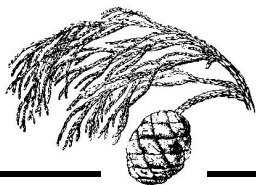


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WHS January Speaker

January 10: Ron Parsons

Author, *Masdevillias, Gems of the Orchid World* (with Mary E. Gerritsen)

"The Splendor of California Wildflowers"

California has more species of plants than any other state. Ron will show slides of the spring blooming species in the lily family, as well as other wildflowers in their native habitats. Ron has been involved for 30 years with orchids. In addition to the book cited above, Timber Press will publish his book on *Calochortus* and other members of the Liliacea family in 2007.



Happy New Year from Western Hort!

February 14: Paul Heiple

Geologist, Representative to Santa Clara County Weed Management Area.

"Weeds: What Horticulturalists Find in Pandora's Box"

March 14: Daisy Mah

Supervisor, William Land Park.

"The Gardens of William Land Park, Sacramento, California"

April 11: Carol Bornstein

Director of Living Collections and Nursery, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

"Perennial Borders for California Gardens"

May 9: Bob Hornback

Owner of Muchas Grasses, Occidental, CA

"Variegated Plants: Horticulture Goes Hollywood."

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 Kerry Barrs to confirm at 650-851-7093.

The next newsletter deadline will be January 24th. 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.



Blooming Art Sale

I hope everyone enjoyed the preview art sale we had at the December potluck. That was just a taste of what we'd like to offer at our 'Main Event' sale this spring. At this time we plan on having a space to sell the art at the Master Gardener's 'Annual Spring Garden Market'. This is their event where there are lines of people waiting to buy tomato and pepper starts--it's very well attended. So—ATTENTION ART DONORS—we'd like you to plan on bringing donated art to the WHS meeting just before the Master Gardener's event (probably our March meeting). Get out those paints, pens, cameras, bags of clay and welding torches and get to work. To encourage donations from the professional artists among us, we will be including artist profiles each month. Additionally, we are offering a 'rebate' of up to 25% of the selling price of donated art. ~Nancy Schramm

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A profile on one of the artists participating in the Blooming Art Sale: Joanne Koltnow

Four years ago, wanting to digitize some negatives Joanne's father had made in the 1930s, she bought a flatbed scanner. And then one day she put a flower on the glass. The resulting image—magnified and transparent—took her breath away. It also changed the direction of her photography. The flowers she now makes—with their floating, watercolor-like effect—remind her of early French botanical drawings. When she adds containers to the objects on the scanner, the image is unpredictably transformed. At this point she has scanned thousands of flowers, learned a little botany, and met scores of gardeners, horticulturists, and flower appreciators. Her work is in private collections, in artist books, and on notecards. Three images, illustrating an article by salvia expert Betsy Clebsch, were published in the Summer 2005 issue of "Pacific Horticulture." She is represented by Modernbook Gallery in Palo Alto, California.

More Western Hort Business and News...

In Memory...

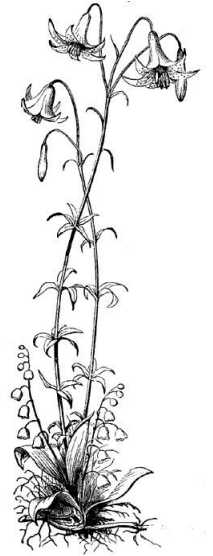
Joyce Nelson Coulter, an active member of the Western Horticulture Society since its early days, passed away on November 3rd. She was born December 17, 1914, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, John E. Coulter and by her four daughters, eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Coulter's Nursery, which was located in San Carlos, California, from 1948 to 1967, was owned by John and Joyce and she spent many hours helping out there as an excellent sales woman. After the closing of the nursery, they worked for the Saratoga Horticultural Society for about seven years. Joyce worked as a propagator.

In addition to being active in the Western Horticultural Society, John and Joyce were sponsors of the founding of the California Native Plant Society in 1965.

Once they were fully retired, they moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, where Joyce joined the local quilt club and her artistic expression blossomed. She has left behind wonderful quilts for each of her daughters and each grandchild. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by her family and friends.



Raffle Table

The raffle committee will supply the table for our January meeting, but if you have something that is unusual, exciting, or simply nicely grown that you'd like to share with other members, do bring it along to add variety to our raffle table.

CEU Credits

Remember: WHS now offers Continuing Education Credits for the CCN Pro—a program of the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers. One CEU credit for attendance at each monthly lecture. Just sign in at the registration desk after the program. Spread the word! ~Nancy Schramm

Bare branches of each tree on this chilly January morn look so cold so forlorn. Gray skies dip ever so low left from yesterday's dusting of snow. Yet in the heart of each tree waiting for each who wait to see new life as warm sun and breeze will blow, like magic, unlock springs sap to flow, buds, new leaves, then blooms will grow.

