

## ***SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING***

**September 9, 7:30 on Zoom via Internet**

Our meeting this month will be a Zoom presentation. You'll be able to see and hear the presentation via Zoom on your computer, tablet or phone. Log in details will be e-mailed to members the week prior to the meeting.

### **Mix it Up! Growing Succulents and Perennials Together**



Love succulents? But also love herbaceous plants? No worries, many can be grown together in a garden. The textures, colors and structure of succulents can add a lot of dimension and beauty to any garden. Learn which ones work best in garden soil, which ones provide food for pollinators and the best ones for colder winter temperatures. In addition we will cover how to amend your soil for optimum growth and a few tips and tricks on how to successfully propagate succulents.

#### **Speaker: Marlene Simon, staff horticulturist at UC Davis Botanical Conservatory**

Marlene started gardening at the age of six when she asked her parents to order bulbs from Parade Magazine. She continued her gardening experience with internships at *Sunset* magazine in their test garden and as a gardener at the Winchester Mystery House while a student. She is currently living her dream working at the magical UC Davis Botanical Conservatory in Davis, California, where she earned her degree and is the staff horticulturist. She grows and cares for over 4,000 specimens of the world's most exotic, strangest and rarest plants and flowers. When not at the Conservatory she can be found bi-monthly on *Good Day Sacramento* where she is known as "The Plant Lady". Her garden column is in the *Sacramento Bee* bimonthly. She also has a podcast called *Flower Power Garden Hour* where she talks with guests on all things about plants and gardening. Follow her @marlenetheplantlady on Facebook/Youtube/Instagram.



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome back to the Western Horticultural Society program year. I hope that you all had a good summer. I am sure that many of you, like me, have had more time for garden projects this year so hopefully one good thing to come out of the current state of affairs will be that our gardens are looking better!

Unfortunately, it looks like our meetings will all need to be virtual for the foreseeable future or at least through this program year. I hope that most of you have had a chance to become more familiar with Zoom, being as that is the platform that we will be using. Our program committee has a great line-up of speakers scheduled which you can get a preview of on our website <https://www.westernhort.org/speakers-events>.

In addition to finding speakers who are willing and able to do live Zoom presentations, the committee is requesting that we be able to record the presentations so that members who miss them can view the presentations after the meeting. The YouTube links will be sent to members in the week following the meeting and will be available to view for a limited time period after the presentation. Please do not share either the Zoom or YouTube links with others. These presentations are made possible by your membership donations.

If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time. You can renew online at <https://www.westernhort.org/membership>. You may also print a membership form and mail in your renewal. If you have any questions, contact Carrie, our membership chair at [membership@westernhort.org](mailto:membership@westernhort.org).

We are welcoming a new board member for the upcoming season, Michael Craib, who brings years of plant expertise from his work as a sales rep. He is currently with San Marcos Growers. Our board meetings have also gone to the Zoom platform. If you find the idea of attending board meetings virtually more appealing than attending in person, now would be a great time to attend one and consider joining the board. Email me if you are interested in participating [info@westernhort.org](mailto:info@westernhort.org).

~ Janet Hoffmann

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BETSY!

We send our best wishes to long-time member Betsy Clebsch on her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. Betsy has generously shared her garden with our membership on more than one occasion as well as contributing her considerable expertise especially in the growing of sages, *Salvia* species. She published her work on sages in 1997 in the book, *A Book of Salvias, Sages for Every Garden*, Timber Press. I am not sure if it is still in print, but I cherish my copy signed by Betsy. The photo below also reminds me of all the generous contributions to WHS made over many years by the recently departed Richard Tiede, who took the photo at our June 2018 picnic. ~ Janet Hoffmann



Betsy Clebsch showing her garden to picnic attendees, June 2018, photo: Richard Tiede



## Richard Tiede



Richard Henry Tiede was born December 13, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan, to Walter William Tiede and Virginia (Kirstein) Tiede. His mother died when he was twelve. He graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School in Michigan, and attended his father's alma mater, Stout College (now University of Wisconsin - Stout) in Menomonie, Wisconsin, from which he graduated in 1964 in Industrial Arts and began teaching in Chicago.

