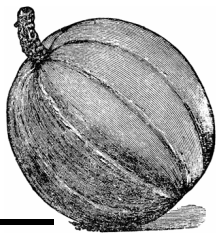


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# Western Horticultural Society

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## WHS October Speaker

**October 10: Dennis Makishima**

Arborist and Professor at Merritt College

**“Aesthetic Pruning of Small Trees and Shrubs in the Urban Setting”**

Dennis Makishima considers his work to be a combination of horticultural science, bonsai aesthetics, communication and creative interpretation. To date, he has successfully pruned over 10,000 trees and taught over 500 workshops and classes across the United States and abroad. His interest in tree pruning started in 1980 when he practiced on a friend's tree. That blossomed into a full time career by 1984. Although mostly self-taught, he enhanced his skills by attending Merritt College and later became an instructor there in the Horticulture Department. To better understand tree aesthetics, in 1982 he took a Bonsai lesson and later trained for 1 1/2 years as a bonsai apprentice in Toyohashi, Japan. To date, His bonsai collection numbers over 500 trees, many of which are featured in the 2002 Sunset Bonsai Book. Other achievements include creating the Merritt College Aesthetic Tree Pruning program, serving as the President of the Golden State Bonsai Federation, and organizing a professional aesthetic pruners network. Besides his love of trees, Mr. Makishima cherishes his role as teacher to others.



**November 14: Tom Bressan**

The Urban Farmer Store, "Innovations in Landscape Water Conservation"

**December 11: Helen McKenna-Ridley and Allan Ridley**

Tour Leaders for Birding and Natural History

“Travels on the Eighth Continent: A Natural History Adventure in Madagascar”

**January 9: Barbara Worl**

Plantswoman, Owner of Sweetbriar Press and Photographer  
"Bits and Pieces of a Life in the Garden"

**February 13: Ernie Wasson**

Nursery and Garden Curator at Cabrillo College “Foliage Plants: The Backbones of the Garden”

**March 12: Rosemary Nightingale**

Educator, Artist, Co-founder of the Squaw Valley Herb Gardens, and author of Recipes & Remedies  
“See, Smell, Hear, Taste and Feel: Herbs, the Useful Plants”

**April 9: Patrick Worley**

Hybridizer, Webmaster and Graphic Designer for Suncrest Nurseries “Peru, a Plant Lover's Journey”

**May 14: Jeff Rosendale**

Owner of Rosendale Nursery and Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens, Watsonville, CA  
“Plants, People and Art – Putting Them all Together in a California Garden”

Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7pm and meetings begin at 7:30. The location is Covington School, 205 Covington 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 17th. 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 the coffer in the black. There are established deadlines, so the process of transferring information can be made in a timely manner. We urge you to send in your dues now. With the September newsletter you received the membership renewal form; if it has gone missing, you may download the form from our website at www.westernhort.org. Prompt renewal helps those who have to coordinate with Pacific Hort people, 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! ~Claudia Stopp

**“It is a greater act of faith to plant a bulb than to plant a tree.”** ~ Clare Leighton



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

### ***Raffle Table***

Thank you WHS board members for the wonderful plants on the September raffle table. If you missed it — there were variegated Brunnera to die for! October is our month for the general membership to supply the table. Remember, if you live in an LBAM quarantine area, do not bring plant material to the WHS meeting. But think about what plant *related* items you might have to share: seeds, books, magazines, tools and special containers are all welcome. ~ *Nancy Schramm*

### ***Proposed Western Hort Spring Fundraiser***

The WHS board would like to know how many of you are interested in participating in a plant sale next spring. Members can help by propagating plants, offering ideas for the sale and manning the booth on the day of the sale. Please contact Bill Kurtz (408-243-3692), Chris Egan (965-948-4614), or Elizabeth Garbett (650-948-4001) to let us know of your support and ideas. ~ *Chris Egan*



