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# Western Horticultural Society

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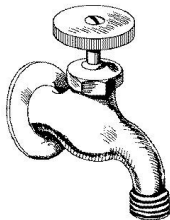
## WHS November Speaker

### November 14: Tom Bressan

Founder, The Urban Farmer Store

#### "Innovations in Landscape Water Conservation"

Water is becoming more and more the liquid gold of California. With ever increasing droughts, watering wisely has become a mantra for the gardener. Tom Bressan is the Founder and President of The Urban Farmer Store, a 25 year old company with three stores selling irrigation solutions to municipalities, landscape professionals and homeowners. He has written numerous articles and handbooks on all aspects of irrigation, including Sunset magazines and Ortho books, and has served as a consultant for the book This Old House. He is currently a board member of the San Francisco Parks Trust, the EBMUD Landscape Advisory Committee and the SFPUC Appeals Board. Come learn from a "Master of Irrigation" on new techniques and equipment to efficiently water your garden.



### December 11: Helen McKenna-Ridley and Allan Ridley

Tour Leaders for Birding and Natural History

"Travels on the Eighth Continent: A Natural History Adventure in Madagascar"

### January 9: Barbara Worl

Plantswoman, Owner of Sweetbriar Press and Photographer

"Bits and Pieces of a Life in the Garden"

### February 13: Ernie Wasson

Nursery and Garden Curator at Cabrillo College "Foliage Plants: The Backbones of the Garden"

### 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"

### 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 November 21st. Please call or email Michelle Bond (editor) at 650-363-9244 or michelle@hunikers.org for newsletter content. Please contact Claudia Stopp at 408-370-6936 or cjsubhi@sbcglobal.net with any changes of address.



## ***Important: November Meeting Location Information!***

Our usual WHS monthly meeting location, Covington School, will not be available for us in November due to an event being held at the school. We will instead be having our November 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. ~Chris Egan

## ***Update on Western Hort Spring Fundraiser***

Our proposed plant sale is causing a lot of excitement. Please start propagating now so that we will have attractive plant specimens next April. As you search your yard for plants that can be divided, give priority to specimens that will be blooming in April and plants that have attractive foliage. The propagation workshop will be November 10 at 2pm, weather permitting. Call 650-851-4097 to check. Please bring potting soil, clippers, 4" pots (if you have them), and plant material. This will be a wonderful chance to work together, brushing up on your cutting technique and perhaps learn some new tricks. Niki will care for the cuttings over the winter. Tea, coffee and lemonade will be served. Please bring nibbles to share. ~Chris Egan

**"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments." ~Janet Kilburn Phillips**

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

### **Raffle Table**

The October raffle table was packed with wonderful plants and creative non-plant offerings—thank you everyone for such enthusiastic participation! The November table is traditionally supplied by the raffle committee, but we always welcome additional donations of plants and garden related items.

### **Calling All Artists**

We had so much fun seeing creative artwork at last year's Holiday Potluck, that we've decided to make it a yearly event. (A great time to get in a little Christmas shopping...) Any artist who would like to bring in their own artwork to sell, with 50% of sales going to WHS, is welcome to do so. We would ask that you be responsible for displaying your own art on the stage, collecting sales, and then donating 50% to WHS.

### **CEU Credits**

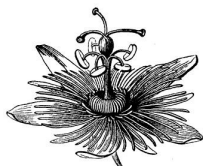
WHS offers Continuing Education Credits for the CCN Pro—a program of the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers. One CEU credit is earned per monthly WHS lecture attendance. Just sign in at the registration desk after the program. Spread the word! ~Nancy Schramm

### ***...www.westernhort.org—It's Your Website!***

Use, enjoy and contribute. Information about our speaker programs, upcoming events, the Founders award and interesting articles are available at the click of a button. If you misplace your newsletter, you can read it and the current plant notes on the website, as well as those of the past two years. Would you like to contribute? We have a member's garden page and hope to show a wide variety, from pots on a balcony to a native meadow. All we need are three photos (or more) of your garden and some information about its problems and pleasures to give your page a personal touch. To join in, e-mail your photos to Pat Knight at deerproof@yahoo.net. ~ Pat Knight

*Editor's Note:* Pat Knight has put in a lot of work and done an amazing job on updating our website—we are really pleased with how terrific it looks, as well as all of its added content—you should really take a look!

**“Always try to grow in your garden some plant or plants out of the ordinary, something your neighbors never attempted. For you can receive no greater flattery than to have a gardener of equal intelligence stand before your plant and ask, "What is that?"”** ~Richardson Wright



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

I got so excited writing about prior years last month that I didn't include the scoop from Oct 1979! Ida Geary, artist, teacher, and author spoke about "How to Press Plants From Your Garden". There was an announcement of the "Fall Color Festival" at Saratoga Hort Foundation with presentations by both Barrie Coate and Dick Dunmire, and a raffle offering that included "a custom garden design by Barrie Coate". Included with the plant notes by Emily Brown is a fascinating page and a half about Eriogonum with descriptions of at least 12 different species. Gerda Eisenberg brought in the Eriogonum crocatum that prompted the 'Ramblings'. Several other natives were displayed, including Trichostema lanatum from Wintergreen Nursery, Nevin Smith's former nursery. ~Nancy Schramm

### ***WHS Holiday Potluck: December 11th***

Just a reminder—the WHS Holiday Potluck is fast approaching! This year, it will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at Shoup Park in Los Altos. The evening we will not only have our potluck, but also the lecture “Travels on the Eighth Continent: A Natural History Adventure in Madagascar,” as well as our Founder's Award presentation. Last year's potluck was delicious, so start thinking about your favorite recipes to make & share!



