



September 2012 Meeting The Annual Louisa Beck Lecture

Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

Annie Hayes, Annie's Annuals & Perennials
<http://anniesannuals.com>

“So You Want A Fabulous Spring Garden? Set the Stage for Spring Now with Favorite Plants, Tips, and Inspiration from Annie Hayes.”

Annie Hayes started her business, Annie's Annuals & Perennials, out of her backyard in the late 1980s. In her 2.5 acre Richmond, California nursery she grows everything from seed or cuttings, in the wind, rain and sun, without greenhouses, in the old fashioned way without the use of growth-regulating hormones.

Annie selects each plant not only for its beauty and fragrance, but also for the natural grace and charm it adds to the garden.

Along with an amazing amount of heirloom and cottage garden treasures, “Annie's” specializes in California natives and Mediterranean climate varieties from around the world, including wondrous South African annuals, perennials and shrubs. Now is a good time to plant for next spring and summer bloom.

The Annual Louisa Beck Guest Lectures feature a special program by a highly regarded individual in the horticultural field. This program is funded by a generous distribution from the estate of Louisa Beck, a senior research scientist with NASA Ames Research Center, who died in 2001 of cancer at the age of 52. She received both The Presidential Rank and NASA Honor Award for Exceptional Achievement and the Ames Honor Award for Excellence in the category of Scientist/Researcher. She was a vigorous, animated, lively woman who had a strong affinity for plants and gardens.

MEETING LOCATION Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Doors open at 7 p.m. and meetings begin at 7:30.

You are invited to join our September speaker, Annie Hayes of Annie's Annuals & Perennials, for **dinner on September 12** at 5:30 p.m. at Chef Chu's, 1067 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Please contact Rosalie Shepherd to confirm: shep8283@earthlink.net or 650-321-8283.

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.

Important - Dues Renewal Reminder!

It is that time of year again! Our membership year is September 1 – August 31. It is important to renew without delay to ensure the smooth continuation of your subscription to Pacific Horticulture magazine and to keep our coffers in the black. Renewal applications with pre-addressed envelopes were mailed in August; we urge you to send in your dues now if you haven't already. **If you will be renewing at the WHS meeting, please bring your pre-printed form — this saves time as you won't need to fill out a form.** Prompt renewal helps those who coordinate with Pacific Horticulture and the volunteers who put together the information for the roster, labels for mailing the newsletter, etc. We look forward to your participation in the activities we have planned for you this coming year. Please see page 3 for details on membership rates and where to send the form. If you have any questions, please contact our membership guru at grew@pacbell.net or 650-851-5162. **Thank you!**

October 2012 Meeting

Wednesday, October 10 Jeff Chemnick, Research Associate at Lotusland, Santa Barbara. “**Hither and Yon in Mexico: A Field Botanist's Holiday!**”

Pacific Horticulture Breaks New Ground in Print and Online

Pacific Horticulture Society received a bequest from the estate of American opera singer Blanche Thebom and a grant from the Elisabeth Carey Miller Charitable Foundation, which has allowed us to re-envision how we go about our mission to educate and inspire West Coast gardeners. Our overall goal is to broaden our appeal to include young gardeners, designers, homeowners and urban readers.

Online, current magazine articles are backed up by seven years of archived content and enhanced with short timely pieces. And—you can now take Pacific Horticulture with you wherever you go—viewing and sharing content from any desktop, tablet, or mobile device. See pacifichorticulture.org/about for our July 2012 press release about these and other changes.

~Lorene Edwards Forkner, Editor, Pacific Horticulture, lorene@pacifichorticulture.org.

Horticultural Calendar, September 2012

2nd Annual National Heirloom Expo Tuesday-Thursday, September 11-13, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Santa Rosa. \$10 one day, \$25 all three days. For details and to buy tickets online, visit theheirloomexpo.com.

Lawn Alternatives Symposium Saturday, September 29, 8:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Foothill College Lecture Hall 8338, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. \$85 (\$75 CNPS members). Sponsored by CNPS. For more info and to register, visit symposium.cnps-scv.org, email symposium@cnps-scv.org or call 650-260-3450.

51st Annual Midori Bonsai Show Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Northside Community Center, 488 6th Street at E. Empire St., Downtown San Jose. Bonsai demonstration t 1 p.m., Beginners' Workshop 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Bonsai vendors and plant sale.

CNPS Native Plant Sale Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Rd., Los Altos. For more info, see cnps-scv.org.

