

WHS February Speaker

February 14: Paul Heiple

Geologist, Representative to Santa Clara County Weed Management Area.

"Weeds: What Horticulturalists Find in Pandora's Box"

Weeds were an early introduction to California gardens, as anyone working in a garden knows. The problems we face today of the escaped exotic or just plain invasive weed is a topic that Paul will address with an emphasis on Edgewood Park. The task of weeding was one that Paul actually enjoyed, and he continues to weed today as a volunteer and active gardener. In the eastern U.S., where most of the rocks are covered by soil, Paul has



found the vegetation growing in an area very useful in mapping the geology underneath it. Paul is a geologist by training, working for Getty Oil Company exploring for oil in the Williston Basin of North Dakota. He is a naturalist with a collection of succulent plants, carnivorous plants, and a hillside of restored native plants.

March 14: Daisy Mah

Supervisor, William Land Park.

"The Gardens of William Land Park, Sacramento, California"

April 11: Carol Bornstein

Director of Living Collections and Nursery, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

"Perennial Borders for California Gardens"

May 9: Bob Hornback

Owner of Muchas Grasses, Occidental, CA

"Variegated Plants: Horticulture Goes Hollywood."

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 Kerry Barrs to confirm at 650-851-7093.

The next newsletter deadline will be February 21st. 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.



Blooming Art Sale

Plans are heating up as we get ready for our big fund raiser of the year. (We've got to do something to warm up these days..!) We're going to join in with the Master Gardener's big tomato and pepper sale on Sunday, April 15th. There are three ways that you, dear member, can help make this a big success.

DONATE ART

Please think about plant or nature themed art that you might donate. Photography, watercolor, sculpture, painted tee-shirts, and especially garden art and artifacts—things that can 'live outdoors in the garden'. Plan on bringing your *priced* art along with the completed art donation form (included in this newsletter) to our **March 14th** meeting. Remember, art donors can receive a rebate of up to 25% of the sales price. (If you need help getting donations to the March meeting, contact one of the committee members)

VOLUNTEER TO HELP

We will need volunteers to:

1. Set up, sell, and strike the sales booth the day of the sale
2. Store the art safely when it is turned in March 14th until the April sale
3. Transport the artwork from place to place (vans and station wagons)

LOAN PARAPHERNALIA

We will need two (10'x10') Farmer's Market type sunshade canopies (such as 'Caravan' brand) with vertical (not angled) legs and removable sides (in case of bad weather), several tables, both 6'x30" and sturdy card tables. We are also looking for easels and other portable display racks that can be used to hang art. *To donate, volunteer, or loan items, contact:* Janice Gillmore (408) 867-9428 janicegillmore@yahoo.com, Sherry Hall (831) 724-0822 john.sherry@charter.net, Nancy Schramm (408) 847-2313 edgreenthumb@att.net ~Nancy Schramm



"If you want to be happy for a short time, get drunk; happy for a long time, fall in love; happy forever, take up gardening." ~British comedian & playwright Arthur Smith

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

A big thanks to the nurseries who made generous donations to the January raffle table! **Terra Sole Nurseries** in Corralitos 'Growing Everything Under the Sun!' (831) 724-0802, **Menlo Growers** in Gilroy 'Specializing in Dwarf Citrus and a Wide Selection of Fruit Trees' (408) 683-4862, **Carman's Nursery** in Gilroy 'Third Generation, Third Location' (408) 847-2313, and **Bamboo Giant Nursery** in Aptos specializing in bamboo and bamboo products (831) 687-0100. Visit these folks and tell them you appreciate their support of WHS! The February raffle table is traditionally supplied by the general membership, so lets see what we can bring to cheer each other up after all this devastating cold weather!

CEU Credits

Remember: WHS now offers Continuing Education Credits for the CCN Pro—a program of the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers. One CEU credit for attendance at each monthly lecture. Just sign in at the registration desk after the program. Spread the word! ~Nancy Schramm

28 Years Ago in the WHS...

The Feb 12, 1979 WHS meeting featured Franklin Chan, a "landscape horticulturist" whose talk was titled "Design for Special Circumstances: Revegetation of Extensive Landscape Areas". His talk focused on the unique problems that have to be overcome in order to successfully complete this type of project, as well as describing "some of the ongoing research in the whole field of revegetation, such as direct seeding with native and drought resistant plants".

In an interesting coincidence (see the thank-you's for the Jan '07 raffle table) "a guest, Ms. Betsy Vashel (then of) Menlo Growers, donated some plants to the raffle table!

A quick peek at the Feb '78 newsletter (yes, 29 years ago) shows current members Sally Casey and Dr. Allen Ream as new members. A number of winter blooming plants had been on the January discussion table including several Correa and Garrya, as well as Eucalyptus caesia which sounds very showy, and has the common name "Gungurru". (I'd grow it for the name alone!) ~Nancy Schramm

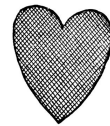
"Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed.

Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders."

~Henry David Thoreau



Other Horticultural Events...



Guadalupe River Park & Gardens

Adopt-a-Rose for Valentine's Day

Choose a gift your Valentine can enjoy for a whole year—a rose in the Heritage Rose Garden! Call 408-298-7657 to find out about the special Valentine's Day gift package available for \$50.00.