### ***Update: Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM)***

The WHS would like to remind you that if you live in a quarantined zone, please remember not to bring any plants for the plant discussion or raffle table. Nancy Schramm let us know that The University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program has produced a new publication to answer the public's questions regarding the LBAM. To download a free copy of “Light Brown Apple Moth: Quarantine, Management, and Potential Impacts”, go to [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu).

## Other Horticultural Events...

### Cal Hort Society November Program

November 19 **Treasures of the Andes - Bulbs of South America**

Presented by Diana Chapman, bulb specialist and grower, Telos Rare Bulbs  
Meetings start at 7:15pm in the County Fair Building at The San Francisco Botanical Gardens.

### Santa Clara Valley Master Gardeners—Classes

Saturday, November 3: **Tools - Proper Care and Use**

10am-11am - Workshop, 11am-1pm - Open Garden

Location: Palo Alto Demonstration Garden, 851 Center Drive, Palo Alto; Free.

Wednesdays, November 7-December 19: **Sustainable Ornamental Gardening**

6:30-8:30pm, 6 sessions, two hours each Cost: \$69. Location: Fremont High School, Room Art D, 1279 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road, Cupertino Offered by Adult Community Education, Fremont Union High School District. Register at their web page, or call (408) 522-2700. The course code is 227272.

### California Rare Fruit Growers

The California Rare Fruit Growers meet every other month at Emma Prusch Park at the corner of Story and King in San Jose. The meetings are the second Sat of even numbered months, doors opening with fruit tastings at noon, meetings run from 1-4 pm. Next meeting will be Dec 8th. For more information call or email Nancy Garrison (408) 298-5828, nancyg2@aol.com.

### The Arboretum at University of California Santa Cruz

Saturday November 17, 10am-4pm and Sunday November 18, 10am-2pm

#### Dried Flower and Succulent Wreath Sale

The popular annual sale of hand-made, one-of-a-kind wreaths and other decorations for the holidays. Potted cacti and succulents will also be for sale.

### The University of California Botanical Garden

The University of California, Berkeley

**Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations** Sunday, November 4th 1-3pm



Listen to Professor David R. Montgomery, an award-winning leader in the study of geomorphology, the evolution of landscapes, as he reads from and talks about his newest book Dirt: The Erosion of Civilization.

Free with Garden Admission; copies of Dirt will be available for purchase.

### Gamble Garden, Palo Alto

#### Fresh Floral Designs for Fall with the Flower Committee

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 10am-noon

Fee: \$25 members, \$30 non-members, Class limit: 30 Location: Carriage House

Learn how to use the woodland and the cutting garden together in a new approach to fall decorating.

#### Special Meditation Class in the Garden with Jim Bronson

Date: Sunday, November 11, 10am-noon

Fee: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Class limit: 20 Location: Carriage House  
Take two hours off the "fast track" and replace feelings of being over-scheduled with calmness and serenity in a new class taught by Jim Bronson.

#### Western Horticultural Society Officers and Board Members

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**Treasurer: Claudia Stopp**

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**To contact us, please email us at:**

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#### 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.**

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**for a membership form.**

### November Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto



#### Soil Food Web

Alane Weber Saturday, November 10  
10:30am- 12:30pm.  
\$25

#### Garden Herbs and Trees for Your Health

Darren Huckle  
Tuesday, November

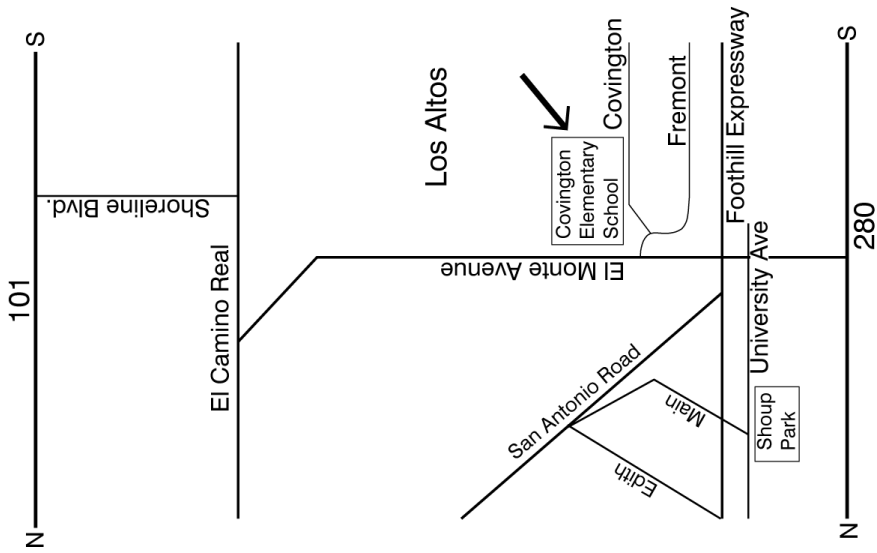
13 5:00pm-6:15pm. \$25 Location of Class: The Center, 435 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

#### Growing Cut Flowers

Nancy Garrison Saturday, November 17,  
10:30am—12:30pm. \$25

**“Gardeners are generous people and perennials, which grow and multiply, help foster these instincts.” ~David Scheid**

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