



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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September 2011 Newsletter

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Annual Award Banquet  
Honoring Gilbert Resendez

Thursday, September 8  
6:00 pm social hour  
7:00 pm dinner & presentation

Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Rd  
(enter on Allen)  
San Marino

Please consider this your exclusive invitation to one of the true highlights of the horticultural social season. It's our annual dinner spectacular at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and it is not to be missed.

August 31 is the deadline for us to receive your reservation to attend this year's banquet.

Please send the reservation form found on page 7 of this newsletter with \$45 per person to the SCHS address printed on the flyer. Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

During this month's special event, we will forgo our usual Plant Forum and Opportunity Drawing.

Instead, you'll have the chance to bid on our legendary **Silent Auction** items generously donated by fellow members. It is a significant fundraiser for

our Society and we encourage you to bid on all items you like.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact **Steve Gerischer** at [sglarkspur@aol.com](mailto:sglarkspur@aol.com) or 323-257-3629, or **Laura Bauer** at [lbauer@chuffy.com](mailto:lbauer@chuffy.com) or 626-437-9459. Do not call the Huntington for information.

## WELCOME NEWEST MEMBERS!

Steve Bailey & Cathy Holst  
Jacey Leigh Garrison  
Diane Gilchrist  
Laurie Jutzi  
Thomas W. Meure  
Eleanor Osgood  
Yoav Paskowitz  
Kathy Rogers

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## The September Meeting



## Gilbert Resendez: Horticulturist of the Year "From Pruner to President"

One of the real joys of attending the Society's Annual Award Banquet at the treasure that is the Huntington Botanical Gardens is getting to personally meet and congratulate the Horticulturist of the Year. The Award Banquet is a very big event, but it's an intimate enough affair that you really get the chance to spend quality time with all your fellow member-friends and the ample opportunity to make new ones.

And every year that it has been my pleasure to attend this event I get to discover the real

person behind the resume of our Horticulturist of the Year. I'm especially looking forward to hearing the acceptance presentation by this year's honoree, **Gilbert Resendez**, both because of his classic Horatio Alger rise to the top with Monrovia Growers, and because he is known as a very humble man who rarely talks about himself.

As you'll learn from reading his story on the flyer you'll find on page 7 of this newsletter, Gilbert Resendez began working for Monrovia as a pruner just about half a century ago. He then moved into sales for the company and it wasn't long before he became their Vice President of Sales and Marketing, then Executive Vice President, and later spent a full decade as Monrovia's President.

On Thursday, September 8, in one of Southern California's most unique and enchanting garden settings, we'll get to hear Gilbert share his personal perspective on the path he took *From Pruner to President*.

What inspired and motivated him to achieve all he did? What were the biggest lessons he learned along the way? Who were the people who influenced and taught him? Why does he love native plants as much as he does? These are the kinds of insights typically offered by Horticulturist of the Year honorees in their acceptance remarks.

There's only one way you'll get to hear what Gilbert Resendez has to say about his incredible journey *From Pruner to President* and that's by being there in person at the Huntington Botanical Gardens on September 8 to share in all the fun, excitement, warmth and camaraderie.

To get your tickets just fill out the form you'll find at the bottom of our flyer on page 7 and mail your check in time to meet the August 31 delivery deadline.

- Joe Galliani

## SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

**Steve Gerischer's** eternal quest continues. He still seeks your contributions of quality items for our September 8 Silent Auction at our Annual Award Banquet. Steve's placing no limits, but some ideas include: unusual plants, art, decorative items, tools, special books and horticultural services.

Many of us now cherish the items in our homes or gardens that we successfully bid on and won at previous years' Silent Auctions.

Also welcome are non-garden items like gift baskets, event tickets and gift certificates. Please contact Steve at [sglarkspur@aol.com](mailto:sglarkspur@aol.com) or 323-257-3629 to make a donation. Thank you for helping us raise funds for our Society.

## August Meeting Recap

Our August general meeting of the Southern California Horticultural Society was for the birds...literally. Our speakers, **Eleanor Osgood** and **Kara Donahue** presented *A Bird Friendly Guide to Tree and Shrub Trimming and Removal*.

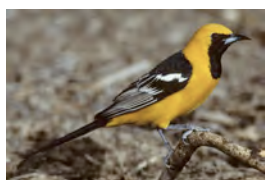
Their talk began with an overview of the ever changing avian population of the Los Angeles Basin, a review of the manifold pressures faced by nesting, migrating and full-time resident birds and the dangers posed by habitat loss, manmade hazards and domestic and feral cats.

It is interesting to hear from experts, and Audubon Society representatives, that food (one of the first things many people think of for attracting birds) is probably the least important – the birds will find food.

