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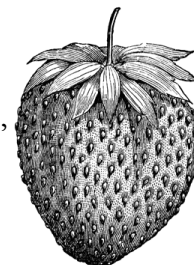
WHS April Speaker

April 8: Rosalind Creasy, Garden and Food Writer, Photographer and Landscape Designer, Los Altos, CA

“Edible Landscaping: The New American Garden”

The name Rosalind Creasy has certainly become synonymous with edible landscaping. Her 1982 book *The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping* helped popularize the term and is now a part of the American vocabulary. Her book was one of the first to advocate organic methods, encourage recycling and provide alternatives to resource-wasting gardening techniques. Frustrated by America's penchant for lawns, for the last twenty-five years Ms. Creasy has used her front garden in Los Altos to showcase an ever-changing palette of edibles, to

highlight gardening with children, and even to keep chickens. Ms. Creasy's incredible photographs of then-unknown colorful fruits, vegetables and edible flowers—which she then helped popularize in her book *Cooking From the Garden*—introduced the American public to many fruits and vegetables we now take for granted. Ms. Creasy continues to lecture nationwide and will have a new book *Rosalind Creasy's Recipes From the Garden* out this year.



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 April 22nd for the May 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.

Our Plant Sale is Almost Here!—April 4th

The WHS Plant Sale is Saturday April 4, 2009 at the Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Market, Kelley Park, 1650 Senter Road, San Jose.

The plant sale is the biggest annual fundraiser for WHS and provides us with money to close the gap between our dues and our actual running expenses. For those of you who have grown plants or have volunteered to work the sale—thank you for all your help! We hope to see you all there—and bring your friends! If you have any last minute questions about the sale or how to drop off your plants, please call Pat Knight (650)941-6136 or e-mail her at retire2dig@yahoo.com for more information.

A Special WHS Annual Picnic and Field Trip! Sunday, June 14th

We have a unique opportunity to have our annual picnic this year at Jean Myers' home. She has a wonderful site that includes landscaped gardens, a riparian corridor, and meadows that include native plants and wildlife. She has a wonderful website at www.casadosrios.org and puts out a newsletter, as well. Not all the details are in place as of now, but watch for more news in our next newsletter and don't miss this exciting event. We hope you can all come! ~ Janice Gillmore

Hot Plant Picks

I hope everyone had a chance to see the marvelous Hot Plant Picks exhibit at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show this year, a collaborative effort between Cal Hort and WHS. I'd like to thank all the wonderful WHS members who volunteered their time, their plants and help in other ways to make it such a fun and informative display. Special thanks to Sherry Hall who literally spent hours filling in information forms so that everyone at the show could learn about these exciting and cool plants. ~ Nancy Schramm



More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

Our March raffle table was full of gorgeous plants from Suncrest Nurseries in Watsonville. If you weren't lucky enough to win the plant of your choice (and there was a bit of competition!) visit your local nursery and ask them to order it for you since Suncrest is wholesale only. The April table will feature a silent auction of plants from the Hot Plant Picks exhibit, so be sure not to miss some of the coolest plants around.

CEU Credits

The WHS is pleased to be able to offer Continuing Education Credits for CCN Pro's (CANGC) and for the Assn of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD). You know who you are—bring your fellow members with you and sign in at the registration desk. ~Nancy Schramm

28 Years Ago...

The April 13, 1981 WHS meeting featured a talk about the "Reforestation of Golden Gate Park" given by Deborah Learner & Jim Cooney of the SF Parks Department. Barbara Worl announced plans for a May Field trip to several local Thomas Church gardens. Mabel Crittenden gave a thumbnail sketch on "Silene". The WHS board announced that they wished to develop a new society logo, and asked for suggestions. Emily Brown's plant notes included four species of *Prostanthera* and seven species of *Olearia*. Also brought in were a number of dwarf plants including: *Rhododendron chameunum*, *Daphne cneorum*, *Pulsatilla vulgaris*, and *Iris pumila*. ~ Nancy Schramm

