

WHS December Speaker

December 10: Nancy Schramm

Owner of Carman's Nursery, Gilroy, CA

"Nursery Child: Growing Up at Carman's Nursery"

Third-generation owner of Carman's Nursery, Nancy Schramm and her husband recently moved the nursery to Gilroy, where they have lived for 25 years. The nursery is known for growing rare and unusual plants, including bonsai starters, dwarf conifers, rock garden plants, and less common fruiting plants. In her spare time, Ms. Schramm writes a garden column called 'A Passion for Plants' in the *Out & About* magazine, and recently had an article published in *American Nurseryman*. With the family home adjacent to the nursery, Ms. Schramm and her two sisters grew up playing and working at Carman's Nursery. While working there was cause for complaint in high school days, the sisters now share these memories with fondness. Tonight Ms. Schramm will take a nostalgic look back at the joys and challenges of being a Nursery Child.

January 14: Ellen McEnroe Zagory, Director of Horticulture at the UC Davis Arboretum, Davis, CA "The UC Davis Arboretum: New Programs, Gardens, and Plants"

February 11: Robert Kourik, Publisher, Author, Freelance Writer and Landscape Designer, Occidental, CA "Roots Demystified, Change Your Gardening Habits to Help Roots Thrive"

March 11: Jason Dewees, Palm consultant, Flora Grubb Gardens, San Francisco, CA "Palms for Central California Gardens"

April 8: Rosalind Creasy, Garden and Food Writer, Photographer and Landscape Designer, Los Altos, CA "Edible Landscaping: The New American Garden"

May 13: Rebecca Lance, Proprietor of Granite Gardens Rare Plants Nursery, Sonora, CA

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 December 16th for the January newsletter.

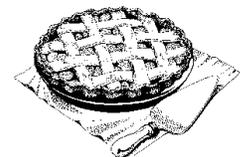
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WHS Holiday Potluck: December 10th

It's almost here! This year, our Holiday Potluck will be held on Wednesday December 10th at 6:30pm, at our new meeting location at 1040 Border Road, Los Altos.

All of our members are invited to join us for a celebration of good company, and good food! This evening we will not only have our potluck, but also the lecture "Nursery Child: Growing Up at Carman's Nursery" by our own Nancy Schramm, as well as our Founder's Award presentation.



Please bring a favorite main dish, salad or dessert to share, and please also bring plates and utensils for yourself and your guests. The Board will provide cups and glasses, as well as wine, other beverages, and appetizers. Please also remember to bring canned or packaged food for the needy. We hope to see you all there!

Membership – Last Chance to Renew!

LAST CHANCE – According to our By-Laws, should renewal dues not reach the Treasurer by December 10, your membership will be dropped. We are down 33 members and are hoping you will send that check and join us again this year. We have a line-up of excellent speakers and a great new location plus some extras this year that you are sure to love. We hope to see your happy faces at our informative/fun events. ~ Claudia Stopp

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

What a great raffle table we had in November! Big thanks goes out to Ryan Hall (our speaker) of Pacific Plug & Liner, and Lisa & Jeff Rosendale of Sierra Azul Nursery & Garden for their generous donations. If you didn't go home with the plant you hoped for, watch your local nursery or garden center for PP&L selections, or drive over to Watsonville to see the whole nursery full of wonderful plants (and garden sculpture) at Sierra Azul (831) 763-0939. There will be NO raffle table in December.

CEU Credits The WHS offers Continuing Education Credits for the CCN Pro—a program of the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers. One CEU credit is earned per monthly WHS lecture attendance. Also, we now offer CEUs for the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD), as well. Just sign in at the registration desk after the program. ~Nancy Schramm

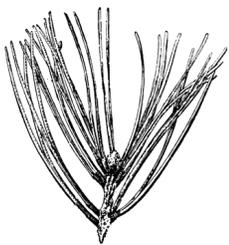
Update on Our Spring Plant Sale 2009

We are still looking for volunteers for plant propagation - it is fun and creative. We have a list of recommended plants that can be sent to you by e-mail. And we have received a large number of 4" pots and 6-packs that can be picked up from Elizabeth Garbett. So get your hands dirty! If you need advice on your plants call Pat Knight 650-941-6136 or Elizabeth Garbett at 650-948-4001. ~ Pat Knight