Richard worked for a while for the Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington, and later moved to San Jose, California. He worked as a mechanical engineer for ElectroGlas and then for Symyx Technologies, both in Santa Clara County, California. He designed and built robots for automated assembly of printed circuit boards for the electronics industry and holds seven patents for robotic items. He moved to Princeville, Hawaii in January of 2019.

Richard lived a full life. He became a member of the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He volunteered Saturdays at the Kilauea Community Agricultural Park Rotary gazebo garden. He was a Master Gardener and devoted much time to the Santa Clara Master Gardeners. Richard was a past president of the Western Horticultural Society and was a member of the California Horticultural Society. He was a member and attended many international conferences of the Mediterranean Garden Society. He was a benefactor of many causes in California and he and his wife Bracey were active supporters of the Pacific Horticulture Society for many years. He loved to travel and most recently visited the gardens in Valencia, Alicante, and Mallorca Spain, cruised to Norway, visited the Netherlands for the tulip season, and traversed the Panama Canal. He had hoped to make it to Tahiti and Alaska in 2020.

Richard died July 10, 2020. He is survived by his brother, Thomas Tiede (Pamela), nephew Thomas Tiede Jr. (Lee Ann), grand-nephew Mathew Tiede (Craig Deardorff), grand-niece Kirstin Tiede Sullivan (Patrick), great-grand-nephew Theo Declan Sullivan (born 6-20-2020) and brother-in-law James Hill. He was preceded in death by his wife Bracey Avery Tiede, niece Carole Tiede Gillespie and sister-in-law Mary Avery Hill.

Richard will be remembered as a very gentle and courteous man who was ready to help others, and he always had a smile when meeting you. Richard was always open to meet people in a very friendly and respectful way; strangers were friends he had not met yet. He always was in good spirit and smiling, even when he knew that the end was near.

Many thanks to Master Gardeners for tribute and photos.

The Western Hort archives also has a very nice article about Richard when he was awarded the 2018 Western Horticultural Society Founder's Award. <https://www.westernhort.org/2018-founders-award>



## **DONATION THANK YOU**

We would like to thank Amy Labbadia for her generous \$200 donation in memory of Richard Tiede.

## **28 YEARS AGO**

I'm finding it hard to believe that it's almost September. Anyone else in the same mental state as me? I looked ahead at the newsletters for autumn 1992, and since there are a few missing plant notes I'm going to stretch things out and you'll have to wait for next month to hear about September 1992.

But in the meantime, let's return to summer, 1992. On June 14<sup>th</sup> of that year, WHS members met at Yerba Buena Nursery at noon for the annual picnic. Gerda had tables set up on her porch for the enjoyment of all. Before the picnic "Bee Brown's extensive English garden...will be open from 10 till noon." I remember my dad, Ed Carman starting a variety of seeds for Bee early that spring, one of which was *Crambe cordifolia*.

Does anyone remember meeting that summer?

"This year we are having a special July meeting. This is an experiment to see how people respond, so let us know how you like it. As a special treat Albert Wilson will speak on *Flowering Shrubs Throughout the Year*. The meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>...7:30pm...at Holbrook Palmer Park in Atherton. This will be the only notice that you will receive, so put it on your calendars."

Attendance at the July 1992 special meeting may have been on the slim side since the experiment was not repeated in 1993. The plant notes for July, 1992 bemoaned a slim showing as well: "Although the number and variety of plants on the display table did not quite measure up to my hopes for a summer meeting there were several plants that we had not seen before because they were summer blooming. Ellie Hawkins' *Cobea scandens*, the cup and saucer vine is a dense, rambling, vigorous vine that thrives in the heat and can cover a trellis or unsightly structure in one summer."

"Another tender vine is *Rhodochiton atrosanguineum* brought by Jean Fowkes. Many of us have seen the fine specimen that grew at the Hall of Flowers at Strybing for several years, a wonderful sight hung with dozens of reddish purple bells."

"Ed Carman showed a spreading, mat-forming ground cover, *Coprosma acerosa* from Australia and New Zealand. This small-leaved shrub has prostrate to suberect branches that make a cushion-like mat. In summer it bears translucent, globose, pale blue berries."

