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TWO MORE MODERN GARDENS

These very contemporary gardens were designed by two of our panelists for the October meeting. Kate Weisman's garden is below and Ryan Prange's is on the right. Kendra Berger's design is on the front cover. Get great ideas from these experts on October 14th.



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SAN DIEGO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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MEETING SCHEDULE

5:00 – 6:00 Meeting room setup
6:00 – 6:45 Vendor sales, lending library, plant display
6:45 – 8:30 Announcements, door prizes, silent auction, speaker

MEETINGS & EVENTS

(FW = Free Workshops; Register at www.sdhort.org)

October 5	Volunteer Appreciation Party
October 19	Pruning Woody Shrubs (FW)
November 11	Holiday Marketplace (see page 7)
December 9	Amy Stewart on The Drunken Botanist

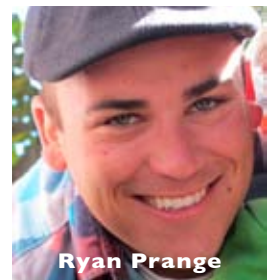


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COVER IMAGE: This contemporary garden was designed by Kendra Berger of Revive Landscape Design. Learn about designing for today's homeowners from Kendra and two other fine designers at the October meeting.
Kendra Berger, Revive Landscape Design
www.revivelandscape.com
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www.loribrookes.com



Kendra Berger



Ryan Prange

Next Meeting: OCTOBER 14, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Topic: PANEL OF EXPERTS ON “CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN LANDSCAPE DESIGN”

Meeting is open and everyone is welcome. Admission: Members/free, Non-Members/\$15. Parking is free.
Meeting Place: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Surfside Race Place, Del Mar; Info: (619) 296-9215

For an interesting change of pace, we present a panel of three award-winning landscape designers: Ryan Prange, Kendra Berger, and Kate Wiseman. They'll talk about the latest trends in contemporary landscape design. Susanna Pagan, landscape designer and SDHS board member, will moderate the discussion.

Ryan Prange is founder of Encinitas-based Falling Waters Landscape (www.fallingwatersweb.com), whose projects range from show gardens to extensive estate properties. His background encompasses landscape design and maintenance, coupled with an extensive background in hand-drawing, multi-media art, and painting. Ryan combined his knowledge of horticulture with his love for nature and art and began creating gardens. He is certified by the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD), a member of the California Landscape Contractor's Association (CLCA), and holds a degree in Landscape Architecture from MiraCosta College.

Kendra Berger, founder of Revive Landscape Design (www.revivelandscape.com) and certified arborist, has over ten years' experience in the landscape design industry. Kendra works in collaboration with other industry experts such as architects, engineers, and interior designers to create one-of-a-kind unique outdoor environments for her clients. Working closely with landscape contractors during the installation phase of her projects has given her in-depth knowledge of the construction and installation aspects of landscaping. Kendra's work has been recognized in national magazines such as *Sunset* and *Better Homes & Gardens*, as well as many local publications.

Kate Wiseman, founder of Sage Outdoor Designs (www.sageoutdoordesigns.com), has been designing residential landscapes in San Diego for the past twelve years. Kate earned a Bachelor's degree in Botany from the University of California at Berkeley and a Masters of Landscape Architecture from Cal Poly Pomona's school of Environmental Design. Her designs have been published both locally and nationally, and have been recognized in *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles* magazine's Gardens of the Year contest four times, including the grand prize winning design in 2007. She authors the blog 'Kate Presents,' focusing on garden design, outdoor living, and water-wise landscapes.



Kate Wiseman

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2014 SPRING GARDEN TOUR: GARDENS ARE MEANT TO BE SHARED...

By Dannie McLaughlin

Remember how much you enjoyed the garden tours you've been on? How fascinating it was to see the ways other people used perennials and pathways, succulents and stones, color and texture and art in their gardens? Now you have the chance to show off YOUR garden – and let your hard work and creativity really shine. And for a very good cause, too!

Currently we're considering gardens in North County – Carlsbad, Olivenhain, and Encinitas – but are open to other areas as well. You don't need to have an estate garden to be on our tour – we're looking for a variety of gardens that will appeal to a variety of tour goers: cottage gardens, veggie gardens, succulent gardens, Zen gardens... even orchards. Sharing your garden with others is part of the great tradition of nurturing and caring that gardeners have in common. Just as you've enjoyed other people's gardens, so will they delight in yours!

The Spring Garden Tour is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and proceeds go towards funding college scholarships for local horticulture students, as well as for our programs that promote the enjoyment and knowledge of horticulture in the San Diego area. Your beautiful garden can help us reach our goals by being an inspiring part of this tour. Best of all, our volunteers will take care of all the mundane things on tour day, freeing you to do the fun part – talking to visitors about your garden.

Please contact our tour coordinator (that's me, Dannie McLaughlin!) at drdannie@roadrunner.com. Let me explain how easy it is to share your garden with others, and how we'll make tour day a joyful and rewarding experience for you.

Tour planning and organization starts this fall and you'll enjoy being part of this very exciting activity. What a delightful way to see some marvelous gardens! Volunteer ASAP to help with: garden selection and photography, event logistics, tour publicity, organizing musicians and artists, signage and map preparation, plant ID, ticket sales strategy, etc. The time commitment is varied and some tasks involve just a few phone calls, while others will keep your organizational skills well-honed. No matter your talents – WE NEED YOUR HELP! Contract Patty Berg for more details at pattyberg@gmail.com. 🌿



Linda Bresler

The stunning Matthys succulent garden was on our 2013 tour.

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

Board Opening: Garden Tour Assistant

Do you like gardens and have good organizational skills? We are looking for someone to work with existing Garden Tour Chair, Dannie McLaughlin, to help organize the 2014 Spring Garden Tour. You would work with Dannie in 2014 and become the Garden Tour Chair in 2015. Some of the tasks are: identify the tour area; schedule the tour date; find and review tour gardens; and work with homeowners, sponsor(s), and vendors. You would work with and supervise other volunteers that staff the gardens, create publicity materials, and sell tickets. Requires familiarity with email. Contact Jim Bishop at president@sdhort.org.

Need Plant Experts at Meetings

We are looking for members who are plant experts to answer questions at the Plant Display table at our meetings. We don't expect you to know everything about every plant – maybe you know a lot about roses, or sell perennials, or perhaps you can share your knowledge of low-water plants with other members? To volunteer please contact Susanna Pagan at 858-342-8667 or susannapagan@gmail.com. 🌿

TO LEARN MORE...

Modern Gardens for Wildlife

By Ava Torre-Bueno

To be ethical, modern garden design must include the needs of the wildlife in our area. Bees in particular need us to support them since they are being poisoned by pesticides and fungicides. www.motherjones.com/tom-philpott/2013/07/bee-colony-collapse-disorder-fungicides

Bees count on your urban and suburban garden to survive: "... many types of urban residential gardens provide floral and nesting resources for the reproduction and survival of bees, especially a diversity of native bees." <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/repositoryfiles/ca6303p113-72518.pdf>

So, plant a modern design bee-friendly garden: <http://thehoneybeeconservancy.org/act-today-2/plant-a-bee-garden>

These two web sites have lots of pictures of lovely solitary bee houses: <http://klingpost.com/attractive-solitary-bees-house-designs>
www.inspirationgreen.com/insect-habitats.html

Attract more than bees with other garden ideas from the California Native Plant Society: www.cnps.org/cnps/grownative/habitat

The first video here is about wildlife friendly gardening in Nebraska, but it is more general than that and applies to San Diego County: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EWJ-wANC7k
And this video is about designing your garden for hedgehogs! Which, of course won't actually work here in California, but I include it here for the cute factor: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMVVPvhFrpw

When you have put in water, shelter and food plants, you can certify your wildlife garden through the National Wildlife Federation: www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify-Your-Wildlife-Garden.aspx
Our local Master Gardener group also can certify your garden as being wildlife friendly and sustainable: <http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/sustain/index.php>

Have a yummy end-of-summer!

Member Ava Torre-Bueno is a psychotherapist in private practice and the organizer of Gardeners 4 Peace. This group of volunteers is helping to create a peaceful, organic, permaculture garden at the San Diego Friends Center. To learn more visit www.sandiegofriendscenter.org/volunteers.htm. ☘



FROM THE BOARD

By Jim Bishop

2013 Volunteer Appreciation Party

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on October 5 will be held at Susan and Frank Oddo's lovely home and garden in Elfin Forest. Invitations have already been emailed to the past year's volunteers. This replaces the October Featured Garden Event and is just for volunteers. If you volunteered in the past year, but did not receive an invitation, please contact Patty Berg right away, at volunteer@sdhortsoc.org. We are always looking for more volunteers; see page 2 for opportunities so you don't miss the next years Volunteer Appreciation Party.



Holiday Marketplace! Save the Date

Our November 11 meeting will be an extra special Holiday Marketplace. We hope this will become an annual event that brings together the best of the San Diego horticultural community. Shop and mingle at exhibits by SDHS sponsors, business members, horticultural vendors, botanic gardens, and other non-profits. Get an early start on your holiday shopping for plants, garden related merchandise, gift memberships and horticultural services from leading businesses and vendors.

