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Western Horticultural Society

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WHS April Speaker

April 9: Patrick Worley

Hybridizer, Webmaster and Graphic Designer for Suncrest Nurseries

“Peru, a Plant Lover’s Journey”

Patrick’s love of plants began at an early age when he was inspired by his grandparent’s and his mother’s interest in gardening. His fascination with plants led him to sketch and study them in detail. Later in life his plant hobby continued with indoor gardening under fluorescent light while in college at the University of Minnesota, where he earned a double Masters Degree in Theatre and English. He claims his 5-bedroom apartment was filled to the ceiling with plant shelves and lights! In 1975 Patrick began hybridizing Gesneriads and

Begonias and later became a partner at Kartuz Greenhouses, where his hybridizing expanded to include Passiflora and intergeneric hybrids in the Gesneriaceae family. He continued this work when he joined Suncrest Nurseries in 2001 and now works with Abutilon, Salvia, Penstemon and many other plant groups. Currently Patrick is a guest scholar at UC Santa Cruz Arboretum.



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 April 23rd. 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.



Spring Garden Market (our WHS Plant Sale!) Saturday April 12th

Last Update!! Plant Propagators Take Note!

All plants grown in Light Brown Apple Moth quarantine areas should be taken to Leslie Dean’s (1019 Mountain View Avenue, Mountain View) and left on the driveway right side of the driveway facing the house either Wednesday April 9 or Thursday April 10. The Santa Clara County Agricultural inspectors will inspect the plants on Friday. All plants grown in non-quarantine areas should be brought to Elizabeth Garbett’s (13906 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills) on Wednesday April 9 or Thursday April 10. It is wonderful to see how many of the members are propagating plants for the sale! The plants I have seen so far look healthy, although some are quite small. But, with a month of warm weather, everything will look splendid. EVERYONE COME. IT IS A FUN EVENT – Garden talks, plant materials, and music. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH OR BUY TREATS AT THE MARKET AND MAKE IT A DAY.



The sale is at the San Jose History Museum. **Directions:** From 101 south take the Story Road exit west. Turn left of Senter Road. Turn left onto Phelan Avenue. Turn left to enter the Service entrance to History San Jose. From 280 south take the 10th/11th Street exit. Turn right onto 10th Street at the bottom of the off ramp. Turn left onto Phelan Avenue. Turn left to enter the Service entrance to History San Jose. ~ Chris Egan

“Gardening requires lots of water—most of it in the form of perspiration.” ~ Lou Erickson

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

We had a tremendous selection on the raffle table thanks to several people. Monterey Bay Nursery donated some gorgeous Agaves & Aloes, and even a variegated Clivia. If you didn't get the plant you wanted at the raffle, many local nurseries can place special orders for you. Chris Egan was able to arrange a donation of beautiful, new gardening books from Holly Hayes (more to come!) There were bags of lavender from Kerry Barrs, and more plants from Carman's Nursery. Next month's raffle table is the responsibility of both the board and the general membership, so, grow those plants for the plant sale, but spare a few to keep up the raffle table excitement!

CEU Credits

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. Just sign in at the registration desk after the program. ~*Nancy Schramm*

Special WHS Annual Picnic: June 8th with Sherry Austin

WHS member Sherry Austin is happy to have us to her garden for our annual picnic Sunday, the 8th of June. Save a place on your calendar for this opportunity to see a lovely private garden near Soquel. We will have more details in our next newsletter. We will ask members with vans and SUVs to help us with carpooling. Fortunately, Sherry has lots of chairs and tables. Just to be on the safe side for seating and eating, perhaps our little group could bring a blanket. More next month about this extraordinary picnic! ~*Janice Gilmore*

In Remembrance

It is with sadness that we share the news that WHS member Linda Markell passed away peacefully at home on March 15th, surrounded by her family and a dear friend. Even the heavens opened up and cried just then and later the sun smiled down to see her at peace.

Linda loved gardens, opera, traveling, gardening, good food, garden tours, art museums, hot peppers, education, symphony, garden books, nursing, reading, tomatoes, and the outdoors. She was a Master Gardener, a member of the Bay Area Horticultural Society, and served 2 terms on the board of Western Horticultural Society and on the plant raffle committee.

A celebration of her life will be held at Hakone Gardens in Saratoga on Sunday, April 27, from 5pm to 8pm.

~*Judy Wong*



28 Years Ago...

The Monday, April 14, 1980 WHS meeting featured Bill Hoyer, from Sun and Shade Greenhouses in San Carlos with an illustrated talk on "Home Greenhouse Management". A field trip the following Sunday began with a tour and lunch at the U.C. Botanical Garden, Berkeley, followed by a tour of Harland Hand's garden and a neighbor's garden, also designed by Harland. Emily Brown's plant notes included discussions of a number of species of Pittosporums, Daphnes, and Photinias, and contributors included Dick Dunmire, Barbara Worl, and Ed Carman. ~*Nancy Schramm*

Come Visit a WHS Open Garden!

WHS members Niki Muller & Jeanne McFarland will be opening their garden to visitors on Sunday April 27th from 11am-4 pm. They will also have a demonstration on how to build raised beds for vegetable planting at 2pm. A small fee of \$2.00 will be charged to benefit the WHS. For directions and information, please email Niki Muller at docpdm@earthlink.net.

