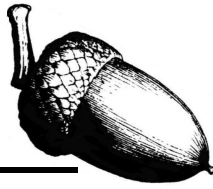


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# Western Horticultural Society

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## WHS November Speaker

**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"

What's the saying about following in our parents' footsteps? Well, Mr. Hall has done just that and followed his parents' lead into the horticultural industry. Son of our own Western Hort members John and Sherry Hall, owners of Terra Sole nursery, Mr. Hall has spent the last 6 years with Pacific Plug & Liner working as production manager and lead for new product development. He travels to Europe twice a year looking for new plants, mainly in Holland and England. Mr. Hall also teaches a class on nursery production at Cabrillo College, writes for multiple trade magazines and has a regular column in *Grower Talks* magazine.

**December 10: Nancy Schramm**, Owner of Carman's Nursery, Gilroy, CA  
"Nursery Child: Growing Up at Carman's Nursery"



*Happy 45 Years, WHS!!*

**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, Sonora, CA

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 November 19th for the December 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.

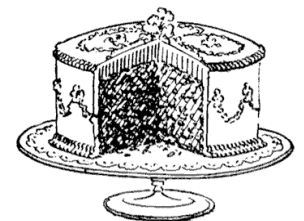


## Reminder – Now is the Time to Renew Your WHS Membership!

We have some great speakers coming this year and we're sure you wouldn't want to miss them and, we don't want to miss you! Send your dues right away so that you'll continue to receive the WHS newsletter and the Pacific Hort magazine...please remember, it takes a week or more to complete the process of registering members through the mail. Please download the membership form from our website if you need a copy. ~ Claudia Stopp

### WHS Holiday Potluck: December 10th

Just a reminder—the WHS Holiday Potluck is fast approaching! This year, it will be held on Wednesday December 10th at our new meeting location at 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. The evening we will not only have our potluck, but also the lecture "Nursery Child: Growing Up at Carman's Nursery" by our own Nancy Schramm, as well as our Founder's Award presentation. Please also remember to bring canned or packaged food for the needy. Last year's potluck was delicious, so start thinking about your favorite recipes to make & share!



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

### **Raffle Table**

Thank you, everyone, for the wonderful contributions to the October raffle table. Your generosity created a lot of excitement. The November table will be supplied by the raffle committee--it's a surprise--come and see what choice plants are looking for new homes. And as always, we welcome your plant and plant related donations, too.

**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*

### ***Now Use Can Use Your Membership Card!***

We are pleased to announce that Summerwinds Nurseries are giving our members a 10% discount on all merchandise except for 'sale' items. This includes plants, garden furniture, tools, pots, fertilizers, etc. There are six locations, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Campbell, and Cupertino. For exact locations go to [www.summerwindsca.com](http://www.summerwindsca.com). Just present your current 2008-2009 WHS card to receive the discount at the check-out desk. (If you have lost your card talk to Claudia Stopp, our Treasurer.) ~ *Pat Knight*

### ***Update on Our Spring Plant Sale 2009***

Would you like to join our team? We are still looking for more members to propagate plants. Now is the perfect time to divide perennials and to locate those self-seeded volunteers around your garden. Label them with name, color and growing conditions. If you need advice on your plants call Pat Knight 650-941-6136 or Elizabeth Garbett at 650-948-4001. Come early to the November meeting; Niki Muller will hold a brief workshop at 6:30 p.m. on plant propagation using cuttings and will recommend the best plants to use. ~ *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 Nov 10, 1980 WHS meeting featured Gladys Smith, a local "botanist, teacher, and ecological consultant". She spoke about "North American Plants for Bay Area Gardens". There was a field trip scheduled for Nov 16th at "Filoli for members to listen and watch as Ted Kipping tells us how he would prune some specimen trees in the Garden". The minutes for the Oct board meeting called it a "working field trip". Does this mean that WHS members were allowed to help prune those trees at Filoli? What fun! The raffle table was provided by Filoli, as well. The plant notes began with a plea for more member participation. This echoed comments made at the board meeting where all agreed that the display was educational and worthwhile. May I add, 28 years later, that I still agree, and that the plant discussion is one of my favorite parts of our WHS meetings (along with the speaker and the raffle...) But seriously, dear members, is there a plant in your garden that you could not do without at this time of year? Please consider bringing a piece in and telling us about it! ~ *Nancy Schramm*

### **Other Events**

#### **The Golden Gate Express: November 20, 2008 - April 19, 2009**

A garden railway exhibition, featuring San Francisco landmarks in a landscape of dwarf plants, inside the Conservatory; closed Mondays and major holidays.

Location: San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA (415) 831-2090 Fee \$5.00; \$3 seniors and 12-17; \$1.50 for ages 5-11.

### ***Pacific Horticulture Representative Position***

Would you like to be involved with Pacific Horticulture, meet new people and help with all kinds of gardening events? If so, there will be an open position for Western Horticulture's representative to the Pacific Horticulture Board of Directors coming up at the end of the year. Please contact Chris Egan at 650-948-4614 if you are interested.

## Other Horticultural Events...

### Cal Hort Society November Program

Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:15pm

Lecture TBA California Horticultural Society 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

Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

**Peru: Coast to Altiplano**

Intrepid traveler, hybridizer, scholar, plant nut, and all around good guy Patrick Worley will give us another installment of his illustrated adventures up and down the Peruvian Andes in search of high times and cool plants. Potluck supper at 6pm precedes the lecture. FREE! But donations cheerfully accepted!