Also, A Note from Niki Muller: As I was unable to be at the last meeting, I will be available on both December 6th and the 13th between 10am and 12 at my home to demonstrate propagation techniques and to accept any divided plants for repotting for the sale. Just please email me to say you will be coming. Also I will be at the general meetings on January 14th and February 11th at 6 30pm to do a Q&A on propagation plus helping with any propagation issue. You can email me at docpdm@earthlink.net.

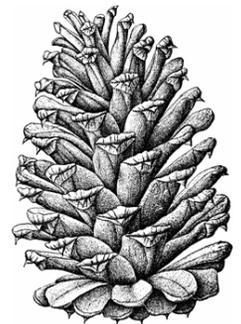
"I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape—the loneliness of it—the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it—the whole story doesn't show."

~ Andrew Wyeth



WHS Board Member Nominations

Each January, the nominating committee asks a few new members to join the WHS board of directors to fill the forthcoming vacancies. This brings new ideas and enthusiasm to our society. Please seriously consider helping if you are asked. Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by 10% or more of the membership. The bylaws state "Such a signed petition shall be in the hands of the Recording Secretary not later than 1 December" but since we neglected to make this announcement at the November meeting, petitions may be mailed or turned in by our December 10th meeting.



We Want to Know

Your speaker committee is getting ready to choose a line-up of great speakers for next year, but we want to know who YOU might be interested in hearing. Look for the survey that was included in last month's newsletter, fill it out, and either bring it to the Dec or Jan meetings, or mail it to: Nancy Schramm, 8470 Pharmer Rd, Gilroy, CA 95020. If there are two members in your household, feel free to copy and send in a survey from each of you. Make your interests known! ~ Nancy Schramm

Email Blast and Newsletter Delivery

Inspired by recent critical date and meeting place changes, the Western Hort Board is setting up a Western Hort Email-Blast Group. We are also considering sending the monthly newsletter by email in 2009 for those who prefer electronic delivery. The Email Blast Group will include all members who have given us their email addresses, and will only be used for emergency, time sensitive, or extremely important messages. Please email Judy Mulenburg with your current email information (jmulenburg@gmail.com) if you did not give it to us with your membership renewal. (In the next few weeks, look for a coming Email Blast test message regarding the December event) ~ Judy Mulenburg

28 Years Ago...

WHS had not started having their annual holiday potluck in 1980 (and therefore had no December newsletter) so I thought I'd skip a decade ahead and see what might be happening in 1990. In November, "Fred Peterson from the Soil and Plant Laboratory in Santa Clara" spoke on "Our Soils and How to Improve Them." The new members list included Kerry Barrs - still active 18 years later! The following month's newsletter showed WHS membership at 240 - so we all need to go out and join up a new fellow plant lover. Plant notes show that Todd Kennedy brought in several edibles: *Ugni molinae* (Chilean Guava) and an interesting fig called 'Panache' that has green and yellow stripes both on the fruit and on the younger stems. Other contributors included Gerda Isenberg, Barbara Worl, Claire Steed (of Cottage Gardens Nursery), Betsy Clebsch, Sherry Austin, Sally Casey, & Ed Carman, and THAT is a list of plant lovers! ~ *Nancy Schramm*

San Francisco Flower and Garden Show

Question: What is NEW, Cool, and filled with Chlorophyll???

Answer: A specimen in the Cal Hort/Western Hort exhibit of New, Exciting Cutting-edge plants being shown at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show. (New Plant Picks) March 18th -22nd, this year at the San Mateo Event Center. Cal Hort and Western Hort are collaborating their efforts this year to make this a very exciting feature of the show, and with your help, we can do it!!! Stay tuned to hear how you can gain free admission to the show for just a few hours of your time. ~ *Nancy Schramm*

Other Horticultural Events...

