

## WHS September Speaker

### September 13: Nevin Smith

Director of Horticulture, Suncrest Nurseries, and author of *Native Treasures: Gardening with the Plants of California*.

#### "Life on the Wild Side: Exploring the California Outback"

Nevin will present a lighthearted personal account of discovery in the wild. He will include copious notes on the joys, and occasional woes, of working with less-known native plants and attempting to bring them to California gardeners. Having grown up exploring the hills and native landscape of Sonoma County, he followed a Master's Degree at John's Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies with a "summer job" that led to the life of a nurseryman. He developed interests in unusual and native plants found in his travels, launching a career introducing new plants to gardeners and reviving forgotten but garden-worthy plants.

### October 11: Andy Mariani

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

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

### 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 September 20th. 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 cjsbhi@sbcglobal.net with any changes of address.

## More About Our September Lecture

The Western Horticultural Society is greatly honored to have M. Nevin Smith as our first Louisa Beck Guest Lecturer. Director of Horticulture at the highly esteemed Suncrest Nurseries, Nevin will share some of his passion and knowledge with us in his lecture: "Life on the Wild Side: Exploring the California Outback". One of the main tenets of his plant philosophy is that life doesn't always cooperate with our intended paths and that the result is often better than we could have forged for ourselves.

The WHS Annual Louisa Beck Guest Lecture features a yearly 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 ovarian cancer at age 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. The sun, sand and open spaces represented for her all that was unassailable in nature and in life. There is more information about her on our website.

—Janice Gillmore



## More Western Hort Business and News...

### Notable Board Members!

I did not want another year to go by without letting you be aware of what innovative, inventive and just plain hard working Board Members you have. Their creative efforts produce good programs, events, and walks. Our Welcome Committee wants you to know how valuable you are to us. They put in many hours and it is my pleasure to introduce them to you. If you would like to show your appreciation by increasing your membership dues, that is OK with us!

**Vice President Steve Staiger:** Our "coach" keeps us active, coherent, and on schedule. A master at putting together both our "Book" and "Stuff" sales.

**Recording Secretary Jackie Doda:** No one keeps minutes like Jackie! A "WHAT?" from her means we are not making sense. She is the Guardian of Covington School and takes care of the building.

**Treasurer Claudia Stopp:** A dedicated trooper; she and her daughter spent all summer putting our financial information on EXCEL. She writes wonderful articles, and Co-Chairs the Founder Committee. Happy to help you with membership dues.

**Newsletter Editor Michelle Bond:** Does a superb job with our newsletter and designed our Flyer and Poster. Her artistic skill is invaluable to WHS. Her volunteer work with us is in addition to a very busy life as a full time Landscape Architect!

**Pat Knight:** A gal of many talents, (also known as Eagle Eyes) she keeps our information accurate. She has the BIG JOB of Chairing the Speaker Committee and is also a member of the Outreach Committee. The Website Plant of the Month was created by her.

**Gail Klein:** A lot of the effort put into the Website was done

instrumental in gathering information. She wrote a series on members and plants named after them for Pacific Horticulture, plus arranged the Stanford Tree Lecture and tour.

**Kerry Barrs:** With his extensive professional horticultural background, he brings an expert's touch and passion to all that he does. A valuable member of the Speaker Committee, he also helps Bill with our Monthly Plant Discussions.

**Bill Kurtz:** You can't miss him at our Plant Discussions! One of our wonderful longtime Board Members, he Co-Chairs the Founders Committee.

**Chris Egan:** Gives a lovely touch to everything she does. Wants you to feel welcome and is one of our greeters. Does a great job with the Outreach Committee.

**Niki Muller:** A photography buff, she is also active with both the Outreach and Welcome committees. She generously invites us for visits to her exceptional garden.

**Nancy Schramm:** Lives in Gilroy but is on the Board! A dedicated nursery person who owns Carman's Nursery, she is Our Rabbit in the Hat that we bring out when times get tough. Also chairs the Raffle Table, and pens illustrations.

**Sherry Hall:** A new Board Member from the South Bay! She has already shown her willingness to get in there and work. Owner of the nursery Terra Sole.

**John Hammerschmidt:** Not actually on the Board but our beloved Perennial Favorite. He is the mainstay of monthly meetings both in setting up for the evening and taking care of Raffle Tickets. Remember his trek with Scott Medbury to buy a Power Point an hour before his lecture? And still in good spirits! Amazing Person.

Rest assured, you have a First Class Board!

- Janice Gillmore, WHS President



### Other News: CNPS Fall Native Plant Sale

Scores of species of hard-to-find native plants, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Speak to experts about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers, and grasses. Native plant books, posters, and note cards. Organized by California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter).

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. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information, visit [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org), email [cnps\\_scv@yahoo.com](mailto:cnps_scv@yahoo.com), or call 650-941-1068.

### Natives in Containers, a Talk by Fran Adams

Thursday, September 7, 2006, 7 to 9 p.m. Peninsula Conservation Center, 3921 E. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto  
For more information on the Gardening with Natives group, visit its website at [www.GardeningWithNatives.com](http://www.GardeningWithNatives.com).

### 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.

Stanford University is an arboreal treasure trove of over 350 tree species. Come with us to see trees of horticultural and historical significance and to hear their stories (<http://trees.stanford.edu>)! 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 personally meet some of the trees in *Trees of Stanford and Environs*, authored by WHS' April speaker, Prof. Ron Bracewell. You'll have the opportunity afterwards to eat at a Stanford cafe, and visit the Cantor Art Museum and the popular Stanford Bookstore.

