



## *You're Invited!*

*Please join us for our Holiday Potluck Party—  
Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.!*

**~ All members are invited for a special program of good company, good food, and great music ~**

**A Special Treat! An exciting evening with our own talented members:**



Journey to the beautiful gardens of Morocco and the Canary Island through the photographic travelogue of Bracey and Richard Tiede ...



Accompanied by the magical music of Sherry Austin and the Henhouse Band ...



With presentation of the **Annual Founders Award** ~ Who will it be this year?

**~ And ~**

Bring a favorite main dish, salad, or dessert to serve eight, and plates and utensils for yourself. The WHS Board will provide appetizers, wine and beverages, and cups and glasses. We will collect canned and packaged food for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

## *Gardens of Morocco*

Our WHS president, Richard Tiede, and his wife, Bracey, will offer a photographic journey of recent travels to the Canary Islands and Morocco with photos from other recent destinations. Richard and Bracey have traveled to many out of the way places in recent years but Morocco is easily the most exotic. Highlights include the amazing tile work, carved and painted cedar ceilings and walls and plaster columns that dazzle the eye, ancient medinas, Majorelle Garden in Marrakech, goats in argan trees (really!), and that driving shade of blue.



## *Sherry Austin and the Henhouse Band*

Sherry Austin and her band will provide wonderful musical accompaniment during Richard and Bracey's photographic journey. Henhouse has found that magical combination in music that's often wished for, but rarely found. Whether singing their own material or the songs of Kate Wolf and others, these four great vocalists come together to form an exquisite blend of harmonies. With Sherry Austin and Sharon Allen on guitar, Tracy Parker on bass, and Santa Cruz legend, Patti Maxine on steel guitar, their music truly engages listeners with their warm and captivating spirit. Check out their website, <http://hensinthehouse.com>!

## ***In Remembrance: Dick Dunmire***

*Note from the Editor* Please send me your remembrances of Dick to publish in future newsletters if you like. Send to [mrm@sonic.net](mailto:mrm@sonic.net) or Marianne Mueller, 333 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto 94301.

**From the WHS website archives, a write-up by Glenda Jones** The first Founders Award was presented in 2004 to founding member John R. Dunmire (known to all as Dick Dunmire) at our annual December potluck. He was presented with a Letter of Appreciation, a vase and an album of significant events spanning the past forty-one years.

The society was the brainchild of several nurserymen on the San Francisco Peninsula. The first organizational meeting was held on March 13, 1962, at the home of William Schmidt. September 9, 1963, marked the group's inaugural public meeting at the Los Altos Methodist Church. The first officers on the board of directors were Bill Schmidt, John Edwards, and Charles Burr. Committee appointments included Dick Dunmire, Ralph Bernstein, John Edwards, Albert Wilson and Its Uenaka. Western Horticultural Society had become the reality of their vision.

Dick Dunmire received BA and MA degrees in English literature from Bucknell College, Pennsylvania, and taught English as a graduate student at Stanford University. He also taught English literature at the University of Kansas, before returning to California, where he worked for Sugawara's Nursery in Los Altos. He was then hired by Sunset Magazine as editor, retiring from that position in 1989. Dick edited the Western Garden Book, including its most recent revision, and wrote many articles for the magazine. Always involved in the broader horticultural community, Dick has served on the board of Pacific Horticultural Foundation and as a volunteer editor of Pacific Horticulture.

Dick has been actively participating since Western Hort's founding. His dedication and commitment has been unlimited, and his vast knowledge of horticulture, which he freely shares, has been recognized and greatly appreciated. His spirit has provided the backbone of the organization.

It is with these thoughts and gratitude to Dick and to all our dedicated members that the Western Horticultural Society continues to present the Annual Founders Award.

**Nancy Schramm** The Dick I knew loved word play, was a master of puns, and not only remembered jokes but delivered them with panache. Dick was the one who told me that LJB Farms in Gilroy had a pepper roaster. He and Helaine were always interested in good food, not only the eating, but the cooking as well. They tested recipes at home for Sunset magazine, and Dick would sometimes appear in the background of a photo in the food section. After my dad died, Dick was always willing to answer my plant questions, and with his photographic memory for botanical names, he was rarely stumped. It served him well during his editing of the Sunset Western Garden book. My dad once commented that he thought Dick wrote half of the book himself. His passion for rare plants never waned. Last year when Nevin Smith gave him a "behind the scenes tour" of Suncrest, Dick was like a kid in a candy store when Nevin gave him some plants to take home. But Dick was generous with his plants, too. Remember the pot of orchids he brought for everyone at WHS to take home a piece? Dick cherished his family. Every year he wrote a poem for Helaine's birthday. He loved his children and grandchildren. Dick had many friends, and I feel lucky to be counted among them. I miss him.

**A Special Holiday Treat: Bart O'Brien's Plant List** Please see the insert for a great list of recommended plants by our esteemed October 2014 speaker, Bart O'Brien! It is also available on our website—go to <http://westernhort.org> and the link is right at the top of the page.

