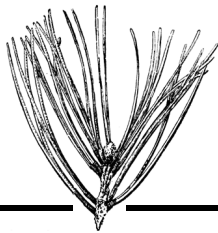


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WHS January Speaker

January 14: Ellen McEnroe Zagory, Director of Horticulture at the UC Davis Arboretum, Davis, CA

"The UC Davis Arboretum: New Programs, Gardens, and Plants"

Director of Horticulture at the UC Davis Arboretum, Ellen Zagory serves as a spokesperson for the UC Davis Arboretum in their education and outreach program promoting more sustainable garden plants and practices. She has appeared on Hewell Howser's PBS "Road Trip", DIY TV and KFBK's Get Growing with Farmer Fred. She also has written a series for *Pacific Horticulture Magazine* on the UC Davis Arboretum All Star program, and travels the state lecturing to UCCE Master Gardeners and regional garden clubs about beautiful heat-tolerant and low-water-use plants. A resident and gardener in the Central Valley for the past 24 years and a knowledgeable horticulturist, she recently has become more interested in the interactions our gardens have with the fauna

of surrounding wild lands, and how our constructed landscapes can help support the biodiversity of native insects and other wildlife.

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"

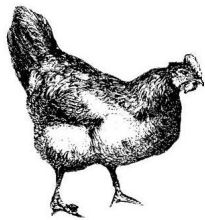
April 8: Rosalind Creasy, Garden and Food Writer, Photographer and Landscape Designer, Los Altos, CA
"Edible Landscaping: The New American Garden"

May 13: Rebecca Lance, Proprietor of Granite Gardens Rare Plants Nursery, Sonora, CA
"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 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 January 21st for the February 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.



This Year's Founder's Award Winner Is...

The Founders' Award was presented at WHS's annual holiday potluck. The recipient, in this our fifth year of honoring a long time member, was Betsy Clebsch.

Betsy has shared the joys and pitfalls of the delectable Salvia and charmed every WHS member with her passion. She has delved into many areas of the horticultural world and helped and encouraged others to follow her lead. She has been a Board member of the WHS; a dedicated 'Plant Discussion' colleague; has opened her homes and gardens through the years, always sharing her knowledge and expertise to assist us in becoming better at our own passions. These are the basic concepts the Founders' sought when they established our society.

It is our honor to have Betsy as an active member in our organization and to present this tribute to her. And, for those who did not attend the event, we were successful in making this a real surprise for her – she told us she was speechless – not an everyday occurrence. Our hats are off to you Betsy and we all thank you for your dedication and interest in the WHS. ~ Claudia Stopp

It's Coming!

The San Francisco Flower and Garden Show will be at the San Mateo Event Center from March 18th-22nd, 2009. This year, WHS will be collaborating with Cal Hort in the New Plant Picks exhibit. That means that we get to see the Newest and the Coolest plants FIRST! See the February newsletter for how you can get free admission to the show for just a few hours volunteering at the exhibit. Help will also be appreciated for gathering the plants, set-up and breakdown. Call me (Nancy Schramm (408) 847-2313) if you can't wait to volunteer. ~ Nancy Schramm

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

Happy New Year, everyone! The January raffle table is traditionally supplied by the board, but as usual, we welcome any plant or plant related donations you might wish to bring along. This could be a great occasion for re-gifting that 'one too many' trowel that Santa brought you!

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.

Don't Forget!

If you've got an opinion, we want to know! Turn in your speaker survey at the January meeting (or send it to Nancy Schramm, 8470 Pharmer Rd, Gilroy, CA 95020) Your speaker committee wants to hear from you!

~Nancy Schramm

Welcome New 28 Years Ago...

Members!

We'd like to welcome the following new members to Western Hort for our new year: John Craig, Kathleen Heckler, Kathy Hanson, Sarah Warren, Sandra Martin, Ellen Chu, Jeanne Ichnowski, Suchita Amin, Mary Bartholomay, Christine Mortensen. We are so glad to have you join us!