The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz

Take Tea and See! Thursday Dec 4th, 7pm

A lecture on the tea rose with Bill Grant; Potluck supper at 6pm precedes the lecture. FREE! But donations cheerfully accepted! For more information call (831)427-2998 or email arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu.

Santa Clara County Master Gardeners Workshop Dormant Pruning of Ornamentals and Fruit Trees: A workshop with Master Gardeners, followed by an open garden until 1 pm.

Saturday December 6th, 10:00-11:00am, by the Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County. Location: Palo Alto Demonstration Garden, 851 Center Drive, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-2029 for more information.

Poinsettia Sale and Open House

Wednesday, December 3rd, 3-7pm

3rd Annual Open House Featuring thirty varieties of poinsettias available to view and purchase. Location: Cabrillo College Environmental Horticulture Center, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Call 831-479-6100 for more information.



Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members

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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 for a membership form.

**Gardening with Nature:
Gardening for Hummingbirds**
- a talk by Freddy Howell & Arvind Kumar. Thursday, December 4, 7-9pm at the Saratoga Community Library, Saratoga.



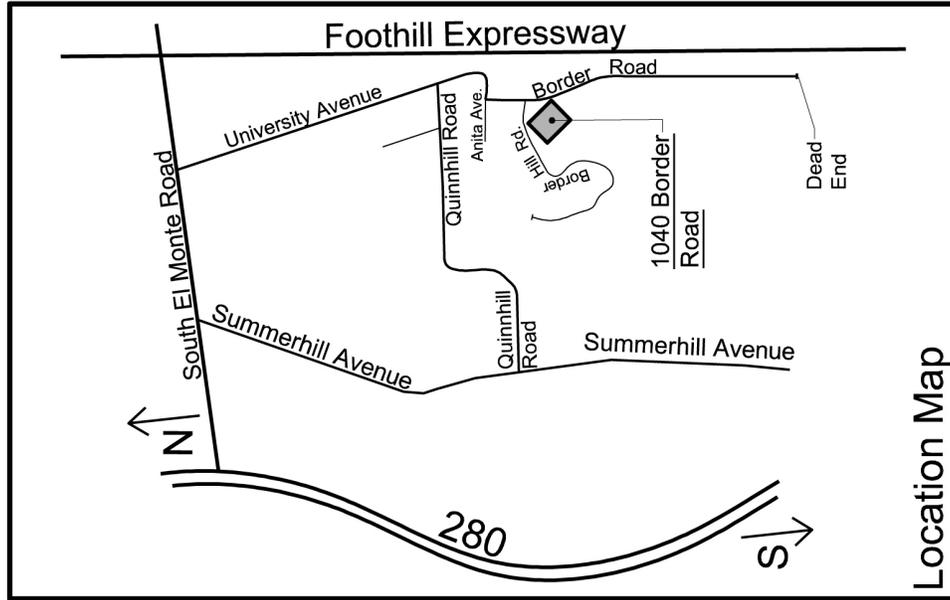
Annual Holiday Wreath Workshop!

Saturday, December 13,
10:00-12:00pm and 1:30-3:30pm;
\$15/members, \$20/non-members

After a basic design lesson, you will be ready to create a personal gift for your home. All basic materials will be provided, but if you have some special greenery or ornaments that you would like to incorporate onto your wreath, feel free to bring them along. Location: Guadalupe River Park & Gardens Visitor & Education Center, 438 Coleman Avenue, San Jose. For more information please call 408-298-7657.

Pacific Horticulture Representative Position

Would you like to be involved with Pacific Horticulture, meet new people and help with all kinds of gardening events? If so, there will be an open position for Western Horticulture's representative to the Pacific Horticulture Board of Directors coming up at the end of the year. Please contact Chris Egan at 650-948-4614 if you are interested.



Location Map

Western Horticultural Society
 Monthly Meeting
 Christ Episcopal Church
 1040 Border Road, Los Altos

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