

March
2008



Western Horticultural Society

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WHS March Speaker

March 12: Rosemary Nightingale

Educator, Artist, Co-founder of the Squaw Valley Herb Gardens, and author of [Recipes & Remedies](#)

“See, Smell, Hear, Taste and Feel: Herbs, the Useful Plants”

Bring your senses alive on an adventure featuring hundreds of herbs in two artists' gardens. Established in 1984, the Squaw Valley Herb Gardens educates groups and individuals to the beauty, health, fragrance and flavor of herbs. Rosemary weaves fascinating history with lively demonstrations on herbal recipes and remedies. Learn and laugh as you discover how to grow and use herbs in delicious and creative ways. The Squaw Valley Herb Gardens is located in the Sierra



foothills between Fresno and Kings Canyon & Sequoia National Parks. The gardens were featured on California Heartland and Gardening by the Yard. (<http://www.SquawValleyHerbGardens.com>)

April 9: Patrick Worley

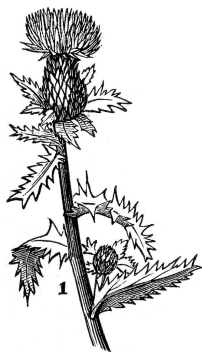
Hybridizer, Webmaster and Graphic Designer for Suncrest Nurseries “Peru, a Plant Lover's Journey”

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”

Our monthly meetings feature the speakers listed above; doors open at 7pm and meetings begin at 7:30. Our usual location is Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos, but please see the note on this page about a new location for this month's meeting only. 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 March 19th. 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.



Important: March Meeting Location Information!

We will be having our meeting at the Multi-purpose room of Springer Elementary School, 1120 Rose Avenue, Mountain View. Doors open at 7:00. Directions: From the corner of El Monte and Cuesta, turn onto Cuesta heading toward Mountain View. Turn right on Springer and left on Rose.

Western Hort Spring Fundraiser: Our Plant Sale!

Now that our participation in the Master Gardeners Fourteenth Annual Spring Garden Market is assured we can give more details of the event. The Market will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008, at History Park in Kelley Park, 1650 Senter Rd., San Jose, from 9am-2pm. Besides the Master Gardeners booth, which will offer their traditional heirloom tomatoes and peppers, many other vendors, among which will be Western Horticultural Society, will be selling a variety of plants and other garden-related items.

We have rented a space 12 ft. by 24 ft. which will enable us to offer plants in a number of categories, reflecting the wide interests of our members. We are encouraged by the number of members who have indicated that they are propagating plants. We want to be able to offer well-grown and interesting plants and suggest that regular fertilizing and grooming will ensure their appeal to the public.

We want to thank those members who have volunteered to help put on this sale and encourage others to join us. We will need several sturdy tables with folding legs for the sale. If you can lend a table or would like any other information about the sale please contact Elizabeth Garbett at crgarbett@sbcglobal.net. ~ Elizabeth Garbett

Propagation Group Meeting The Plant Sale propagation group will be meeting on Saturday, March 15th at 2pm at Niki Muller's home. We will label and up pot up all the plants for the upcoming WHS sale. All are welcome—please join us! Please email Niki at docpdm@earthlink.net for directions or more information.

More Western Hort Business and News...

Raffle Table

The Feb. raffle table was a little thin on donations, so an extra big thanks for those who were able to bring items in for this important fund raiser. The March table will be supplied by the raffle committee, but as usual, if you have some special plant you'd like to share, we welcome your participation.

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

Tour Santa Barbara Gardens Sketching and Painting with Professor Chip Sullivan

May 30 – June 1, 2008

Co-sponsored by Pacific Horticulture & our own Western Horticultural Society—and escorted by our own Leslie Dean! You are invited to join this springtime tour of Santa Barbara's most spectacular gardens. Learn about the artistic process in order to observe and record your impressions of the gardens.

Professor Chip Sullivan will present a short workshop on the art of keeping a sketchbook with tips on field sketching and painting. No prior drawing or watercolor experience is necessary, and we will sketch or paint a series of selected views in each garden. Participants may choose to take photos or keep a journal of their impressions of the gardens. The idea is to enjoy the experience of being in these beautiful gardens! Gardens we will visit: Lotusland, Casa del Herrero, and the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Carpools will be organized on site due to limited parking availability at the gardens. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Lynnda or Valerie in the Group Department at Giselle's Travel 1300 Ethan Way, Suite #100 Sacramento, CA 95825 (800)782-5545/(916)679-3024 or please call or email Leslie Dean at (650)967-5408 or lesliedean@mindspring.

“There’s little risk in becoming overly proud of one's garden because gardening by its very nature is humbling. It has a way of keeping you on your knees.”

~Joanne R. Barnwick, 1993



28 Years Ago...

The March 10, 1980 WHS meeting featured Hadley Osborn. His "illustrated lecture will be on Rhododendrons". At that time he was "Director of Filoli Center", and as a result, the nursery at Filoli supplied the March raffle table. "Hadley emphasized the basic principles for growing rhododendrons successfully: plant well (extra well), excellent drainage, plenty of mulch, enough (more than most people think) of water and light."

Some of the plants on the discussion table included: "Boronia megastigma (fragrant and temperamental), Ceanothus 'Dark Star' (a newer cultivar of great promise), Salix glacialis (a prostrate willow), and Iris douglasiana (not many cultivars are as yet on the market)".

One other note of historical perspective—there was mention in the board meeting minutes of "interest income increasing considerably." Their investment return was "between 11 and 12%!!!! ~Nancy Schramm

Come Visit a WHS Open Garden!