Fighting Invasive Plants with PlantRight

Invasive plants presently cost CA taxpayers more than \$85 million dollars a year. PlantRight is a campaign to keep invasives in check. We can each do our part by checking out PlantRight.org. The website not only lists these undesirables, but recommends good alternatives. There will be additional information at our bulletin board table at the WHS General meeting and Carolyn Villa-Scott will be available to answer questions. ~*Chris Egan*

WHS Membership Information & Privacy

A reminder to our Members: Our roster is distributed to members and is for our Society use only. The information must not be released to other organizations for any reason.

~*Chris Egan*

Remember... Drop your horticulturally-related business card into the basket. There will be a drawing each meeting and the lucky entrant gets a short write-up (your own wording) in the next month's newsletter. A little perk in the way of advertisement. ~*Claudia Stopp*

Other Horticultural Events...



Cal Hort Society April Program

April 21, 2008

"History of the Japanese Tea Garden" with garden tour by one of the members/great grandson of the creator of the garden Makoto Hagiwara.

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

The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz

Arboretum Spring Plant Sale: Saturday, April 19, 10am-12pm, members, 12-4pm, public Held with the CNPS in the Arboretum's Eucalyptus Grove, on Empire Grade at the intersection of Western Drive. Memberships available at the gate on day of sale.

Spring Native Plant Sale Saturday, April 12, 2008 10am-3pm.

Scores of species of native plants, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Cash or check only. Organized by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. 2 miles west of I-280. Free parking; bring boxes to carry your purchases home. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com or call (650)941-1068.

Neighborhood Gardens of Old Palo Alto - Spring Tour

2008 Friday April 25th and Saturday April 26th, 10am-4pm

Our 23rd Annual Spring Tour offers views into five neighborhood gardens that represent the creativity of gardeners and designers in this area; the gardens are sure to delight and inspire you.

Advance Purchase Prices: Member Tickets - \$30 (valid either day) Non-Member Tickets - \$35 (valid either day) Lunch Tickets - \$15 (day specific)

Tour Tickets purchased on days of tour are \$40 per person (both members and non-members). Please call Gamble Gardens at (650) 329-1356 or register on line at <http://www.gamblegarden.org/events/events.html>

36th Annual Wildflower Show

Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27, 10am to 4pm

Mission College, Hospitality Management Building, 3000 Mission College Boulevard, Santa Clara Visit www.cnps-scv.org or call 650-941-1068. Over 400 species of wildflowers and native plants will be shown, each accurately labeled, many suitable for the home garden. Free classes on native plant identification, growing wildflowers, and gardening with native plants. Parking free in Lot C only. Sponsored by California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, and the Mission College Biological Sciences Department.

6th Annual Going Native Garden Tour

Sunday, April 20, 2008, 10am-4pm. A free, self-guided tour of home gardens that are water-wise, low maintenance, low on chemical use, bird and butterfly friendly, and attractive. A variety of home gardens landscaped with California native plants will be open to the public. Locations throughout Santa Clara Valley and the Peninsula. Free admission; registration required at <http://www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org> before April 19, noon, or until the tour reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Space is limited; register early to ensure a place.

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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 for a membership form.

April Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Home Farming Workshop

Margaret Lloyd April 4, 6:30-8pm; April 5 & 6, 10am-5pm
\$145 for 3 days (Fri., Sat., Sun.)

Alternatives to Lawns

Deva Luna Saturday, April 12
10:30-12:30pm Earth Day, free class

Complete-Diet Mini-Farming

John Jeavons Saturday, April 19
10:30-12:30pm \$27

Double-digging and Bed Preparation

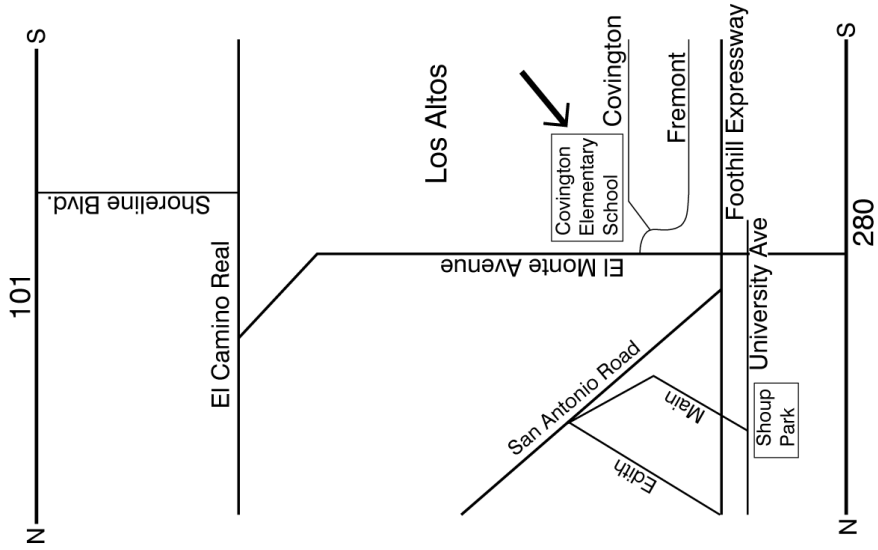
John Jeavons
Saturday, April 19
2:00-4:00pm \$27



Drip Irrigation

Frank Niccoli
Saturday, April 26
2:00-4:00pm \$27

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