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# Western Horticultural Society

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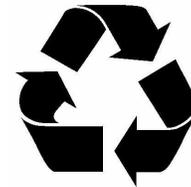
## WHS March Speaker

**March 10: Sherri Osaka,**  
Owner, Sustainable Landscape Designs, San Jose, CA  
**“Sustainable Landscapes”**

Sustainable Landscape Design was started in 1994 by Sherri Osaka. With degrees in landscape architecture and engineering, she is uniquely suited to merge ecological systems with design elements in order to produce a long-lasting and sustainable outcome that is a delight for years to come.

Ms. Osaka is a life-long organic gardener and a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); the Sierra Club; the California Native Plant Society; and Architects, Designers, and Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR).

Sherri will talk on a wide range of sustainable landscape techniques, including drip and gray-water irrigation, California native plants, recycling existing resources, conserving water, low-maintenance lawns, and non-toxic materials.



**April 14: Deva Luna,** Landscape Designer, Speaker, Master Gardener, Cupertino, CA “Alternatives to Lawns”

**May 12: Rosemary Foster,** Landscape Designer and Horticultural consultant, Carmel, CA  
“Lester Rowntree: Contributions to Native Plant Horticulture”

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 March 24th for the April newsletter. Please call or email Michelle Bosch (editor) at 650-363-9244 or michelle@hunzikers.org for newsletter content.

Please contact Steve Staiger at 650-851-2248 with any changes of address.



## WHS Field Trip to Quarryhill Botanical Garden

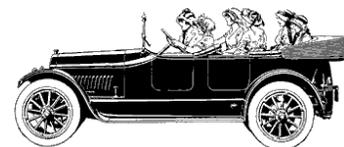
Remember Bill McNamara's September talk on Botanic Gardens? Our first field trip of the year will be at the Quarryhill Botanical Garden in Glenn Ellen.

Quarryhill is home to one of the largest scientifically documented, wild-source Asian plants in North America and Europe, many of which represent ancestors of horticultural favorites found throughout the western world. Visit their site: [www.quarryhillbg.org](http://www.quarryhillbg.org).

### Details:

Saturday April 17th, 10:00am until 2pm. There is a picnic area to share our lunch; more details to follow in the next newsletter. Also, we plan to car pool.

To sign up, please email Janice Gillmore at [janicegillmore@yahoo.com](mailto:janicegillmore@yahoo.com) or phone (408)867-9428.



## Working Towards the Plant Sale...

The work party to make succulent dish gardens had great fun in sunny spring like weather. Ten of us met at Elizabeth Garbett's house and made about 50 "gardens". They all look so attractive that it will be hard for our customers to choose which one to buy! Thank you to all members who donated the interesting collection of pots. As a reward for our creativity Elizabeth gave us lunch with her own homemade bread. Remember that the Plant Sale is Saturday, April 10 at Kelly Park in San Jose. For directions and information see the website [www.westernhort.org](http://www.westernhort.org) under "Home" or "Events". ~ Pat Knight

**“A little studied negligence is becoming to a garden.”**

~ Eleanor Perenyi

## *More Western Hort Business and News...*

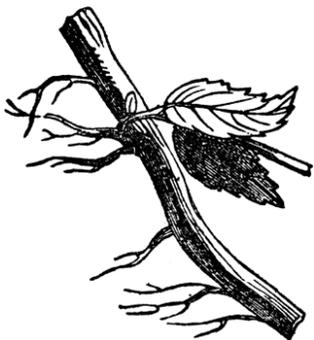
### **Raffle Table**

Thank you, members, for supplying the raffle table last month. This is a fun and valuable fund raiser for us. The March table will be supplied by the raffle committee, but as usual, all donations will be gratefully accepted.

### **CEU Credits**

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

## *Commentary on Last Month's Speakers*



Kathleen Navarez, horticultural instructor at Cabrillo College, Aptos, delivered an enlightened presentation titled 'Keys to Propagation – Opening Doors to Success.'

Aided by seventy slides, Kathleen described her methods of successful propagation, which included many natives. She explained that types of seed propagation are determined by the climate to which the plant is native. Other important considerations are the season in which the plant blooms, quantity of seed production by each plant, and the health and age of the seed-bearing plant.

The speaker shared with us her 'recipes' for success for cutting propagation, which included the use of a growth hormone, a mix of perlite and peat, and a bagged mycorrhizae called 'RootShield' which fills in the voids of the mix. Kathleen rounded out her presentation with tips on leaf and stem cuttings, as well as helpful tips to avoid fungal problems. ~ *Mark McCabe*

**“It is utterly forbidden to be half-hearted about gardening. You have got to love your garden whether you like it or not.”**

~ *W.C. Sellar & R.J. Yeatman, Garden Rubbish*

## *Other Horticultural Events...*

### *2010 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show*

A five-day garden extravaganza, with designed gardens, marketplace, outstanding seminars, and t sales. This event houses thousands upon thousands of flowers and plants with all their rich colors, fragrances and textures. Four acres of inspiring flower gardens, free seminars for all gardening levels, and shopping at 300 exhibits all strictly related to San Francisco & California gardening, outdoor living, plants and gardeners. There is a myriad of facets to the Garden Show; while the gardens, commercial exhibits and seminars are the core of the Show, there is still much more to see and so many things to do.