Western Hort News

Raffle Table

In September, the Raffle Table plants are supplied by the Board members. We have some great plants that we hope you will enjoy. We welcome donations from the general membership as well! ~*Roberta Barnes for the Raffle Committee*

Propagation Time for Our Plant Sale

Fall is a great time to start propagating plants for our annual plant sale. Western Hort will be a vendor at the Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Market on Saturday, April 13, 2013. This is our major fundraiser. Are you interested in learning more about propagation? We will have a workshop on **Sept. 15** at 10 a.m. at Roberta Barnes' home, 155 Alvarado Ave., Los Altos. Bring some cuttings from your plants and get tips from some of our expert propagators! Pots and soil will be provided by Western Hort. If you are interested in helping or coming to the workshop, please contact Roberta Barnes at 650-949-0377 or robertabarnes2011@yahoo.com ~*Roberta Barnes*

WHS Membership Card Discount

Make sure you collect your discount card for 2012-2013 for 10% off purchases at local nurseries. See westernhort.org for the list of nurseries, and directions ~*Pat Knight*

Annual WHS Picnic, June 2012

Thank you to Jean Struthers for kindly volunteering to host the annual Western Hort picnic. The picnic at her home and garden was followed by a short walk to Faith Duhring's garden. About fifty people came to the potluck lunch. We had wonderful salads and appetizers, and lovely desserts and special almond brittle. We all loved Jean's delicious punch, too. It was a very warm day so the cool salads were perfect as were the many iced drinks.

As I walked around Jean's garden I saw California native plants, perennials, several kinds of berries, and tomato plants. Her many buckeye trees were all in bloom. We were lucky to get to see them.

We walked down the street to Faith's garden, and like Jean's garden, Faith has lovely sitting areas in the shade that were much appreciated in the 85 degree weather. Some of us took photos of water lilies in bloom in their pond, and a red dragonfly visitor, also called a yellow-winged darter.

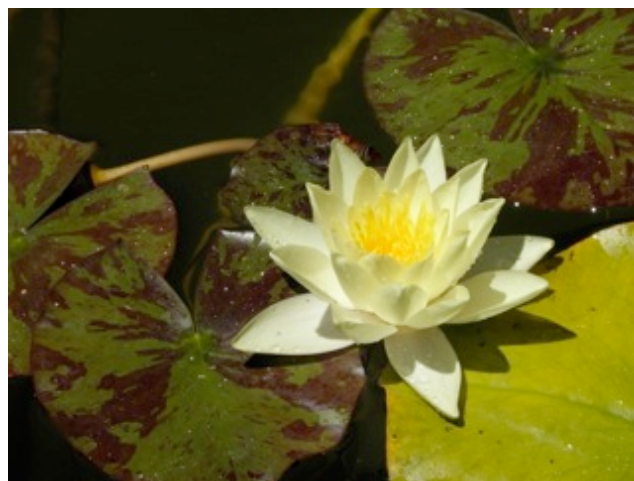
Everyone enjoyed visiting with each other and getting to know some new members, too. ~*Rosalie Shepherd*

An offer from Carman's Nursery

I will be a vendor this year at the Heirloom Expo (see the Hort Calendar, above, for details). I'll have an extra ticket/pass each day, and would be delighted to offer them to anyone going to the Expo who would be willing to give me one or two brief breaks during the day. Call Nancy at 408-847-2313. ~*Nancy Schramm*

From the website, <http://westernhort.org>

The full season of speakers from September 2012 to May 2013 is now posted on the website with colorful pages for each speaker and links to their own websites. We can look forward to another great season. Do you know we are also on Facebook? Another useful site to find out the latest WHS news. Do you have any WHS-related photos that you would like to see posted on our web site? Please e-mail them to Pat Knight at deerproof@yahoo.com. ~*Pat Knight*



Water lilies in bloom in Faith Duhring's garden, June 2012. Photo: Rosalie Shepherd.

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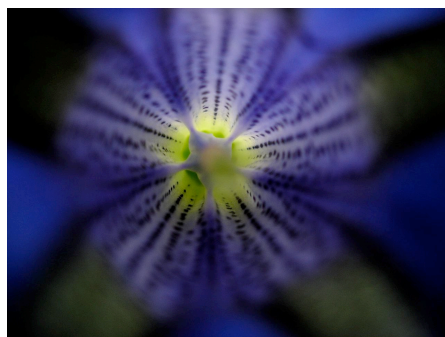
On Monday, September 10th, 1984, Western Hort was fortunate to hear the inimitable Wayne Roderick (East Bay Regional Parks Botanical Garden, Tilden Park, Berkeley) give a slide presentation about “Bulbs for California Gardens.” One of the photo captions in the newsletter said, “In autumn, think spring”—still a great way to plan your garden. There was plenty of news to announce at the beginning of the WHS season: A new logo—the one we still use today—designed by Chris Andrews; Saratoga Horticultural Foundation’s open house on October 13th to view the new facilities in San Martin; and Elizabeth Garbett as the new director of field trips.