The January 1981 WHS meeting was on a Monday at the Ampex Corp Cafeteria in Redwood City. It seems fitting (since our Jan. 2009 speaker is Ellen McEnro Zagory, from Davis) that the speaker 28 years ago was also from Davis! Warren Roberts, Superintendent of the U.C. Davis Arboretum spoke about "Chilean Plants: Their Adaptability to Bay Area Gardens." Roberts' bio mentions that his tenure as Superintendent began in 1972; that means he celebrates his 37th year in 2009! Member and author Mabel Crittenden gave a "Thumbnail sketch of the genus Penstemon. Perfect drainage" was the most important recommendation for gardening success. Emily Brown's plant notes mention that "an obviously knowledgeable exhibitor, Mr. Willetts from Newark" brought in *Lachenalia pendula*. WHS members from the 80's may remember Michael Willetts and his passion for South African bulbs which led to his website and business 'Bulbmania'. Sadly, Michael died in August at the age of 71. But hopefully the collection will continue, Sherry Hall and I have repotted much of the collection this fall, and hope to start up the website again, soon. Stay tuned! ~ Nancy Schramm

“There is nothing pleasanter than spading when the ground is soft and damp.”

~ John Steinbeck



New—Email Newsletter Delivery

For the next few months, Western Hort will be sending you the monthly newsletter, as usual, through US mail, AND if we have your email address, you will also be receiving it via email. Next year we would like to send as many e-versions as possible. If you do not receive the Newsletter via email, that means that we do not have your current email address. Please email Judy Mullenburg (650-207-6625) with your current email address. Thank you! ~ Judy Mullenburg

WHS Plant Sale Workshop!

Our own Elizabeth Garbett will be hosting a workshop to make succulent planters for our Spring Plant Sale. She has lots of plants and some containers you can use. If you are interested, you can contact her at crgarbett@sbcglobal.net or call (650) 948-4001.

Other Horticultural Events...

Scion Exchange

The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CRFG (California Rare Fruit Growers) is sponsoring a scion exchange on January 10 from 11-3pm at Prusch Park, 647 S. King Road, San Jose. This is a free event, but donations are gratefully accepted at the door. Scionwood will be available from hundreds of varieties of fruit trees, and cuttings from fig, berry, pomegranate and grape varieties. Grafting demos will start at 11:15. If you join the local chapter (a bargain at \$10) you may enter the exchange at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own bags and marking pens.



Other Horticultural Events...

The Mediterranean Garden Society Northern California

Branch Annual Meeting with speaker Jeff Rosendale on Art in the Mediterranean Garden. Saturday, January 24, 1pm. Location: The Oakland-East Bay Garden Center, Lakeside Garden Park, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. The public is welcome. Contact Susan Bouchez at 650-949-3447 or Sean O'Hara sean@gimcw.org for more information.

Unusual Palms for Bay Area Gardens

Saturday January 10th, 9am-12noon at the San Francisco Botanical Garden Jason Dewees, palm expert at Flora Grubb Gardens and longtime SFBG volunteer, discusses unusual palms that can introduce new beauty into your garden. Though only five common species dominate palm plantings in the Bay Area, nearly two hundred species of palms can be grown in our varied local microclimates.

Fee: \$55 members; \$65 non-members To Register, call (415) 661-1316, ext 400 Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place in the San Francisco County Fair Building located on the edge of the San Francisco Botanical Garden at Ninth Ave. at Lincoln Way.

Native Grasses for the Garden, a talk by David Amme

Friday, January 9th, 7:00-8:30pm at Los Altos Library, Los Altos David Amme is the incoming president of the California Native Grasslands Association, and regularly teaches a two-day identification class on grasses. The talk will cover outstanding California native grasses and how to incorporate them in your garden, including up-to-date information on how to design and develop your own meadow.

Free. Call (408) 715-7020 for more information. Sponsored by the California Native Plant Society, Silicon Valley Chapter.