- Nelda Hartmann, *January Morn*

28 Years Ago in the WHS...



The January 8, 1979 WHS speaker was San Rafael nursery owner Lila Lillie who spoke about 'Garden Design with Succulents'. The display table was filled with succulents, and in the plant notes, Emily Brown took the opportunity to educate members about Echeverias and Haworthias. She speaks highly about Dudleya 'Brittoni', also an unidentified succulent brought in by Ed Carman that 'regularly puts on a fine seasonal show (of color)'. (I'll bet it was Crasula 'Campfire!') Betsy Clebsch was program chairman (and I hope everyone knows that, 28 years later she is still a vital part of the program committee). Barbara Worl was an incumbent board member. New members included Mabel Crittenden (who later was one of the two illustrators of 'Successful Vines for the Peninsula' published by WHS in 1996) and Margery Edgren (still a member). Mailed with the newsletter was a full page supplement, both sides, about Gingers written by Emily Brown, which described Nicolaia (Torch Ginger), Alpinia (including Shell Ginger), Hedychium (including Kahili Ginger) and Zingiber. Perhaps this will inspire me to try to identify the Gingers I moved with the nursery from Los Gatos to Gilroy. That is, if they survive. The night before I submitted this article, the temperature plummeted to 24 degrees!

~Nancy Schramm

Other Horticultural Events...

The University of California Botanical Garden

The University of California, Berkeley

Winter Bird Walk

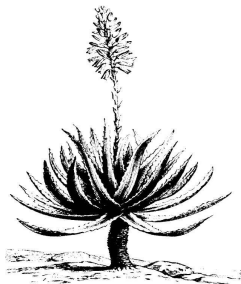
Join Denis Wolff, expert birder and Chris Carmichael, associate director of Collections and Horticulture on a morning walk to discover the Garden's bird life. Heavy rain cancels this walk.

Saturday January 20, 2007 9-10:30am \$12, \$8 Members

The Ins and Outs of Cacti & Succulents

Join Arid House horticulturist Bryan Gim, expert on cacti and succulents, to discuss soil recipes, plant choices for outdoor landscaping and indoor collections, pest controls, watering and spine removal. A slideshow presentation will be followed by an exclusive tour of the Arid House.

Saturday January 27, 2007 10-Noon \$25, \$20 Members



The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz

Wednesdays, January 10 thru February 14, 9:30 am to 12 noon

Full Training Course for Arboretum Volunteers

A series of 6 Wednesday workshops and classes that show the range of possibilities for volunteers at the Arboretum. FREE!

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 pm

Hummingbirds, Heliconias, and Poison Frogs: Walking the wild side of Costa Rica.

Artist and world-traveller Janet Lever-Wood will give a presentation focusing on the flora and fauna of Costa Rica.

Potluck supper at 6 pm, preceding the lecture. FREE!



Cal Hort Society September Program

January 15, 2007 **Ceanothus**

Presented by David Fross, founder of Native Sons Nursery in Arroyo Grande, California. Meetings start at 7:15 p.m. in the County Fair Building at The San Francisco Botanical Gardens. If you're not a member, the Guest Fee is \$5.

January Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Fruit Tree Pruning with Kevin Raftery

Saturday, January 6 10:30-2:00pm, \$34

Introduction to Grow Biointensive taught by Jennifer Ungemach

Saturday, January 13 10:30-12:30pm+ \$24

Rose Pruning and Care taught by Carole Kraft

Saturday, January 20 10:30-12:30pm, \$24

Grafting Fruit Trees taught by James Kern

Saturday, January 20 1:30-3:30pm, \$26

The Art of Home Farming taught by Margaret Lloyd

5-part Series—Saturdays 10:30-2:00pm, Series \$210

January 27, February 17, March 3, March 24, and April 14.

Learn garden layout and design, soil preparation, seed propagation, and how to raise healthy edible crops.

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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.

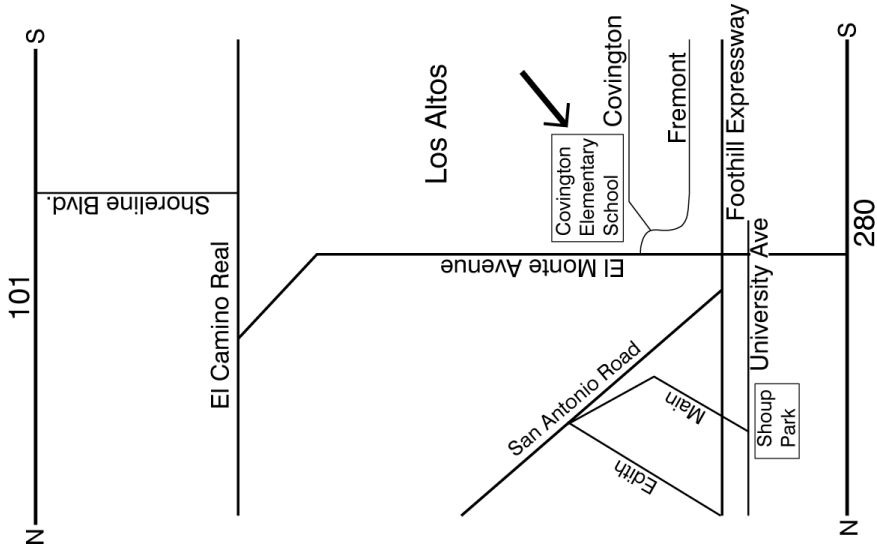
5th Annual Going Native Garden Tour

The date is set for the California Native Plant Society's popular native gardens tour for Sunday, April 29, 2007, 10am to 4pm.

Locations will be throughout Santa Clara Valley and the Peninsula. If you have a garden you would like to volunteer for the tour, or would like to help volunteer at one of the gardens during the tour, your help would be welcome. Knowledge of native plant gardening a plus but not required. Volunteers receive invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. To volunteer, join <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gngtVolunteers>. For more information, email info@GoingNativeGardenTour.org.



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