There were an amazing thirty-two plants described in the plant notes. (This year Elizabeth Garbett and Marilou Vivanco began helping Emily Brown with the notes.) Ed Carman brought in some leaves & fruit of the Paw Paw, *Asimina triloba* (Oh, I miss that tree!); “Keith Bickford showed a great leaf of Elephant Ears, *Colocasia esculenta*,” also known as taro, which the notes say “was once planted extensively throughout Santa Clara Valley”; Miriam Miloradovitch brought in a blooming stem of Kahili ginger, *Hedychium gardnerianum*; and Barbara Worl, Lucy Tolmach, Lynn Dearborn, and Daphne Dorney also contributed plants in bloom. Dick Dunmire helped straighten out some of the botany behind “A plant newly appearing in area nurseries and called *Lisianthus russellianus* (which) should be *Eustoma grandiflorum*.” ~Nancy Schramm

With Sadness—In Memorium

Susan Bouchez, co-chair for the Northern California Branch of the Mediterranean Garden Society, valued Western Horticultural Society member, the WHS representative on the Pacific Horticulture Board of Directors, and Master Gardener since 1999, passed away on August 20, 2012, after a long battle with cancer. She will be missed by all who came in touch with her through her many contributions to these organizations. Susan was an amazing gardener, artist, designer, cook, organizer, teacher, hostess, friend, and one of the designers of the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden in Palo Alto. One legacy of her rich life and contributions is this extensive and beautiful garden. A celebration of her life is being planned.

Helaine Dunmire, beloved wife of longtime Western Horticultural Society member Dick Dunmire, passed away on May 25, 2012. The San Jose Mercury News published a touching obituary, which can be found online at <http://tinyurl.com/helaine-dunmire>. Our hearts go out to Dick for his loss and we extend our deepest condolences.



Our friends' flames have passed on but their afterglow remains.

~Ted Kipping

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To contact us, please send email to info@westernhort.org, or contact Chris Egan at 650-948-4614, or send mail to Western Horticulture Society, PO Box 60507, Palo Alto, CA, 94306.

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 for a membership form.

Newsletter Submissions and Address Changes

Please send info for the October 2012 newsletter by September 18 to Marianne Mueller, mrm@sonic.net or 650-326-2029.

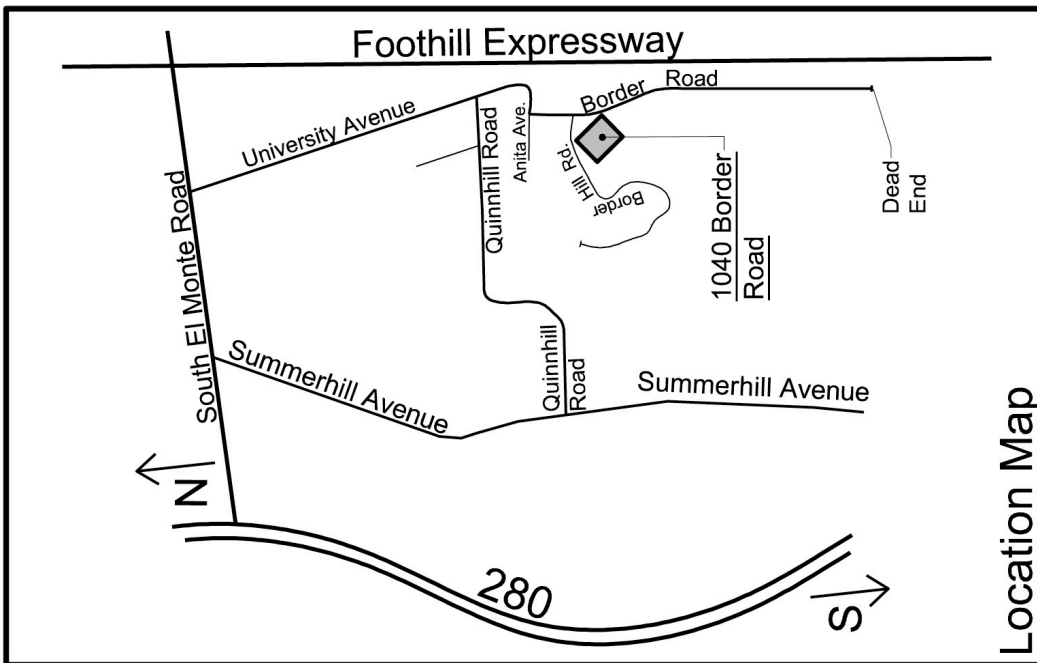
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