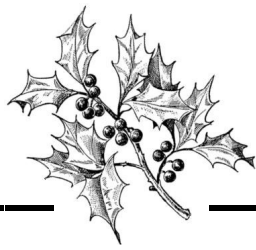


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# Western Horticultural Society

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## WHS December Speaker

### December 5: Betsy Fryberger

Burton and Deedee McMurtry Curator of Prints and Drawings, Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, Stanford University.

#### "A Taste for Citrus"

Citrus Trees have long been an essential feature in the garden landscape. This slide talk will start with how the Romans planted and used citrus, then during the Renaissance how being specialties of the Medici gardens their popularity spread. The lecture will conclude with a brief note on early California citrus groves. Betsy became interested in the relationship between gardens and artist's depictions of gardens nearly fifteen years ago. Over the years, she has traveled to many parts of the world to see sites represented in the prints, paintings, photographs and drawings she has studied giving her a unique perspective on arts and the landscapes. Betsy is also the



author of Picasso: Graphic Magician, Prints from the Norton Simon Collection (1999) and co-author of a book on the drawings collections of Stanford University.

### January 10: Ron Parsons

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

"The Splendor of California Wildflowers"

### 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"

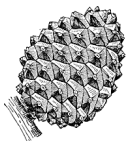
### May 9: Bob Hornback

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 December 20th. Please call or email Michelle Bond (editor) at 650-363-9244 or michelle@hunzikers.org for newsletter content. For questions about the newsletter mailing party location, please contact Elizabeth Garbett at 650-948-4001 or crgarbett@sbcglobal.net. Please contact Claudia Stopp (408) 370-6936 or cjsubhi@sbcglobal.net with any changes of address.



## December 5th WHS Holiday Potluck!

Tuesday, December 5th ~ 6:30 pm

**Location:** The Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University, Los Altos

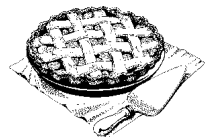
Please join the other Western Horticultural Society members for our annual Holiday Potluck!



Featuring in addition to our December Speaker Betsy Fryberger, the WHS Founders' Award Presentation, a preview of our Garden-inspired art for the Spring fundraiser, and lots of holiday cheer! Also, we will be collecting food donations for Second Harvest, so please bring canned or packaged nutritional foods (no beverages) for the collection, if you can.

Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share, as well as your own plates and utensils. The WHS board will be supplying appetizers, cups and beverages.

This evening will be festive and a lot of fun, so please come join us!



**"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...*

### **Blooming Art Sale**

In order to whet your appetites, and pique your interest, (and just in time for Christmas) we are having a preview Blooming Art Sale at the December potluck meeting. There will be just a few samples for sale of art from our generous member donors. We also hope that this will inspire more 'closet' WHS artists to think about what artwork to donate to this important fundraiser. Do you do watercolor? Photography? Plant inspired jewelry? Outdoor sculpture? Paint t-shirts? Whatever your favorite medium, please consider sharing your artistry and donating some items to the WHS Blooming Art Sale!

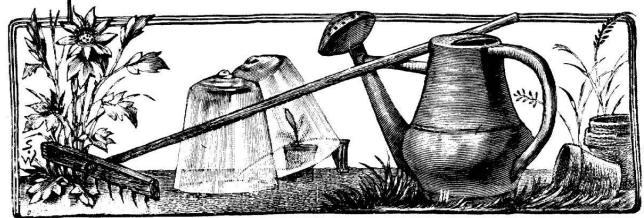
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### **Raffle Table**

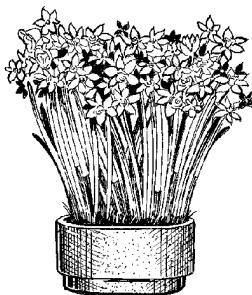
Thanks very much to the board members (and others!) who generously supplied the November raffle table. We are lucky to have so many really high quality plants donated. There is no raffle table in December. The January table will be supplied by the raffle committee, but as usual, we always welcome anything special or simply well grown that you'd like to share.

### **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

**“From December to March, there are for many of us three gardens - the garden outdoors, the garden of pots and bowls in the house, and the garden of the mind's eye.”**

~ Katherine S. White



### *28 Years Ago in the WHS...*

We learn from the November 1978 WHS newsletter that back then, 28 years ago, there was not only no December newsletter, there was also no December potluck meeting! It looks like the first annual potluck was in 1985. It's an event I look forward to, since there's so much more time to visit with WHS members. The November program was "Foliage and Berries from the Autumn Garden" presented by Emily Brown, along with Farley Barnes, a SJSU grad student who explained the mechanics of fall color. It also mentions that "Emily has been a member of this society since it was first formed and has been consistently active in it".

Since we just had a program from Bill Grant about roses (Nov 2006), it seems appropriate to look at the June 1978 newsletter which tells us that the Plant Discussion Table in May was covered with roses: "hardy, old shrub and climbing roses, species roses and allies, moss and tea roses". Wow! I counted at least 37 different ones listed (a "partial list" no less) and all were brought in by Betsy Clebsch and Barbara Worl. Emily Brown was writing the plant notes at that time, and wrote so eloquently about the "exquisite fragrance" (including the foliage of some--that's news to me) that I wish I had been there to see and smell the display. But then, maybe I was?! The June program (a meeting--no picnic in those days) was presented by Bartley Schwartz: "An Approach to Container Gardening". He used his "fine collection of slides" to "illustrate his unusual container plant materials." I'd love to see what was considered unusual in 1978!

