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**Shop our
Holiday
Marketplace
November 10
5-8PM**

On the Cover: Succulent wreath – make your own!

Volunteer Appreciation Party a Huge Success!



Hosts Dannie & Craig McLaughlin • Great food! • Volunteer Chair Patty Berg and guitarist • Overview of some of our volunteers
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NOVEMBER 10, 5-8 PM, SURFSIDE RACE PLACE, DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS

MINGLE AND SHOP the SDHS Holiday Marketplace with exhibits by SDHS sponsors, business members, horticultural vendors, botanic gardens, and other non-profits. Shop for plants, garden related merchandise, gift memberships and horticultural services from leading businesses and vendors.

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SHOP PLANTS, HANDMADE GARDEN GIFTS AND TASTE THE SEASON

- Find the perfect unique and rare plant, as well as, cut flowers, from a variety of vendors. Shop local nurseries and growers for the perfect plant for your garden, all under one roof!
- Exhibitors selling jams and jellies, local honey, and other edible items, will bring flavor to the Marketplace! We'll also have beverages and snacks on sale, should you need a treat!
- From ceramics for the garden, to a variety of unique garden art, succulent arrangements, and beautiful holiday decor, you'll find the perfect gift for friends and family!

VISIT AND LEARN

- **Mini-Demo Topics - 20 minute informative demos from garden industry experts:**

Pat Welsh: How to Force Tazetta Hybrid Narcissus for the Holidays. Now is the perfect time, 6 weeks before Xmas, to plant and expect beautiful blooms for Dec 25th. Learn the tricks of planting process and see how vodka makes it all better.

Lucy Warren: You Can Have it All. Save water with beautiful, year-round green, native drought tolerant landscaping and still keep your roses.

Roy Wilburn: Kale - The Queen of the Greens. Learn how to grow the "new beef", a "nutritional powerhouse". It will accent your edible landscape and improve your health. You will also get a few tips on delicious recipes to try in the kitchen.

Robyn Foreman: Using the garden to decorate with style. Simple and easy ways use and reuse succulents glamorously!

- **The Association of Professional Landscape Designers** - \$30 for 30, half-hour landscape design consultations. Register at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/886792 - to reserve your consult.
- **Meet Local Authors** - Pat Welsh, Lucy Warren, Robyn Foreman - who will be signing and selling their popular titles.

Visit www.SDHORT.org, FOR A FULL LIST OF EXHIBITORS AND TO
REGISTER FRIENDS FOR FREE ENTRY INTO THE MARKETPLACE

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SAN DIEGO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

OUR MISSION is to promote the enjoyment, art, knowledge and public awareness of horticulture in the San Diego area, while providing the opportunity for education and research.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Renewal information is on page 20 and at www.sdhort.org.
For questions contact membership@sdhort.org
or Jim Bishop at (619) 296-9215.

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

MEETING CHECK-IN EXPRESS LINE

Please have your membership card in your hand when you get on the EXPRESS Check-In Line at our monthly meetings. This will greatly speed up the process for everyone - thanks!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

(FW = Free workshop; FG = Featured Garden; register at www.sdhort.org)

November 15 Featured Garden: Pacific Beach (FG)

December 8 Nancy Carol Carter on Centennial Celebrations:
Remembering and Commemorating the 1915
Panama-California Exposition

2015

January 12 Rebecca Sweet on Refresh Your Garden Design

February 9 Helen Yoest on Plants with Benefits



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COVER IMAGE: This attractive succulent wreath is just one of many excellent photos in Jeff Moore's new book, *Under the Spell of Succulents*. He'll be selling and autographing copies at the Holiday Marketplace. See page 4 for a review of this exciting book.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

NOVEMBER 10, 5:00-8 PM

SURFSIDE RACE PLACE, DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS

Unique Plants • Garden Decor • Holiday Gifts

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LEARN WITH A VARIETY OF MINI-DEMOS HOSTED BY **PAT WELSH**, **ROBYN FOREMAN**, **LUCY WARREN**, AND **ROY WILBURN**.

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SDHS FINANCIAL INFORMATION: VIEW IT NOW ONLINE

For members interested in learning about the SDHS's financial status, including our balance sheet, income and expenses, it's now easy to do so. The link for the 2013 Include and Expenses is: <https://sdhort.wildapricot.org/Financial-Reports>

To view it, you need to be logged into the website as a current member.



YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IMPORTANT CHANGE

When the time comes, we hope you will renew promptly. About a month before your SDHS membership lapses, you receive an email from us with information about how to renew; follow up emails are sent to members who haven't renewed by the deadline.

For those members who do not have email, we have been mailing a letter with this information. Due to the cost to mail renewals, and the low response, we are no longer doing this. Members without emails will get a phone call from a volunteer. Email notification for renewals will continue to members with emails.

By renewing promptly, you will have no disruption in member benefits, which include free meetings, workshops, monthly featured garden invitations, this newsletter, nursery discounts, and much more. You can also save \$10 by renewing for three years instead of one year. 

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2nd Annual Holiday Marketplace Needs YOU!

On Monday November 10, SHDS presents our second annual Holiday Marketplace. Will you lend a hand to help make this bigger & better? We'll need close to sixty people to help with set up, break down, parking and hospitality. Before or after your shift, enjoy a great evening with gardening demos, guest speakers, designer consults, lots of plants and holiday shopping for your favorite garden lovers – or for yourself. Please e-mail Volunteer Coordinator Patty Berg ASAP at PattyJBerg@gmail.com. And Save the Date!


Board Opening: Volunteer Coordinator

Our current Volunteer Coordinator's term ends this year, so we are looking for someone to fill that position. The primary commitment is organizing and scheduling volunteers for the events and community outreach we do on an ongoing basis. It's a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys people, plants, and creative collaboration. Time commitment averages 3-4 hours per month. Basic computer skills and good communication skills are all that is needed. Doesn't that sound like YOU? A team of two would also work great for this position. Patty Berg, current Volunteer Coordinator, will provide training, encouragement and help for an easy transition. For info, contact her at PattyJBerg@gmail.com or (760) 815-0625.

Tech Support Help at Meetings:

Do you have video and tech support skills, and also love to garden? We need a tech-savvy volunteer to help load speaker presentations onto a laptop prior to our monthly meeting, and to assist the speaker. Also, we are looking for an individual who can load past presentations onto the internet. Contact Jim Bishop: president@sdhort.org.

Newsletter Advertising Manager Needed

Here's a fun opportunity for members who like to work with local garden businesses and clubs: we need a detail-oriented person to be our newsletter advertising manager. This takes about 1-2 hours per month, and you'll be working with current advertisers, plus previous and potential advertisers. For details contact Susi Torre-Bueno at storrebueno@cox.net. 

To Learn More...

SDHS HOLIDAY SALE

By Ava Torre-Bueno

The Horticultural Society's Holiday Sale is coming soon! It takes the place of the November meeting. There are many reasons to consider doing ALL your holiday shopping at this sale. First of all, you'll be supporting nurseries and crafts people who support the Hort Society. Additionally, buying from local artists and nurseries is one of the best things you can do for the economy of your region. Not just at the holidays, but all the time!

Here's an info-graphic to start you thinking about becoming a local consumer:

www.elocal.com/infographics/why-buy-local.html

Here are a few more sites to get you thinking about buying locally every time you shop:

<http://sustainableconnections.org/thinklocal/why>

www.ilsr.org/why-support-locally-owned-businesses

www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/why-buy-locally-grown

www.artisansofwmass.com/2011/07/25/why-should-you-shop-at-local-craft-fairs

www.organicconsumers.org/btc.cfm 🌿

2015 SPRING GARDEN TOUR: PLANNING TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Although it's only October, we've already started working on our April 2015 Spring Garden Tour. The San Diego Horticultural Society and the San Diego Floral Association are partnering this year to create a tour in honor of the Balboa Park Centennial. The tour, tentatively named "Gardens Then and Now," will feature both old and new gardens in homes surrounding Balboa Park. It promises to be a spectacular event. If you already have your 2015 calendar in hand, be sure to mark the date: Saturday, April 11.