Plant note author Elizabeth Garbett first encountered *Agastache* in Betsy Clebsch's garden the previous fall and fell in love. "For me this has been the plant of the year and I am delighted to learn that there are a whole range of different species and colors. The plant's other virtues are hardiness, drought tolerance and a lean appetite." Much to the delight of everyone at the July meeting, Betsy brought in a number of blooming spikes: *Agastache foeniculum* (violet & blue), *A. mexicana* (purple & coral pink), *A. rupestris* (rose), *A. urticifolia* (pink), *A. x 'Apricot Sunrise'* (orange) and *A. x 'Firebird'* (bright orange-red), several of which came from Western Hills Nursery.

Elizabeth also reported on an expedition: "I took Lyn Dearborn's advice and went to the Palo Alto Junior Museum to have a look at their display of carnivorous plants, taking along with me my five-year-old grandson as passport. If you are looking for a way to interest children in plants this is surefire, --he was captivated and is currently mounting a campaign for me to purchase some."

~ Nancy Schramm

## MAY SPEAKER NOTES

If you missed the *May Build it and They Will Come: Creating a Native Garden Buzzing with Pollinators* Zoom meeting, which was recorded, you can view it online by going to YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxIDA5zKdGg> .

~ Janet Hoffmann

## HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

**West Nile Virus** : As of August 13th spraying for mosquitos in Los Altos Hills to control the spread of West Nile Virus started. The Santa Clara Vector Control District said the targeted area borders Arastradero Road and Stirrup Way E. to the north, W. Fremont Road to the east, Moody Road and South El Monte Road W. to the south and Page Mill Road and Altamont Road to the west..

**Looking for an outdoor excursion?** Don't forget about Filoli. The house is still closed as of this writing but the beautiful gardens are open for visits by appointment. Please email [tickets@filoli.org](mailto:tickets@filoli.org) or call our reservations office at [\(650\) 364-8300](tel:6503648300)

**Plant ID for the Curious**, Bruce Homer-Smith, California Native Plant Society-Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Thursday, August 27, Zoom presentation, 7-9PM. For more information, log-in and registration: <https://www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/events/>

**Ruth Bancroft Garden Gala**, Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-6pm. The Ruth Bancroft Garden's annual Gala and auction is going virtual this year which means you can join in the fun and help support the Garden from the comfort of your home or backyard while sipping on your favorite beverage. The event will feature a **LIVE AUCTION** and special appearances from some of the Garden's most ardent fans. We will also be toasting 40 years of Curator Brian Kemble at the Garden.

**Registration for the Gala is just \$10. Each registrant will receive a \$10 Nursery coupon after attending the event! For more information and registration:** <https://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/event/gardengala2020/>

**Food and Inspiration from the Veld**, Jason Sampson, Curator of the Manie van der Schijff Botanical Garden, a division of the Plant and Soil Sciences Department at the University of Pretoria. California Horticultural Society, Monday, September 21, 6:30pm, Zoom presentation. Time and date subject to change due to the time difference between here and S Africa, so check Cal Hort website for updated information and log-in <https://calhortsociety.org/>

**Intrepid CNPS Explorers: A Botanical Quest in Asia & Europe**, Ken and Dee Himes, California Native Plant Society-Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Thursday, September 24, Zoom presentation, 7-9PM. For more information and registration prior to the talk go to: <https://www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/>.

**Fall Online Plant Sale**, California Native Plant Society-Santa Clara Valley Chapter, October 17, 2020. Due to COVID19 restrictions this annual plant sale will be via **online orders only** this year. Plants that have been ordered will be available for pick-up at pre-registered times outside the CNPS nursery at Hidden Villa. There will be no walk-in purchases allowed. For more information and to place orders starting October 10<sup>th</sup>, go to: <http://cnps-scv.org/2020-plant-sale>

**Pacific Horticultural Society Digital Classroom**, ongoing and available through their website: <https://www.pacifichorticulture.org/digital-classroom/>. Our partner organization has this series of gardening videos as well as interesting gardening articles and still publishes their digital magazine every month. We urge everyone to join and help to support their ongoing work.