### ***Making our Meetings More Beautiful!***

Have you noticed the colorful 'horticultural' arrangements on display at our monthly meetings? We are fortunate to have some very talented WHS members. Liz Calhoon has been bringing her wonderful displays for several years and she never fails to inspire. Thanks you Liz, for taking the time to make such lovely displays, and for your creative effort. At our last meeting, Niki Muller brought in a great basket of herbs, veggies and fruits from her garden – "Today's Picking's" she called them, and they were mouth watering. Claudia Stopp brought a beautiful arrangement of zinnias - the variety and colors were sumptuous. As always, Kerry Barr's bulletin board display was beautifully done, as well. Finally, thanks to Pat Knight for her signs – there is nothing plain about them! Thank you everyone for adding such warm visual touches to our meetings. We encourage your additions! ~ *Janice Gilmore*



**"All the wars  
of the world,  
all the Caesars,  
have not the  
staying power  
of a lily in a  
cottage  
garden."**

~ *Reginald Farrer*



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

#### **Joy of Gardening Fall Classes—Trees for Bay Area Gardens**

Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm; 6 classes, 2½ hours each.

Location: Campbell Community Center, at Campbell Avenue and Winchester Boulevard

Cost: \$60 Registration: (408) 866-2105

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>: Trees for the Mediterranean Garden, Niki Muller

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Integrated Pest & Disease Management of Trees, Dave Muffly, Arborist

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>: Other uses for trees including Bonsai and Container Trees, Niki Muller

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>: Care and pruning of Ornamental Trees, Heidi Johnson

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: Care and pruning of Fruit Trees, Heidi Johnson

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: Shade Gardening, designing gardens for under trees, Niki Muller

The classes will be taught by Master Gardeners from the University of California Cooperative Extension. For information and registration call the Campbell Community Center at (408)866-2105 or for more information or any gardening questions. Call the Master Gardener Hotline at 408-282-3105, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday – Friday or visit us on the web at <http://www.mastergardeners.org>

### ***28 Years Ago in the WHS...***

This month's look at WHS history should actually be re-named 'Octobers Past!' Just for fun I looked back at earlier years and found a whole list of 'headliners' in October. In 1975, 32 years ago, Albert Wilson spoke on "Locating Plants in the Garden". His book How Does Your Garden Grow? had just been published. The next year, 1976, October's featured speaker was Rosalind Creasy "Landscaping with Edible Plants". Always a favorite, Creasy has a new book coming out in a years time, and your speaker committee hopes to have her back for a talk in spring 2009. In 1978 WHS was fortunate to have Wayne Roderick speaking on "Early Plant Explorers of California". I'm sure it was just a sneaky way to talk about the CA natives so dear to his heart. WHS has been lucky to have many such illustrious speakers over the years. Let your speaker committee know of any well established OR up-and-coming speakers YOU 'D like to hear! ~ *Nancy Schramm*

## *Other Horticultural Events...*

### **CNPS Fall Native Plant Sale**

Scores of species of hard-to-find native plants, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Organized by California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). Saturday, October 13, 2007, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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), or email [cnps\\_scv@yahoo.com](mailto:cnps_scv@yahoo.com), or call 650-941-1068.

### **The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz**

#### **Plant Hunting in Peru** Thursday, October 4, 7pm

Arboretum Visiting Scholar Patrick Worley will show and tell from his recent month in the highlands of Peru, where he hunted plants high and low for the Arboretum's budding South American collection, and for the Begonia Society. Potluck Supper precedes the talk, at 6 pm. FREE!



#### **Arboretum Fall Plant Sale** Saturday October 13, 12-4pm

Together with the sale of the California Native Plant Society, to be held in the Eucalyptus Grove.

#### **Cactus Flowers in the Arboretum** Sunday October 21, 1pm

The Arboretum's Steve McCabe will give an illustrated lecture of the Flowers of Cacti on the premises. Meeting co-sponsored by the Monterey Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society. Potluck & Business Meeting at 12:30. Free and open to the public.