There will be six FREE mini-demonstrations during the event by Horticultural Superstars:

- **Pat Welsh** – Forcing Paperwhites for the Holidays
- **Debra Lee Baldwin** – Making a Bouquet of Wired Succulent Rosettes
- **Greg Rubin** – Successful Native Landscape Secrets
- **Barbara Clark** – Floral Arrangements Using Proteas
- **Mia McCarville** – Great Veggies to Grow Now from Starts
- **Julie Harski** – Preparing Worm Tea

If these weren't enough reasons to attend, there will be an authors' corner where local authors will sell and sign their books. For a minimal charge, the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) will be offering 30-minute garden design consultations. Exhibitors will be offering special discounts and giveaways to attendees. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our wonderful local horticultural community.

This open house event is FREE for members and starts at a special time: 5:30. We are offering a special low entry fee of \$5 for non-members, or they can receive a FREE guest pass by pre-registering at www.sdhortsoc.org. So, be sure and invite your non-members friends.

If you'd like to volunteer to help at this special event, please contact Patty Berg at volunteer@sdhortsoc.org.

If you'd like to be an exhibitor at the Marketplace, signup online before Oct 15th at <http://tinyurl.com/ptmtry3>. ☘

THE REAL DIRT ON...

Nancy Goslee Power

By Joan Herskowitz

Nancy Goslee Power is a Los Angeles-based garden designer who is acclaimed for her visually striking and innovative private gardens and public spaces, and her ability to collaborate with prominent architects to create what she describes as the California Style garden that allows a relaxed, inviting and comfortable way of living outside. Power was born in Georgetown, Delaware in the early 1940's, and attended boarding school in Virginia, Garland College in Boston, and a finishing school in Florence, Italy, where she studied art history and painting. She started her career as an interior designer in New York, then moved to California and became West Coast editor of *House Beautiful*. She met her gardening mentor, Phillip Chandler, a renowned LA plantsman and designer, who contributed to her knowledge and appreciation of plants appropriate to the California climate. After the redesign of her own California garden, she realized that, with her design background and love of plants, she was capable of creating outdoor living spaces.

Her style has been described as "eclectic boldness," with a keen attention to how people use space. Power's few guiding principles are that a garden is not complete without a water feature, and that it should offer enclosure and protection, incorporate different levels, and contain garden surfaces to add new patterns and colors. She has collaborated with renowned architect Frank Gehry on a number of projects, including the garden design for his own home. For that project, Power used plants that have become part of the California cultural landscape and which she calls the workhorses – namely, aloes, agave, birds of paradise, Hollywood junipers, jade plants, phormiums, aeoniums, rosemaries, yuccas and dracenas. She installed an embankment here with two of her favorite plants, *Agave attenuata* and birds of paradise.

Power's first public garden, and the one most people are familiar with, is the enchanting garden of the Norton Simon Museum of Art in Pasadena. Power's design includes a natural pond and Mediterranean plants that mimic those at Giverny, i.e., the weeping Montezuma Cypress, water lilies, local sedges, tulip poplar (for their flowers and golden reflections in the pond in fall), and masses of plants of the same color. The entrance is a grove of Mexican sycamore trees and, surprisingly, two sycamore trees are situated in the walk, which Power describes as gates to increase the visitor's awareness.

To learn more about Power and her perspective on garden design, I recommend her two books: *The Gardens of California - Four Centuries of Design from Mission to Modern* (2001), which has become a classic on changing garden styles, and *Power of Gardens* (2009), which contains a description and photos of her firm's best gardens. Attractive garden design features found in the book include: yuccas, cordylines and agaves against walls; Cleveland sage, rosemary or germander along steps and paths for their scent as you pass; a Kashmir Cypress that casts a soft shadow in a courtyard; a winding walkway of native oaks with

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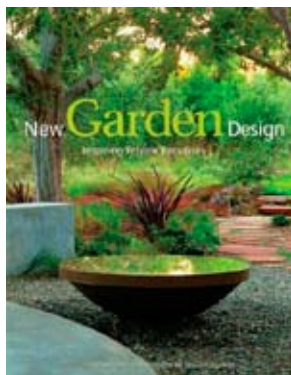


BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Caroline McCullagh

New Garden Design: Inspiring Private Paradises

By Zahid Sardar,
Photographs by Marion Brenner



I started to wonder what distinguishes one coffee table book from another. I haven't done a scientific study of the genre, but I suspect that most are created at the instigation of the photographer, who finds someone who can run up some text to fill the empty spaces. I'm not very visually oriented – that's why my garden doesn't look "designed." I'm more interested in the words. *New Garden Design* doesn't disappoint.

This is a California book. The author, the photographer, and 30 of the 31 designers listed in the resource section are Californians. What this means for me is that there are lots of interesting photos of succulent gardens and other garden populations I could get to grow in my yard, and none of those photos of "interesting" leafless shrubs covered with snow and ice. Oh, I know, it does snow in California, but not where I am and probably not where you are either.

Zahid Sardar tells us that he genuinely wants us to have paradises in our gardens. The original word *pairideaza*, from ancient Persian some 4,000 years old, meant "a walled garden where nobles hunted amid springs, orchards and gardens stocked with wildlife, protected from storms and marauders." The concept traveled to Greece in the word *paradeisos* with Alexander the Great's returning troops (after he died in 323 BC).

I have done some hunting in my garden, mostly for snails, and the marauders I most fear are the skunks that are so prevalent at this time of year. Still, I get that concept. The word that one tends to skip over is "nobles." The gardens shown in this and other books of photographs are clearly maintained by a staff, not a couple of gardeners pottering around on the weekends.

Still, there are many ideas presented in the photos and text that are adaptable by those of us who potter. I especially like the 15+ foot-high topiary llama peering over the gardener's house, a totem pole made of various salvaged glass lampshades, and an interesting sculptural arrangement of bamboo poles – each segment painted a different color. There's a lot more to like in this book. Some of the photos are absolute show-stoppers, including one of a mosaic floor in a Chinese-style pavilion and another of a hand of bananas – spectacular. I think you'll be glad if you have a look at it.

New Garden Design (ISBN -13: 978-1-4236-0334-4) is available at your local bookstore or at www.gibbs-smith.com for \$40. Its 248 pages include chapters on The Garden Wall, Water, Dry Gardens, Pavilions and Follies, Bountiful Gardens, Art, Exotic Collections, and the Healing Garden. It also includes a bibliography and a list of nurseries and other garden supply stores (surprisingly, nothing in San Diego County)...🌿



TREES, PLEASE

Don't Clunk or Dunk your Trunk

By Robin Rivet

Have you reduced your lawn size? Maybe traded in your lawnmower for a weed-whacker? Perhaps you banished front yard turf, and now manage only patio trees surrounded by low-water perennials, shrubs and sprawling ground covers? Congratulations may be due – with a big caveat about watering, maintenance, and scrutiny of tree size.

While many experienced gardeners resist creating shrub havoc with powered hedge pruners, there is less understanding that tree bark is not body armor, and fools armed with chain saws aren't the only calamity facing the urban forest. Although borers, bad weather, burrowing critters, or bark-chewing animals may cause tree decline, landscape equipment traumatizes more urban trees than most people recognize.

The area at the base of a tree where the roots meet the trunk is a very sensitive part of the whole. Root crowns need air circulation,



and don't like to be bumped, gouged, carved, impaled, staked, wired, drowned or buried by soil, mulch or plants. No turf, weeds, or ornamental plants should be rooted within a foot of tree-trunks. Tree bark also loathes irrigation overspray, clinging vines, herbicides, street grates, or sitting in puddles. Weed-whackers and lawnmowers bruising the root flare are not just ugly; they frequently subject a tree to decay, starvation and untimely demise. Even small wounds can damage the phloem

(nutrient carrying tissue), and nicks into the xylem cut off essential transpiration water flow. Unlike humans, trees do not heal, but rather compartmentalize in an attempt to stall diseases affecting these exposed cells. An innocent slash today might influence a tree's health many years hence. Once a tree has the entire perimeter compromised, there is little hope for survival. In fact, "intentional girdling" is a method commonly used by professionals to cull forest trees (see image at top and 3rd link below).

Another preventable strain is improper irrigation. If tree roots were previously acclimated to ample surface water from lawn sprays, an abrupt modification to dribbles from a few emitters seldom sufficiently irrigates the root zone. Xeriscape irrigation often benignly applies water to trees in the wrong place: too near trunks. Since tree feeder roots primarily reside near the drip line, applying water at the root flare not only causes waste, it can spell a death knell. Excessively flooding the trunk also can induce destabilization, crown rots, or even deadly Phytophthora (a genus of soil borne pathogens), especially in



FIRE-RESISTANT SUCCULENTS PROVIDE PEACE OF MIND AND A HIGH RETURN INVESTMENT

By Don Newcomer, Proprietor of Serra Gardens Landscape Succulents

I've witnessed the fire resistance of succulents first hand. One year, a brush fire burned the chaparral right up to the edge of the nursery. The fire only singed the Yuccas and Agaves that were planted along its perimeter: their high water content prevented them from burning.

Serra Gardens' original, long-time location in Malibu was legendary for its collection of large mature plants and unique garden setting. Then, as now, Serra Gardens was regarded as one of the premier resources for cacti and succulents in Southern California.

I grew up in Malibu, and every five years, almost like clockwork, the hills would burn. We kept the brush cleared on the property and the fire department would use the nursery's driveway as a staging area from which to fight the deadly brush fires.