Get outside and enjoy the **San Francisco Botanical Garden** this fall. They are offering free admission daily 7:30-9:30am and the second Tuesday of every month. Advance ticket reservations are recommended to reduce wait times, monitor crowd size, and ensure enough space for social distancing. For more information go to: <https://www.sfbg.org/covid-19>.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 14th: Barbara Hunt, UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County. *Landscaping for Wildfire Protection*

November 11th: Lech Naumovich, Executive Director, Golden Hour Restoration Institute. *Restoration of a Summit: Mt. Umunhum*

### PLANT SALE TABLE

Unfortunately, many of the convivial parts of our meetings are on hold until COVID19 is under control. However, some of us had already started propagating some plants for the plant table before the shelter-in-place restrictions started last spring. There are a limited number of plants available which will be for sale at the usual WHS price of \$5 per 4" pot for the perennials and \$3 per 4" pot for the coleus, which are often treated as annuals. All proceeds, as usual, will go to the society to support our programs. Plants can be picked up in Campbell or arrangements can be made for a pick up in Palo Alto outside the Peninsula Conservation Center on Bayshore Rd.

Janet Hoffmann is offering in 4" pots: 4- ruffled leaf coleus propagated from an unnamed cultivar from Judy Wong, 4- *Gambelia* (formerly *Galvesia*) *speciosa* 'Pink Panther', 4-*Crassula arborescens undulata* 'Ripple Jade', 2-*Pelargonium* 'Veronica Contreras', 3-*Solanum wallacei*, 1-*Antirrhinum multiflorum* and 1-*Hoya obovata*. Pictures below.



Plants in flat from upper left to right Hoya, Crassula, Coleus,



Pelargonium 'Veronica Contreras'



Gambelia speciose 'Pink Panther'



Solanum wallacei

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Katie Wong is offering: 3- Curry Leaf *Murraya koenigii*, 2- Chinese Money Plant *Pilea peperomioides* and 3- Mini Pineapple plants *Ananas nanus*. All are in 4" pots.



E-mail [info@westernhort.org](mailto:info@westernhort.org) if you are interested in any of these. All are first come first served, just like at our in-person sales. If you have plants that you would like to contribute for an October online plant table, send photos, descriptions and botanical names to the newsletter editor or to the info e-mail.

## ***STROLLING AROUND THE INTERNET***

### **Asian Gypsy Moth found in Sunnyvale.**

Google this pest and you can find quite a few articles but here is a link to the United States Department of Agriculture Pest Alert:

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/plant\\_health/content/printable\\_version/fs\\_phasiangm.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/plant_health/content/printable_version/fs_phasiangm.pdf)

### **UC Integrated Pest Management Blog Feedback Wanted**

The Pests in the Urban Landscape blog shares pest information for residents, retailers, landscape professionals, structural pest control professionals, and more. Whether you are a subscriber to our blog or an occasional reader, we are looking for your feedback!

Please consider taking a [quick, anonymous survey](https://bit.ly/2ZJJVEI) to help us serve you better: <https://bit.ly/2ZJJVEI>

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### **About Membership in Western Hort:**

**Membership Rates:** A one-year membership (Sep-Aug) includes an e-mail copy of this newsletter and admittance to all of our monthly meetings. Regular membership is \$35, Family membership for two or more members at the same address is \$50, and a discounted rate for students is \$20. To receive a print copy of this newsletter by mail add \$10 to the membership fee listed above. Please visit the Pac Hort page for more information or to join Pacific Horticulture Society, for whom we are now a sponsoring organization, go to: [pacifichorticulture.org](http://pacifichorticulture.org).

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**Zoom Meeting via internet**

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Would you like to **sponsor a lecture** or suggest a speaker for the WHS that is of particular interest to you?

It would be much appreciated!

Please call Leslie Dean at 650-966-8364.

**Newsletter Submissions**

The newsletter publishes on the first of the month. **Note deadline for submission for the next newsletter is the 22nd of September.** Submissions after this date will likely appear in the next month's newsletter. Send submissions to: [Kjanberg@gmail.com](mailto:Kjanberg@gmail.com) or snail mail to Kathy