Plants**, Sherri Osaka, 7-9 pm, Alum Rock Library, 3090 Alum Rock Ave., San José, CA 95127

**Free Landscape Education** The Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and participating member agencies are offering free Landscape Education. Registration is required. Call 650-349-3000 or email [landscape@bawasca.org](mailto:landscape@bawasca.org).



**Newsletter Submissions and Address Changes** Please send info for the October newsletter by Sep 18 to Marianne Mueller, [mrm@sonic.net](mailto:mrm@sonic.net) or 650-326-2029. Please send address changes to [grew@pacbell.net](mailto:grew@pacbell.net) or call 650-851-5162.

### Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members

President: Richard Tiede

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To contact us, please send email to [info@westernhort.org](mailto:info@westernhort.org), or contact Chris Egan at 650-948-4614, or send mail to Western Horticulture Society, PO Box 60507, Palo Alto, CA, 94306.

### About membership in Western Hort:

To join or renew, send your name, address, phone number and a check made out to "Western Horticultural Society" to PO Box 620673, Woodside, CA 94062-0673.

Membership Rates: A 1-year membership (Sep-Aug) includes four issues of Pacific Horticulture magazine. Regular membership is \$35, Sustaining is \$45, Contributing is \$60 and Plant Lover is \$100+. We have also added a Family membership of \$50 for two or more members at the same address, and a Student rate of \$20.

Please visit our website at [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org) for a membership form.

### More classes!

#### Common Ground - September

See [commongroundinpalto.org](http://commongroundinpalto.org) or call 650-493-6072:

- \* Using Native Plants in the Garden
- \* Introduction to Grow Biointensive
- \* Bed Preparation and Double Digging
- \* Organic Fall Gardening.

#### UCCE Master Gardeners - Sep

See [mastergardeners.org/events](http://mastergardeners.org/events) or call 408-282-3105:

- \* Arboretum All-Stars: Proven Winners for Your Garden
- \* Grow Your Own Garlic
- \* Growing Fruits and Berries Sustainably (5-week adult ed class)
- \* Cool Season Vegetable Gardening
- \* Fall Vegetable Seedling Sale (Oct 2)

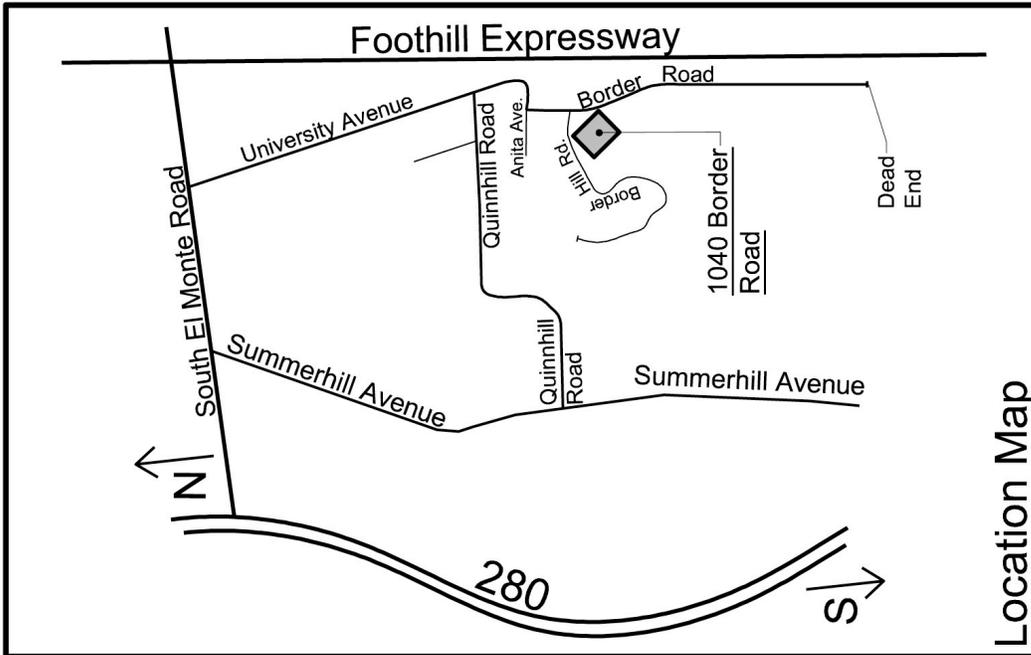
Before the seed there comes the thought of bloom. ~E.B. White



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