In 2007, we moved the nursery to Fallbrook, and it felt as though fire had followed us. In fact, at one point that October, when we were driving truckloads of plants to San Diego County from Malibu,



Aloe kedongensis

there were mandatory evacuation orders in place both in Malibu and in Fallbrook. It was surreal. That year, multiple fires burned throughout Southern California, destroying homes and threatening lives.

Californians live in a sea of combustible fuel. Succulents, unlike other plants, are 80 percent water, which makes them truly fire-resistant. I believe that if homes in high fire chaparral zones were landscaped with succulents, there would be much less chance of firestorms incinerating homes in Southern California. I'm not alone in this opinion.

"Cacti and succulents are the most fire retardant plants in Southern California and taxpayers could be saved millions of dollars each year if there were more stringent laws requiring the use of succulents in hillside landscaping, particularly in the Southern California chaparral and scrub-oak zones," writes Gary Lyons, author and former Curator of the Desert Garden at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino.

You can read Lyons' compelling proposal about how fire-resistant succulents can reduce the destructiveness of wildfires on our website at www.serragardens.com/information/succulents_and_fire.html.

Because of their unique metabolism, succulents are full of moisture and don't carry fire the way that highly flammable plants like Eucalyptus, Oak, Palm and many natives do. Don't forget, the life cycle of many of these plants relies on fire to thrive.

Landscape-sized succulents – as opposed to small, container garden-sized succulents – are what should be planted around fire perimeters. I recommend *Aloe kedongensis*. It has a growth habit somewhat like bamboo. It has canes that grow tall to about 12 feet tall and cluster up densely. It also works very well as a screen for creating

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GOING WILD WITH NATIVES

Bodacious Bushtits

By Pat Pawlowski

I wonder how many people know what a bushtit is. I also wonder how many people have seen a bushtit in their yard.

Actually, it would be hard to see just "a" bushtit; they always travel in groups. That way, these little swingers seem to have lots more fun. They hang upside down, love to play in water, and flit from one place to another all in the blink of an eye.

So have you figured out what they are? (Hint: it's not those new neighbors who just moved in down the street.)

Bushtits are some of our tiniest feathered friends, formally known as *Psaltirparus minimus*. And indeed, they are minimus; they are all of 4-1/2" long, from itty bitty beak to tail. They weigh in at about the weight of 4 paper clips. And they really are friends, because they glean little plant-eating insects from trees and shrubs in our yards, and help keep the ecological gears grinding.

Their unusual pendant-shaped nests, suspended by twigs, are built 4' or higher from the ground. Composed of spider webbing and soft foliage, the nests are 6" to 12" in height, and are wonders to behold.

Life is a cabaret for bushtits, or so it seems. Uttering slight twittering calls, all of a sudden these little grayish sprites will show up in a bush, performing acrobatic stunts unequaled by even the Cirque du Soleil. Upside down, right side up, noshing on gnats, scale insects, spiders, etc. — joyfully, or so it seems to me. Recently I watched a group of them bounce back and forth between a large shrub and a birdbath I had positioned myself underneath. Down to the birdbath, up to the bush. Down, up. Down, up. Never still. Like a bunch of five-year-olds at a water park. They love to bathe.

So first of all, you know you need a bath (for the birds). Then, provide some of their favorite foods: insects.

Oh no, you say, who needs more "bugs?" Well, we all do. After all, aren't beneficial insects beneficial? It's true that bushtits eat some bennies along with the baddies, but that's the way nature works.



Abutilon palmeri

Forget using pesticides; bushtits are much more fun.

Here's a partial list of native plants (which, of course, the birds prefer) that will entice small insects, and eventually those bodacious bushtits to your garden:

Las Pitlitas nursery (www.laspilittas.com) says some of bushtits' favorite shrubs are Mountain Mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*) and California Juniper (*Juniperus californica*). Be sure to scope out their video of a group of bushtits at a birdbath: very cute.

Other bushtit-benevolent plants include: California Lilac (*Ceanothus* spp.), Oaks (*Quercus* spp.), Sages (*Salvia* spp.), Chaparral Mallow (*Malocothamnus fasciculatus*), Coyote Brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), and Indian Mallow (*Abutilon palmeri*). Really, almost any nectar, pollen, seed or berry-producing native plant will work.

Tree of Life Nursery (www.californianativeplants.com) is another great resource. And, hold your horses (and bushtits): the San Diego California Native Plant Sale in the Casa Del Prado courtyard in Balboa Park is happening on October 12. CNPS members can shop starting at 10 AM; sale opens to public at 11 AM, and runs until 3 PM (www.cnpsd.org). Get there early, people.

So... now we all perceive how wonderful bushtits are, and why we should attract them. Tell everyone you know; call your friends, or send them a tweet.

Pat Pawlowski is a writer/lecturer/garden consultant and a firm believer in bushtits. 🐦

WATERWISE BOTANICALS FALL GARDEN PARTY OCTOBER 25 & 26



San Diego North County's Waterwise Botanicals nursery will be hosting another spectacular two-day event this October. The event will highlight speakers and workshops on waterwise plants and roses, unveil "The Great Succulent Pumpkin," and celebrate the book launching of Rebecca Sweet's newest book on Garden Design, *Refresh Your Garden Design with Color Texture & Form*.

- Event Hours: 9:00am to 4:00pm Friday & Saturday, October 25-26
- Free admission and parking.
- RSVP to events@waterwisebotanicals.com

"The Fall Garden Party will capture a touch of elegance with the rustic warmth of fall," said Jackie Jesch, co-founder of Waterwise Botanicals. Waterwise Botanicals' "family" of plant enthusiasts, horticulturists, gardeners and nature lovers are all invited to experience a time "In the Garden" with 20 acres of nursery and display gardens to explore, hands-on workshops, speaking events, and a book launch party. Arts and crafts vendors with garden related wares and food trucks will be there, too!

Waterwise Botanicals (formerly Daylily Hill) was founded in 1997. It is a 20+ acre wholesale/retail nursery located in the beautiful rolling hills of North County San Diego. Find them on Facebook for event updates and at www.waterwisebotanicals.com 🌿

The San Diego Horticultural Society's

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

November 11, 5:30-9 PM

Surfside Race Place, Del Mar Fairgrounds

Mingle and Shop at the SDHS Holiday Marketplace with exhibits by SDHS sponsors, business members, plant vendors, and horticultural non-profits.

Educational Mini-Demos:

Bring a notepad: six informative and fun 15-minute demos by engaging local experts will be your opportunity to learn more. Each speaker will also have items for sale, so you can make your purchase before or after their presentations.

6:20 PM – Barbara Clark: Floral Arrangements with Proteas. In part because of their weight and stiffness, cut proteas need some special handling to look their best. Learn to make these long-lasting beauties into exceptional arrangements. Barbara teaches floral arrangement and gardening for San Diego Floral Association (SDFA) and San Diego Oasis, and SDFA will be selling cut proteas.

6:40 PM – Mia McCarville: Great Veggies to Grow from Starts for your Fall/Winter Garden. It's easy to have a successful garden now if you begin with tiny plants (called starts), and this skilled gardener will share her secrets with you. Mia is an organic gardening expert and owns Cedros Gardens in Solana Beach; she'll be selling veggie starts.

7:00 PM – Debra Lee Baldwin: How to Make a Bouquet of Wired Succulent Rosettes. For a long-lived and unique bouquet, start with succulent cuttings and a few simple materials. Learn the how-tos from an exceptionally engaging presenter. An award-winning garden photo-journalist, speaker and author, Debra spoke to us in July about "Succulents Simplified," and she'll be autographing and selling her three best-selling books about succulents.

7:20 PM – Pat Welsh: Forcing Paperwhites for the Holidays. What could be more fun than sweetly-scented potted flowers this December? Learn how to prepare these bulbs for yourself and as much-appreciated gifts. Emmy-award winning garden-writer, author, TV performer, and artist, Pat Welsh is very popular speaker. She will be autographing and selling her gardening books.

7:40 PM – Julie Harski: Preparing Worm Tea. Worms improve your soil, and using worm tea as a foliar spray or for watering is also an excellent way to keep your plants happy and healthy. Learn how easy it is to make your own. Julie owns The Worms' Way, which provides "quality vermicompost, compost worms and charming birds to local customers;" she'll be a vendor at the marketplace.

8:00 PM – Greg Rubin: Successful Native Landscape Secrets. There are some simple tricks to getting natives off to a great start and keeping them looking lovely, and this expert shares his experience with us. Greg owns California's Own Native Landscape Design, and has designed over 600 native landscapes in San Diego. He is co-author of *The California Native Landscape*, and will be signing and selling books.

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FREE WORKSHOPS ON DRIP IRRIGATION BOTH ON OCTOBER 12 AT SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Have you been thinking about changing from your current irrigation to drip irrigation? Here's two free back-to-back workshops at Southwestern College that will give you both hands-on experience and a good grounding in the tools, techniques and principles involved. For more details go to <http://tinyurl.com/octdrip> and look at the October 12 events. No registration is required.

Rose Garden Conversion from Conventional Irrigation to Drip Irrigation

October 12, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, FREE

Roses just don't like overhead spray sprinklers. In this volunteer event, we will convert this type of irrigation to a water-saving drip irrigation system. There will be some digging, some irrigation assembly, and hopefully healthier roses.

