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Western Horticultural Society

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WHS May Speaker

May 14: Jeff Rosendale

Owner of Rosendale Nursery and Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens, Watsonville, CA

“Plants, People and Art – Putting Them all Together in a California Garden”

Anyone who has been to Sierra Azul Nursery and walked through the vast demonstration garden knows that Jeff’s vision of a garden goes beyond just plants. Don’t be misled, Jeff’s passion for plants that survive and thrive in our Mediterranean climate is undoubtedly what excites him.

Yet over the last few years his excitement has grown to include art in the garden, proving that the combination can create a whole new dimension to the space. For the last two summers Sierra Azul has hosted the very popular community outdoor sculpture show “Sculpture IS” which was partnered with the Pajaro Valley Arts Council (PVAC). A walk through the garden will delight any visitor with sculptures nestled in amongst the plants. Turn a corner and who knows what might be peeking out at you! Jeff is a board member of the PVAC, and he is a past President of the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum Associates.

Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7pm and meetings begin at 7:30. The location is Covington School, 205 Covington 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 in mid-August for the September 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.

The Spring Garden Market—a Great Success!!

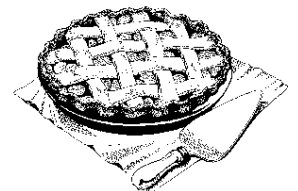
Our spring plant sale at the Master Gardeners Spring Market at History Park in San Jose was an unqualified success. We made lots of money (sorry, totals not yet available) and we had a great experience doing it. Our customers included not only many of our own members and friends but also lots of new people to introduce to our organization. The Market was run with great efficiency by the Master Gardeners so all went smoothly in setting up our booth, moving plants in and out and finding our way about.



If you have never seen the opening of the Market where several hundred determined gardeners surge through the grounds, ten abreast, to the heritage tomato tables, let me tell you it is awesome! Chris and I are very grateful to all those members who worked hard to make the sale a success. We want to give special thanks to our committee, Leslie Dean, Glenda Jones and Katy Wong for their total cooperation in all phases of the project, and to our crew who drove trucks, loaded and unloaded plants, and dealt with the customers while the temperature climbed to 90 F., to Diane and Danny Chambers, who loaned us their canopy, without which we would never have survived, to Rachel Gage who made our banner, and last, but not least to all the members who propagated the plants we sold. ~ Elizabeth Garbett

WHS Annual Picnic: June 8th

Reminder: Mark your calendars—the WHS annual picnic will be on Sunday, the 8th of June. Please see the flyer accompanying this newsletter for details and directions. We are lucky enough to be able to visit two beautiful gardens owned by our members—one at Barrie and Carol Coate’s home in Los Gatos, and then one at Sherry Austin’s home in Soquel. We encourage carpooling and ask members with vans and SUVs who don’t mind driving to please work with other members in getting to the picnic. We hope to see you all there!



“Let no one think that real gardening is a bucolic and meditative occupation. It is an insatiable passion, like everything else to which a man gives his heart.” ~ Karel Capek

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table Thank you so much to all the contributors to the April raffle table. We had donations from three nurseries: Yamagami's, Terra Sole, and Carman's, plus the books from Holly Hayes at the SJ Mercury News. Added to that were all the wonderful plants from all of our members! We have plants left from the plant sale that will fill the raffle table in May, so be ready to buy lots of raffle tickets and take lots of plants home!

CEU Credits 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. Just sign in at the registration desk after the program. ~*Nancy Schramm*

28 Years Ago...

The May 12, 1980 WHS meeting featured George Waters, editor of Pacific Horticulture. The program was an inside look at the journal; the history, development into its current format, and the publishing process from start to finish. Something new on the raffle table! It was filled with flower arrangements created by members including Emily Brown, Betsy Clebsch, Diana Plummer, and Barbara Worl. The plant notes featured several informative paragraphs about primroses, as well as rave reviews of Clematis 'Mme. Edouard Andre', Phacelia campanularia, and Carpenteria californica. And a sneak look ahead to the June newsletter shows that Keith Bickford was coordinating carpools for the picnic dinner meeting to be held June 9th at Yerba Buena Nursery. ~*Nancy Schramm*

Other Events...

Special Event: The Salvia Summit 2008

Salvia Summit 2008 will take place at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California on the 1st and 2nd of August. The new facilities of the Horticulture Department that overlook Monterey Bay features a large collection of salvias that are arranged in a garden that emphasizes geographic habitat and origin.

The aim of Salvia Summit is to bring together horticultural professionals and enthusiasts from around the world. Topics will include salvias in their native habitats, nomenclature clarification, and botanical identification, as well as addressing the challenges of cultivation. There will be talks, round table discussions, and workshops. Self directed garden tours are planned for August 3. Details are available on the Cabrillo College website at www.cabrillo.edu/academics/horticulture/. The cost of the conference is \$200. Please note; our facilities have limited seating and the conference will be filled on a first come basis.