In Memory

John Coulter, one of our founding members, died peacefully in his sleep, on March 13th in Medford, Oregon. John had a long and interesting life - he would have been 99 on May 22nd of this year. He and his wife Joyce owned Coulter Nursery on the Peninsula, and after closing the nursery he worked at Filoli and at Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation. His greatest love was his wife and family, but plants and the natural world were a close second. He will be missed by all who knew him. Remembrances and fond wishes may be sent to Karen Coulter, 1723 Bay Street, Alameda CA 94501.

~ Nancy Schramm



Interested in Past Royal Horticultural Society Bulletin Issues?

I am looking for a new home for my 30-year collection of The Royal Horticultural Society bulletin, "The Garden". I have 20 years of Pacific Horticulture, as well. If anyone is interested in either or both of these I can be contacted at (650)948-4001 or e-mail me at crgarbett@sbcglobal.net. ~ Elizabeth Garbett

Other Horticultural Events...

Gamble Gardens Spring Tour 2009 - Harmony in Design with Music in the Gardens

Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 10am-4pm

This year's Spring Tour features five wonderful private gardens in the historic Professorville and Crescent Park areas in Palo Alto; live music will be performed to enhance your enjoyment of the surroundings. Harmony in design, as in music, encompasses elements of artistic creativity, composition, and often the staccato of surprise.

Luncheon served at Gamble Garden from 11am-2pm each day.

Fee: Advance tickets: \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members, good for either day; day of tour: \$40. Luncheon: \$15; reservations required by April 20. To register online, see <http://www.gamblegarden.org/events/events.html>.

Welcome Spring Blooms in Atherton and Palo Alto Through the Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program

Saturday, April 18, 10am-4pm, 66 Atherton Avenue, Atherton. Enjoy a self-guided tour at a private Atherton garden, featuring a subtle Japanese influence, and collections of Japanese maples, conifers and ususal perennials. No reservations required; rain or shine. Cost: \$5 per person; children under 12 free

Saturday, May 2, 10am-4pm. Enjoy a self-guided tour at three private gardens in Atherton and Palo Alto. No reservations required; rain or shine. Visitors may begin the tour at The Saier House, 1474 Edgewood Drive, Palo Alto for directions to each additional garden. Cost: \$5 per garden; children under 12 free. For More Information: See <http://www.opendaysprogram.org> or call The Garden Conservancy toll-free weekdays, 9am-5pm EST, 1-888-842-2442.

Other Horticultural Events...

Cal Hort Society April Program

April 20th "The Classical Gardens of Suzhou, China" Presented by garden designer Daxin Liu, Fragrant Hill Design, Mountain View, California.

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

Herb Gardens: Growing and Designing with Niki Muller

Saturday, April 18, 9-11am. Location: Gamble gardens, the Carriage House Fee: \$25 members, \$35 non-members Class limit: 25

Gamble Garden welcomes back Niki Muller with a comprehensive class on HERBS. She will share tips with us on how to grow, propagate and care for herbs. Other topics to be covered are how to design an herb garden, how to incorporate them into an existing landscape with additional information on their many uses in our everyday lives. For more information call (650)329-1356 weekdays from 9am-noon.

The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz

Thursday April 2nd, 7:00pm



Sex in the Garden: A lecture on plant strategies with Mike Koslosky; Potluck supper at 6pm precedes the lecture.

FREE! For more information call (831)427-2998 or email arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu.

7th Annual Going Native Garden Tour

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 Sunday, April 19, 10am-4pm. Locations throughout Santa Clara Valley and Peninsula. Free admission; registration required at <http://www.gngt.org> before April 18, 12 noon, or until the tour reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Space is limited; register early to ensure a place. Volunteers receive invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. For more information, email info@gngt.org.