Drip Irrigation for Home Gardeners

October 12, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, FREE (suggested donation of \$3)

Save water, save weeding time, protect our most important natural resource! If you are interested in converting your water-wasting sprinkler system to a drip system, then this event will show you how. Typical spray systems that water our trees and shrubs can result in water wasting by wind, water run-off, and evaporation. Drip systems apply water to the base of plants one drop at a time and allow for more efficient water penetration and up to 80% water savings.

Location for both workshops: South Bay Botanic Garden at Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, 91910. Questions: Bill Homyak, whomyak@gmail.com. ☞



VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO LEAD GARDEN TOURS IN BALBOA PARK

The Friends of Balboa Park organization (www.friendsofbalboapark.org) would like to find a couple people, with strong botanic interest, who would like to give horticulture tours in Balboa Park. Their desire is that one person gives one tour every month (or every five weeks). Here is the description of the tours that are given:

Offered every Saturday by trained volunteers, the tours start at 10:00 a.m. for an easy-paced one-hour walk with rotating themes. Tour themes include Balboa Park history (first Saturday of the month), palm trees (second Saturday), other trees in the Park (third Saturday), desert vegetation (fourth Saturday) and tour del dia (fifth Saturday). There are no tours from Thanksgiving through the 2nd Saturday in January. Reservations are not required. Meet at the Balboa Park Visitors Center.

If you'd like to volunteer or learn more, contact Marlene Williams, Director of Volunteer Activities, Friends of Balboa Park, at (619) 232-2282 or marlene@friendsofbalboapark.org. ☞

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE OCTOBER 12, 2013



Each year, hundreds of local gardeners gather in Balboa Park to explore the diverse selection of California native shrubs, trees, flowering plants, seeds, bulbs, books, and posters for sale by the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Unlike a typical plant nursery, which may have a small selection of natives, the plant sale has hundreds of California native plants for sale. Friendly, knowledgeable experts volunteer their time each year to assist gardeners of all skill levels with plant selection appropriate for the gardener's site conditions. Whether you are looking to fill in a corner of your garden or mass plant a hillside, you will find the plants you need at this sale.

California native plants have numerous benefits to both gardeners and the environment:

- Save water – natives are drought tolerant
- Save money – soil amendments and fertilizer are not needed
- Save time – natives require less watering, raking, and pruning
- Attract and protect birds and butterflies – natives offer food, nectar, and shelter
- Protect the environment - natives have a smaller carbon footprint
- Preserve San Diego's natural heritage
- Provide a sense of place

The sale is on October 12 in Balboa Park at the Casa del Prado Courtyard, located at 1700 Village Place near the San Diego Natural History Museum. The sale will open at 10 am for members and 11 am for everyone; the sale closes at 3 pm. Cash, checks or credit cards will be accepted. The site provides convenient and free curb-side parking for loading. All proceeds support the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. To learn more visit www.cnpssd.org.

The California Native Plant Society is dedicated to the preservation of native California flora. Formed in 1965, the CNPS is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. Nearly 10,000 members work to promote native plant appreciation, research, education, and conservation through our five statewide programs and 33 regional chapters in California. Through membership, in the California Native Plant Society, Californians of all walks of life are able to support and engage in opportunities to experience and learn about native plants and their habitats, gardening and landscaping with native plants, restoration of habitat areas, and conservation issues throughout the state.

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Well-organized plants at the 2012 sale



MY LIFE WITH PLANTS

By Jim Bishop

This is a continuing series of articles that chronicle Jim Bishop's experiences with plants and the effect they have had on his life.

Head South Young Man

Thirty years ago, October 17, 1983, to be precise, I moved to San Diego. I'd been in the Bay Area four years and it seemed so idyllic, I assumed I'd live there forever. Still, there were issues.

First, I never felt like I fit in. It's hard to explain, but if you are familiar with Armistead Maupin's character Mary Ann Singleton in *Tales of the City*, that was me... a vacationer in San Francisco who impulsively decided to stay and got caught up in the lives of all the colorful locals. Well, not entirely accurate, but I'm sure you get the idea. Second, the company I worked for had been bought by General Electric. This created a huge culture clash at work between staid east coast executives and Silicon Valley creative types. I spent most of my days working long hours in a windowless computer room and rarely saw the sun in the winter. Third, I had just been through two of the wettest winters in Bay Area history. It seemed like it never stopped raining. I got fungus on my hands and developed seasonal affective disorder. When spring and summer finally came, I developed severe allergies to the native grass and oak trees and the only place I could escape the pollen was the beach. Finally, there was just the oddness of the Bay Area: nightly aerial Malathion sprayings, traffic that never moved, cable cars shut for years for an overhaul, BART always on strike, and the big party in San Francisco that was turning to fear and panic as gay men were suddenly dying from an unknown cause. And the last straw... I wanted to own a house with some land, but couldn't figure how to afford it unless I lived in a drug gang neighborhood, or way outside the Bay Area with a very long commute. So, it wasn't too surprising when, in a meeting with the Software Quality Assurance manager from our San Diego office who said she said she was looking for Mechanical Engineers to test the software, that my ears perked right up.

I knew just a little about San Diego and Southern California, having visited Orange County friends many times. I'd also made some business trips to San Diego, and had visited Balboa Park and the zoo a few times. I knew houses cost less, and it mostly had pleasant weather. I also had heard the stereotypes: superficial, sleepy Navy town, no life east of I5, no good restaurants, no culture, all the water was stolen from Northern California, earthquakes, fire, mudslides... you get the idea. Still I took a trip to interview and check it out.


The offices were in Sorrento Valley near the lagoon, and at the base of Torrey Pines State Park. People went surfing before work and jogging on the beach at lunch. There was almost no traffic on the very fast and large freeways. It was a sunny April day and all the hills were green and covered with mustard and grass. The people at work seemed very nice, and, best of all, I'd be able to trade up my small Bay Area condo to a house with land!

In August, I returned to San Diego for a house-hunting trip. It was much hotter and felt very muggy. I was determined to live near the beach or in town... but San Diego was experiencing a housing



Jim's first house in Encinitas

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crisis, record interest rates, and almost no affordable houses on the market. I had a wish list of a garage, a red tile roof, and somewhere to garden. My realtor could only show me three houses, all located in this odd place with a strange name, *Encinitas*. Someone said, "It's where Poinsettias come from and they have a nice public garden with lots of bamboo." It didn't feel quite right being so far out, so another realtor gave me some other ideas of neighborhoods to check out. I quickly ruled out anything that looked too suburban or had lots of RVs parked on the street.

I'd heard of good things about Mission Hills, and drove by to check out a house next door to where I currently live, but decided to pass since it was too expensive, had no front yard and was above a freeway. I found two small houses on canyon rims in North Park that were intriguing, but needed lots of work. I quickly found out that due to their age and condition, lenders wanted a large down payment and an even higher interest rate than the prevailing 12%. This put them both out of my reach and in odd twist of fate, both burned down in the 1985 Normal Heights fire.

So, I decided to buy the first house I had seen: the 2-bedroom, 2-bath, 2-car garage house in Encinitas with the red tile roof and mismatched Asian-styled front garden. The relatively large backyard had just four plants: one lawn tree trimmed into a giant lollipop (*Ficus microcarpa*), two big slopes of Disney ice plant, a Bermuda lawn, and a few agapanthus. I finally had my place for gardening (on a street named *Coolingreen* no less!), and not a penny left to spend on it.

Jim Bishop is President of San Diego Horticultural Society and a Garden Designer. 🌿



CHANGES ON THE BOARD

By Jim Bishop

Each September, the SDHS board holds elections for new board members. You can see the full list of board members on page 2 of this newsletter. I'm excited to introduce this year's new board members and their wonderful, diverse and talented contributions to SDHS. But first, I would like to thank the departing members who have served us all well: Mark Collins, Bryan Diaz, Cheryl Leedon, Susan Oddo, and Lucy Warren. Please see the September newsletter for more information about these retiring members, and be sure and thank them for their service when you see them.

New Board Members



Princess Norman is our new Secretary. Princess is a retiree with a long career in library management, strategic planning, governance (policy and procedures), and IT project management. She and her husband Bob have a large native plant garden in Ramona, and they are working to make it even more sustainable. They also hosted our May Featured Garden Event. Princess is a

passionate gardener and loves taking horticultural travel tours to see gardens in other regions.



Susanna Pagan is our new Public Relations Coordinator. Susanna was already on the board as one-year member at-large for 2012/2013. Susanna is a garden designer and started her own design company, SPGardens (www.SPGardens.com), in 2005. In addition to landscape design, Susanna had an earlier career as a graphic and web designer. She has been organizing the plant

forum table at our monthly meetings, and will be the moderator at the panel discussion at the October meeting. You may already know Susanna from the beautiful display garden she designed and installed for SDHS at the San Diego County Fair in 2012.

Bill Homyak has joined the board as a one-year member at-large. You may know Bill from Southwestern College's Landscape and Nursery Technology program, where he was a professor for 33 years. Bill, who retired in June, taught many courses, including Soils, Turf Management, Plant Identification, Sprinkler Design, Landscape Contracting and Estimating, Sprinkler Design, Landscape Construction, Horticultural Business Practices, Computer-Aided Landscape Design, and more. Besides horticulture, Bill is a hobby golfer and tennis player, and likes to travel and visit botanic gardens.