“Gardening is a kind of disease. It infects you, you cannot escape it. When you go visiting, your eyes rove about the garden; you interrupt the serious cocktail drinking because of an irresistible impulse to get up and pull a weed.”

~ *Lewis Gannit*

Tuesdays in August/September 2008: Horticultural Photography Class—Save the Date!

Proud of your garden? Want to show it off with your photos? Have a particularly beautiful flower to record? Well, this class will improve your skills and give you the tricks professionals use. You will learn: 1. How to use your equipment, camera, flash and lens etc. 2. See better! How to frame and design your pictures. 3. To transfer photos to the computer and improve your pictures and change their appearance (convert to watercolor/black & white etc.)

This is a hands on work shop, held in a garden setting. 5 classes, 2 ½ hrs each.

2-5pm each Tuesday. (30 minutes for refreshments, provided) \$125.00 for all 5 classes; limited to 15 people. August 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th & 2nd September 2008. (a % of the profits to benefit the WHS)

To register and/or for more information email Niki Muller at docpdm@earthlink.net. ~ *Niki Muller*

Open Gardens and Rail Roads!

The South County Garden Railroaders invite you to the 14th annual Garden Layout Tour to benefit the "St Josephs Center & Community Pantry" on Saturday August 9th from 9am-4pm. There will be 12 backyard model railroads landscaped to scale, open for viewing in Morgan Hill, Gilroy and Hollister. A donation of non-perishable food can be exchanged for a guide book at the All Aboard Junction Train Store on Monterey in Gilroy. For info call Pat at 846-8841.

California Rare Fruit Growers

The CRFG meets year 'round on the second Saturday of the even months at Emma Prusch Park, corner of Story and King. Next meeting is June 14th. Doors open at noon, meeting runs from 1-4 p.m. For more info call Nancy Garrison (408) 298-5828.

Other Horticultural Events...



Cal Hort Society May Program

May 19, 2008—Annual Meeting

June 16, 2008 “**Design with Palms**” Presented by Jason Dewees & Flora Grubb. 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

Adapting Bamboo to the Central Coast

Saturday, May 10, 9:30am-4pm & Sunday, May 11, 10am-2pm

Instructor Karl Bareis, internationally known expert on Bamboos and Japanese landscape architecture, will conduct a 2-day hands-on workshop in the selection, cultivation and control of bamboo in the garden and in containers. Sunday's session will be a field trip to an area garden. Cost is \$100 for General Public. \$85 for Arboretum Members. Limited to 20 participants.

Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens for National River Cleanup Day Saturday, May 17

Take your spring cleaning out into your community and join Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens for National River Cleanup Day Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Pick up trash, remove debris and see what strange and interesting items have been deposited along the rivers banks. Advanced registration is required. Please wear close-toed shoes, long pants, and sun protection and be ready for a morning of handy help and hard work. We'll provide litter sticks, bags and gloves. To register for this event call (408) 298-7657 or send e-mail to info@grpg.org. This event will meet at the Visitor & Education Center located at 438 Coleman Ave, San Jose, 95110.

Gamble Gardens, Palo Alto

Water Management with James Kern Tuesday, May 6, 9:30-11:30am; \$20 member, \$25 non-member; class limit 25 - Location: Carriage House

A European Classic – Revisit a Garden from Spring Tour with Landscape Designer Betty Lee Saturday, May 17, 9:30-11:30am; \$20 member, \$25 non-member; class limit 25 - Location: Carriage House Please call Gamble Gardens at (650) 329-1356 or register on line at <http://www.gamblegarden.org>

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

Sunday, May 4, from 10am-5pm - FREE Admission!



Where: Various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Participants on the fourth annual, free, self-guided tour can choose from sixty showcase native plant gardens. Approximately 60 talks will be offered throughout the day. More than 5,000 people are expected to register for this annual event; early registration is suggested to ensure a place. Registration prior to April 26 is required and can be completed at www.BringingBackTheNatives.net. While registering, a visit to the Carpools and Gardeners Match section of the website will help

registrants find neighbors to share gardening skills, native plants, or tools; to plan work parties; or carpool, either on the day of the Tour, or to the Select Tours. For more information, contact Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call (510) 236-9558 between 9am and 9pm.

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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
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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.

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

May Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Solar Cooking

Don Larson Saturday, May 3, 12:00–2:00pm \$27

Into to Garden-Based Herbalism

Darren Huckle Saturday, May 10, 10:30am–3:30pm \$65

Edible Landscaping

Deva Luna Saturday, May 17, 10:30–12:30am \$27

Two-Day Introduction to Permaculture

Doniga Markegard/Drew Harwell Sat., Sun., May 24, 25, 10:30am-4:30pm \$160

Starting Your Summer Garden

Drew Harwell Saturday, May 31, 10:30am–12:30+ \$27





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