#### **Dates:**

Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>-Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Hours: Wed-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-6pm

#### **Location:**

San Mateo Event Center  
2495 South Delaware Street, San Mateo  
Fee \$20.00; early bird \$16; after 3pm \$12.00.  
Visit their website at <http://www.sfgardenshow.com>

### **The Buzz on Native Bees**

Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm

A lecture and walk with Professor Gordon Frankie, bee expert.

Location: UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley  
Fee \$10.00; pre-registration required - call 510-643-2755 to register.



## Other Horticultural Events...

### Japanese Garden Design & California Native Plants

A talk by Mark Bourne

Thursday, March 11, 7-8:30pm

Japan has a long history of incorporating natural beauty in the garden. How do Japanese designers use the lens of the garden to capture the beauty of their native surroundings? This lecture will examine how we can learn to celebrate local, native forms in our own gardens using the Japanese Garden as a model.

Location: Saratoga Community Library, 13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga  
Free and open to all; call (408)867-6126 or go to [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org) for more information.

### Water-wise Gardening Using Native Plants

A talk by Deva Luna, Sustainable Landscape Designer

Wednesday, March 17, 7-8:30pm

Learn how you can conserve water and still have an attractive garden using California native plants. Come to this talk and be inspired to create a beautiful and environmentally-friendly yard. See a variety of landscaping styles and ideas, get professional landscaping tips, and practical how-to notes on care of a native plant garden.

Location: Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont  
Free admission; call (510)745-1401 or go to [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org) for more information.

### Sustainable Vegetable Gardening

Tuesday March 23rd, 7-9:00pm

A six-week class (through 4/27) with Master Gardeners.  
UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County

Location: Campbell Community Center, 1 W Campbell Avenue, Campbell

Call 408-866-2104 to register (pre-registration required.)



### Pollinators & Native Plant Gardens

A talk by Rebecca Schoenenberger

Tuesday, March 23, 6:30-8pm

In an era of declining pollinator populations, native plants play an increasingly critical role. Come learn what you can do at home to encourage pollinators: create a habitat garden.

Location: Almaden Branch Library, 6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose  
Free admission; call (408)808-3040 or go to [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org) for more information.

### Succulent Container Gardening

Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-8pm

A workshop and book signing with author Debra Lee Baldwin. Location: UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

Fee \$30.00; pre-registration required—call (510)643-2755 to register.



**“Correct handling of flowers refines the personality.”** ~ *Gustie L. Herrigel*

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#### Membership in Western Hort:

To join, send in your name, address, phone number and a check made out to:

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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](http://www.westernhort.org) for a membership form.

### March Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Secrets of Drought-Tolerant Landscaping  
Deva Luna Saturday, March 6  
10:30-12:30; \$31

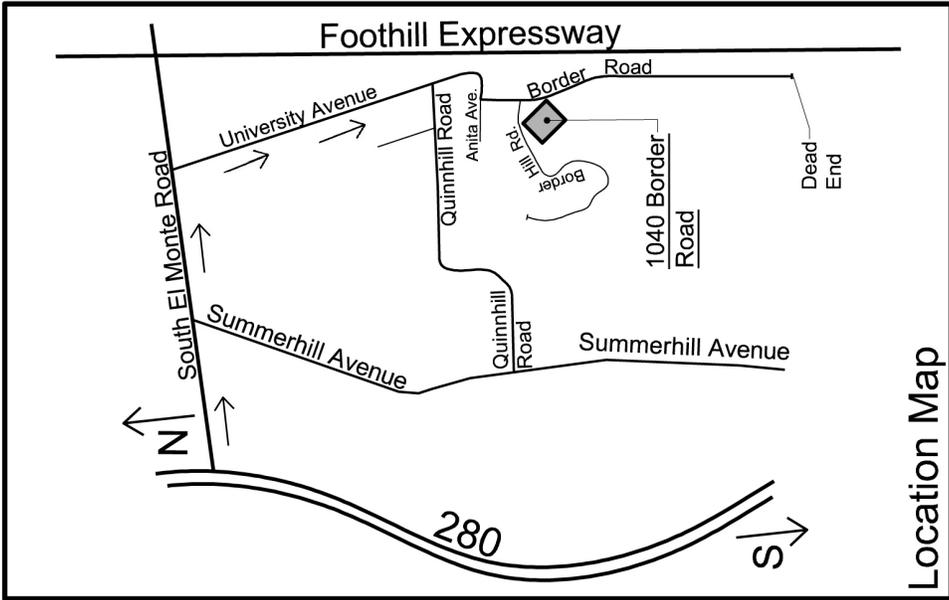
Planning Your Garden  
John Jeavons Saturday, March 13  
10:30-12:30+ \$31

Compost Crops and Rotations  
John Jeavons Saturday, March 13  
2-4:00pm+ \$31

Herbs in the Garden, herbs in the Kitchen  
Jody Main Saturday, March 20  
10:30-12:30; \$31 + \$5 materials fee

Growing Great Tomatoes  
Nancy Garrison Saturday, March 27  
10:30-12:30; \$31

To register for classes call (650)493-6072. Seniors and low-income persons may request a \$4 discount on classes.



Location Map

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 Monthly Meeting  
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