Cindy Benoit has joined the board as a one-year member at-large. Cindy (www.BenoitExteriorDesign.com) is an award-winning licensed landscape architect with over 30 years of design experience in Southern California and Hawaii. She has been featured in *San Diego*



Home/Garden Lifestyles, Décor & Style, Better Homes & Gardens Outdoor Casual, and Luxe magazines. Most recently, her designs were filmed for two DIY (Do It Yourself) Network shows: "Indoors Out" and "Rock Solid." She holds degrees in both horticulture and environmental design, and spends her free time lecturing, judging and exhibiting at garden shows. Although accomplished in creating

urban centers, commercial developments, recreational facilities, and public parks, her passion and specialty is residential landscape design. She is also the Garden Coordinator for the San Diego County Fair's Paul Ecke, Jr. Flower and Garden Show.

But wait... there is one more very important board position that still needs filling. Our annual tour of San Diego gardens is our largest fund raiser each year. For the last two years Dannie McLaughlin has been organizing the tour, and will chair the tour one more time in Spring 2014. We need someone with good organization skills to work with Dannie this coming year and replace her the following year. For 2015, we are looking at a tour in conjunction with the Balboa Park centennial, perhaps featuring some the Kate Sessions' gardens in the area. If you are interested, see page 2 for more information about the tasks of organizing the tour and how to volunteer.

Please join me in thanking both our outgoing and incoming board members for volunteering their time and talents to SDHS.✿

COORDINATE FREE WORKSHOPS

Our free monthly workshops have been a big hit, and we're looking for a member to take over as head of the 6-person committee that organizes them. As coordinator, you'll work with the committee members to schedule workshops and enter the details into our website, etc. This should only take a few hours a month. To discuss the details of this fun task please contact Susi Torre-Bueno at (760) 295-2173.



Fruit tree pruning workshop taught by Patty Berg

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We encourage our 1300+ members to be active participants and share in the fun; to volunteer see page 2. **A warm hello to these new members:**

Leigh Adams	Heather Holland & Jon Dunchack	Leslie Nelson
Sheila Bulley	Bill Homyak	Donna & Carl Nungesser
Karen Carroll	Jim & Linda Likins	Mary Salvato
Mary & James Collard	Jerry Louis	
Peter Crosby	Martha Morache	

HORT BUCKS ARE GREAT!

Kudos to these members whose friends joined in 2013; they earned Hort Bucks worth \$5 towards name badges, garden tours, dues and more! To get your Hort Bucks ask your friends to give your name when they join.

Alta Vista Gardens (Ed) (1)	Heather Hazen (1)	Sally Sandler (1)
Debra Lee Baldwin (1)	Su Kraus (1)	San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles (1)
Jim Bishop (5)	Claudia Kuepper (1)	Sue Ann Scheck (2)
Vivian Blackstone (1)	Vince Lazaneo (1)	Robin Shifflet (1)
Barbara Bolton (2)	Jen Jen Lin (1)	Sue & Dick Streeper (1)
Linda Bresler (2)	Don Lowe (1)	Julia Swanson (1)
Susan Currie (1)	Mary Jo Martin (1)	Susi Torre-Bueno (1)
Ann Dahnke (1)	Mike Masterson (1)	Marcia Van Loy (1)
Gigi Dearmas-Lopatiriello (1)	Toni Munsel (1)	Pat Venolia (1)
Bryan Diaz (1)	Lisa Newberg (1)	Lucy Warren (1)
Dave Ericson (1)	Tandy Pfost (1)	Barbara Weiler (1)
Terry Fox (1)	Point Loma Garden Club (1)	Anne-Marie Weller (1)
Carla Gilbert (1)	Mo Price (1)	Nancy Woodard (2)
Irina Gronborg (1)	Virginia Ruehl (1)	

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LIFE MEMBERS *Horticulturist of the Year

*Chuck Ades (2008)

*Walter Andersen (2002)

Norm Applebaum &

Barbara Roper

*Bruce & Sharon

Asakawa (2010)

Gladys T. Baird

Debra Lee Baldwin

*Steve Brigham (2009)

Laurie Connable

Julian & Leslie Duval

*Edgar Engert (2000)

Jim Farley

Sue & Charles Fouquette

Penelope Hlavac

Debbie & Richard Johnson

*Vince Lazaneo (2004)

*Jane Minshall (2006)

*Brad Monroe (2013)

*Bill Nelson (2007)

Tina & Andy Rathbone

*Jon Rebman (2011)

Peggy Ruzich

San Diego Home/

Gardens Lifestyle

Gerald D. Stewart

*Susi Torre-Bueno (2012)

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Dorothy Walker

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On October 19 and 20, the San Diego Botanic Garden holds its 31st annual Fall Plant Sale. The sale features the absolute best selection of plants at amazing prices. The Fall Plant Sale is one of the Garden's biggest fundraisers, and is organized by over 150 volunteers who transport, tag, price, groom and organize the plants. The plants come from over 100 generous local growers and nurseries in San Diego County, in addition to the many that are propagated right at the San Diego Botanic Garden. The sale is held in October because this is the best time to begin planting in your Southern California garden so the plants get established by the blooming season. We have your traditional garden favorites as well as many unusual plants, including an extensive selection of houseplants and succulents. Some of the interesting and unique plants we have propagated are:

Mackaya bella or Forest bell bush - a native of South Africa. Lavender blooms show up in spring on the 6-8 foot evergreen bush. Does best in part shade. Leaves will be a bit yellow if it gets too much sun, telling you to move it to a slightly shadier spot. Moderate water in the summer and less water in the winter months.

Scabiosa farinosa is called the dwarf pincushion bush. Forming an almost perfect mound of glossy, dark green, ruffled foliage, it is highly ornamental in its own right. Top that with lavender button flowers for most of the spring and summer; and this plant becomes a show stopper! It stays short (under 2 feet), but if given room will gently widen its mound to 3-4 feet.

Dracaena draco or the Dragon Tree, slowly grows into a 15-25' tall specimen. It is one of our iconic plants here at the Garden, and is seen frequently planted about town. It prefers our mostly frost-free zones and does quite well along the coast.

We have hundreds more plants, from the common scented geraniums to more unique and rare, like the official hibiscus of Hawaii, *Hibiscus brackenridgei*.

In addition to plants, the Fall Plant Sale event includes a used book sale, homemade jams and jellies, Bakery Shoppe, silent auction and the Botanic Attic featuring new and gently used garden items. Cost is admission to Garden; members are free and can bring a friend along for free. ☘

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PACIFIC HORTICULTURE TOURS

The booking season for Pacific Horticulture Society's 2014 tours is in full swing. The April trip to Santa Barbara is nearly full, and bookings are strong for May's Morocco tour, July's England adventure, and a summer sojourn in New England. Following the sold-out 2013 Morocco tour, PacHort has enhanced the itinerary for 2014 with a focus on gardens, culture and cuisine.

Experience fascinating Morocco through its gardens, workshops devoted to Moroccan arts, and visits to private homes. In July, join PacHort (and SDHS president Jim Bishop!) for a visit to the Gardens of England and the Hampton Court Flower Show. Hampton Court Palace provides a magnificent setting for a spectacular show featuring creative display gardens and horticultural exhibits. The tour also includes a variety of great English gardens, from the vast stunning landscapes of Capability Brown to small cottage gardens where you might chat with the owners. Gardens to be visited include Sissinghurst Castle, Wisley, Hidcote, Kiftsgate Court, Stourhead, Great Dixter, John Brookes' Denmans, Hever Castle, Hestercombe, and more. In late July, PacHort offers a brand new tour featuring gardens in the Boston area plus coastal Maine. Overnight stays include Boothbay Harbor and Bar Harbor – a great summer adventure!

SDHS is an affiliate member of the Pacific Horticulture Society, producers of *Pacific Horticulture* magazine (see page 17). Tours are operated by SDHS sponsor Sterling Tours. More info at www.sterlingtoursltd.com. ☘

Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boston



■ The Real Dirt Continued from page 4

an understory of spreading Ceanothus; and exotic bulbs for dramatic effect in every season: amaryllis, Roman hyacinths, freesia, ornithogalum and leucojums.

Power and her firm, Nancy Gosling Power & Associates, have designed more than 150 gardens throughout the U.S., Europe and Australia, and have received many awards. Power has become interested in the importance of children's connection with nature. She designed the 2-acre garden at the Kidspace Children's Museum in Pasadena, and has helped to establish the Garden School Foundation, which is dedicated to creating schoolyard gardens in Los Angeles.

Member Joan Herskowitz worked as a Biologist for many years, including time spent on staff at the County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use. Now retired, she is a docent at the San Elijo Lagoon and at San Diego Botanic Garden. ☘

YOUR MONTHLY MEMBER E-MAIL

About two weeks after our monthly meeting we send members an email with important information. If you haven't been getting this it means we don't have a current email address for you, so please send that address to info@sdhsoc.org. We never share your email address with anyone! The email includes these items:

- Link to the newest digital newsletter on our website
- Invitation to Featured Garden and other events
- Details about the talk at the next meeting



SHARING SECRETS

This column is written by you, our members! Each month we'll ask a question, and print your responses the following month. You can find copies of previous Sharing Secrets on our website at <https://sdhort.wildapricot.org/SharingSecrets?eid=1093874>.

NEW ONLINE: You can now continue the discussion by adding new replies to Sharing Secrets topics online. Here's your chance to comment on how the plants you mentioned two years ago are doing today, or to suggest another way to do something in the garden.

