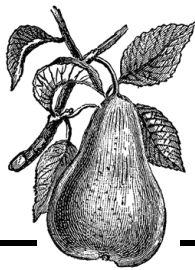


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WHS October Speaker

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”

The Coastal Gardener is a weekly television series seen all over the country which takes viewers “from coast to coast.” Dave Egbert comes to television with a wealth of horticultural knowledge and an enthusiastic personality that connects with viewers. His audiences are delighted with his intelligence, wit, and honesty in every subject he brings to the small screen. Mr. Egbert worked as a certified professional nurseryman for 20 years and is an avid plantsman who gardens in the rugged Big Sur landscape. He is also a firefighter and first responder with the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, which gives him a unique insight into the regeneration of native plants after a fire. Mr. Egbert has applied this knowledge in his own garden regarding pruning of many shrubs and perennials. Through his garden show he can teach these methods along with the ideals of organic and sustainable gardening nation wide.

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”

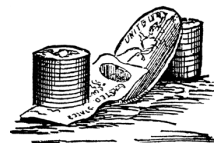
Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7pm and meetings begin at 7:30. The location is at Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Please also join our speaker for dinner prior to the meeting at Chef Chu’s at 5:30pm at the corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio 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 October 22nd for the November 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!

If you haven’t renewed your membership with us yet, 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 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, as well as the volunteers who put together the information for labels and mailing, etc. Thank you!



October Meeting Location Change Information!!

As many of you may have noticed, last year, and also for our September meeting, our meetings have not been held at our regular location, Covington School. The Los Altos School District continued to schedule school events on our meeting dates, even though we had paid our full deposit to them and they knew about our meetings well in advance. Due to this happening too many times, leaving us scrambling to find a last minute place for our meetings, the board has decided to move our meetings to a new permanent location at the Community Room of Christ Episcopal Church in Los Altos. It is not far from our old meeting location; please see the map on the back of this newsletter for the location. We hope to see you there at our next meeting!

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

Thank you WHS board members (especially our Nursery members) for the wonderful plants on the September table. October is our month for the general membership to supply the table, so check around your gardens for any special or well-grown plants you might be able to share. Remember, if you live in an LBAM quarantine area, do not bring plant material to the WHS meeting. But consider what plant *related* items you might have to share: seeds, books, magazines, tools and special containers are all welcome.

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. ~Nancy Schramm

New WHS Membership Cards!

Western Hort now has a membership card. We are approaching various nurseries and landscape material suppliers to see if they will give our members a discount. As we get this approved, we will announce it at the meetings and in the newsletter. So if you have paid 2008-2009 dues make sure you pick up your annual membership card from the membership table at the next meeting. It will have value! ~ Pat Knight

....And, Our New Digital Projector!

In addition to our new location, we now have a much needed digital projector. Part of the funds from Daphne Dorney's bequest to the WHS were used to buy a professional projector suitable for a large meeting room and that is easy to view from all seats. The Canon Realis X700 will have its first exposure at the next meeting. The images look fantastic, very clear and true and show well, even if the room is not dark. What a treat she has given us all! ~ Pat Knight

**“For man,
autumn is
a time of
harvest, of
gathering
together.
For nature, it
is a time of
sowing, of
scattering
abroad.”**

~Edwin Way Teale



28 Years Ago...

The October 13, 1980 WHS meeting featured Victor Reiter Jr. talking about "Rock Garden Concepts and Plants for the Bay Area". Mr. Reiter was a founder of the Cal Hort & Strybing Arboretum Societies. He was one of the featured plantsmen at an event celebrating the 100th birthday of Ruth Bancroft this past July (2008) at The Ruth Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek. The newsletter included an announcement of an upcoming slide show on Japan, hosted by Ted Kipping. (Was this a predecessor to Ted's Wed. night pot-lucks?) Another interesting element to the meetings in 1980 was "The Blackboard". Members were encouraged to write horticultural questions on the blackboard before meetings, and 'those in the know' answered these questions during the break. Emily Brown's plant notes included paragraphs about Crataegus, Grevillea, and Zauschneria (I refuse to change to Epilobium), and mention of Tropaeolum pentaphyllum and "two charming Nerines." ~Nancy Schramm



Other Events...

Reminder: 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.**

A one-day symposium, co-sponsored with the Northern California Branch, Mediterranean Garden Society, with lectures, lunch, and a garden tour. Location: Casa Munras Hotel 700 Munras Avenue, Monterey, CA

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 October Program

October 20, 2008 "Plant Gems of the Emerald Corridor"

Presented by Dylan Hannon, Curator of Conservatory and Tropical Collections at the Huntington Botanical Garden in Pasadena.