For more information call (831)427-2998 or email [arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu](mailto:arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu).

### Gamble Gardens, Palo Alto

Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30am

**Gardening in the Shade - a class with Niki Muller**

\$25 member, \$35 non-member; class limit 25; Location: Carriage House; pre-registration required. Become a member and receive your membership discount as well as advance notice of future classes in your semi-monthly newsletter. Call (650)329-1356 weekdays from 9am-noon.



### Succulents, the Ultimate Xeriscape Plants for the Front

**Yard** Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm By Robin Stockwell. Cabrillo College Environmental Horticulture Center, Room 5005, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003 (831)479-6100 Fee \$10.00; series discount available.

### Plant Driven Design

Friday-Saturday, November 7-8, 2008 8:30am-5:30pm, Walnut Creek Presented by the Garden Conservancy and The Ruth Bancroft Garden Cosponsored by *Pacific Horticulture*. Additional support provided by Timber Press, Portland; and Mt. Diablo Nursery & Garden, Lafayette.

**Scott Ogden and Lauren Springer Ogden**, horticulturists/garden designers from Denver/Austin, put plants first to make landscapes worthy of the name "garden." Their new book, *Plant-Driven Design: Creating Gardens That Honor Plants* (Timber Press, Oct 2008), lays out concepts and practices that empower gardeners to design and designers to plant. Santa Barbara landscape architect **Susan Van Atta** creates flower gardens and habitat gardens that rely on California native plants—the subject of her new book from Gibbs Smith (Spring 2009). Monterey landscape designer **Bernard Trainor** takes his inspiration from nature—looking outside the garden for planting and design creativity (*Pacific Horticulture*, July 2008, p.40). **Brian Kemble**, director of horticulture of the Ruth Bancroft Garden, will share his experience with a pallet of plants that add dimension to Bay Area gardens.

**Location:** Civic Arts Education Center in Walnut Creek and Mt. Diablo Nursery & Garden in Lafayette.

**Info & Registration:** (415)441-4300; Fax: (415)441-4343

[wcporg@gardenconservancy.org](mailto:wcporg@gardenconservancy.org) Fee \$195.00; pre-registration required.

#### Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members

**President:** Chris Egan

**Vice President:** Steve Staiger

**Recording Secretary:** Judy Mulenberg

**Treasurer:** Claudia Stopp

**Other Board Members:** Kerry Barrs, Christine Bate, Michelle Bond, Janice Gilmore, Sherry Hall, Patricia Knight, Niki Muller, Nancy Schramm, Katie Wong

**To contact us, please email us at:**  
[info@westernhort.org](mailto:info@westernhort.org)

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

### November Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

#### Fruit Tree Varieties

Nancy Garrison Saturday, November 1 10:30-12:30pm; \$27

#### Soil Foodweb

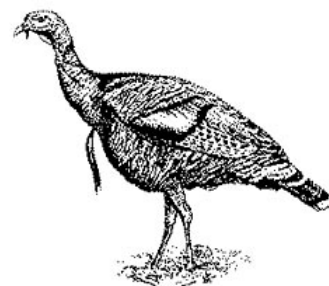
Theresa Lyngso Saturday, November 8 10:30-12:30pm; \$27

#### Container Gardening

Susie Mader Saturday, November 15 10:30-12:30; \$27

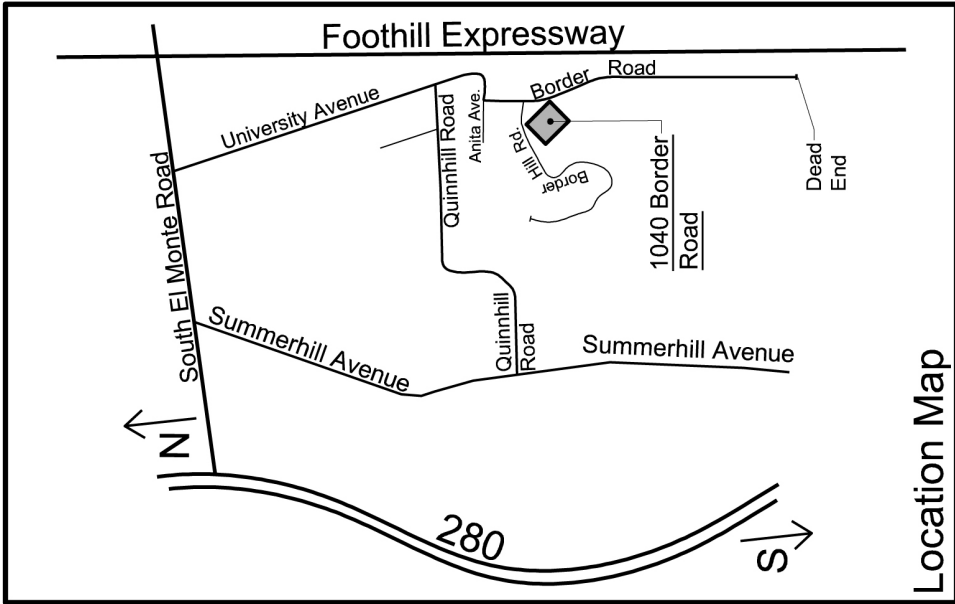
#### Sustainable Landscape Design

Sherri Osaka Saturday, November 22 10:30-12:30pm; \$27



**“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”**

~ Albert Camus



Location Map

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 Monthly Meeting  
 Christ Episcopal Church  
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