



## New Meeting Place for April & May, 2016

Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos

*In the multi-purpose room next to the parking lot*

### April 2016 Speaker

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30pm. Doors open at 7pm.

**LOCATION: Hillview Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos**



**Ted Kipping**, Certified & consulting arborist and partner of **Tree Shapers, LLC, San Francisco, CA** Photo: westernhort.org

*Join us for dinner with **Ted Kipping** on April 13, 5:30pm! We'll meet at Chef Chu's, corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road (1067 N San Antonio Rd, Los Altos). Contact Katie Wong to RSVP: [alivensilk@aol.com](mailto:alivensilk@aol.com) or (408) 251-2742*

Speaker: Ted Kipping

#### **“Victor Reiter’s Garden.”**

Victor Reiter, Jr. was one of the co-founders of California Horticultural Society and a well-known San Francisco grower, hybridizer and collector of plants and trees.

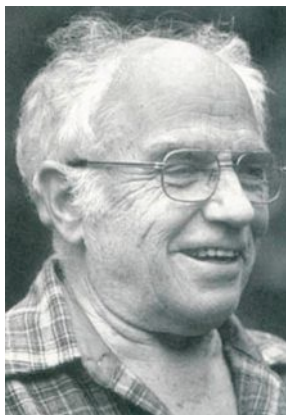
His family started a nursery behind their home in the early 1930’s. Although the nursery closed in the early 1960’s, Victor continued to plant and maintain the specimens on the property until 1986. The garden is an amazingly successful experiment in growing winter wet and summer dry rock garden plants.

Although he was a true collector (e.g. over 70 varieties of thymes), hybridizer (best known for his fuchsias), and propagator (Arbutus ‘Marina’), Victor was also an artist. Ted will share this amazing garden using digitalized pictures from Mr. Reiter’s original photographs.

Our speaker Ted Kipping is a life member of WHS and many other horticultural, botanical and scientific groups. He has a keen interest in arboriculture, regional horticulture, regional botany and specialty pruning subjects. Every year, he seeks to visit ecosystems new to him

in order to acquire information about how we can better grow wild plants in our gardens. He is especially drawn to deserts, mountaintops, and forests as these areas contain some of the most beautiful and interesting plants. Likewise, he visits regional gardens to learn what grows well there and which trends local garden cultures are exploring. For more information, see Ted’s website at Tree Shapers at <http://www.treesapers.com>.

### May 11 Speaker Kora Dalager, “Container Plants: The Ultimate Small Container Garden.”



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Left and above: **Geranium 'Victor Reiter Jr.'** Photos:

<http://www.terranovanurseries.com>

*Hot Plant Picks*  
*Famous Annual Silent Auction*  
*of the*  
*Most Desirable Plants of 2016!*

The April meeting will feature our annual silent auction of plants from the Hot Plant Picks at the San Francisco Garden Show. Our hard-working members who solicited donations from our wonderful sponsoring nurseries truly outdid themselves this year. There are many interesting plants from a variety of nurseries. Shoppers will want to come early to get a chance to look over the plants and start bidding on their favorites. ~Roberta Barnes



**Leucospermum 'Veldfire'** grown by Monterey Bay Nursery, one of the fabulous Hot Plant Picks for 2016.  
Photo: Marianne Mueller

*DON'T MISS!*

*Going Native Garden Tour 2016*

Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10, 10am – 4pm  
Self-guided tour with dozens of gardens to choose among.  
Free but registration required: <http://ngt.org>.

*AND ALSO!*

**Monterey Bay Master Gardeners' Smart Gardening Fair.** Saturday, April 2, 9am – 3pm at the Crossroads Shopping Center in Carmel. Fantastic speakers and demonstrations, Information Booths, food and drink booths, and music! <http://mbmg.ucanr.edu/smartgardeningfair>. Learn about "Fruit Trees in a Drought", "The Art of Restraint: Concepts of Japanese Garden Design", "Developing Espalier Fruit Trees", "Teas: Growing Your Own Herbal Infusions", and more.