Now is also the time to consider volunteering to be part of the planning team. This is a great opportunity for new and old members alike. Team members will help select gardens, prepare publicity, coordinate vendors and volunteers, and organize the event. The Spring Garden Tour is our biggest fundraiser of the year; 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. So if you can give a few hours a month between now and April 11 to make our event a success, it will be time well spent. And what could be more fun than viewing gardens? If you can write publicity or take photographs, or if you have good organizational skills, or know of gardens in Balboa Park neighborhoods, we need your help. Please contact Susan Starr, Garden Tour Chair, at susanstarr1@gmail.com to join the team. 🌿

Fascinating stone-work at one 2015 tour garden



Jim Bishop



FROM THE BOARD

By Jim Bishop

Special Thanks to the McLaughlins

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party, this year an early morning breakfast, was held at Dannie and Craig McLaughlin's lovely home and garden in Olivenhain. Thanks so much for sharing your home and garden. Thanks also to our volunteer coordinator, Patty Berg, for organizing the VAP and coordinating the door prizes. We thoroughly enjoyed the vegetarian casseroles made by Susan Oddo and Patty Berg's sausage and potato casseroles, along with other tasty fare. Photos from the party are on the inside front cover.

Holiday Marketplace! You can help make it a success

Our November 10 meeting is the extra special Holiday Marketplace. This second annual event brings together the best of the San Diego horticultural community.

This open house event is FREE for members and starts at 5:00pm. For non-members, we are offering a special low entry fee of \$5 or, better still, guests can receive a **FREE PASS** by pre-registering at <http://tinyurl.com/kuom2qu>. Be sure and invite your non-member friends and relatives. They can register online at our website, or copy the link above and email it to invite all of your friends.

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 4 FREE mini-demonstrations during the event by these Horticultural Superstars:

- **Farmer Roy** - Kale, Queen of the Greens
- **Lucy Warren** - You Can Have it all - save water with beautiful, year-round green, native drought tolerant landscaping, and still keep your roses
- **Pat Welsh** - Forcing Narcissus for the Holidays
- **Robyn Foreman** - Entertaining with Succulents

If these weren't enough reasons to attend, there will be an authors' corner where local authors will sell and sign their books. Exhibitors will be offering special discounts and giveaways to attendees. For \$30, the Association of Landscape Designers offers 30-minute garden design consultations; sign up in advance online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/886792.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our wonderful local horticultural community. If you'd like to volunteer to help at this special event please contact Patty Berg at volunteer@sdhort.org.

Changes on the Board

The annual election of board members was held at the September board meeting. Dannie McLaughlin retires from the board after

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THE REAL DIRT ON...

Baron Makoto Hagiwara

By Carol Buckley

Last month's "real dirt" on John McLaren, late superintendent of Golden Gate Park, touched upon one of the most enchanting aspects of the park: the Japanese Tea Garden. Originally a Japanese "village" in the California Midwinter International Exposition – of 1894, it blossomed into a five-acre park under a handshake agreement by McLaren and Baron Makoto Hagiwara, a landscape designer and gardener from Japan, who had designed the World's Fair exhibit. The Baron wanted to present the garden as a gift to San Francisco, and poured his own money and labor into construction (with the help of artisans he brought over from Japan) and landscaping. It is the oldest public Japanese garden in the United States.

Baron Hagiwara was born to a farming family near Mt. Fuji in 1854. He immigrated to San Francisco in 1879 (family legend says he was kidnapped). Like Hagiwara, the garden he created was suited to the environment: it was more rustic than formal Japanese gardens of the time. As a tea garden, it had a large public space and smaller private area. In his desire to share his culture, he spent a fortune on Japanese and Chinese vegetation, such as the wisteria, Japanese maples, camellias, azaleas, and ornamental cherry trees, and, according to his great great grandson Erik S. Hagiwara-Nagata, a UC Berkeley trained horticulturalist, imported a collection of bonsai from his ancestral home in the Yamanashi Prefecture.

He filled an aviary with exotic birds, and ponds with imported goldfish. Others treasures from Japan included a wooden Buddha, Shinto shrine, bronze statues, and lanterns. He kept the Drum Bridge from the original "village" and incorporated the five-tiered pagoda from San Francisco's 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Baron Hagiwara lived at the Japanese Tea Garden until his death in 1925. His family continued to live in and tend the Japanese Tea Garden until 1942, when they were forced into an internment camp. The garden was renamed the Oriental Tea Garden and fell into disarray, with many of the plants lost and treasures ruined, moved to other sites, or stolen. After the war, the family was not allowed to return to their home.

In 1952, the garden was reinstated as the Japanese Tea Garden. Originally a wet walking garden, the Tea Garden added the Zen Garden, a modern version of a *kare sansui* (dry mountain garden), designed by Nagao Sakurai, in 1953.

Few original plants remain in the garden, but the Monterey pine the Baron brought up from the ocean side of the park still stands at the Main Gate. A boulder there also holds a tribute "To honor Makoto Hagiwara and his family who nurtured and shared this garden from 1895–1942." ʘ



Baron Hagiwara and daughter, 1924

San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library

BOOK REVIEW

Under the Spell of Succulents: A Sampler of the Diversity of Succulents in Cultivation

By Jeff Moore

Reviewed by Caroline McCullagh



Yes, I've told you about my bias before, but maybe it's time to reiterate. I don't think it's possible to write a bad book about succulents. That being said, and making allowance for my bias, *Under the Spell of Succulents* is a very good book indeed.

Many Hort Society members know the author, Jeff Moore, either in person or by reputation. He runs Solana Succulents in Solana Beach and is responsible for the design and construction of the fabulous undersea scene at the San Diego County Fair a few years back. It was all done with succulents and was breathtaking. A similar scene is now a permanent installation at the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas. If you haven't seen it in person, there's a chapter on theme gardens in this book.

Two other horticultural friends (and SDHS members) also participated in this project. Local garden author Debra Lee Baldwin wrote the forward, and Irina Gronborg drew the plant illustrations.

As of this writing, the City of San Diego is debating making water restrictions mandatory, but that doesn't mean we all have to live in a desert-like landscape. Moore shows us how a landscape with succulents can even look like a sub-tropical jungle. In case you think succulents will just be a sea of green, you'll see that no other types of plants produce more spectacular leaf colors or beautiful flowers. And since the authorities are telling us that our fire season has expanded to be year-round, succulents certainly make sense as fire-resistant plantings.

Moore's twelve chapters include Container Gardens, The Collectors, The Growers, Succulent Landscapes, Theme Gardens, Succulent Bonsai, Crests, Variegation, Caudiciforms, Succulent Giants, and Vertical Gardens. He alternates these chapters with sections focused on particular types of succulents. Did he miss anything? I don't think so.

He says that this book is intended to be more inspirational than educational, but I think it works for both. Moore gives all the basic information on how to select, plant, and maintain succulents for the novice, and, at the same time, devotes most of the book to photos, primarily his own, so you can see what the plants look like as specimens and also in the landscape.

Moore tells us that he has several more titles in the works. I'm definitely looking forward to the next one.

Under the Spell of Succulents (ISBN 978-0-9915846-0-4) is available on the Solana Succulents website www.solanasucculents.com for \$29.99 plus shipping or at the nursery at 355 N. Hwy 101, Solana Beach. It's softcover, 244 pages, and has over 800 color photographs. You may be in the middle of your holiday shopping. This book would be a welcome gift for any gardener. Moore will also be selling books at the SDHS Holiday Marketplace on November 10th.

[Editor's Note: Caroline's second book is now available on line and in book stores: *American Trivia Quiz Book*, by Richard Lederer and Caroline McCullagh, soft cover, 144 pages, \$9.99, ISBN 978-1-4236-3726-4] ʘ

TREES, PLEASE

Tree Defense

By Tim Clancy

The disease triangle consists of the host (a tree), the pathogen (a fungus, etc.), and conditions that favor either the host or the pathogen. When the pathogen is favored the host must react



All defenses failed this dead tree in a way to survive. In trees, this defense is referred to as CODIT: the Compartmentalization of Decay in Trees.

This is why we say that trees don't heal but seal. CODIT is a model created by Dr. Alex Shigo to help explain how trees react to invasions by pathogens. There are four "walls" in the CODIT model that act to prevent the spread of a pathogen on a tree. These walls are formed in response to an invasion by a pathogen or a wound. The first wall is the weakest, and involves the plugging of the vascular system above and below the wound. The vascular tissue runs up and down the tree vertically. This plugging can stop the pathogen from spreading.

