



WHS October Speaker

October 11: Andy Mariani

Owner of Andy's Orchards, Morgan Hill, CA.

"Stone Fruits for the Bay Area: History, Cultivation, and Varieties"

This lecture will cover history of fruit growing in the Bay Area, particularly in Santa Clara Valley. This area's soil and climate combined to make it one of the world's finest fruit growing regions. Andy will address many of the key factors in fruit cultivation: winter chill requirements, the selection of variables that do well in this area, and cultural aspects such as training and pruning, fertilization, irrigation, and pest management. Andy is a fruit expert for the California Rare Fruit Growers organization, is a contributing writer to the Oxford Encyclopedia of American Food and Drink in America, and has written and lectured extensively on fruit and fruit culture. He often teaches classes of Master Gardeners (Santa Clara County) and horticulture students at the local high school, as well as gardening forums on the internet

November 8: Bill (William A.) Grant

Garden writer and photographer, founder of Garden History Society of California.

"What's Wrong With My Roses?"

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"

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 Gail Klein to confirm at 650-852-0775.

The next newsletter deadline will be October 18th. 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.



Calling All Artists!

The WHS 'Blooming Art' sale is looking for members and friends willing to donate original artwork of all types for our spring fundraiser. The only request is that all artwork should be plant or nature related. So if you do photography, watercolor, paint on tee-shirts, jewelry, and especially outdoor garden art and garden sculpture—here's your chance to show off your talents and help the WHS in the process. Start planning now for the art that you can contribute to our 'Blooming Art' sale. Contact any of the 'Blooming Art' committee with questions or artwork donations, and stay tuned for more exciting details!

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Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.

- *Elizabeth Lawrence*

More Western Hort Business and News...

Important - Dues Renewal Reminder!

It is that time of year again; our membership year is from September 1 through August 31. It is important to renew without delay to ensure the smooth continuation of your subscription to Pacific Horticulture magazine and to keep the coffer in the black. There are established deadlines, so the process of transferring information can be made in a timely manner. We urge you to send in your dues now. With the September newsletter you received the membership renewal form; if it has gone missing, you may download the form from our website at www.westernhort.org. Prompt renewal helps those who have to coordinate with Pacific Hort people, the newsletter editor (we try to keep members notified of new members,) as well as the volunteers who put together the information for labels and mailing, etc. We look forward to your participation in the activities we have planned for you this coming year. Thank you! ~Claudia Stopp

In Memory...

Tom Andrews, a long time Western Horticultural Society member from Los Altos, passed away in July of this year at the age of 87. He participated in many activities of the Society, and when the WHS created gardens for the San Francisco Garden Show at Fort Mason, he designed the hard-scape portions of the gardens. He designed at least four of these gardens for the WHS. Tom's wife, Christine, is also a current and long time WHS member. Tom had particular horticultural interests in bonsai, grasses and ferns. He will be missed by all of our members.

Reminder: WHS Field Trip!

A Walk Under Stanford's Trees - Saturday, October 14

10:00am–12:00pm at Stanford University; Meet in front of the Memorial Church, inner quad. Park around the oval, in front of the quad. **Please arrive a little early so we can leave promptly at 10am.** Herb Fong, Manager of Stanford's Grounds Services and WHS member, will be leading us on this stroll through the autumn color. This trip offers a chance to see some of the trees in *Trees of Stanford and Environs*, authored by WHS' April speaker, Prof. Ron Bracewell. Please email Gail Klein gklein1@stanford.edu for more information.

Field Trip Directions:

From Highway 101 North & South: From Highway 101 take University Avenue exit west toward Palo Alto. Proceed on University Avenue through downtown to Palm Drive. Continue on Palm until the street ends on the "Oval" - a large grass area in front of the Stanford Quad.

From Highway 280 North & South: Exit Sand Hill Road toward Menlo Park/Stanford. Continue east on Sand Hill Road for about 1.5 miles. Turn right on Santa Cruz then make an immediate left onto Junipero Serra Blvd. Proceed 0.5 miles, turn left on Campus Drive. Continue around the Campus Drive loop for 1.7 miles. Turn right on Palm Drive and continue until the street ends on the "Oval" - a large grass area in front of the Stanford Quad.

From El Camino Real: From El Camino Real turn west onto Palm Drive/University Avenue towards Stanford University. As you enter the University, University Avenue will turn into Palm Drive; continue until the street ends on the "Oval" - a large grass area in front of the Stanford Quad.

****For all directions above, Parking is available around the Oval and east of the Oval on Roth Way. From the Oval, walk up the steps into the Stanford Quad.**

Raffle Table

September's raffle table was a wonderland for native plant lovers! Our speaker, Nevin Smith brought a huge selection from Suncrest Nursery. Suncrest is a wholesale nursery, only, but you can check out what they grow on their website (not just natives!) and special order from a local nursery. I do know that Almaden Valley Nursery and Yamagami's Nursery can both place orders for you. Big thanks also goes out to donations from Yerba Buena Nursery, Carman's Nursery, and many faithful members. Yerba Buena specializes in California natives and is located on Skyline Boulevard. Call for directions and hours (650) 851-1668. The October table is traditionally supplied by the general membership, so we welcome donations of those rare, exciting, or simply well-grown extra plants 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!