WHS members Niki Muller & Jeanne McFarland will be opening their garden to visitors on April 27th from 11am to 4 pm. A small fee of \$2.00 will be charged to benefit the WHS. For directions and information, please email Niki Muller at docpdm@earthlink.net.

Updated WHS Membership Roster Available

The updated WHS membership roster will be ready for distribution at next meeting in March. Please pick up your copy at the meeting, and remind your friends to pick up theirs, as well!

Something New...

Drop your horticulturally-related business card into the basket. There will be a drawing each meeting and the lucky entrant gets a short write-up (your own wording) in the next month's newsletter. A little perk in the way of advertisement. ~ Claudia Stopp

Other Horticultural Events...



Cal Hort Society March Program

March 17, 2008 "The History of Gardening in the United States"

Presented by Jennifer Rose Carey, Director of Landscape Architecture/Horticulture; Temple University, Ambler, PA

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, March 27, 7pm Peru - Spring in the Andes

Join us for a well illustrated by world-traveller and cheerful scholar Patrick Worley, as he takes us on his continuing treks across the Andes in search of the rare and beautiful. Pot luck supper precedes the lecture, at 6 pm.

Free! (But donations gratefully accepted.) For more information call (831)427-2998 or email arboretum@cats.ucsc.edu.

Spring Native Plant Sale Saturday, April 12, 2008 10am-3pm.

Scores of species of native plants, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Speak to experts about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers, and grasses. Native plant books, posters, and note cards. Cash or check only. Organized by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. 2 miles west of I-280. Free parking; bring boxes to carry your purchases home. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com or call (650)941-1068.



Gamble Gardens, Palo Alto

Wednesday, March 5, 9:30am to noon **Creating a Topiary with Karen Froniewskini**—\$25 members/\$30 non-members

Saturday, March 8, 9-11am **Master Gardener Workshop, Walk-in Plant Clinic**—Free

Wednesday, March 19, 10:00am to noon **Cymbidium and Phalaenopsis Orchids with Ed Holm**—\$20 members/\$35 non-members

6th Annual Going Native Garden Tour

Sunday, April 20, 2008, 10am-4pm. A free, self-guided tour of home gardens that are water-wise, low maintenance, low on chemical use, bird and butterfly friendly, and attractive. A variety of home gardens landscaped with California native plants will be open to the public. Locations throughout Santa Clara Valley and the Peninsula. Free admission; registration required at <http://www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org> before April 19, noon, or until the tour reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Space is limited; register early to ensure a place.

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Sublime Succulents

Saturday, March 15, 9:30am-12:30 at the Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Ross. UC Davis Botanical Conservatory Curator Ernesto Sandoval wows audiences with his presentation and slide show about some of horticulture's most interesting members: succulents. Succulents will be available for sale. No reservations necessary. This event is co-sponsored by the Marin Master Gardeners. \$10 at the door. Call (415)455-5260 for information.



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To contact us, please email us at: 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
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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.

March Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Using Native Plants in the Garden—A Deeper Perspective Del McComb March 1, 10:30am-12:30+ \$25

Blueberries and Other Small Fruits Nancy Garrison March 1, 2:-4pm+ \$25

Growing Terrific Tomatoes Nancy Garrison March 8, 10:30am-12:30+ \$25

Companion Planting Carol Cox March 15, 10:30am-12:00 \$22

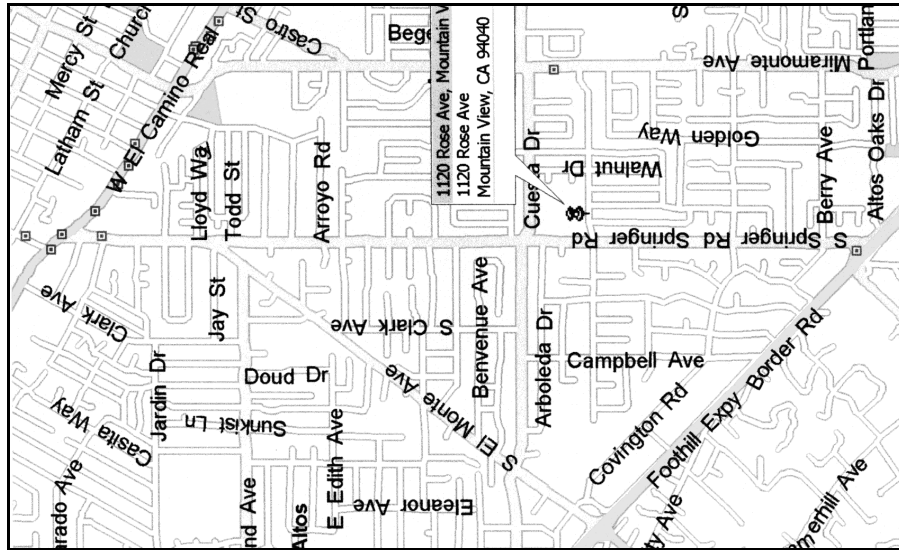
Planning Your Garden Carol Cox March 15, 1:30-3:30pm \$25

Spring Gardening Ideas Adrienne Duncan March 22, 10:30am-12:00 \$22

Using Native Plants in the Garden—A Deeper Perspective Del McComb March 22, 2-4pm \$25

Starting Your Spring Garden Drew Harwell March 29, 10:30am-12:30 \$25

First Class Mail



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This Meeting Only!!
 Spring School, 1120 Rose
 Avenue, Mountain View

Business Card from our February drawing:

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