The second wall is formed by cells in the growth ring to prevent the spread of the pathogen inward. This is the second weakest wall. The third wall is formed by what are known as ray cells. These cells are perpendicular to the trunk. This is the strongest wall present at the time of the wound from a pathogen. The fourth wall is created by the growth of new wood towards the exterior of the tree. This wall completely encases the pathogen and prevents further spread of the disease. It is referred to as the boundary zone, and is often the site of interior cracks which may later cause problems in a tree. This barrier zone is visible in wood (after the tree is cut down) and tells us when a tree was wounded in the past.

The success of an individual tree's defense system is largely controlled by genetics. Some trees are better compartmentalizers than others. The cultural conditions under which the tree is growing are also major factors in the success of CODIT. Has the tree been over-pruned? Is it under drought stress? Is it being over-watered? All of these conditions diminish the ability of a tree to initiate the various components of the CODIT defense system. Strong compartmentalizers make good candidates for our urban forests, and should be considered for planting.

CODIT requires energy to be successful. The diversion of energy from the growth process to the defense process will slow the tree's growth. Tree defense evolved over millions of years as the trees were subjected to attacks from various organisms. It is not a perfect process, as many opportunistic pathogens have evolved along with it and have devised ways to defeat it. When working with trees, an understanding of the defense process leads to better treatments and a longer life for the trees.

Member Tim Clancy is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist #WE-0806A. Tim welcomes comments and questions and can be reached at treemanagers@gmail.com. 🌿

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Opportunity, Pride & Joy

By Patty Berg, Volunteer Coordinator



Donna planting in Balboa Park

They say when opportunity knocks you'd better get up and open the door. That's exactly what avid gardener and volunteer Donna M. did just a few weeks back. Imagining the thrill of knowing she had helped plant a garden in the shade of trees that Kate Sessions herself had planted, Donna jumped at the chance to help SDHS on our restoration project at Balboa Park's lily pond.

"I volunteered for the Balboa Park project because I wanted to participate in planting there, whether I was a member or not - *it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity*," Donna said. And she's not one to squander an opportunity.

Over the years of her working, professional life, Donna would discover plants that she knew would delight her for years to come. So instead of investing in the stock market, she invested in nursery stock that came home with her from dozens of nurseries throughout the county. The result after thirty years? A garden she describes as "eccentric," a "jungle," and "a yard full of more trees and flowers than any sensible person would plant." Sounds divine, doesn't it?

Something of a trailblazer, she's been gardening organically since the mid-1970s. In fact, Donna is a past president of the Bonita Organic Gardening Club. And – imagine this – she actually transported the rich, composted soil she built up in her North Park yard to her current home in South Bay when she moved many years ago. That's being invested!

I asked Donna what her proudest gardening achievement has been and her answer resonated with me:

"What motivates me in gardening is joy, more than pride. There's always something exciting and new to see – something that I forgot I had planted, or something that I was sure I had killed, but it survived."

And her reasons for volunteering are just as beautifully stated: "I have greatly enjoyed the many high-quality programs and projects that SDHS [provides]. Volunteering is the fuel that drives the organizational engine, and I wanted to be part of it, not just a beneficiary. And it's fun for a gardener to participate in gardening activities!"

Couldn't have said it better myself. 🌿

GOING WILD WITH NATIVES

Native Gardeners In Homeowners Associations Are No Longer Outlaws

By Susan Krzywicki

Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions were unintentionally driving high water use

Have you heard of friends and neighbors living in neighborhoods with Homeowners Associations who have been fined for their native or drought-tolerant gardens? This situation has been covered in the press, including reports of gardeners being sued for their appropriate choice of gardening practices. In many parts of California, homeowner and apartment-dweller populations live in what are called Common Interest Developments or, as we often casually call them, HOAs.

We've struggled to help change their practices to include the native plants, but these "CC&Rs," (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) are often very explicit.

In many associations, grass is mandated. Plant lists are often restricted to a specific set of species, and rarely does a native plant ever appear on these lists. Homeowners who applied to their landscape committees for exceptions to these restricted palettes were often turned down, and neighborhood compliance has been enforced by peer pressure, as well as financial injunctions.

Our San Diego Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez leads the efforts

Finally, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez introduced a bill to stop this contrary practice. With Governor Brown's signing of Assembly Bill 2104 on September 18th, homeowner association residents can now replace their lawns with native plants, without fear of reprisal. Ms. Gonzalez's bill says the CC&Rs cannot prohibit an owner from installing low-water-using landscaping or other water conservation measures. Of course, the California Native Plant Society supported this bill, lobbyist Vern Goering told us.

Additionally, two other bills related to this issue were signed into law:

Assembly Bill 2100, introduced by Assemblymember Nora Campos, was signed by the Governor and took effect on July 21, 2014. It prohibits HOAs from fining a homeowner who stops or reduces watering landscaping during a governor-declared drought.

Senate Bill 992, introduced by State Senator Jim Nielsen, also approved by the Governor on September 18, 2014, prohibits an association from imposing a fine or assessment for yard maintenance issues related to under-watered plants, and reducing or eliminating watering of vegetation or lawns during a drought.

Homeowners Associations are affected by new rulings

As we know, landscaping uses about 60% of the home water budget. Many of our native plant species are wonderfully drought-

tolerant. But remember that this isn't just about water savings. Native plants offer an unparalleled habitat value, as well as a connection to our unique heritage. We use native plants to first establish a sense of place. Then, the ecological benefits compound.

Assemblymember Gonzalez says, in this YouTube video, "Landscaping in HOAs should be able to be permanently replaced." Time to plant some natives.



Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez

WATERWISE BOTANICALS INVITES YOU:

Celebrate the Spirit of Fall at Their 2nd Annual Fall Garden Party

San Diego North County's Waterwise Botanicals nursery will be hosting the 2nd Annual Fall Garden Party on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This FREE event will highlight expert speakers such as Laura Eubanks, two succulent design workshops, specialty vendors, and Vista's Art Beat on Main Street artists. When you're ready for a break, the Bottaro Wood Fired Pizza truck will be on hand to serve you. You're sure to meet fellow succulent lovers at this exciting event.

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Waterwise Botanicals is a sponsor of SDHS. They are a 20-acre wholesale/retail nursery located in the beautiful rolling hills of North County San Diego, and is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 8am-5pm.

This is a FREE event! Please visit www.TheFallGardenParty.com for registration and more info. 🌿

AUTUMN AT ANSTINE FREE FALL FESTIVAL

November 8, 2-5 p.m.

Native plant tours and much more!

Celebrate native plants and wildlife at the Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve's Fall Family Festival, Autumn at Anstine! This free event will take place Saturday, Nov. 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the preserve, 2437 Hutchison St. in Vista.

At 2:30 p.m., visitors can take a guided tour of Anstine's four native plant communities: coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, mixed riparian woodland and a man-made freshwater pond. Many of these native sage and chaparral species have been planted since 2006 as part of the San Diego Audubon Society's habitat restoration project.

San Diego Master Gardeners will also be presenting Anstine with a special plaque to recognize the preserve as a Certified Earth-Friendly Garden.

Other activities include a chance to meet an American Kestrel, North America's smallest falcon and one of its most colorful, courtesy of Project Wildlife. Activities for kids include a "make your own bird feeders" station and a chance to learn about life in the Anstine pond.

The event will conclude with a guided family bird walk through the preserve at approximately 4:15 p.m. Bring your binoculars!

For more information, email anstine@sandiegoaudubon.org, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AnstineAudubonNaturePreserve or go to www.sandiegoaudubon.org.



