



**September 2013 Meeting  
The Annual Louisa Beck Lecture**

**Wednesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.**

Nicholas Staddon, Director of New Plants at Monrovia  
www.monrovia.com

**“Too Much is Not Enough!”**

Nicholas Staddon, has been a Monrovia Craftsman for over 24 years. Working with breeders, hybridizers, and professional plant explorers, he scours the globe for new creations and discoveries in the plant world. He is also a popular resource and guest on television and radio gardening shows across the United States. Nicholas works closely with professional garden writers and Monrovia’s customers, providing information on plants both old and new – sharing his views on garden trends. He has created a series of “Plant Savvy” videos that can be found online.

Born in England, Nicholas earned his degree in Agricultural Science from Otley Agricultural College. Before joining Monrovia, he managed garden centers in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Nicholas now resides in California where he pursues his passion for plants and animals.

Nicholas is affiliated with the Royal Horticultural Society, the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers, and the American Nursery and Landscape Association. He is an advisor to Sunset Magazine; to Mount San Antonio College, Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences; and to the National Arboretum, Washington, DC.



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**Join us for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration on September 11, 2013**

All members past and present are invited to join us at the 50th anniversary celebration of Western Horticultural Society. In September 1963, the first meeting of WHS met at William E. Schmidt's nursery. By November they had 139 members! Do you know who our other co-founders were? You heard one of them at a program in 2012-13! Win a prize in a drawing of correct answers! The Board will provide light refreshments, cake and beverages, and there will be a display of WHS history with pictures and publications.



**A tranquil scene at Barrie and Carol Coate's lovely home and garden,** where we thoroughly enjoyed the WHS picnic in June. Thank you very much to our hosts for sharing with us the beauty of your garden, planted and tended lovingly over many years. No photos can do it justice. *Photo: Marianne Mueller.*

**MEETING LOCATION** Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Doors open at 7 p.m. and meetings begin at 7:30.

You are invited to join our September speaker, Nicholas Staddon of Monrovia, for **dinner on September 11** at 5:30 p.m. at the lovely Italian restaurant, Bella Vita, located at 376 First Street, Los Altos. There is ample parking near the entrance. Please contact Rosalie Shepherd to confirm: shep8283@comcast.net or 650-321-8283.

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.

# Western Hort News

## **Important - Dues Renewal Reminder!**

It is that time of year again! Our membership year is September 1 – 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.

Renewal applications with pre-addressed envelopes were mailed in August; we urge you to send in your dues now if you haven't already. **If you will be renewing at the WHS meeting, please bring your pre-printed form—this saves time as you won't need to fill out a form.**

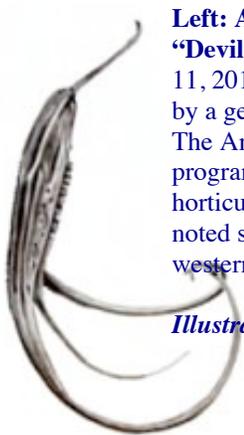
Prompt renewal helps those who coordinate with Pacific Horticulture and the volunteers who put together the information for the roster, labels for mailing the newsletter, etc. We look forward to your participation in the activities we have planned for you this coming year. Please see page 3 for details on membership rates and where to send the form. If you have any questions, please contact our membership guru at [grew@pacbell.net](mailto:grew@pacbell.net) or 650-851-5162. **Thank you!**

## **Plant Table**

For those of you who haven't checked out our new Plant Table, we have made changes. We now have a sale rather than a raffle. Plants are priced at \$5.00 for 1 gallon and \$3.00 for 3" pots. We will continue to have silent auctions for special plants. The sale begins after the speaker is finished. The Board provides plants for September, but members are also welcome to bring plants. ~*Roberta Barnes*

## **Propagation Time for Our Plant Sale**

We will be selling plants at the Spring Garden Market in April. This is our opportunity to introduce ourselves to the many gardeners who come to this popular event and make some money for Western Hort. We are going to focus on growing and selling succulents and native California plants this year. These have been our best sellers in the past. Our plants are propagated by members and it's not too soon to get started! Questions? Ask Roberta Barnes, Liz Calhoon or Wendy van der Linden. Thanks for your support. ~*Roberta Barnes*



**Left: A dried seed pod of Proboscidea louisianica, "Devil's Claw," Louisa Beck's emblem.** The September 11, 2013 inaugural guest lecture for 2013-2014 is funded by a generous distribution from the estate of Louisa Beck. The Annual Louisa Beck Guest Lectures feature a special program by a highly regarded individual in the horticultural field. Read the story of plantswoman and noted scientist Louisa Beck at [westernhort.org/events\\_LouiseBecklecture.html](http://westernhort.org/events_LouiseBecklecture.html).

*Illustration by Gretchen Kai Halpert*



**Above:** The backyard forest planted by the Coates, now grown into a varied canopy. View from their porch.

**Left:** Along the hillside at the Coates' garden.

*Photos: Marianne Mueller*

## October 2013 Meeting

**OCTOBER 9: HELEN POPPER** Author, CNPS, Santa Clara. **“Maintaining Native Plants Throughout the Seasons.”**

### 28 Years Ago

Western Hort met on September 9, 1985 for the last time at the Ampex Cafeteria. Mrs. Alexander Pontiatoff, one of our founding members, had been responsible for arranging for the many years of use of the Ampex facility. The final Monday WHS meeting in Redwood City was to hear “Nancy Hardesty, landscape architect from Menlo Park, speak about ‘Foothill Re-vegetation of Lexington Reservoir.’” “In view of the devastating fire in the area this summer, her report will have special importance (the July 1985 fire burned almost 14,000 acres). Ms. Hardesty has special expertise in the use of drought-tolerant native species.” Ms. Hardesty is the author of *Oak Woodland Preservation*.