The question for October was:

What are your two favorite gardening books, and why?

We had a LOT of people who listed the *Sunset Western Garden Book* among their favorites:

Lisa Dumolt: My long time favorite is still the *Sunset Western Garden Book*, copyright 1954, in particular the 7th printing in 1957. The detail of information, drawings and wide range of plant material covered in this book make it a reliable primer for any gardener. I picked it up at a garage sale years ago and still find myself going back and looking things up several times a year. I would not give this book up for any of the others I've seen.

Chuck Ades (our 2008 Horticulturist of the Year): I only have one favorite gardening book: the *Sunset Western Garden Book*. I have used it for almost 50 years. I use it when I am looking at plants that I like, but don't know if they will be good in my garden. When I first moved to this area, it helped me decide what fruit trees I wanted to try and it taught me to check for chilling requirements of different fruit trees and also such plants as lilacs, peonies, etc. I am always looking for new plants. They update their book and add more information every few years. The book keeps getting larger every printing. I even use it when I plan on visiting a new area in the Western states, to know what to expect to find in their botanical gardens. Any gardener will always find it helpful when moving to a new area. It would be a great welcome gift to give a new gardener or a gardener that has just moved to a new area.

Steve Brigham (our 2009 Horticulturist of the Year): Well that's easy ... The *Sunset Western Garden Book* is by far the best plant book ever for us, and if you only have one gardening book, that's all you need. I'm extremely partial to the 2001 "millennial" edition, which was as close to perfection as we may ever see (their next edition had poor graphic design and fell way short of the 2001 edition, except that it had a big photo of my old Buena Creek Gardens Bird and Butterfly Garden, which is why I guess you should have that one too!) The *Sunset Western Garden Book* is an excellent reference for most all of our ornamental plants and at least our most common edible plants. But what if you want to know about some new or weird vegetable,

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or all of the major apple varieties, or every type of broccoli, or all of the culinary herbs? That's where *Cornucopia II* comes in, for it describes nearly every edible plant variety on Earth. Written by Vista's own Stephen Facciola, and first published in 1998 by Kampong Publications, Vista, this very reasonably priced 700+ page reference lists just about every variety of edible plant that you're ever likely to encounter, and I often use it for identification of "mystery plants" as well as for help in ordering seeds. If you grow plants for use other than just ornamental, you really ought to have this book!

Linda Bresler: My favorite gardening book (even though I have found errors in it) is the *Sunset Western Garden Book*. It doesn't have every plant that grows in Southern California, but it has a lot of them. It is concise and provides all of the necessary information such as climate zones, water needs, plant sizes, and special notes such as if the plant is poisonous. It also has useful lists of plants for different situations in the front of the book. My second choice is Debra Lee Baldwin's trio of books on succulents. They provide a lot of useful information about succulents, as well as having beautiful photos of the succulents by themselves and in the landscape. If I am allowed a third choice, it would be Bob Perry's *Landscape Plants for California Gardens*. This book weighs a ton, but has the best photos of plants for our area.

Una Marie Pierce: Having so many garden books - large and small - that I love, it's hard to pick my favorites. I would say I most often consult *The Complete Book of Cacti & Succulents* and the *Sunset Western Garden book*. I use the *Sunset Western Garden Book* to look up plants I've got and/or seen and want to find out what they need to thrive. Also, my father used to write for *Sunset*, so I feel very close to it. I use both books to identify plants.

Kathleen Slayton: *The Sunset Western Garden Book*, *The American Horticultural Society Encyclopedia of Gardening*, *Pat Welsh's Southern California Gardening*.

Tammy Schwab: My first go to garden book is the *Sunset Western Garden Book*... lives up to it's claim as the Ultimate Gardening Guide. Why? It is applicable to our area with tons of info and great pictures! My second favorite is the *A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants*, an amazing reference tool and pictures, but too huge to cart around.

Joe Boldt: While not as in-depth about specific varieties of plants such as salvias, the *Sunset Western Garden Book* is still the first place I go to find plant information. For sheer, useful information, *The Cannabis Grow Bible: The Definitive Guide to Growing Marijuana for Recreational and Medical Use* is at the top of my list. While it lacks a bit on hydroponic technique, it is super informative. It also doesn't ramble on as many texts about the subject do, as if their authors were writing while stoned.

Barbara Clark: Number 1 favorite is *The New Sunset Western Garden Book*, published in 2012, because it was given to me as a gift by my youngest son, Douglas, because he recognizes my love of plants and gardening. Also, it's a great reference book. Number 2 favorite is *The American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants*, revised edition 2004. I can look at any page in this book and be amazed by something I read there such as "Eucalyptus: Myrtaceae, Genus of over 500 species of evergreen trees and shrubs..." If I could have only one garden book, this would be it. Don't plan on reading it in bed. It is huge!

Connie Forest: It's got to be the *Sunset Western Garden Book* and

Pat Welch's original book (*Pat Welch's Southern California Gardening*). They are both targeted to this area and contain the most useful information for this region. I have owned and read many, many garden books but these are the ones I consult first and when I was having to rid myself of too many garden books, these are the ones I couldn't part with.

Another very popular book was written by Pat Welch, the SDHS Horticulturist of the Year for 2003:

Paula Eoff: I've been using *Pat Welch's Southern California Organic Gardening* for the most part. It has so much info that I can readily use. And for pest control, I like Deardorff & Wadsworth, *What's Wrong With My Plant?*

Dale Rekus: The top two are *Pat Welch's Southern California Gardening* and *Sunset's Western Gardening Book*. The first one is because it is one of the few books written specifically for San Diego conditions and not written generically for Southern California (Los Angeles) conditions. The second one because it is great for plant identification as well as cultural practices. Also, the San Diego County Master Gardeners use it as their primary reference.

Gerald D. Stewart says the first of his two favorites is *Pat Welch's Southern California Organic Gardening* because, after a life of being a nurseryman, he needs a lot of help gardening out in the yard. Pat's done it for decades and carefully provides the details with the whys and how-tos. The second is David Fairchild's *The World Was My Garden*, because after a couple of decades of reading it the impact remains. Things like smuggling date palms and stumbling across the Meyer Lemon are two memories from the first read. It is a fascinating tale of how a lot of the plants we now have in the United States got here, told by a USDA plant explorer from a hundred years ago.

Katrin Utt: I have two book shelves full of garden books. My favorites are *Pat Welch's Southern California Organic Gardening* and the *Sunset Western Garden Book*. There is always something or some plant I want to know about. I also save all my *Let's Talk Plants* and enjoy reading them again. They contain a treasure trove of helpful information. You're never too old to learn something new!

These folks mentioned some other fascinating titles:

Lisa Bellora: My two favorite "go to" books for plant ideas are Nan Stermann's *California Gardener's Guide, Vol. II* and Bob Perry's *Landscape Plants for California Gardens*.

Ida Rigby: My two favorite gardening books are Carol Olwell's *Gardening from the Heart: Why Gardeners Garden*, and Vita Sackville-West's *Some Flowers*. Olwell's book is the voice of 21 gardeners; we recognize ourselves everywhere in that book. The four sections are: The Garden as Paradise, The Garden as Provider, The Garden as Teacher, and The Garden as Healer. Sackville-West's book is also from a gardener's heart, a poetic gardener's heart, celebrating the garden, flower by flower.

Sandy Parish: The first of my two favorite books is *California Gardener's Guide, Volume II*, by Nan Stermann. I like this book because it is specific to California and explains everything one would need to know about the plant as well as companion planting. The second

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favorite is *Designing with Succulents*, by Debra Lee Baldwin. This is a great book for one just starting to learn about and plant succulents, and it has beautiful photos for identification purposes.

The question for November is:

How has your garden fared during this long, hot summer and what have you done (in addition to extra watering) to help it survive?

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heavy soils with poor drainage, so keep the root crown dry and move emitters away from trunks as trees grow.

Our cities need every tree healthy to combat climate change, and the larger the better. Small-scale trees might seem benevolent, but massive trees actually save more rainwater, store more carbon, and cool the environment better, so they need more places to land.

Informative links:

Funny South Dakota Ag Dept. video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qiqLR2TGlaA

<http://tinyurl.com/octtrees>

<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/watercycletranspiration.html>

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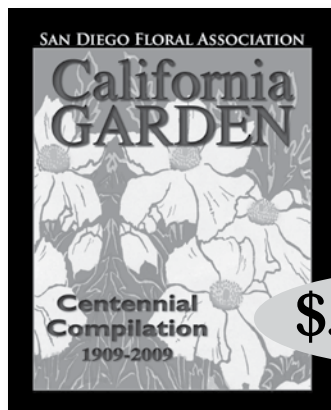
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privacy or hiding ugly spots such as a pile of rubble or a block wall. It really makes a great thick hedge or fire barrier. And it can be a great replacement plant for Oleander in that its profile is similar.

A great way to segue into a succulent-based, drought tolerant landscape is to start with fire-resistant landscape succulents. Add them to your existing landscaping to create a fire barrier. I'm happy to provide advice and assistance. Fire-resistant succulents provide peace of mind and a high return investment. 🌵



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SEPTEMBER 2013 PLANT DISPLAY

By Pat Pawlowski, Tom Piergrossi and
Susi Torre-Bueno

What is the Plant Display?