About the Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve

The Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve is an 11.6-acre wildlife sanctuary and native plant garden. Owned and managed by the San Diego Audubon Society, it is open to the public, free of charge, every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., October through June, at 2437 Hutchison St. in Vista. 🌿

NEWSLETTER BACK ISSUES:

Now Available Free for Non-Members

Thanks to the computer wizardry of Jim Bishop, newsletters from 2008 to 2012 are now available on our website for public viewing. Please share this link with your friends and neighbors: <http://sdhort.org/PriorYearsNewsletters>. There's lots of very valuable information there! Perhaps this will also encourage them to join SDHS so they can enjoy current issues as well as all the other member benefits. Newer issues will be added periodically. 🌿

SDHS FUNDRAISING FOR THE BALBOA PARK RESTORATION PROJECT

We are raising funds to restore the gardens adjacent to the lily pond in Balboa Park. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to help complete this pilot project in 2014. Visit www.sdhort.org for information on making donations. You can also donate at meetings and other events. Every contribution is very welcome. As of October 13, we have raised \$5085. **Thank you to these generous donors:**

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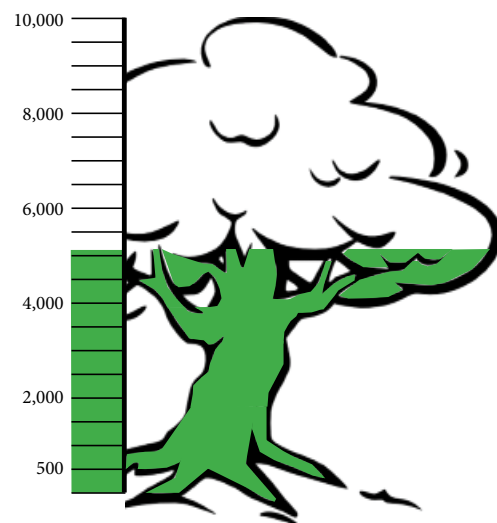
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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

A Joyous Success with Bighearted Friends

By Sue Ann Scheck

Some of life's most heartwarming experiences in San Diego for me and my husband Bill, have come from our membership in the Horticultural Society! But October's Volunteer Appreciation Party at Dannie and Craig McLaughlin's beautiful home was truly the most Soulful Event we have ever attended!

Smiling faces ushered us in to an Earthly Garden of Eden! Patty Berg and her team hosted an event fit for folks at The White House. The magnificent adornments created by a team from Fallbrook (led by Jeanne Meadow) included pumpkin succulent finery that graced the tables.

I am in awe of the breakfast presentation. Delicious handmade quiches of every variety were contributed by Susan Oddo and Patty Berg, and were served along with dessert, fruit salad, bagels, pastry and beverages.

As we sat and socialized, Barbara Raub came by and took photographs of the scene (see inside front cover). She never once sat down. Nor did she partake in the breakfast. Every moment was spent capturing the scene.

Dannie and her husband Craig have given so much. And here they were, graciously reaching out yet again, to congratulate us on our volunteer efforts, despite the fact that they were in the midst of a major house renovation.

Then there were door prizes – plants, books, organic veggies, and more! The cool pumpkin plantscape centerpieces were given out to the folks who had spent two days setting up for our party. You had to be there to experience the spirit of the hort. volunteers coming together as one!

It was a not-so-small assemblage. Over one hundred hearts strong reaching out to one another, filled with joy and gratitude.



Patty Berg

Door prize of organic veggies from Sunshine Care

Each act performed by a volunteer said, "I Love You!"

Together, we are that hybrid human society, born of our shared love of Nature. The landscapes we strive to create are marvelous. More wondrous still is our common desire to turn San Diego into a nature's wonderland, one project at a time.

To all of you, Bill and I would like to say, "Thank You!"

Special thanks to:

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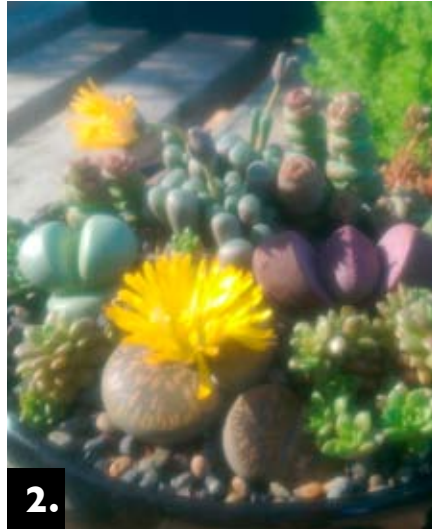


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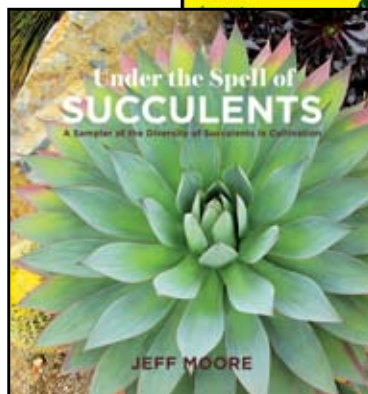
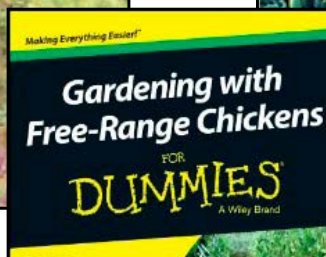
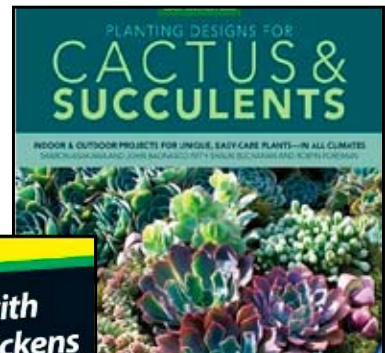
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MY LIFE WITH PLANTS

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.

While I've mostly been writing in this column about the ornamental landscaping of my home in Encinitas, I also had a vegetable garden. It was located on the slope of the side yard just outside the kitchen. When I first landscaped the garden in 1984, I used railroad ties to create two levels of raised beds that stepped up the hillside. The first was the height of one railroad tie, about 10", and ran parallel to the sidewalk from the garage to the backyard. The next level was up about two feet higher, with upended 3-foot railroad ties used to terrace the hill. At the top of that bed ran another set of horizontal railroad ties that separated the garden from the iceplant and shrubbery that grew above it. I built steps out of railroad ties at one end so that that upper level could be easily accessed. Between the steps and beds, 5-foot long railroad ties were upended to create a compost bin that would hold about two cubic yards of material.

The first year I planted many of the same things I had grown in my college garden in Austin – broccoli, spinach, carrots, onions and lettuce in the winter; beans, summer squash, cantaloupe and tomatoes in the summer. I also planted bare root raspberries, and strawberries. However, I found out quickly that it was not hot enough in the summer for cantaloupe and barely hot enough to ripen eggplants and peppers. The squash quickly got mildew and squash bugs. However, the strawberries did well for a few years and raspberries did very well for many years.

Given the amount of time, labor and water that maintaining a vegetable garden requires, I decided that I should only grow things that taste best fresh from the garden and/or were either rare or expensive at the market. So, I quickly settled in on many different varieties of sugar peas, lettuce and winter greens in the fall through spring, and many varieties of tomatoes and raspberries in the summer. I also was inspired by the large asparagus fields in Irvine, and ordered some expensive male hybrid asparagus roots that were specifically bred for mild winter conditions and lack of seed production. I dug a deep trough per the instructions and covered them with a rich mixture of compost and topsoil. However, I must have done something wrong, since only a couple of the plants produced shoots and even those died within a year.

I had much better luck with tomatoes. This was before the current rage for heirloom tomatoes, so I tried many different varieties of hybrids. I found that for production, taste and lack of diseases my favorites were Better Boy, Early Girl, Sweet One Million and Sweet 100. I would experiment each year with a few different varieties, but always came back to these. I'm still not much of a fan of growing heirloom tomatoes. I want plants that are disease free and produce lots of fruit with minimal effort.