37th Annual Wildflower Show



You are invited to the 37th Annual Wildflower Show at Mission College in Santa Clara, Saturday and Sunday April 25-26 from 10am-4pm. There will be free 1-hour classes at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm on both days. Native plants will also be available for sale.

This two-day expo showcases the plant biodiversity of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. The region's premier botanical/horticultural event displays over 400 species of wildflowers and native plants.

Location: Mission College Hospitality Management Building, 3000 Mission College Boulevard, Santa Clara. Parking free in Lot C only. Sponsored by California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, and the Mission College Biological Sciences Department. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com or call (650)941-1068.

California Rare Fruit Growers

The next CRFG meeting will be April 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 1-4pm. For more information, contact Nancy Garrison (408)298-5828 or nancyg2@aol.com

Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members

President: Chris Egan

Vice President: TBD

Recording Secretary: Judy Mulenberg

Treasurer: Claudia Stopp

Other Board Members: Kerry Barrs, Christine Bate, Michelle Bond, Janice Gilmore, Sherry Hall, Patricia Knight, Mark McCabe, Niki Muller, Nancy Schramm, Richard Tiede, Katie Wong

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, and a Student rate of \$20.

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

April Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

How to Start your Vegetable Garden
Jody Main Saturday, April 4 10:30-12:30
\$28

Introduction to Practical Bee Keeping
Oliver Frank Saturday, April 11 10:30-12:30 \$29

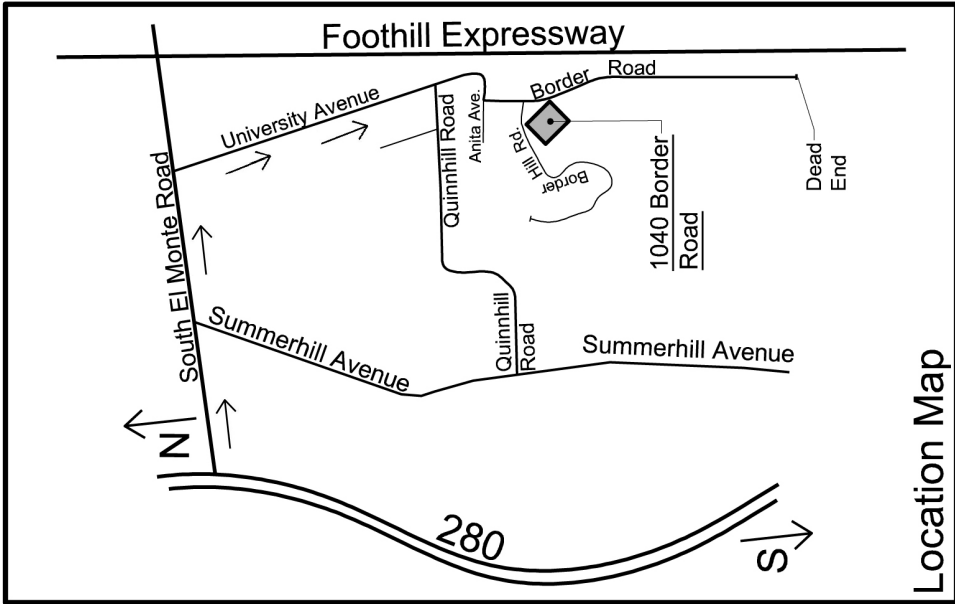
Introduction to Grow Biointensive
John Jeavons Saturday, April 18
10:30-12:30 \$29

Double-Digging and Garden Bed Preparation John Jeavons Saturday, April 18 2:00-4:00 \$29

Herbs in the Garden, Herbs in the Kitchen Jody Main Saturday, April 25 10:30-12:30 \$30

Best Citrus for the San Francisco Bay Area Nancy Garrison Saturday, April 25 2:00-4:00 \$29

To register for classes call (650)493-6072.



Location Map

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 Monthly Meeting
 Christ Episcopal Church
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