Each month members bring in plants, cuttings or flowers and put them in blue bottles on our display tables. What a great way to see what plants grow well in our area. EVERYONE is invited to participate. All plants are welcome. Write descriptions similar to those below, and put them with your plant(s).

Join the fun and bring something to the next meeting. We thank those people who brought in plants to show to other members.

We had very few plants at the September meeting (maybe because of the heat wave), and we hope to see a lot more plants on display in October.

***Ampelopsis brevipedunculata* BLUEBERRY CLIMBER, PORCELAIN VINE** (Vitaceae) China, Korea, Japan

A deciduous vine belonging to the Grape family. Climbing by tendrils to about 10 feet. It has small grape-like leaves and in the fall produces berry clusters, each berry ¼ inch in diameter. The colors can range in the same cluster from ivory, and coppery green through blue, purple, lavender, and teal. Growing quite easily in sun or part shade. Perhaps a

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Ampelopsis brevipedunculata

little slow to start, but one of the stars of the fall berry show. Probably overlooked in southern California because of its winter dormancy, but should be more widely grown. It can be grown from cuttings but also reseeds in place, also available is a variegated form, *A. b.* 'Elegans'. (Sue Fouquette, El Cajon, 9/13) – T.P.

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In addition to the plants described above, those below were also displayed.

What's that in front of the plant name? Plants marked **3** are fully described in the *Plant Forum Compilation*. See www.SDHort.org for details on how to order this valuable reference tool.

Can you spot the phony plant this month? The phony plant in the August newsletter was *Thunbergia grandizebra* STRIPED SKYFLOWER, BENGAL TIGER VINE.

x *Brassolaeliocattleya* Golden Tangy (Jim Wright, San Diego, 9/13)

x *Brassolaeliocattleya* Orange Tangy (Orchids R. Us, San Diego, 9/13)





SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT

By Susi Torre-Bueno

Our October speaker was the very informative and engaging Greg Richardson, Project Manager for the PlantRight program at the California-focused nonprofit, Sustainable Conservation (www.suscon.org). Greg explained how PlantRight has been collaborating since 2005 with environmental groups, non-profits, commercial plant growers, botanical gardens, scientists, and government agencies on the issue of the impact of invasive plants on the environment. Their goal is to "promote the use of non-invasive plants in California landscapes." PlantRight's program makes recommendations based on principles that are "scientifically-based, collaborative and voluntary."

PlantRight defines invasive plants as those that "are foreign, spread on their own, and cause some kind of harm." Invasive plants impact Californians in various ways, ranging from degrading our natural environment (soils, waterways, biodiversity) to being a large financial burden to property owners and taxpayers. Their main concern is about plants that escape gardens and spread into the natural landscape. Invasive plants do ecological harm by reducing biodiversity of both plants and wildlife, change soil composition, and alter hydrology by clogging waterways. Their financial impacts include the increased intensity and spread of wildfires, loss of agricultural yields, reduced land values, and loss of recreational value.

Greg noted that 48% of the invasive plants are escapes from ornamental horticulture. Another 2% were introduced by the aquarium trade; 13% were originally grown for dye, medicine or animal forage; the last 37% were contaminants from seeds or other things. Interestingly, many of the traits that make a plant invasive are considered desirable in ornamental plants. These traits include: grows easily, drought-tolerant, abundant and broad germination, out-compete natives, tolerates many soil and weather conditions, resistant to pests and disease. The good news is that about 95% of ornamental plants are *not* invasive.

One of the worst invasives is doubtless familiar: Pampas Grass (*Coraderia selloana*). The attractive grass from southern South America, has large plumes rising to 10' or taller, each of which contains about 10,000 seeds. No wonder it is taking over many canyons and other wild areas. It is highly flammable, not a good habitat or food for wild animals, and is extremely hard to remove. Greg showed photos of this as well as some of the other top four worst invasives: Green Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*), various Brooms (several species), and Periwinkle (*Vinca major*).

To help us learn more, Greg provided a handout listing the 14 top invasive plants and including at least three recommended alternatives. The alternative plants share the same shape and form, have similar habits, are equally hardy, and are easy to propagate. You can see this information online (for our part of California) at www.plantright.org/regions/south-coast. These particular 14 plants were targeted because they have high impact, are already invasive, and are still available in retail nurseries. The work to update this information is ongoing, and a new printed list will be available in 2014. Another site with useful maps of invasive plants is <http://calweedmapper.org>.

So... what can we do as thoughtful stewards of our own gardens, including those we design professionally for other people? We can do a bit of homework and only buy, specify or request non-invasive plants. Knowledge is powerful, and we can share this information (and



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Greg Richardson

introduce the PlantRight program and the websites above) with our friends, neighbors, favorite nurseries, and other garden groups. Finally, we can help with local eradication projects (like those done through the California Native Plant Society (www.cnpsd.org)).

Thanks, Greg, for a very well done presentation about this serious problem. Members can borrow the video of this talk at the video loan table at our meetings. 🌿

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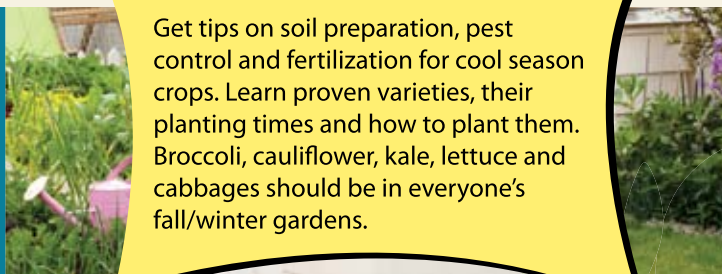
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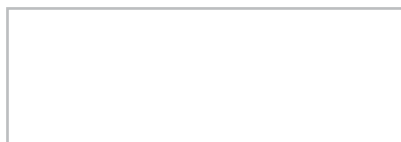
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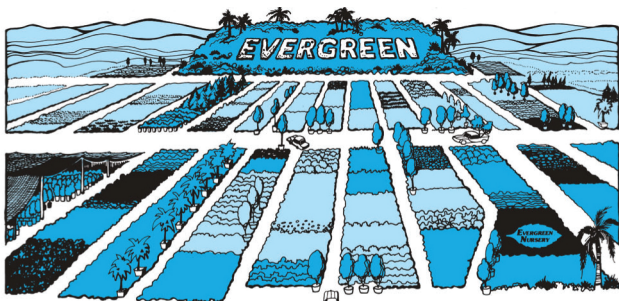
What's Happening? for OCTOBER 2013

The SDHS is happy to publicize items of horticultural interest. See other side for resources & ongoing events.

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Free Monthly Seminar

*First Saturday of every month
Starting at 10am at two locations:
Carmel Valley and Oceanside*

Oct. 5: Fall is the Time for Planting

This is a walking seminar. We will tour the nursery and look at our advertised plants that will be featured in our Annual Million Dollar Fall Sale and will discuss how they will fit into your landscape.

Each FREE seminar is about 1 hour long. Refreshments will be provided. Seminar attendees will receive a coupon for an instant discount for any purchases made the day of the seminar!

To view our entire seminar schedule and check
our hours of operation, visit us at

www.evergreennursery.com

Send questions and comments to:
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Three Convenient Locations:

CARMEL VALLEY
13650 Carmel Valley Rd.
(858) 481-0622

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3231 Oceanside Blvd.
(760) 754-0340

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9708 Flinn Springs Rd., (619) 443-0873

Events at Public Gardens

❖ **Alta Vista Gardens** contact info on other side

October 12, 10am-3pm, Fall Fun Festival: Plant sale, vendors, demonstrations, and more. \$2, Free with membership.
See www.avgardens.org for events & classes.

❖ **San Diego Botanic Garden** contact info on other side

October 5 & 6, 10am-2pm, International Orchid Fair: Orchids grace the grounds, some in exhibits and some for sale. Free with admission or Garden membership. Free for AOS members.

October 19 & 20, 10am-4pm, Fall Plant Sale: Free with admission or membership.

October 26, 9am-2pm, Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale: Vendors of plants and pottery. Free with admission or membership.

❖ **The Water Conservation Garden**

contact info on other side

October 5, 10am-noon, Designing With Edibles: How to turn your outdoor space into a practical, edible wonder. Members free, non-members \$10.

October 12, 10am-noon, Rainwater Collection And Grey Water: Members free, non-members \$10.

Events Hosted by SDHS Sponsors:

Please thank them for supporting SDHS!

✿ **Barrels & Branches Classes & Workshops**

October 5, 10:30 am-noon, Natural Pest Control : Natural ways to deter and rid your garden and home of pests. Free.

October 12, 10:30 am-noon, Fall Pruning of Shrubs, Perennials and Grasses: How to prepare your garden for winter and the following spring by pruning back shrubs, perennials and grasses. Free.

October 13, 10am-noon, Hypertufa Class: How to craft lightweight, composite concrete planters. Participants will take home their hypertufa containers. \$48.

October 19, 10am-noon, Succulent Wreath: Learn the basics for Succulent Wreath making (Pruners are suggested). \$45.

Info: events.barrelsandbranches@gmail.com or (760) 753-2852. See ad on page 15.

✿ **Cedros Gardens, Saturday and Sunday FREE classes.**

Details at www.cedrosgardens.com; address in ad on page 17.