Please email Gail Klein [gklein1@stanford.edu](mailto:gklein1@stanford.edu) for more information.

## More WHS News...



### New Board Member

Let's welcome Sherry Hall as our newest Board Member. Sherry and her husband John own Terra Sole Nurseries, located in Watsonville.

### Raffle Table

We all know that spring was a long time (and several 100 degrees) ago, nevertheless we'd like to thank the members and businesses that contributed to our May raffle table. The businesses included Common Ground, an 'Organic Garden Supply and Education Center' located at 559 College Ave., Palo Alto (650) 493-6072. Also, Carman's Nursery in Gilroy, (408) 847-2313. We hope to coordinate our Sept raffle table with the lecture theme, therefore we especially welcome donations of California natives for the September raffle table.

### WHS Fundraiser—Why Do We Need a Fund Raiser?

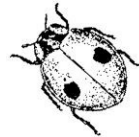
So that we can continue as long as possible without raising dues! In this spirit, your always creative Board has come up with the idea of an Art Sale for our major fundraiser this year. We will be asking our members to consider donating plant/nature related art, both framed and unframed, and sculpture, too. At the September meeting we will be handing out a questionnaire so that you can contribute suggestions and art work to make this a fun and profitable adventure. So start thinking now of your hidden talents (photography, watercolor, sculpture) because we'd like to show off our own member's artwork.

### Website Updated

You will find lots of surprises! The WHS website has been expanded with a new look. We have Sean O'Hare to thank, who was contracted to refine our website until September 2007. He is a garden consultant for residential projects, an Internet publisher (Mediterranean Gardens and Pacific Horticulture) and illustrator. Please let us have your feedback and assistance. Websites are always "in progress" and ready for more information. What's your favorite website? Email them to us at [info@westernhort.org](mailto:info@westernhort.org).

- Nancy Schramm & Janice Gillmore

## Other Horticultural Events...



### Generation Connection - Literacy in the Garden

Looking for a volunteer project with a brief time commitment and one that does not require bending, weeding or digging from you? Do you enjoy learning something new about nature from a child? The program brings elementary school students (grades 1-3) into the Mountain View Senior Center Garden on Tuesday afternoons from 12:45pm-2:15pm each fall and spring for 8 weeks. With a ratio of four students per volunteer, students benefit by interacting with adults, learning new vocabulary words and concepts and having an opportunity to ask questions while exploring authentic insights into nature's life cycle in the garden. So, if you enjoy working with children, seeing the plants and bugs through their eyes and sharing your enthusiasm for life in the garden, please consider participating in this 8 week project! Volunteer training is provided by the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School. Contact Linda McCrary at [lmccrary@mvlac.net](mailto:lmccrary@mvlac.net) or 650.940.6024 for more information. The training will be Sept 12, and the last session Oct 31 (12:30pm-2:30pm each week).

### Cal Hort Society September Program

**September 18, 2006** "When Plants Cascade" Presented by Ted Kipping, noted plant and tree fanatic.

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](http://www.westernhort.org) for a membership form.**

## September Classes at Common Grounds, Palo Alto

### *Introduction to Permaculture*

Katherine Steele & Benjamin Fahrer  
Saturday & Sunday Sept. 9 -10 10:30am - 4:30pm - \$160

### *Complete Diet Mini-Farming*

John Jeavons Saturday, Sept. 16 10:30am - 12:30pm - \$24

### *Grow Biointensive Mini-Farming*

John Jeavons Saturday, Sept. 16 2:00pm - 4:00pm - \$24

### *Grow Biointensive Composting*

Carol Cox Saturday, Sept. 23 10:30am - 12:30pm - \$24

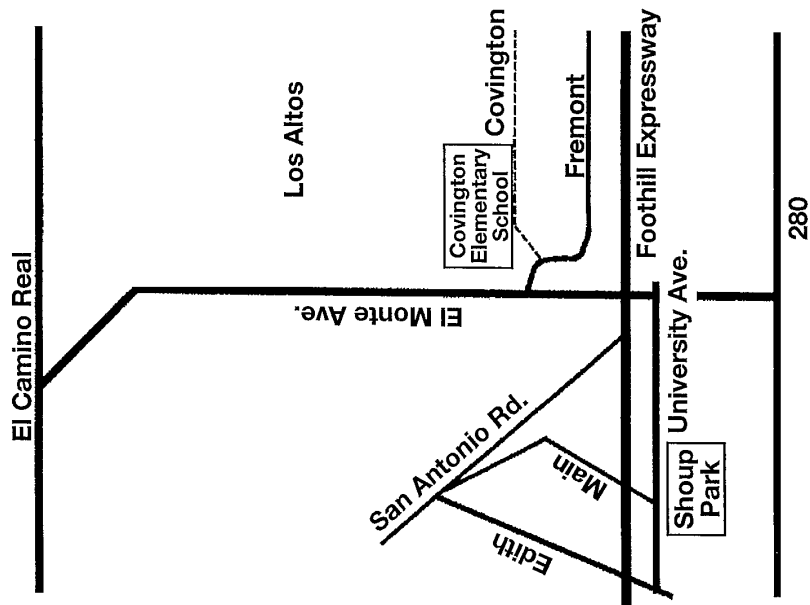
### *Compost Crops*

Carol Cox Saturday, Sept. 23 2:00pm - 4:00pm - \$24

### *Starting An Organic Winter Garden*

Jody Main Saturday, Sept. 30 10:30am - 12:30pm - \$24

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