The talk will focus on plants of Colombia that he encountered in the rainy, verdant mountains between the city of Cali and the Pacific ocean and also at over 10,000 feet on a volcano near the famous colonial city of Popayan.

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, October 11 Fall Plant Sale - Members 10am-12pm; Public 12-4pm

Saturday October 25, 11am-12pm Human Uses of California Native Plants

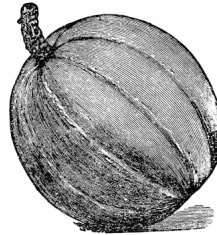
This is an ethnobotanical tour of native plants and their traditional and contemporary uses, led by Sara Reid. Meet in the lower parking lot. Admission of \$5 covers tour. Members free. For more information call (831)427-2998 or email arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu.

San Jose Pumpkins in the Park

Saturday, October 11, 2008 10am-4pm

Guadalupe River Park/Discovery Meadow.

San Jose Pumpkins in the Park is a harvest fair for families with a strong environmental education component. It is designed to promote awareness of the Guadalupe River Park and celebrate the fall season. Pumpkins in the Park is held to raise funds and enlist supporters for Friends of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens.



CNPS Fall Native Plant Sale at Hidden Villa

Saturday, October 18, 10am-3pm Scores of species of hard-to-find native plants, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Speak to experts about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers, and grasses. Organized by California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). Location: Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, 2 miles west of I-280. Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, or email cnps_scv@yahoo.com or call 650-941-1068.

Gamble Gardens, Palo Alto

Community Day, Sunday, October 5, 10am-2pm

Join us for a day filled with children's activities, a gorgeous plant sale, horticultural resources, beekeeping displays, garden demonstrations, food, entertainment, and much more! This event is free of charge and is open to the community. For more information call (650) 329-1356 weekdays from 9am-noon.

Fall Garden Maintenance Tasks

Saturday, October 4th 10-11am A walk and talk with Master Gardeners as they carry out their fall tasks in the garden, followed by an open garden until 1 pm. UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County. Location: Palo Alto Demonstration Garden 851 Center Drive, Palo Alto, CA 650-326-2029

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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.

October Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Alternatives to Lawns

Deva Luna Saturday, Oct 4, 10:30-12:30
Special free class. To register call 650-493-6072

Worm Composting

Alane Weber Saturday, Oct 11,
10:30-1:30pm \$32

Common Ground Demonstration

Garden Tour Drew Harwell Saturday,
Oct 11, 11-12:30 \$25

Seed Propagation

Dan Royer-Miller Saturday, Oct 18,
10:30-12:30 \$27

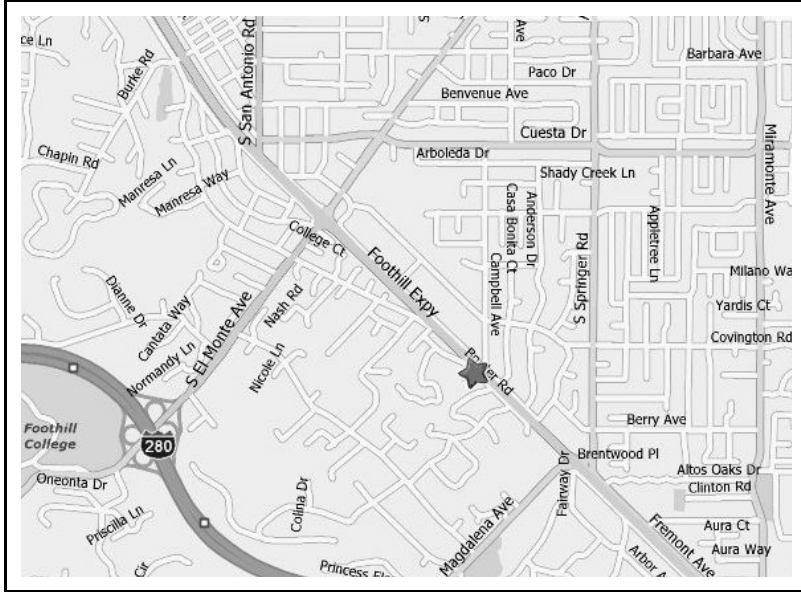
Composting

Margo Royer-Miller Saturday, Oct 18,
2-4pm \$27

Two-Day Introduction to Permaculture

Doniga Markegard Sat.-Sun. Oct 25-Oct
26 Drew Harwell 10:30-4:30pm \$160

"Unemployment is capitalism's way of getting you to plant a garden." ~ Orson Scott Card



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