Growing Natives: Celebrating California's Beauty in Dry Times

March 28, 2009 – Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette

March 29, 2009 – Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Berkeley

Creating beautiful waterwise gardens with California native plants will be the theme of this two-day symposium. The first day will include presentations on the flora of California (by botanist and author Glenn Keator), garden design (by author Carol Bornstein), the structure of the garden (by Phil van Soelen, from Cal Flora Nursery), herbaceous perennials and bulbs (by plantsman Roger Raiche), creating a native meadow (by David Amme), and connecting with the garden (by Mike Evans, from Tree of Life Nursery). The program will include a continental breakfast, lunch, and a wine reception.

The program at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden will begin with an inspiring talk by Director Steve Edwards, followed by a choice of workshops on plants for dry gardens, aesthetic pruning, principles of irrigation, and gardening practices. After lunch in the garden, the program will continue at Native Here Nursery with a presentation by Charli Danielsen and an opportunity to purchase plants. The day will end with an invitation to visit two private gardens: the Fleming garden in Berkeley and the Greenberg garden in Lafayette. Members and subscribers of the sponsoring organizations will receive a discount on registration fees. To register visit www.nativeplants.org or call 510-849-1627 to request a registration form. Early registration is recommended because space is limited.

For more information and to register visit www.nativeplants.org.

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.

January Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Edible Garden Series: from Design to Harvest Drew Harwell, 5 Saturdays: January 17, February 7, March 7, April 11, May 2 10:30-2:00pm \$295

Rose Pruning and Care

Carole Kraft Saturday, January 10 10:30-1:30pm \$37

Introduction to Grow Biointensive

Dan Royer-Miller Saturday, January 24 10:30-12:00pm \$26

Grow Biointensive Seed Propagation

Margo Royer-Miller Saturday, January 24 2:00-4:00pm \$28

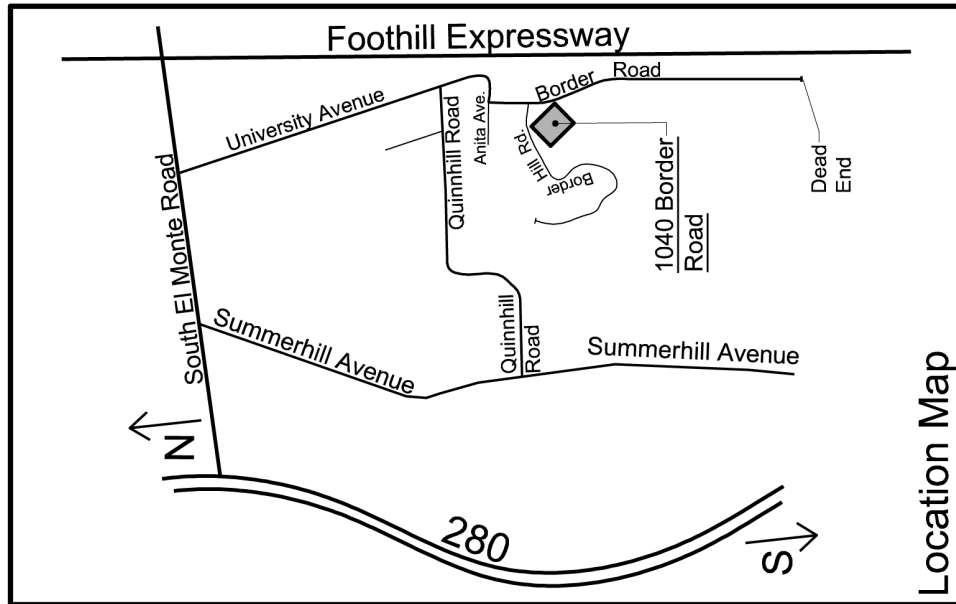
Amaranth to Wheat and All Points Between

Dan Royer-Miller Saturday, January 31 10:30-2:30pm \$28

Grow Biointensive Composting

Margo Royer-Miller Saturday, January 31, 2:00-4:00pm \$28

To register for classes call 650-493-6072.



Location Map

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 Christ Episcopal Church
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