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Western Horticultural Society

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WHS September Speaker

Special WHS Annual Louisa Beck Guest Lecture!

September 10: Judith Larner Lowry

Owner of Larner Seeds, Bolinas, CA Author of The Landscaping Ideas of Jays and Gardening With a Wild Heart

“Landscaping Ideas of Jays: The Interface Between Ecology and Art in the Restoration Garden”

With global warming knocking at our door and a drought already in place, more and more gardeners are turning to beautiful native plants for their home gardens. Judith Larner Lowry has known the beauty of native plants all her life. She started Larner Seeds, the place to go for a wide array of native plant seeds, in 1977. Larner Seeds specializes in California native plants, many of which can be viewed in her demonstration garden. Her website says of Landscaping Ideas of Jays “Working in passionate collaboration with the scrub jays, quail, ants and deer who visit her garden, and inspired by

other gardeners, including some of the women pioneers of native plant horticulture, Lowry shares the delights of creating site-specific, ever-changing gardens that can help us better understand our place in the natural world.”



October 8: Dave Egbert, Nationally syndicated garden show host of The Coastal Gardener and Author of Big Ideas for Small Gardens, Big Sur, CA “Big Ideas for Small Gardens”

November 12: Ryan Hall, Operations and New Products, Pacific Plug & Liner, Watsonville, CA
“What’s New in Cordyline and Other Great Plants for Mediterranean Gardens”

December 9: Nancy Schramm, Owner of Carman’s Nursery, Gilroy, CA
“Nursery Child: Growing Up at Carman’s Nursery”

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, Sonoma, CA
“Rock Garden Strategies for Waterwise Gardens”

Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7pm and meetings begin at 7:30. The location this month is at Oak Elementary, 1501 Oak Avenue, Los Altos (for this meeting ONLY!) 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 September 17th for the October newsletter.

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 our coffer in the black. There are established deadlines so that the process of transferring information can be made in a timely manner. Renewal applications with pre-addressed envelopes were mailed out to you in August; we urge you to send in your dues now if you haven’t already. Prompt renewal helps those who have to coordinate with Pacific Hort, 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!

September Meeting Location Change Information!!

Our usual WHS monthly meeting location, Covington School, will not be available for us in September. We will instead be having our meeting at Oak Elementary School in their multi-purpose room. The address for Oak Elementary is 1501 Oak Avenue, Los Altos.

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table WOW! We had an amazing selection of plants on our May raffle table, let's call them the "plan-overs" from the plant sale. Our September table is traditionally supplied by the Board, but we always welcome interesting and well grown donations from the general membership as well.

LBAM update

Unfortunately, the Light Brown Apple Moth is still with us. If you live in one of the quarantined areas, we ask that you do not bring your plants to the WHS meetings. For more information you can go to www.ipm.ucdavis.edu.

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

28 Years Ago...

In Sept 1980, WHS was still meeting at the Ampex Corporation cafeteria, in Redwood City. Ted Kipping was the speaker, with a program on "Tree Shaping: Theory and Practice". The plant discussion table featured fall flowering trees (*Duranta*, *Vitex*), shrubs (*Thevetia*, *Eriogonum*, several ornamental *Origanums*), and vines (*Clematis*, *Passiflora*, *Asarina*). The plant notes by Emily Brown included a number of tid-bits about *Thevetia*, usually grown in a container because it is tender to frost. Common names include "Yellow Oleander", "Be-still Tree", and "Lucky Nut". ~Nancy Schramm

More About Our Special September Lecture

The Western Horticultural Society is greatly honored to have **Judith Larner Lowry** as our Louisa Beck Guest Lecturer this year. Her books *The Landscaping Ideas of Jays* and *Gardening With a Wild Heart* have been enjoyed by a wide audience interested in learning more about using native plants in their home gardens.

The WHS Annual Louisa Beck Guest Lecture features a yearly special program by a highly regarded individual in the horticultural field. This program is funded by a generous distribution from the estate of Louisa Beck, a senior research scientist with NASA Ames Research Center, who died in 2001 of ovarian cancer at age 52. She was a vigorous, animated, lively woman who had a strong affinity for plants and gardens. There is more information about her on our website. ~Janice Gillmore

“Odd as it may appear, a gardener does not grow from seed, shoot, bulb, rhizome, or cutting, but from experience, surroundings, and natural conditions.”

~Karel Capek



Garden Making California-Style

Explore the opportunities and constraints of garden making California-style at **Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies VI: California! Saturday, October 11, 2008**. This one day symposium, co-sponsored by *Pacific Horticulture* magazine and The Mediterranean Garden Society (in concert with their international Annual General Meeting), offers a rare opportunity to meet gardeners from other Mediterranean climates of the world. The symposium will take place in stunning Monterey, the first California state capitol and a region rich in history and breathtaking beauty. Gardens have always been an important part of the developed landscape of this region where they compete for attention with the dramatic natural landscape of mountain and coastline, forest and dune.

David Fross, founder of Native Sons Nursery in Arroyo Grande, will present a morning session entitled “An Overview of the California Landscape and Flora” followed by “The History of California Gardens” presented by Russell Beatty, professor emeritus of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at UC Berkeley and a consulting landscape architect in Santa Cruz, CA. Garden writer Ruth Chivers will wrap up the morning with a discussion of the issues challenging California garden makers today.

Complementing these programs will be an afternoon tour of gardens in Carmel and the Carmel Valley (including gardens by Michelle Comeau and Bernard Trainor) that demonstrate a clear response to the region's Mediterranean climate. The day's events will conclude with an evening lecture by Bart O'Brien, from the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and editor of *Fremontia*, entitled “Garden Jewels from the California Flora”.