Somewhere, I learned about basil. Somehow, I had never seen, tasted, nor grown basil until I was almost 30. However, once I tried it I was smitten. One year I ordered every type of basil seed available from the Burpee catalogue. Soon I was putting it in everything and looking for more recipes. I found that I liked the lettuce leaf basil for



Veggies are on the lower level of Jim's garden

replacing lettuce in sandwiches. Sweet basil was great for cooking and also making pesto. Cinnamon basil worked well with grilled peaches. Lemon basil seemed to be made for grilled fish. The purple basil added color and flavor to salads. The bush basil was cute, but I found them too difficult to work with. I started making batches of Sweet 100 tomatoes mixed with basil, pepper, fresh garlic, pine nuts, olive oil, goat cheese and balsamic vinegar. I bought a food processor that sounded like a small airplane engine and started making different types of pesto. I especially liked using lemon basil in pesto for its bright green color and tartness. I'd use it with pasta and as a spread on pizzas or sandwiches. In the fall, I'd spend an entire day in the kitchen and make enough pesto to fill the freezer for the winter. My co-workers all said they knew when I was eating lunch and that I smelled like an Italian restaurant. They also avoided me on Mondays for fear I'd give them another big bag of tomatoes.

Somewhere I came across a basil plant that was different than the rest with 1'-long fuzzy leaves and a very fruity aroma, and which needed less water. It became my favorite with fresh fruit or just to sniff. It even had pretty pink flower spikes. Since I couldn't find it in seed catalogues or at the nursery, I'd let it go to seed in the fall and save the seeds for the next growing season. Even the envelope with the seeds took on a heavenly aroma. However over the years it has all died out and I hope to find it again someday... does anyone know where?

Over the years, I created mountains of compost by running the cuttings from the garden through a 3 horsepower shredder. To add nitrogen to speed up the composting, I took the bags of grass clipping that neighbors put out for trash pickup each week and mixed them in. I'd add more compost to the garden each year. One year, to increase yields and save water, I used the French intensive gardening method and double-dug the garden. I started at one end of the garden and removed a couple wheelbarrows of soil. I then dug down another spade depth where I just removed the soil and added in more compost and fertilizer and turned the next section over on top. I worked my way through the garden until everything had been dug down and turned 18 inches deep. The next year, you could easily plunge your hand into the soil up to your elbow without much effort. The basil and tomatoes were better than ever!

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

## 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:

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Kudos to these members whose friends joined in 2014; 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.

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Safety or Garden Zone (30-50 feet around your home): Plants should be low-growing, fire-resistant, and use relatively little water. In high-risk areas, plant sparingly next to your home and buildings, and use gravel or stone mulch instead.

Greenbelt Buffer Zone (30 – 100 feet beyond Garden Zone): Use low-growing, fire-resistant plants in this zone, along with a few widely-spaced trees or large shrubs.

Transition Zone (where your garden meets a natural area): Remove thin, highly-flammable plants from this zone, like native chamise or greasewood. To avoid erosion, do not dig up the roots.

For more fire safety landscaping tips, come visit the Fire Safety Model Home (pictured here) on display at the San Diego Botanic Garden near the Ecke Building, or visit the Garden's website at [www.SDBGarden.org/firesafety.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/firesafety.htm).



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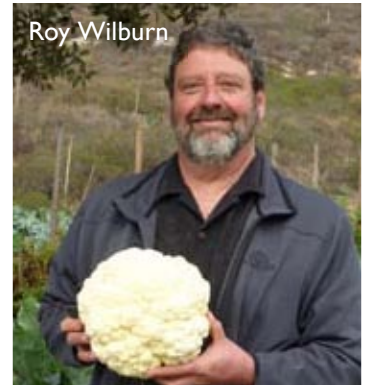
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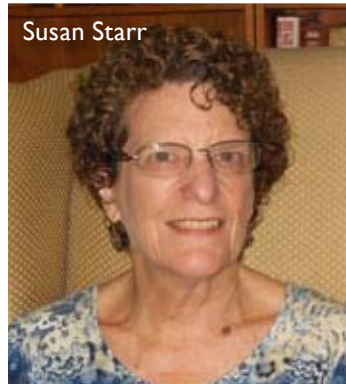
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Kim Alexander



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Bruce Cobbledick

serving 3 years as Tour Coordinator. Dannie has brought our annual garden tour to a new level of professionalism. She has also graciously shared her home and garden for many SDHS events. Susan Starr joins the board as the new Tour Coordinator, and is already busy at work preparing for the 2015 garden tour. Bill Homyak also retires as a member-at-large, but will continue his role of coordinating our annual \$1000 student scholarship awards, given to horticulture students at our three local junior colleges.

Also joining the board for one year terms as members-at-large are Kim Alexander, Bruce Cobbledick, and Roy Wilburn. Kim designed and installed our award-winning garden at the 2014 San Diego County Fair, is an active member of Association of Professional Landscape Designers, and was one of our three speakers at the October meeting. Bruce replaces Susi Torre-Bueno as chair of the Workshop committee. I'm sure he'd love to hear your ideas for either hosting or leading a workshop. Roy has been an active member of SDHS for a number of years, helping with events and providing door prizes at the monthly meeting.

Cindy Benoit, who was a member-at-large last year, begins a 3-year board term as Membership Chair. Cindy is the coordinator of the Garden Show at the San Diego County Fair, and one of the landscape architects for our re-landscaping of our garden areas in Balboa Park.

Susi Torre-Bueno also completed a 3-year term as past SDHS president and begins a 2-year term as newsletter editor. If you're interested in becoming the next newsletter editor, please contact her at [storrebueno@cox.net](mailto:storrebueno@cox.net). I am also returning for a second 3-year term as president.

You can view the full list of board members at any time on page 2 of the newsletter and also on our website at [www.sdhort.wildapricot.org/Contact](http://www.sdhort.wildapricot.org/Contact). Be sure and thank them for their service. 🌿



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The question for November was:

Many of us had a terrible time with ants this past summer. What did you do to combat them successfully? (Thanks to Lisa Rini for suggesting this.)

**Jim Bishop:** The most difficult part of living in a house full of ants, is trying to think of names for them all. (Sorry, but I've been waiting for years to use this bad joke.)

**Nancy Gordon:** The ants were successful, mostly. I used orange guard.

**Lorie Johansen:** Terro works every time!

**Marilyn Wilson:** Once I killed the ones in the house, I sprayed Deet on the window sills and threshold of the front door, where they had been coming in. I used the same stuff I spray on my legs each day I'm in the garden. No more ants came in after that. Blowtorch was minimally effective. Flame thrower did the trick (for now).

**Linda Leuker:** We back up to a Canyon in Scripps Ranch and have had many issues with ants invading our home. The best defense we have found is a product called Andro. We only use it when we see the ant trails. We then sprinkle a small amount of granules on the trail (or area by the trail) and they take the little morsels back to their homes. In a couple of days we are rid of the ants trying to come in the house for more goodies or up to the second level into our Master bedroom for what? I think they come up through the drain, possibly looking for water, food? Again, I put Andro outside where the ants are, usually the perimeter of the house, and that will deter them. Hope it works for you.

**Joan Braunstein:** I am still at war in my Old Town cottage. The first skirmish was over the hummingbird feeder. The birds would hover, but not land when the ants were there. I tried a number of natural suggestions; they simply hid under the recommended cinnamon sticks and anything else that had an odor that was supposedly repellant placed at the bottom of the post they were using for access. On the dozenth try, I mixed cayenne with petroleum jelly and smeared it on the wire from which the feeder hangs. Success! When I can follow an ant line, I smear the same formula at their place of entry. Most recently, I'm finding no lines of ants, but rather single ants scattered here and there. I've found that wiping them up with a half a lemon kills them on contact. A friend suggested pouring regular dishwashing detergent down the drains lest they are coming up there. That is my next experiment.

**Laird Plumleigh:** Boric acid is a great aid in attacking ants. Gentle enough that it can be used as an eye wash its is strong enough to dissolve the exoskeletons of ants. I get mine from Laguna Clay Company, as I am a ceramist, but it is a common chemical available

from several sources. You can sprinkle the crystals in the ants paths or mix with water and paint it behind your kitchen sink, for example. Watching ants, I am inclined to believe they are embodied with the equivalent of cell phones and GPS. They are there when we sleep, loyal to a theology that we need to combat.

**Stephen Zolezzi:** It's an organized invasion from the garden into the house that cannot be ignored... and they bite! This year I have contracted with a local Pest Control company to service my yard every 3 months. It has been of great help and worth the cost, but into the third month they are back in force, calculating battle plans. Now if I could only get my savings account to multiply like ants!