✿ **City Farmers Nursery FREE Class**

Oct. 6, 0am, Gardening 101 for Fall: Come for a wonderful introductory session to the adventure your soil, plants, and harvest in San Diego. You'll learn a cost-effective, fun way of approaching gardening for your lifestyle. See www.cityfarmersnursery.com or call (619) 284-6358.

✿ **Evergreen Nursery FREE Seminar Each Month**

See column at left for details.

✿ **Grangetto's FREE Workshops** (see inside back cover)

Each week from 10am-12pm: Growing Fall Veggies.

Oct. 5: 189 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd, Encinitas.

Oct. 12: 530 E Alvarado Street, Fallbrook.

Oct. 26: 1105 W. Misson Ave, Escondido.

Info & registration: www.grangettosgardenclub.com/workshops

✿ **Sunshine Care FREE Workshop**

Oct. 19, 10:30am, TBA.

Sunshine Care - ad on page 14. Info: (858) 752-8197 or www.sunshinecare.com.

✿ **Walter Andersen Nursery FREE Saturday Classes**

Details at www.walterandersen.com; addresses in ad on page 15

Point Loma, 9am

Poway, 9:30am

Oct. 5 Winterizing Our Birds

How to prep for a Rose Show

Oct. 12 Camellia Care & Culture

4th Annual Rose Show

Oct. 19 Dormant Fruit Tree Spraying

Bonsai with Richard Wright

Oct. 26 Winter Color

Fall Rose Care with David Ross

✿ **Weidners' Gardens classes & workshops**

Oct. 12 & 13: Fall Fun! See website for details: www.weidners.com.

Next SDHS Meeting

Oct. 14 - Panel Discussion on

Trends in Contemporary Landscape Design

See page 1 for details

More garden-related events on other side.

Other Garden-Related Events:

Check with hosts to confirm dates & details

◆ **Oct. 4, noon, Vista Garden Club:** Container Gardening. Gloria McClellan Senior Center, 1400 Vale Terrace Drive Vista. Info: www.vistagardenclub.org.

◆ **Solana Center FREE Composting Workshops:**

Oct. 5, 9-11am, 12108 Industry Road, Lakeside.

Oct. 12, 8-10m, 2920 Zoo Drive, Balboa Park.

See www.solanacenter.org to register.

◆ **Oct. 5, 9am - noon, Southwestern College Plant Sale:**

The majority of our plants are water-conserving and do great in San Diego soils. Most of our 1-gallon plants are \$5 or 6 for \$25. **FREE.** 900 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista 91910. Info: www.swccd.edu.

◆ **Oct. 5 & 6, 10am - 4pm, American Begonia Society Plant Sale:** Spectacular foliage and blossoms on display; begonia plants for sale. Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Info: (760) 815-7914 or marla.keith@cox.net.

◆ **Oct. 9, 10am, Poway Valley Garden Club:** Introducing and maintaining edibles in our landscape. Templars Hall in Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. Info: www.powayvalleygardenclub.org or (760) 743-9500.

◆ **Oct. 9, 10am, Point Loma Garden Club:** Edible Landscapes. 2818 Avenida de Portugal. Info: www.plgc.org.

◆ **Oct. 9, noon, Ramona Garden Club:** TBA. 524 Main St., Ramona. Info: (760) 787-0087 or www.RamonaGardenClub.com.

◆ **Oct. 12, 8am-1pm, San Clemente Garden Club Plant Sale:** Perennials and local native plants, flowers, vegetables, herbs, seeds, bulbs, succulents, shrubs, and house plants. 100 N Calle Seville, San Clemente. See www.sanclementegardenclub.com.

◆ **Oct. 12, 11am-3pm, Calif. Native Plant Society: Fall Plant Sale.** See page 8. Terrific selection! Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado Theater Courtyard. Info: www.cnpssd.org.

◆ **Oct. 12, 12:45pm, Miracosta Horticulture Club:** Let Worms Eat Your Garbage and Improve Your Soil. MiraCosta College, Aztlan Room, 2nd floor, Student Union Bldg. (3400). Info: www.miracostahc.org.

◆ **Oct. 15, 6:30-9pm, California Native Plant Society:** Natives for Novices and Anstine Audubon Nature Preserve and how the use of native plants in home gardens has benefited wildlife. Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 104. Info: www.cnpssd.org.

◆ **Oct. 16, 1:30pm, San Diego Floral Association:** The Beauty of Autumn in Flowers. Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101. Info: www.sdfloal.org.

◆ **Oct. 19, 9am-3pm, Live Long and Landscape Seminar:** Ideal fruits and veggies to grow in California, & the best benefit from a garden workout. LA County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, Arcadia. Fee: \$90. Info: www.gardenconservancy.org.

October 25 & 26, 10am-3pm, Waterwise Botanicals Garden Party: See page 6. Speakers, workshops, yummy munchies, music and vendors with interesting garden-related wares. **FREE** with pre-registration! 32183 Old Highway 395, Escondido. Info: www.waterwisebotanicals.com or call (760) 728-2641.

◆ **Oct. 25, 7:30pm, San Diego Rose Society:** New Roses from Weeks. Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101. Info: www.sdrosesociety.org.

◆ **Oct. 26, 8:30-11:30am, Preserve Calavera Dawson Hike:** Lend a hand by participating at a trail volunteer work event or other trail activities at one of Carlsbad's largest open space preserves. Info: (760) 434-2978 or www.preservecalavera.org.

◆ **Oct. 26 (12-5) & 27 (10-4), S. D. County Orchid society Show & Sale:** **FREE.** Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Info: www.sdorchids.com.

Do you belong to a garden club or organization whose events aren't listed above? For a **FREE** listing (as space permits) send details by the 10th of the month before the event to Neal King, Calendar Editor, at calendar@sdsdhort.org.

San Diego County Farmers Markets

www.sdfarmbureau.org/BuyLocal/Farmers-Markets.php

For an extensive list of garden club meetings and events, visit the San Diego Floral Association website: www.sdfloal.org/calendar.htm

Resources & Ongoing Events

ALTA VISTA BOTANIC GARDENS: Open Monday-Friday 7:00-5:00 ; 10:00-5:00 on weekends. Fee: members/free; non-members/\$2. 1270 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista. Info: www.avgardens.org or (760) 945-3954.

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN (formerly QUAIL BOTANICAL GARDENS): Open daily 9-5 (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day); 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas. Fee: \$12/adults, \$8/seniors, \$6/kids; parking \$2. Free to members and on the first Tuesday of every month. (760) 436-3036; www.SDBGarden.org.

THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN: Open 9-4 daily, **FREE.** Docent-led tours every Saturday at 10:00am. 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, (619) 660-0614 or www.thegarden.org.

MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK: Guided hikes Wed., Sat. & Sun. Visitor Center open 9-5, off Mission Gorge Rd., San Carlos, (858) 668-3275.

MASTER GARDENER HOTLINE: Gardening questions answered by trained volunteers Mon.-Fri., 9-3, (858) 822-6910, www.mastergardenerssandiego.org.

SAN ELIJO LAGOON CONSERVANCY: Free 90-minute public nature walk 2nd Saturday of each month start at 9:00 am. Call (760) 436-3944 for details.

DESERT WILDFLOWER HOTLINE: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park: (760) 767-4684. For information, events, road conditions, etc. call (760) 767-5311 or visit <http://desertusa.com/wildflo/wildupdates.html>.

WILDFLOWER HOTLINE: March to May call the Theodore Payne Foundation hotline: (818) 768-3533 for info. on blooms in Southern California and elsewhere; visit <http://theodorepayne.org>.

BALBOA PARK:

Offshoot Tours: **FREE** 1-hr walking tour in Balboa Park every Sat., 10am. Meet at Visitors Center; canceled if rain or less than 4 people. (619) 235-1122.

Botanical Building is one of the world's largest lath structures, with 1200+ plants and lavish seasonal displays. **FREE.** Open Friday-Wednesday, 10am to 4pm.

Botanical Library: Room 105, Casa del Prado, Mon.-Fri. and first Sat., 10am-3pm, **FREE.** Info: (619) 232-5762.

Japanese Friendship Garden: Tues. to Sun., 10-4. Fees: free 3rd Tuesday; \$5/family; \$2/adult, \$1/seniors/students; (619) 232-2721, www.niwa.org

Canyoneer Walks: **FREE** guided nature walks Saturday & Sunday. (619) 232-3821 X203 or www.sdnhm.org

Balboa Park Ranger Tours: **FREE** guided tours of architecture/horticulture, Tuesdays & Sundays, 1pm, from Visitors Center. Info: (619) 235-1122.

San Diego Natural History Museum: Exhibits, classes, lectures, etc. (619) 232-3821; www.sdnhm.org

S.D. Zoo: Garden day 3rd Friday of every month from 10am. Pick up schedule at entry. Info: (619) 231-1515, ext 4306; www.sandiegozoo.org.

Garden TV and Radio Shows:

Garden Compass Radio Show (local). Saturday 9-10am. XEPE 1700AM radio, hosts Bruce and Sharon Asakawa, John Bagnasco. Call-in questions: (619) 570-1360 or (800) 660-4769.

GardenLife Radio Show (national). Saturday 8-9am and Sunday 8-10am. KCEO 1000AM radio, hosts Bruce and Sharon Asakawa, John Bagnasco. Call-in questions: 866-606-TALK. Hear it streaming live on lifestyletalkradio.com. GardenLife shows are also archived at lifestyletalkradio.com.