Cover, water, habitat and undisturbed nesting sites are perilously few for birds in many urban settings and it is in our interest as gardeners to keep up healthy populations of songbirds, raptors and other less common birds in our neighborhoods.

I'm sure that many of our members are bird watchers – or at least aware of the birds living in or just visiting their gardens. This talk helped point out the many ways we can attract, shelter and protect birds attempting to nest in our area.

(As I was getting set to write this, I was lucky enough to glance out the window at the birdbath in my back yard – there amidst the crowd of finches splashing around, a gloriously colorful male western tanager came in for a landing and took a dip. Last week it was hooded orioles.)



The guide our speakers collaborated on was available for free at the back of the hall and I hope everyone who

wanted one was able to get a copy. Thanks to Eleanor and Kara for a wonderful and informative talk.

Plants for our Opportunity Drawing were provided and described by **Joe Brosius** of **Magic Growers**. Thanks, Joe!

Thanks to all of the members who donated books for the sale table at the back – and thanks, **Lili Singer**, for helping sell them! Thank you to everyone who purchased books as well. We raised close to \$250 for our Society.



As always, a big thank you to all the members who help make the meetings possible, and help set up, run and clean up after. You guys are great! Hope to see everyone at the dinner! (And remember that the October and November meetings are at the LA County Arboretum, and Descanso Gardens respectively.) See you all there for another memorable evening!

- By Steven Gerischer

- Photographs by Eleanor Osgood & Joe Galliani

Photographs: Left column, hooded oriole (Osgood); middle column, book sale with Lili Singer second from left (Galliani).

### SHARING SECRETS

In August, we posed the question, “**How have you made your yard more bird friendly?**” Here are some helpful answers.

There are some plants which I do not deadhead. Goldfinches love the seeds of tidy tips, *Verbena bonariensis* and lettuce. (Letting lettuce go to seed is my best vegetable gardening tip. Not only do you feed the birds, but you get a free lettuce crop next year.) Also, I adore my cat, but do not let him go outside. I wish my neighbors would do the same with theirs.

- Penny Hlavac

The bird feeder above my vegetable garden contains cracked corn which does not germinate or cause weeds below. Many LBBs (little brown birds) flock to it and the quail come for the windfall.

- Judy Springborn

Welcoming birds is great for lazy gardeners like me ... I planted wildflowers that reseed every year. I just let them run their course, dry up and go to seed – instant bird feeders!! When they are totally spent, I crush them down into a kind of instant mulch/nesting materials. No mess, no fuss!

- Sandy Masuo

I don't prune my potato vine/tree because the birds like to play in there.

- Sondra Hauge

Probably the best thing to attract birds is to have moving water that makes noise. We have two bird baths with drippers and a small fountain in a small pond. Provides water for drinking and bathing.

We have many tubular nectar flowers (lots of salvias), tecomaria (large and small) for nectar and shelter. Our neighbors have a tall bottlebrush that projects over our fence and attracts orioles, hummers and warblers.

We have an oak tree for shelter, acorns and bugs, an elderberry for fruit and shelter, have some baby birch trees that someday will provide bugs for insect-eating birds. We have a mulberry tree (fruit, although largely ignored the last two years) and a loquat (except ours won't fruit but we have had them in the past with good bird activity).

We have a *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* for winter flowers that provide nectar. We used to have a toyon – great for fall berries, but ours did not survive the replacement of our fence.

A nearby neighbor had two good-sized palm trees – the hooded orioles nested in them, but they cut them down last spring (thank goodness BEFORE migration!).

We have many hummingbird feeders and a couple of oriole feeders (nectar plus grape jelly and an orange). We have several seed feeders of different designs, including flat trays, and on one of the trays have an "exclusion cage" to keep the larger birds out and give the smaller birds a little chance.

We put out several types of seed to placate even the most particular avian palate. We have five nyjer seed feeders for the goldfinches and friends. We buy our seed in bulk.

In winter and spring we usually have mealworms available – especially popular in the spring for birds to feed their chicks. And we make our own no-drip suet in the winter – a high-energy food source.

So we provide a smorgasbord of food, and shelter and water. What more could a bird want?

- Ann & Eric Brooks

### SECRET CONTRIBUTORS

We went from virtually no plants to a nice garden – it drew birds, bees and lizards within one season!

Leave vegetables to go to seed. The birds love spinach, kale and lettuce seeds.

We put in a bird seed feeder, nesting basket, pond and bird saucer.

Lots of large shrubs and trees for habitat, including an old pereskia on a chain link fence. Variety of flowers which don't get deadheaded. Chicory is great for lesser goldfinches and other seed eaters.

Add your response to this question on our **Facebook** page discussion board.

There will not be a new Sharing Secrets question for the month of September.