**Deborah Young:** What worked? We're organic so the sad answer is not much worked except patience. They'll leave in their own good time. I try to remind myself that they're only on prowl looking for water for their babies. I did try putting granules of EcoSmart around the house. It made everything smell like oil of thyme and cloves, but didn't do much to deter the ants.

**Al Myrick:** First, we put up signs that said "ANTS: No Trespassing!" That didn't work. Then, we washed ant congregations and ant freeways that were indoors (seeking water and coolness) with Kaboom. That did a lot to diminish the numbers (and it helped clean surfaces and our lungs), because its effects and scent lingers. We also baited a lot along freeways outdoors with store-bought boric acid/sugar solutions (after washing down the ant freeways for a few yards). So, now we have a lot of disoriented, single, clean ant scouts trying to find a good place to live. But we think that there are somewhat fewer. In a few cooler months the colonies and individuals should be less numerous because they tend to become more dormant toward winter. HURRY WINTER!

**Sharon Ward:** I use diatomaceous earth on the ants in my garden. It is non-toxic and the ants hate it; they stop mid step and run the other way. It scratches their shell and dehydrates them if I get a direct hit. I have it in a puffer applicator that I direct into their entry and blast them. It washes away with water, and leaves a little residue, so I am careful where I puff it. In the house I put it in electrical outlets and anywhere else they might gain entry.


**Mary Friestedt:** I try to hold off as long as possible before I call a pest control company to get rid of my ants. This is because ants attack termites and in the 16 years I have lived in my house, I have never had to tent. This summer was a challenging year for ants, however, and this is what I do: First, I keep a bottle of Windex handy and spray them whenever they appear on my kitchen or bathroom counter. Then, this year I learned another trick: Ants hate ground cinnamon, and when it is sprinkled on a counter, they die. If I absolutely must call a pest control company, I NEVER let them spray anything. Instead, they use a gel around the outside of the house and give me some bait traps for the ants to take back to their nests. I only have to do this once a year, if that. Good luck, everyone!

**Vivian Blackstone:** I really didn't have a bad time, just a few days of an ant stream in my add-on office room that possibly is not sealed well at the bottom, so we sealed the edges and they went away.

**Marilyn Guidroz:** Well, one good thing about the ant invasion is that our house was kept really, really clean. It helped a lot to keep every bit of anything that you wouldn't even think was edible put away. Almost everything was stuffed into the refrigerator. Somehow, the ants couldn't get in there. We used a lot of window cleaner spray with ammonia to help combat the ants when they were coming in

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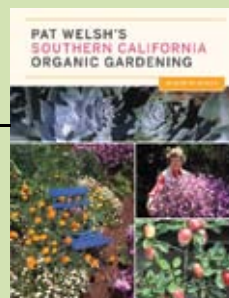
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droves. We sprinkled corn meal all around the outside of our house, especially doors and windows. We found the natural ant repellents with rosemary, mint and orange oils to really help a lot. I swept my patios every day and moved all of my pots away from the house. Thankfully, they have stopped the invasion with the cooler weather.

**Louise Anderson:** I don't bother them when they're outside. HOWEVER, it's another matter when they're inside or have infested a tree that they have their workers eating. Unfortunately, I did once have to spray a tree this year. I would like to hear about some natural ways to herd them away from my places. Maybe a border collie?

**Barbara Brink:** I have a specialty gardener who comes to my house once a month, and he said that most of his clients have experienced the same thing this year. He didn't have an answer as to why, but I have had an infestation both in and out of the house this year that tops my eight years in Rancho Penasquitos. Combat brand roach control containers have made some difference, but the infestation is so bad I had thought about getting a professional pest control company out to help, but wanted to wait until the fall. Would love to hear about others' experience.

**Debra Lee Baldwin:** I did what an etymologist who specializes in ants told me that he does: I simply admired them.

**Carol Kumlin:** Windex, Windex, Windex.

**Barbara Huntington:** Since I eat organic and have a veggie garden, it is tough. Joshua's Pest Control uses a rosemary oil spray, which seems to work if they just spray around the house (haven't had ants in the house for years). I don't let them get anywhere near my milkweed plants with the gazillion Monarch caterpillars.

**Katrin Utt:** I use those little Terro Outdoor Liquid Ant Bait ant traps that you can buy from Amazon. You have to follow the instructions to make the poison, a syrup, available to the ants. Very easy to use, and it works every time. Just follow the directions, activate the traps, then place the traps where the ants are. You might have to repeat it every few months, but it sure is worth it! Good-bye ants!

**Susan Oddo:** Here, at least, it's all about finding out how they get into the house. They are such clever little devils. Invariably, I find a bush or tree that is touching the roofline on the most inaccessible side of the house. If I can't trim the offending limbs away from contact, I've had to resort to Home Defense, liberally applied around the base of their handy bridge. I don't allow the spray to contact soil, but do give the woody trunk surface a thorough soaking twice a week for two weeks. It's done the job this year, most probably because I finally found all those contact points. I also allow for almost touches, because I watched ants use their own bodies to create a bridge across a gap that looked to be half an inch across. As if that isn't clever enough, I also watched ants wait as a breeze blew leaves back and forth, briefly touching the roofline. Each time leaves touched, a bunch of ants rushed across the temporary bridge. In the past, natural means have been sufficient. This year, probably due to the dryness making the ants thirstier, and housing structures drier and thus opening up wider entrances, Home Defense proved the only effective solution.

**More replies will appear in December.**

The question for December is:

Are you using anything from your garden (veggies, flowers, leaves, twigs) to decorate your house and/or use as holiday gifts?

Send your reply by November 5 to newsletter@sdsdhort.org. 🌿

## OCTOBER 2014 PLANT DISPLAY

By Charley Fouquette, Pat Pawlowski 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.



**Cattleya labiata** CRIMSON  
CATTLEYA, RUBY LIPPED  
CATTLEYA (Orchidaceae)  
Brazil

A very large, nicely scented, richly colored epiphytic orchid to grow in the hothouse. The owner says "I took half the plant when it was small and grew it outside under lath – no comparison." According to OrchidWiz, "plants are found in 3 different types of habitat, including a seasonal tropical rainforest zone near the coast, a tropical deciduous forest zone which is further inland, and a thornbush scrub zone which is very far inland. Plants normally grow in bright conditions near the tops of old trees... usually protected from the full sun, but not always." Grow this plant in warm to hot conditions, or 66°F to 85° at night; grow in dappled light to bright indirect light. It flowers primarily from September through December. For an interesting look at the complex history of this plant, visit [www.chadwickorchids.com/labiata](http://www.chadwickorchids.com/labiata). A number of color forms are available; the plant displayed was a deep pink and magenta. (Charley Fouquette, El Cajon, 1/14) – C.F. & S.T-B.

**Leucophyllum candidum** 'Thunder Cloud™' TEXAS RANGER, VIOLET SILVERLEAF (Scrophulariaceae) Horticultural Selection  
Stunning deep violet flowers set against small silvery foliage make this plant a knockout in the garden. The parent species is native to a small area of Texas and part of Mexico. This compact drought-tolerant evergreen shrub requires little more than full sun, excellent drainage and occasional water. From summer to fall, this small plant (seldom over 3' tall) lights up the garden with an intense floral display. The tiny leaves are covered with fine hairs, making them appear nearly white. Mary Irish's excellent book, *Trees and Shrubs for the Southwest: Woody Plants for Arid Gardens*, notes that it requires only monthly water in the summer, and can rot easily if it gets too much water without extremely sharp drainage. She suggests light pruning is spring "to increase the amount of new wood for blooming. Hard pruning, if necessary, must be done in the fall or early winter to prevent loss of blooming. Never prune hard in summer: it reduces blooming, stresses the plants severely, and leads to sunburn and possible loss of the plant." Hardy to around 10°F. (Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/14) – S.T-B.