**Friends of Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Garden Market.** Saturday, April 16, 9am – 2pm. Location: History San Jose, 1650 Senter Road, San Jose. Huge selection of tomato and pepper starts, as well as herbs and flowers, along with presentations, the Green Elephant sale, Vendor Fair with many purveyors of wonderful plants and all sorts of gardening items. Free. <http://mastergardeners.org/spring-garden-market>

**Master Gardeners of San Mateo and San Francisco Spring Garden Market.** Saturday, April 16, 9am – 1pm. San Mateo County Event Center, Sequoia Hall, 2495 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo. Free Parking in West Lot. Large variety of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, herbs, and other plants. Educational stations offering expert advice. [http://smsf-mastergardeners.ucanr.edu/Special\\_events/PlantSales/](http://smsf-mastergardeners.ucanr.edu/Special_events/PlantSales/)

**Gamble Garden 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Spring Tour.** Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30, 10am – 4pm. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverly Street, Palo Alto. \$35. (Tour tickets are valid for both days of Spring Tour. Lunch tickets are valid only for the date purchased.) Tour the private gardens and come to Gamble where you can visit the Gamble Marketplace, Over the Garden Fence, the Plant Sale and enjoy a delicious box lunch. <http://www.gamblegarden.org>



*Two more Hot Plant Picks!*

Left: **'Rock and Roll' Peruvian Lily**  
Right: **Hermannia verticillata**

Photos: Marianne Mueller





**The wonderful golden flowers of the Hybrid Monkey Hand Tree.**

Photo: Saxon Holt,  
<http://gardeninggonewild.com/?p=29913>

## 28 Years Ago

Western Hort met on Wednesday, April 13th, 1988 to hear “Ornamental Grasses for your Garden” presented by John Greenlee. At that time Greenlee Nursery in Pomona had been open for a mere two years, and the newsletter considered it necessary to emphasize that “John Greenlee will speak to us on Ornamental Grasses (not turf grasses!) for our gardens.” It was also stated that John “currently grows over 500 varieties of grasses, sedges, and rushes as well as grass-like plants.” I wonder how many of those John now considers ‘garden worthy’?

April 24th was an “Open Garden Day” with WHS members invited to visit the gardens of Timmy Gallagher, Charlotte Anderson, Linda Gerber, Gamble Garden, Barbara Worl and Green Sun Nursery. The 1988 SF Landscape Garden Show was held at Pier 3, Fort Mason. WHS presented a display with a committee headed by Elizabeth Garbett. Dates of the show ran from April 13th to 17th, just about a month later in the year than this year’s show. And back then, admission cost \$7.

The Plant Notes began by praising Daphne Dorney’s garden “...consists largely of Australian shrubs with underplantings of drought-tolerant plants such as artemisias and helianthemums, with extra color in spring from naturalized So. African bulbs. It is a showy garden and never looks parched. Daphne waters, at most, only once a month during summer.” Definitely a woman with an eye toward the future. Charlotte Anderson showed several euphorbias, one of which, *E. polychroma*, according to Elizabeth Garbett “...rather overdoes the self-sowing.” Bart O’Brien brought in a selection of “mostly native plants”, *Achlys triphylla* (“The common name “vanilla leaf” comes from the fragrance of the leaves which contain coumarin, a vanilla substitute. The fragrance is retained after the leaf is dried, accounting for its other common name, sweet after death.”), *Allium hyalinum* (“Bart claims that it is not invasive—unlike such scourges of the garden as *A. neapolitanum*”). Ed Carman showed a collection of *Rhodohypoxis bauri* in bloom, something rather new from South Africa. He had been building up stock in order to start selling these bulbs. Unfortunately the freeze of 1990 was destined to kill almost all of his plants. And Dick Dunmire wowed the crowd with “the 27-inch-long lavender racemes of *Wisteria floribunda* ‘Longissima’.” ~Nancy Schramm

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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

The newsletter publishes on the first of the month. The deadline for submissions is the 18<sup>th</sup> of the prior month; items received after the 25<sup>th</sup> may not make it into the immediately upcoming newsletter but will be published the following month. Send submissions to Marianne Mueller, [mrm@sonic.net](mailto:mrm@sonic.net) or 333 Kingsley Avenue, Palo Alto 94301.

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