For more information call (831) 427-2998 or email [arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu](mailto:arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu).

### **The University of California Botanical Garden**

The University of California, Berkeley

#### **Mayan and Aztec Medicinal Plant Tour** Sunday, October 21, 2007 11am-

12:30pm Walk through the Garden's collection of Mayan and Aztec medicinal plants in the renowned Mexico/Central American Area with Horticulturist Eric Schulz. See plants such as Mal Hombre, the Monkey Hand Tree and Tree Dahlias and learn which ailments they were used to cure. \$15, \$12 members.

### **Cal Hort Society October Program**

#### **Gardening in the Bay Area with Bromeliads** October 15, 2007

Dan Arcos and David Feix, members of the Bromeliad Society of San Francisco and noted growers, have agreed to give a joint presentation on this fascinating group of plants. Meetings start at 7:15pm in the County Fair Building at The San Francisco Botanical Gardens.

### **Gamble Garden, Palo Alto**

#### **Designing the Family Garden with John Black**

Saturday, October 20, 27, and November 3, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fee: \$50 class/\$130 series members, \$60 class/\$160 series non-member; Class limit: 25  
Location: Carriage House

#### **Fall Wreaths with Kathy Ladra**

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$60 members, \$70 non-members; Class limit: 10 Location: Carriage House

#### **Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members**

**President: Chris Egan**

**Vice President: Steve Staiger**

**Recording Secretary: Jackie Doda**

**Treasurer: Claudia Stopp**

**Other Board Members: Kerry Barrs, Michelle Bond, Janice Gillmore, Sherry Hall, Patricia Knight, Bill Kurtz, Niki Muller, Nancy Schramm**

**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:**

**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.**

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

**for a membership form.**

## **October Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto**



#### **Double Digging & Bed Preparation**

Margo Royer-Miller Saturday, Oct. 6

10:30 - 12:30pm \$25

#### **Composting**

Dan Royer-Miller Saturday, Oct. 6

2:00 - 4:00pm \$25

#### **Worm Composting**

Alane Weber Saturday, Oct. 13  
10:30 - 1:30pm \$35

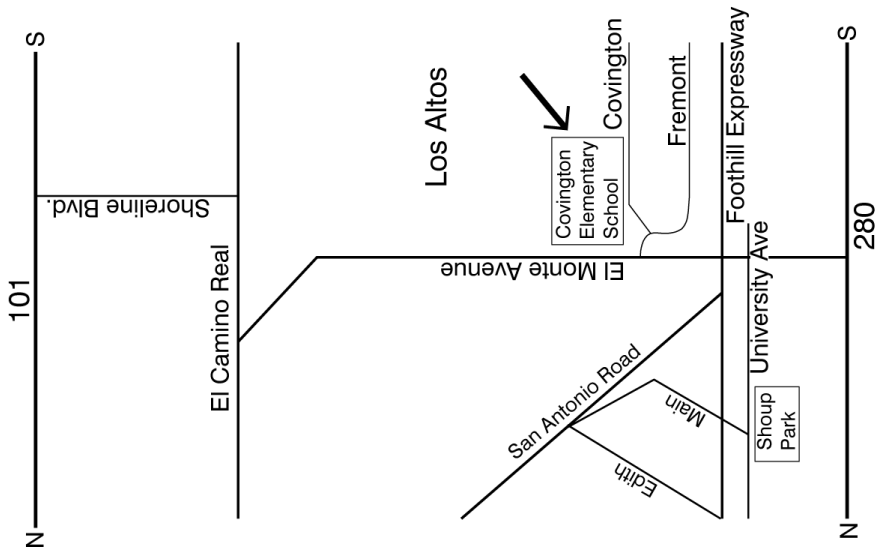
#### **Tree Selection and Care**

Kevin Raftery Saturday, Oct. 27

10:30 - 1:30pm \$35

**“What is a weed? I have heard it said that there are sixty definitions. For me, a weed is a plant out of place.” ~ Donald Culross Peattie**

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