Free Rose Pruning Lessons will be offered every Wednesday and Saturday until Wednesday, February 14th, 9:00-12:00. If you are interested, please arrive no later than 9:15a.m. For information, call Lucy Perez at 408-298-7657 or e-mail lperez@grpg.org

Joy of Gardening

Back to Basics and Beyond

January 23rd - February 27th Tuesdays from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm; 2½ hours each class

February 6th. **More & More Plants.** Propagating by seeds, cuttings "plus" by Niki Muller, Master Gardener

February 13th **Plant Care.** Water, Weed & feed (amendments) plants by Sue Evanicky, Janet Hama & Niki Muller, Master Gardeners

February 20th. **The Invaders.** Integrated Pest management & Critter Control by Nancy Garrison & Niki Muller, Master Gardeners

February 27th. **"Your Space"** Garden design by Roberta Barnes, Master Gardener

The classes will be taught by Master Gardeners from the University of California Cooperative Extension. For information and registration, call Campbell Community Center. (408)866-2105 or visit <http://rec.cityofcampbell.com/registrationmain.dsi> for more information.

Other Horticultural Events...

The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz

Saturday, February 3, 11am **Monthly Tour of the Arboretum**

Join our staff and docents for a guided tour of the collections. Meet at Norrie's Gift Shop. \$3 general public, Free for Arboretum Members. For more information call (831) 427-2998 or email arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu.

Cal Hort Society February Program

Mariposa Lilies February 19, 2007

Presented by Ron Parsons, noted flower photographer and author.

Meetings start at 7:15 p.m. in the County Fair Building at The San Francisco Botanical Gardens If you're not a member, there is a Guest Fee of \$5.

Mediterranean Rock Gardening

The Western Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society is hosting the Western Winter Study Weekend March 2-4, 2007. "Rock Gardening in a Mediterranean Climate" will be held at the San Mateo Marriott with a discounted registration fee prior to February 1, 2007. Check www.nargs.org for the line-up of speakers. Ray Deutsch is the local contact/registrar (650) 356-6136 or henry-marsh@yahoo.com.

Gamble Garden, Palo Alto—February Classes

A Camellia Walk Through Barbara Tuffli's Garden

Monday, February 19, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\$20 members, \$25 non-members Class limit: 15 Address

given upon registration; Car pooling is encouraged.

Barbara Tuffli is president-elect (January 2007) of the American Camellia Society and has over 400 different Camellias including rare and new varieties.



Spring Gardening Ideas with Adrienne Duncan

Friday, February 23 10:30 a.m.-noon, \$21 Class limit: 45

Pre-registration is strongly advised. Gamble Garden and Common Ground offer this special Friday morning class. Come explore this most fascinating of endeavors, growing veggies year-round.

Learn the Art of Organic Home Farming

with Margaret Lloyd, Bay Area Vegetable Gardener

Introduction to Biointensive principles and history Compost with a demonstration. Garden Layout and Design

Sunday February 4 12-3:30pm \$120, \$100 members for all three classes, \$40 each individual workshop

Delight Your Senses: A Rose Ethnography

Learn about the history, symbolism and cultural significance of the rose with Garden of Old Roses horticulturist Peter Klement.

Saturday February 10 10am-Noon-\$20, \$15 members

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Seed Propagation with demonstration. Year-round Sustainable Garden Planning Companion planting, building flats, soil testing.

Sunday February 25 12 -3:30pm

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Please call 650-329-1356 weekdays from 9 to noon for more information.

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To contact us, please email us at: 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.

Please visit our web site at www.westernhort.org for a membership form.

CNPS Native Plant Sale

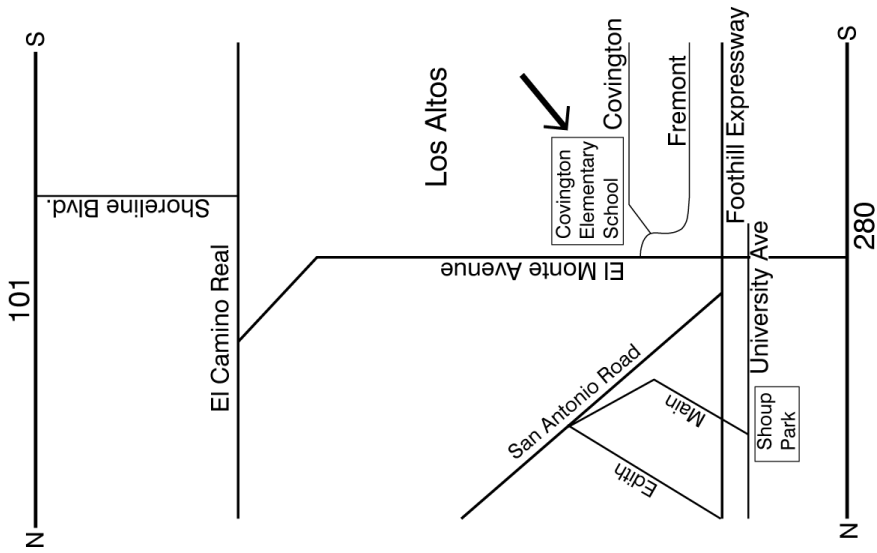
Saturday, April 7, 2007, from 10am to 3pm, at the Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. The ranch is 2 miles west of the I-280 Moody/El Monte Road exit. Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes to carry your purchases home. Cash or check only.



The plants are accurately tagged and lovingly nurtured by volunteers from the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS). The non-profit, all-volunteer CNPS Nursery opens to the public only two times a year (spring and fall). Proceeds fund chapter activities such as Gardening With Natives, Field Trips, Conservation, and Education, as well as the Trust for Hidden Villa.

For more information: www.cnps-scv.org, cnps_scv@yahoo.com, 650-941-1068.

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