**Thanks Pat!** Ongoing thanks to Pat Knight for her work on the website and now FaceBook, where you can enjoy discussions with other WHS members and also browse and upload great photos. Find us at <http://tinyurl.com/westernhort-on-facebook> or click on the button on our website:



## Horticultural Calendar

**Open House at Andy's Orchard** Every weekend between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They offer free samples of their holiday food items, including fresh and dried and chocolate dipped fruit, and many other specialty items.

Complimentary eggnog, hot cocoa, cider and tea are all on tap too. Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-4pm. 1615 Half Road, Morgan Hill.

[www.andysorchard.com](http://www.andysorchard.com)

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Wreath Making**—Free Saturday, December 20, 2014, 12 pm-3 pm. Sunnyside Conservancy (a San Francisco Recreation and Park Department public park.), 236 Monterey Blvd., San Francisco 94131 @ Baden.

A variety of greens provided, some with red berries, variegated foliage, as well as blue juniper, Queen Ann box, pine, wire, a few coat hangers and pruning shears. Please bring: own pruning shears (so you don't have to wait for others), your frame, ribbons, cones, and any clippings to share from your yard.

This event is part of the Sunnyside Conservancy Friends' desire to promote the ideals of sustainability in our own backyards: wreath making, seed swaps, or growing backyard fruit trees and produce. All that is old is new again.

<http://sunnysideconservatory.org/backyard-sustainability-series>

**California Rare Fruit Growers—Scion Exchange** January 10, 2015, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Prusch Park, Multicultural Center (MCC), 647 S. King Road, San Jose. Open to CRFG members at 10am. Grafting demos at 11:15am and 1pm. A great variety of fruit tree cutting are available, and some can be planted directly when you get home, such as fig, persimmon, pomengranate and grapes.

<http://scvcrfg.wordpress.com/activities>.



**Dick Dunmire** (left) working the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, March 2014, in discussion with Ted Kipping (right) and friend.

*Photo: Marianne Mueller*

### Western Horticultural Society

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#### About membership in Western Hort:

To join or renew, send your name, address, phone number and a check made out to "Western Horticultural Society" to PO Box 620673, Woodside, CA 94062-0673.

Membership Rates: A one-year membership (Sep-Aug) includes four issues of Pacific Horticulture magazine. Regular membership is \$35, Sustaining is \$45, Contributing is \$60 and Plant Lover is \$100+. We have also added a Family membership of \$50 for two or more members at the same address, and a Student rate of \$20.

Please visit our website at [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org) for a membership form.

#### Newsletter Submissions and Address Changes

Please send info for the January 2015 newsletter by December 18 to Marianne Mueller, [mrm@sonic.net](mailto:mrm@sonic.net) or 333 Kingsley Avenue, Palo Alto 94301.

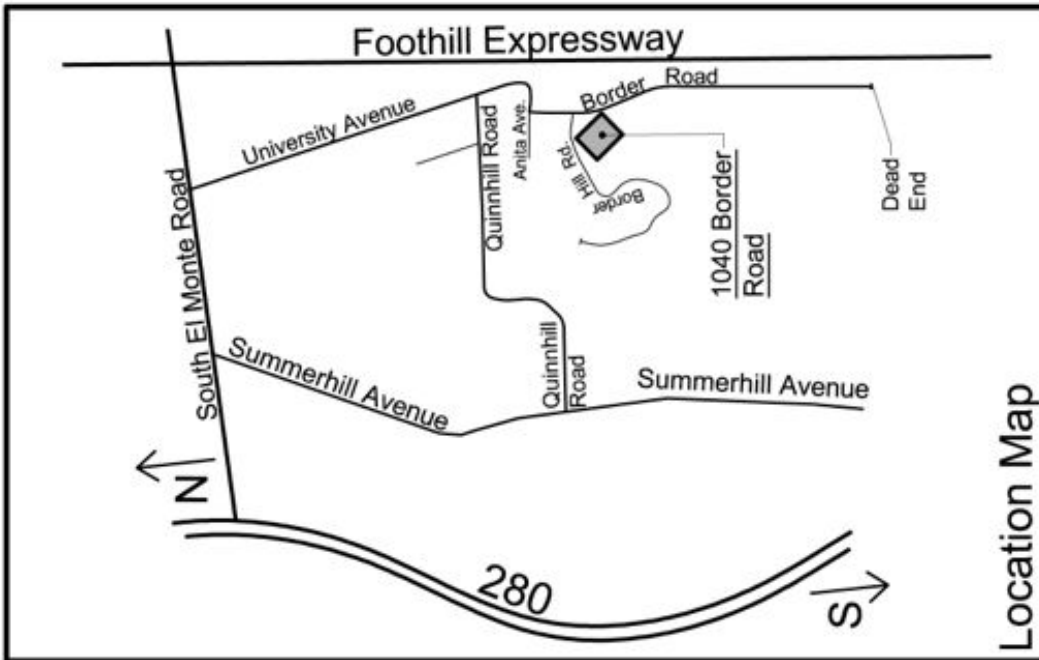
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**MEETING LOCATION**

Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos  
Doors open at 7:00 pm. and meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

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.

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