The plant discussion table was amply supplied by Allan Reid (*Cornus nuttallii* x *capitata*), Albert Wilson (*Cocculus laurifolius*), Barbara Worl (September rose hips), Ed Carman (*Origanum rotundifolium* x *libonaticum*), Charlotte Anderson, Louise Hoffman, Lyn Dearborn, and “Gerda Isenberg (who) brought blooms from six *Eriogonums*, our native buckwheats.”

*Eriogonum arborescens*,  
*E. crocatus*, *E.*

*fasciculatum*, *E. giganteum*, *E. latifolium rubescens*, and *E. parvifolium*. What a display that must have been! ~Nancy Schramm



***Eriogonum giganteum*, St. Catherine's lace flowers are big enough to support all sorts of life. Photo and caption: [laspilatas.com](http://laspilatas.com).**

## Horticultural Calendar, September 2013

**52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midori Bonsai Show** Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Northside Community Center, 488 6<sup>th</sup> Street at E. Empire St., Downtown San Jose. Bonsai vendors, plant sale, Bonsai demonstration at 1 p.m., and Beginners' Workshop 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County—Fall Vegetable Seedling Sale** Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Annual Prusch Harvest Fair & Exposition, 647 S. King Rd., San Jose. See [mastergardeners.org/fall-vegetable-seedling-sale](http://mastergardeners.org/fall-vegetable-seedling-sale) for plant list.

**CNPS Native Plant Sale** Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Rd., Los Altos. For plant list and more info, see [cnps-scv.org](http://cnps-scv.org).

### Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members

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To contact us, please send email to [info@westernhort.org](mailto:info@westernhort.org), or contact Chris Egan at 650-948-4614, or send mail to Western Horticulture Society, PO Box 60507, Palo Alto, CA, 94306.

#### About membership in Western Hort:

To join or renew, send your name, address, phone number and a check made out to “Western Horticultural Society” to PO Box 620673, Woodside, CA 94062-0673.

Membership Rates: A one-year membership (Sep-Aug) includes four issues of Pacific Horticulture magazine. Regular membership is \$35, Sustaining is \$45, Contributing is \$60 and Plant Lover is \$100+. We have also added a Family membership of \$50 for two or more members at the same address, and a Student rate of \$20.

Please visit our website at [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org) for a membership form.

#### Newsletter Submissions and Address Changes

Please send info for the October 2013 newsletter by September 18 to Marianne Mueller, [mrm@sonic.net](mailto:mrm@sonic.net) or 650-326-2029.

Please send address changes to [grew@pacbell.net](mailto:grew@pacbell.net) or 650-851-5162.



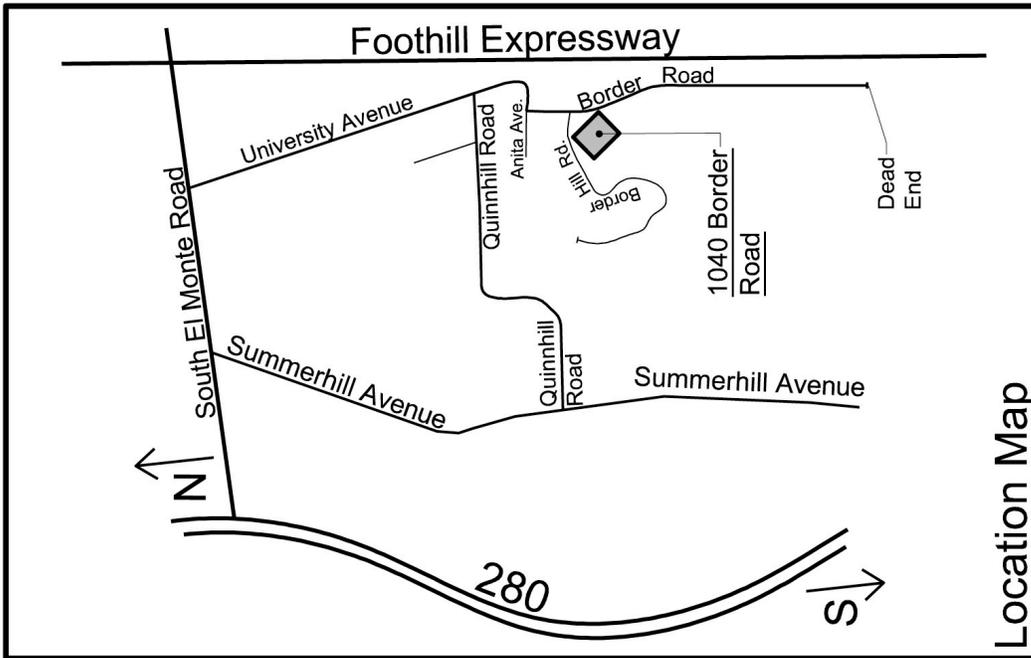
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