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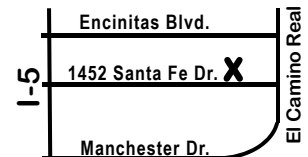
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*Pandorea jasminoides* 'Pink Panther' BOWER VINE (Bignoniaceae)  
Horticultural Hybrid

*Pandorea jasminoides* 'Rosea Superba' BOWER VINE (Bignoniaceae)  
Horticultural Hybrid

These evergreen, low-water, long-blooming vines, whose parent species is native to Australia, are superb at covering fences and attracting hummingbirds. They grow at least 15' tall (potentially up to 30'), and have short stems with 5-7 shiny, oval green leaves. The plants wrap their stems around supports (like a fence or trellis) and cling without tendrils. Some sources say they have a nice scent, but I don't detect that on my plants. Grow in full sun to light shade; it is said to flower better in full sun. Hardy to around 25°F (possibly even colder). In my garden I've had flowers as early as February and as late as October, borne in clusters at the end of short stems. The interesting seedpods are up to 5" long and, when dried and split open, look like little wooden canoes. *P. j.* 'Pink Panther' has nearly 3"-long trumpet-shaped pink flowers with flaring ends to 2-1/2" wide. The throats are a dark pink with some white; as they age the flowers get larger and paler. The *P. j.* 'Rosea Superba' (called 'Rosea' in some places), has trumpet-shaped pale pink flowers with flaring ends to 2" wide. The throats are a dark pink. There are also pure white cultivars and some with variegated foliage. (Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/14) – S.T-B.

*Rhamnus californica* COFFEEBERRY (Rhamnaceae)

Southwestern US, Baja California

This handsome evergreen shrub/small tree grows up to 10' tall in full sun near the coast and part shade inland. A San Diego County native,

it is adaptable, drought-tolerant, and an excellent wildlife plant. Tiny white flowers in spring attract beneficial insects. The red berries that follow turn black and are eaten by many songbirds. It is a host plant for the Pale Swallowtail Butterfly. In *The California Native Landscape*, by SDHS members Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren, they note that it "is a formal plant so elegant and colorful that we often use it in Japanese gardens. Its rich green foliage, neat leaves, and red branches recommend it as a fantastic foundational plant, but when the large, multicolored berries come into season the plant visually pops. The drupes are produced over a long period, coming into maturity at different times, yielding a Christmas-tree effect of green, yellow, red, and dark purple fruit, simultaneously." The authors also say the plant tolerates clay and mineralized soil, adding that "[b]eautiful as a background shrub, coffeeberry grows well as understory to large oak trees, and can be planted within 10 feet of a lawn." A number of different cultivars are available, including some short varieties and one with large leaves. (Pat Pawlowski, El Cajon, 10/14) – P.P. & S.T-B.

**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](http://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 October newsletter was *Ampelopsis beverageculata* BLUEBERRY WINE COOLER CLIMBER.

*Cyrtanthus* cv. or hybrid DOBO LILY (Susi Torre-Bueno, Vista, 10/14)

3 *Hypoestes aristata* RIBBON BUSH (Sue Fouquette, El Cajon, 10/14)

3 *Hypoestes decorata* BOW BUSH (Plant Nutt, El Cajon, 10/14)

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## OCTOBER MEETING REPORT: Lawn Gone: Landscape Designer Panel “San Diego Gardening – The New Normal”

By Ellie Knight

At our October meeting, moderator Susanna Pagan introduced a panel of three landscape designers: Kimberly Alexander of Allée Landscape Design, Christiane Holmquist of Christiane Holmquist Landscape Design, and Marilyn Guidroz of Marilyn's Garden Design. Between them, they presented many ideas for gardening in harmony with our drought-stricken environment, and several hundred people were there to take advantage of their expertise.

Kimberly Alexander spoke first, and offered an overview of design trends for lawn replacement, starting with a description of California as in a historic drought, with reservoirs at half capacity. Ninety percent of the state is in severe drought. Considering this situation, it is important to consider conservation options in landscape design. For each square foot of lawn, a minimum of four feet of water is required, with eight feet being desirable for optimum lawn health.

Ms. Alexander offered suggestions for water conservation in addition to replacing water-guzzling lawns, such as conserving rainwater in barrels to collect roof water, and replacing downspouts with water chains, which increase absorption of water into the garden. She also recommends using swales and berms to prevent runoff into the street. In order to maintain moisture, a 3" to 4" cover of fine, dark, humic mulch may be used. Other tips were: creating permeable surfaces in hardscape, filling spaces between flagstones with ground cover or pebbles, and updating irrigation systems with drip, rotating nozzles, and smart controllers. Rebates are available for many devices at the websites of both San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District, [www.turfreplacement.watersmartsd.org](http://www.turfreplacement.watersmartsd.org) and [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com). At the former, readers will also find an "eGuide to a Water-Smart Lifestyle."

She defined current trends in California landscaping. Outdoor design elements are important, including the use of outdoor living spaces to extend the home outdoors. The use of lighting can highlight unique plantings and provide warmth and comfort in outdoor spaces. Low maintenance is a key element, along with the use of native plants. Details popular in outdoor spaces are small water features, terraces, patios, and decks.

Christiane Holmquist was next, with descriptions of specific design elements for front, back, and side yards, entries, outdoor rooms, and small spaces. For the front yard, the entry provides the focus to maximize curb appeal. Examples of pleasing components are attractive gates, walls, and walkways. These can be enhanced with permeable pavers such as bricks on sand, different rock textures, decomposed granite walkways and gravel features. The contrasting colors and textures of succulents can also enhance the front yard.

Outdoor rooms and seating areas provide additional living space. Details to include might be pergolas, fireplaces, seat walls, dining areas, alternate kitchen facilities, and a spa or sauna. Small spaces will seem larger if diagonal pavers are used. Wood elements add harmony if extended to decks, fences, gates, and retaining walls. If the area is too narrow, consider going vertical, with tall plants and wall plantings. Fire, water, and lighting elements add drama.

Marilyn Guidroz next discussed Plant Themes and Garden Designs.



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(l to r) Christiane Holmquist, Marilyn Guidroz, Kimberly Alexander

Edibles are now often included in garden design, using raised beds with roomy hard-packed decomposed granite pathways. Meadows are another popular theme, although the use of certain grasses may be less water-friendly. Native plants can provide attractive cover for slopes.

Wildlife habitat is increasingly popular in design, with four basic elements included: food, water, cover, and a place to raise young. Native plantings will attract native birds, bees, bugs, and bats. Other themes might be tropical (using water features with recycled water, bromeliads and succulents), desert, or Mediterranean. Edibles and herbs can be integrated into the landscape.

Thanks to all three experts for an interesting look at modern trends and ways we can continue to enjoy beautiful gardens while not adding to the water woes of our environment. They provided two excellent handouts, available on our website at <https://sdhort.wildapricot.org/>. Handouts: one is a recommended reading list; the other is an extensive list of drought-tolerant plants suitable for San Diego County. Members who missed the meeting can borrow a video of it at the next regular meeting they attend. 🌿

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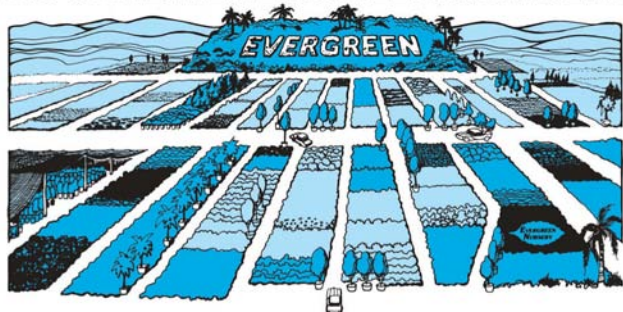
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The SDHS is happy to publicize items of horticultural interest. See other side for resources & ongoing events.  
Send calendar listings by the 10th of the month before the event to Neal King at [calendar@sdhortsoc.org](mailto:calendar@sdhortsoc.org).

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*First Saturday of every month*

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*Carmel Valley and Oceanside*

## November 1: Four Seasons Gardening

Find out how you can create a garden that looks beautiful in all four seasons. Yes, even winter can provide amazing color and contrast in the garden.