California Rare Fruit Growers

The CRFG invite you to their meeting on October 14, 1-3:30. Doors open at noon for fruit tasting. Prusch Farm Park, 647 South King Road, San Jose. Topic: Growing less common fruits in the Bay Area. For more information, contact Nancy Garrison at nancyg2@aol.com.

~Nancy Schramm



Other Horticultural Events...

Native Gardens Sought

Gardens are being sought to participate in the Sunday, April 29, 2007 Going Native Garden Tour, which showcases bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving gardens. Gardens must be located in Santa Clara County or San Mateo County, and contain 30% or more California native plants. To submit your garden, visit www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org. For more information, email info@GoingNativeGardenTour.org.



Influence of Mexico on the California Garden, Part 2

The Ruth Bancroft Garden Horticultural Series 2006, Walnut Creek

Friday/Saturday, October 20/21, seminar & study tour 8:30am-5pm each day. This two-part seminar for professionals and home gardeners that addresses plants and sustainable garden design is cosponsored by the Garden Conservancy and The Ruth Bancroft Garden and is created with the generous assistance and the expertise of the East Bay Municipal Utility District. Pre-registration recommended. Seminar-only fee (includes lunch): \$75 GC/RBG members; \$75 EBMUD customers; \$85 general admission. Seminar & study tour (includes lunch, tour is by carpool): \$140 members & EBMUD customers;

CNPS Fall Native Plant Sale

Scores of species of hard-to-find native plants, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Saturday, October 14, 2006, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. 2 miles west of I-280. Free parking. Cash or check only. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com, or call 650-941-1068.

The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz

Sunday, October 8, 1:30pm

Ceanothus—David Fross and Dieter Wilken will give an illustrated talk based on their new book *Ceanothus*, lately published by Timber Press. \$15 general public, \$10 for Arboretum Members

Saturday October 14, 12-4pm

Arboretum Fall Plant Sale Held in the Eucalyptus Grove. Call (831) 427-2998 for more information.

The University of California Botanical Garden

The University of California, Berkeley

Mayan and Aztec Medicinal Plants Tour

Explore the Garden's collection of Mayan and Aztec medicinal plants in the renowned Mexican/Central American Area with Horticulturist Eric Schulz. See plants such as Mal Hombre, the Monkey Hand Tree, and Tree Dahlias, and learn which ailments they were used to cure. Sunday, October 15, 2006, 11am-12pm, \$12, \$8 Members

Cal Hort Society October Program

October 16, 2006

"Love it, Grow it, How to propagate plants for fun and profit"

Presented by Kathy Echols

Meetings start at 7:15 p.m. in the County Fair Building at The San Francisco Botanical Gardens. If you're not a member, there is a Guest Fee of \$5.

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, Gail Klein, Patricia Knight, Bill Kurtz, Niki Muller, Nancy Schramm

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.

Please visit our web site at www.westernhort.org for a membership form.

October Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

Introduction to Grow Biointensive Techniques

Margaret Lloyd Saturday, Oct. 21
10:30am-12:30pm \$24

Improve your Soil Quality & Fertility

Margaret Lloyd Saturday, Oct. 21
2:00pm-4:00pm \$24

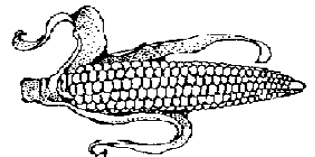
Tree Care & Pruning

Kevin Raftery Saturday, Oct. 28
10:30am-12:30pm \$24

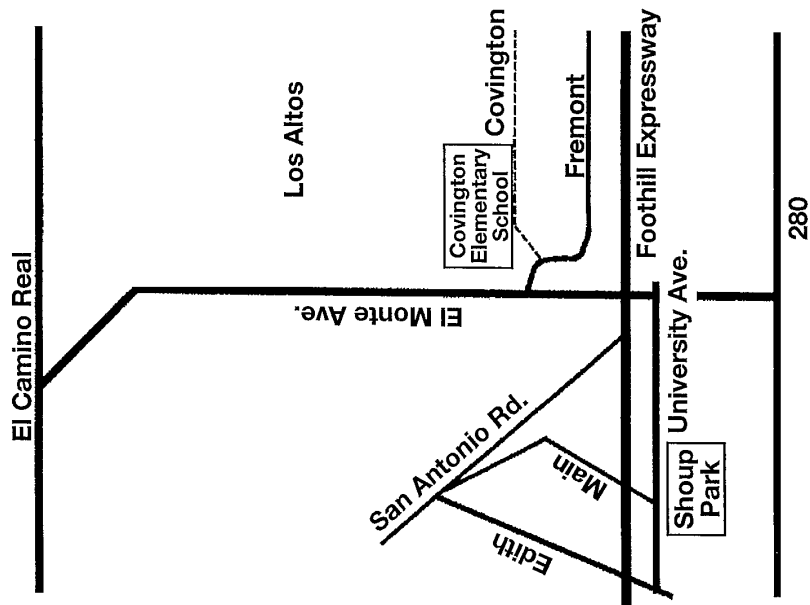
Harvest Fair

Prusch Farm Park is hosting

a Harvest Fair and Exposition on Sat, October 7. This is a family event, with fun for all. Nurseries and other vendors will be on hand, and I understand that winter vegetable starts will be sold by the Master Gardeners. 9:00am-4:30pm, at 647 South King Road, San Jose. ~Nancy Schramm



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