For further details or to register for this exciting event please visit the symposium website at <http://regonline.com/medskiesvi> or call the *Pacific Horticulture* office in Berkeley at (510)849-1627.

Other Horticultural Events...

Cal Hort Society September Program

September 15 Dr. Frank Almeda, Director of the California Academy of Sciences. 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



Saturday, September 6, 11am

First Saturday Tour of the Arboretum Join our dedicated staff and docents for a look at what's up around the gardens this month! Meet at the Gift Shop. Free with paid admission to the Gardens, and for Arboretum Members.

Monday, September 22, 7pm

Cacti, Agaves, and Yuccas of California and Nevada Ca-chuma Press has released the new book by photographer and botanist Stephen Ingram, titled Cacti, Agaves, and Yuccas of California and Nevada. He will give a lecture, book-signing, and stunning slide show based on his work. The focus is natural history, but it does include a good section on horticultural uses of native plants. Co-sponsored with CNPS. Pot-luck supper at 6 pm precedes the lecture. FREE! For more information call (831)427-2998 or email arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu.

New Garden Design: Inspiring Private Paradises

September 11, 5:30pm Presented by The Garden Conservancy & Flora Grubb Gardens. A talk and book by Zahid Sardar/Photographs by Marion Brenner. Zahid Sardar and Marion Brenner will share with us their ideas of the new garden as a pleasure garden vested with spiritual, symbolic and ecological intent. From vegetable and succulent gardens to sculpture and rose gardens to mountain and waterfront gardens, *New Garden Design* covers a range of interpretations incorporating walls, fountains, pavilions, canals, pools, terraces and groves of traditional Paradise gardens in unexpected ways. **Wine and Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30pm. Design Talk and book signing at 6:15pm.**

Admission: \$25 per person, advance reservation until 9/5; \$30 per person after 9/5 and at door. **Location:** Flora Grubb Gardens, 1634 Jerrold Avenue, San Francisco. To register, call 415-561-7895 or email wcprog@gardenconservancy.org

Gamble Gardens, Palo Alto

Become a member and receive your membership discount as well as advance notice of future classes in your semi-monthly newsletter. Call (650) 329-1356 weekdays from 9am-noon.

Every Friday, 1-4pm; **Master Gardener Hotline**, (650) 329-1356 ext. 25
Saturday, September 13, 9-11am; **Master Gardener Workshop** - Topic tbd.

California Rare Fruit Growers The next CRFG meeting will be Oct. 11th at Emma Prusch Park, corner of Story and King in San Jose. The bi-monthly meeting features a fruit tasting at noon, and program from 1-4 pm. For more information, contact Nancy Garrison (408) 298-5828, nancyg2@aol.com

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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

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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.

September Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Growing Cut Flowers

Nancy Garrison Saturday, Sept. 6
10:30-12:30 \$27

Introduction to Grow Biointensive
Dan Royer-Miller Saturday, Sept. 13
10:30-12:00 \$25

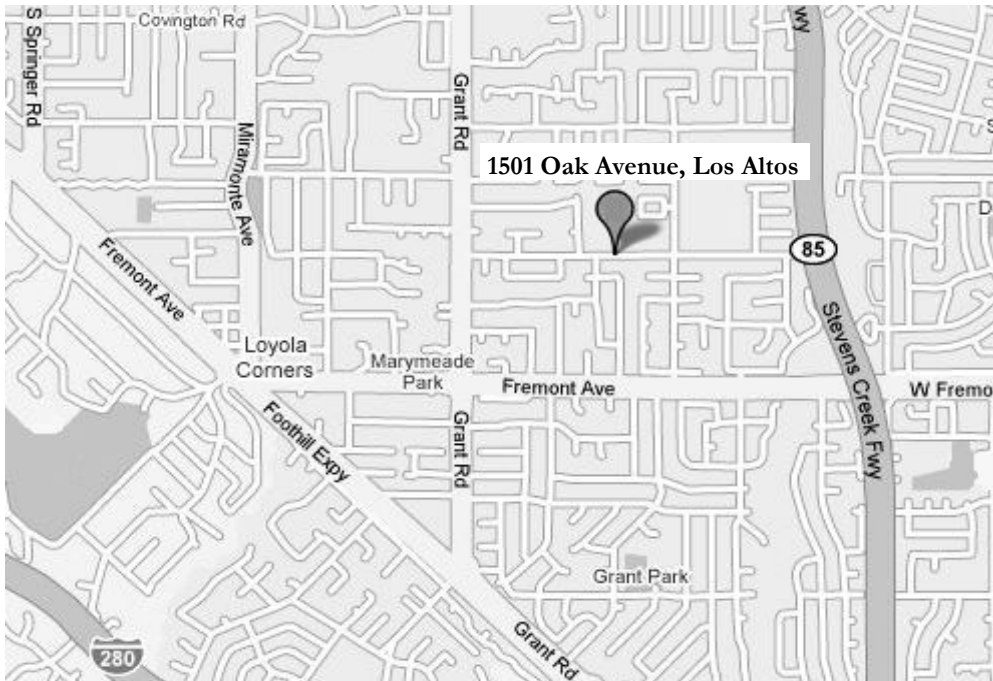
Double-Digging & Bed Preparation
Margo Royer-Miller Saturday, Sept. 13 1-3pm \$27

Plant a Fall Herb Garden, Jody
Main Saturday, Sept. 20 10:30-12:30 \$27

Winter Compost Crops and Diet
John Jeavons Saturday, Sept. 27
10:30-12:30+ \$27

Economic Mini-Farming, John
Jeavons Saturday, Sept. 27 2-4pm+ \$27

"All gardeners need to know when to accept something wonderful and unexpected, taking no credit except for letting it be." ~ Allen Lacy



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