Each FREE seminar is approximately 1 hour long. Come to the location nearest you! Refreshments will be provided. Seminar attendees 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](http://www.evergreennursery.com)**

Send questions and comments to:  
[info@evergreennursery.com](mailto:info@evergreennursery.com)

#### Three Convenient Locations:

##### CARMEL VALLEY

13650 Valley Rd.  
(858) 481-0622

##### OCEANSIDE

3231 Oceanside Blvd.  
(760) 754-0340

\*\*\*\*\*NEW location (limited hours, call first):

##### EL CAJON

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

## Events at Public Gardens

❖ **Alta Vista Gardens** Contact info on other side  
See [www.avgardens.org](http://www.avgardens.org) for events & classes

❖ **San Diego Botanic Garden** Contact info on other side  
**Nov. 1, 9am-1pm, HDR Photography Effects:** Learn to shoot HDR (high dynamic range), an amazing photography technique ideal for any subject matter, including flowers, portraits, architecture, and still life. Members \$59, Non-members \$71. Fee includes materials. Register by October 24.

**Nov. 8, 10-11am, Members Only Plant Clinic: Permaculture Gardening:** Learn about the philosophy of permaculture and practices.

**Nov. 18, 9am-2pm, Succulent Wreath Class:** Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself. Members \$65, Non-members \$78. Fee includes materials. Register by Nov. 14.

**Nov. 22, 10am-noon, Compost Workshop:** Free with paid admission or membership. Free. Please register at [www.solanacenter.org/free-compost-workshops](http://www.solanacenter.org/free-compost-workshops).

#### ❖ The Water Conservation Garden

Contact info on other side

**Nov. 8, 10am-noon, Bulbs, Beautiful Bulbs:** Help plant Pacific Coast iris; earn to divide iris corms. Members free, \$10 nonmembers. Register online or call (619) 660-0614 x10.

**Nov. 15, 9am-2pm, Ask The Experts Mini Expo:** Free home composting workshop, 20 minutes Landscape design appointments \$20, more! Register online or call (619) 660-0614 x10.

**Nov. 15, 10am-noon, Toss the Turf:** evaluate your soil, and tune up your irrigation system so that you can convert a thirsty landscape into a beautiful, water-saving landscape. Register online or call (619) 660-0614 x10.

**Nov. 15, 10am-noon, Free Home Composting Workshop:** Register at [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org) or by calling 760-436-7986 x 222.

## Events Hosted by SDHS Sponsors

Please thank them for supporting SDHS!

#### ♦ Barrels & Branches Classes & Workshops

Info: [events.barrelsandbranches@gmail.com](mailto:events.barrelsandbranches@gmail.com) or (760) 753-2852. See ad on page 17.

♦ **Cedros Gardens, Saturday & Sunday FREE classes.**  
See [www.cedrosgardens.com](http://www.cedrosgardens.com).

♦ **City Farmers Nursery Workshops**  
See [www.cityfarmersnursery.com](http://www.cityfarmersnursery.com).

♦ **Evergreen Nursery: FREE Seminar**  
See column at left for details.

#### ♦ Sunshine Care FREE Seminar Each Month

Nov. 15, 10:30am, Holiday Plants: 5 Easy Steps to Success, by expert Evelyn Weidner  
Address in ad on page 14. Info: [www.sunshinecare.com](http://www.sunshinecare.com).

♦ **Walter Andersen Nursery FREE Saturday Classes**  
Details at [www.walterandersen.com](http://www.walterandersen.com); addresses in ad on page 15.

##### Point Loma, 9am

Nov. 4 Organic/Natural Gardening Demystified  
Nov. 8 Win With Composting  
Nov. 15 Birding for Gardeners  
Nov. 22 Azaleas and Camellias

##### Poway, 9:30am

Fall & Winter Veggies  
Succulent Driftwood Plantings  
Berries of all kinds  
Bird feeder workshop, \$25/prepaid

♦ **Weidners' Gardens classes & workshops**  
See [www.weidners.com](http://www.weidners.com) or call (760) 436-2194.

## Next SDHS Meeting

**November 10:**

### HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

See insert for details

**More garden-related events  
on other side.**



## Other Garden-Related Events:

Check with hosts to confirm dates & details

**Solana Center's Master Composting Workshops:** Gain a more in-depth understanding of the composting process. **Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 9:30-noon.** Five week course started Oct. 25. 11769 Waterhill Road, Lakeside. \$25. Registration and info: [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).

**Nov. 1, 10am-noon, Solana Center's Free Composter Workshop:** 4s Ranch Community Garden, 16880 West Bernardo Drive. Registration & info: [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).

**Soil Foodweb with Dr. Elaine Ingham:** Intensive course for professionals.

Nov. 1 & 2, Introduction to Soil Food Web. \$295

Nov. 3, Compost Technology. \$160

Nov. 4, Compost Tea Technology. \$160

Nov. 5, Light Microscope Training. \$195

All classes held 9am-5pm. All five classes \$795.

Registration & info: [www.sdsustainable.org](http://www.sdsustainable.org).

**Nov. 2, 4-5pm, Solana Center's Rainwater Harvesting Workshop:** Calculating rainwater capture, tank selection & siting. A systematic approach to harvesting and using water, and storing water in the soil. 137 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas. \$10/person. Registration & info: [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).

**Nov. 5, 1pm, San Clemente Garden Club:** Floral Design combining cut flowers and succulents. 2001 Calle Frontera, San Clemente. Info: [www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com).

**Nov. 8, 9am-3pm, Waterwise Botanicals Garden Party:** See page 6. Speakers, workshops, and more. 32183 Old Hwy 395 Escondido. Free. Info: [www.thefallgardenparty.com](http://www.thefallgardenparty.com).

**Nov. 8, 10am-3pm, Rancho Garden Fair:** Lectures, Community Garden tours, more. Los Penasquitos Ranch House, 12122 Canyonside Park Dr. Info: (858) 484-7504.

**Nov. 8, 2-5pm, Autumn at Anstine Fall Family Festival:** See page 7. Native plant tours and more. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison St., Vista. Free. Info: [www.sandiegoaudubon.org](http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org).

**Nov. 9, 1:30pm, Begonia Society:** Managing the begonia collection at Sherman Gardens. 423 Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas. Free. Info: (760) 815-7914; email [marla.keith@cox.net](mailto:marla.keith@cox.net).

**Nov. 12, 10am, Poway Valley Garden Club:** Blossom Valley Protea Nursery, 14134 Midland Road, Poway. Info: [www.powayvalleygardenclub.org](http://www.powayvalleygardenclub.org) or (858) 204-9070.

**Nov. 15 & 16, 10am-4pm, California Native Plant Sale:** 200 varieties of California native plants for sale. See web site for classes and registration. 1900 Associated Rd. Fullerton. Info: [www.fullertonarboretum.org](http://www.fullertonarboretum.org).

**Nov. 15, 10am-1pm, Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center Open House:** Practical Permaculture for Residential Settings. Tours at 10:15am & 12:15pm. Suggested donation \$10. 2525 National Ave., National City. RSVP: [ally@olivewoodgardens.org](mailto:ally@olivewoodgardens.org), (619) 434-4281. Info: [www.olivewoodgardens.org](http://www.olivewoodgardens.org).

**Nov. 15, 10am-3pm, Cycad Society, Palm And Cycad Exchange:** 3602 Olive Hill Rd., Fallbrook. RSVP by Oct. 31 (760) 451-9499 or [info@palmandcycadexchange.com](mailto:info@palmandcycadexchange.com). Non TCS members \$20.

For an extensive list of garden club meetings and events, visit [www.sdfloal.org/calendar.htm](http://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](http://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: \$14/adults, \$10/seniors, \$8/kids 3-12; parking \$2. Free to members and on the first Tuesday of every month. (760) 436-3036; [www.SDBGarden.org](http://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](http://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](http://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. Info., events, road conditions, etc.: (760) 767-5311 or <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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday; \$5/family; \$2/adult, \$1/seniors/students; (619) 232-2721, [www.niwa.org](http://www.niwa.org).

**Canyoneer Walks:** FREE guided nature walks Saturday & Sunday. (619) 232-3821 X203 or [www.sdnhm.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://lifestyletalkradio.com). GardenLife shows are also archived at [www.lifestyletalkradio.com](http://www.lifestyletalkradio.com).

**Do you belong to a club or organization whose events aren't listed above?**

For a FREE listing (space permitting) send details by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month BEFORE the event to Neal King at [calendar@sdhort.org](mailto:calendar@sdhort.org).

### San Diego County Farmers Markets

[www.sdfarmbureau.org/BuyLocal/Farmers-Markets.php](http://www.sdfarmbureau.org/BuyLocal/Farmers-Markets.php)