Note: I'm proposing to write this '28 Years Ago' column on a regular basis. (One way to justify holding on to all these old newsletters!) The 'old timers' among us can reminisce, and the newcomers may learn something about the earlier days of WHS. Let me know what you think!

~Nancy Schramm

## *Other Horticultural Events...*

### **Cabrillo College Horticulture Department Holiday Poinsettia Trials Open House and Sale**

Wednesday December 6, 2006

3:00 pm. - 8:00 pm.

**37 varieties of student-grown Poinsettias!**

Wreath making demonstrations and Refreshments

Come and support their Horticulture Program!



### **The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz**

Sunday, December 3, 1:30 pm

#### **What Makes Plants Flower?**

Luen Miller, partner at Monterey Bay Nursery in Watsonville, will give an illustrated talk on what triggers plants into bloom, and how we can use that knowledge in our gardens.

\$15 general public, \$10 for Arboretum Members

### **The University of California Botanical Garden**

The University of California, Berkeley

#### **Sick Plant Clinic**

UC plant pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe, UC entomologist Dr. Nick Mills, and their team of experts will diagnose what ails your plants.

9 AM to Noon, First Saturday of every month. Free. No reservations required.

#### **Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop**

Create a beautiful and festive wreath to add to your holiday decorations under the expert guidance of horticulturist, Jerry Parsons and Volunteer, Nancy Swearingen. Greens from the UC Botanical Garden and other materials as included, but be sure to bring your own hand pruners!

Tuesday December 5, Wednesday December 6, 2006 7 - 9 PM

Saturday December 9, 2006 10 AM - Noon

\$30, \$25 Members

### **Hidden Villa, Los Altos Hills**

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

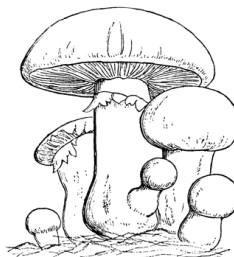
#### **Mushroom Hike**

Learn how to identify common families of mushrooms. Wade Leschyn of the Mycological Society of San Francisco discusses edible and poisonous varieties. If desired, bring a basket for collecting specimens and a small knife. Hike contingent on weather. Space limited—register early! Ages 10 and up only.

Location: Kiosk by the main parking lot, \$10.00 per Person

Advance reservations are required in most cases due to limited program size.

For up-to-date program information, call (650) 949-9704 or email [communityprograms@hiddenvilla.org](mailto:communityprograms@hiddenvilla.org).



#### **Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members**

**President: Janice Gillmore**

**Vice President: Steve Staiger**

**Recording Secretary: Jackie Doda**

**Treasurer: Claudia Stopp**

**Other Board Members: Kerry Barrs, Michelle Bond, Chris Egan, Sherry Hall, Merrill Jensen, Patricia Knight, Bill Kurtz, Niki Muller, Nancy Schramm**

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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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**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.**

**Please visit our web site at [www.westernhort.org](http://www.westernhort.org)**

**for a membership form.**

### **Gamble Garden, Palo Alto - December Events**

**Holiday Teas in Miss Gamble's House**  
December 5th-8th, times vary. \$25. Call the Gamble Garden office for Reservations.

Saturday, December 9th

#### **Holiday In the Garden:**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

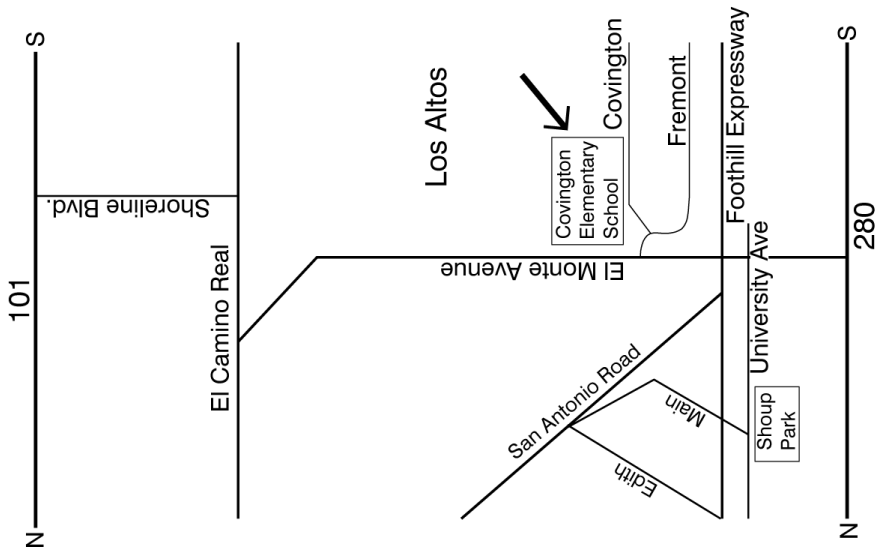
Green Sale and Holiday Items, Unique Floral Arrangements.

To reserve custom floral arrangements call the Gamble Garden Office at 650-329-1356.



**How can those who do not garden, who have no lot in the great fraternity of those who watch the changing year as it affects the earth and its growth, how can they keep warm their hearts in winter? ~ Francis King**

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