**SUDDEN PASSING OF GARY HAMMER**

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of long-time SCHS member and expert nurseryman/horticulturalist, **Gary**



**Hammer.** Gary was struck by an automobile and killed while trying to cross a street in Tempe, Arizona on August 6. No charges were filed against the driver as the area was unlit and unmarked – just a tragic accident. An article about Gary and his many

horticultural contributions will appear in our October newsletter. We already miss him greatly.

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**MEETING LOCATION CHANGES YOU SHOULD NOTE**

We will not be meeting at Friendship Auditorium for our next three meetings.

Our **September 8** regular meeting is replaced by our annual award banquet and is held at the **Huntington Botanical Gardens**. See page 7 to register.

Our **October 13** meeting, featuring Peter Del Tredici, is being presented in conjunction with the **Los Angeles Arboretum & Botanic Garden** and they are hosting the event at their Ayres Hall.

Our **November 10** meeting is being moved to **Descanso Gardens** to avoid holiday rates charged by Friendship Auditorium.

Don't forget to mark these meeting locations on your calendar – we're looking forward to seeing you at all three.

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**HORTICULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS**
**Wanted: Member Participation!**

Southern California Horticultural Society will be presenting a slideshow during our holiday meeting celebration on **December 8**.

We are asking our members to submit photos of their favorite plants and gardens. No limits on what you can share! Photos can be of intriguing plants, cherished personal gardens or interesting public gardens.

Digital photos only can be e-mailed to **Lisa Ceazan**, [lisa@cocreativegardendesign.com](mailto:lisa@cocreativegardendesign.com). Each member may send a maximum of three photos (JPEG format preferred.) Let us know how you would like the photos captioned (e.g. name of plant, name and/or location of garden) and if you would like your name included in the caption.

**BOARD MEMBER STEPS DOWN**

**Teresa Prosciewicz** has decided to give up her seat on our Society's board of directors for personal reasons. She wishes to remain involved in Society activities and is continuing to send our monthly newsletters to members who request to receive them via e-mail. We warmly appreciate her ongoing participation.

As a result of Teresa's departure, the board of directors will elect a replacement to serve out her term, ending July 2013.

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**LAST NEWSLETTER**

If you have not paid your membership dues, there's still time to renew your membership. Otherwise, this will be your last issue of the newsletter and your *Pacific Horticulture* magazine subscription will end. Membership forms can be found on our website.

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**PACIFIC HORTICULTURE TOURS**

Some irresistible tours are being offered by *Pacific Horticulture*. Here is a list of some that are coming up, and other impressive tours are being planned.

For more information and how to register, please go to the *Pacific Horticulture* website: [pacifichorticulture.org/tours/](http://pacifichorticulture.org/tours/).


**Savannah/Charleston: Gardens and Historic Homes of Savannah and Charleston**

Escorted by Greg Graves, President, Pacific Horticulture Society  
March 25–April 1, 2012

Step back in time to a world of colonial mansions, antebellum homes, and peaceful public squares shaded by ancient live oaks. Experience the beauty and charm of America's only tea garden and taste freshly-brewed American Classic Tea. Our visit is timed for peak bloom of magnolias, daffodils, iris, camellias, early azaleas, and roses ... and so much more. Our Savannah walking tour features the home and garden featured in "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." We will have exclusive access to many private gardens not open to the public in both Charleston and Savannah.

**Mallorca & Menorca:  
Gardens, Art, and Cuisine**

April 14–24, 2012

Led by Sofia Barroso.

Escorted by Katherine Greenberg.

Join us for a spring tour of Mallorca, where we have invitations to visit spectacular private gardens and art collections. Our tour will take us from the lovely patios of Palma to elegant country estates and charming seaside villages. We will also explore the island of Menorca, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve with fascinating archeological sites and distinctive architecture. Along the way, we will enjoy meals in private homes as we experience the generous hospitality and scenic beauty of the Balearic Islands.

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**Kyoto: More than Gardens**

Led by Allan Mandell

May 9–20, 2012

Once the Imperial capitol of Japan, Kyoto is a treasure trove of traditional arts including garden-making, which flourished here. We will explore elegant stroll gardens, serene Zen temple courtyards and rustic Shinto shrines, where one encounters the quiet within. We will also visit a pottery village and enjoy a hands-on lesson with an ikebana master. Our tour dates coincide with the colorful Aoi Festival, one of the three major "matsuri" of the year in Kyoto. This is a city that is safe, clean, and attuned to the changing seasons. Iris, azalea, and wisteria will be blooming, and maples will be opening their delicate new green foliage.

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**Madagascar: A Madagascar Expedition**

September 23–October 10, 2012

Escorted by Kathy Musial, curator,  
Huntington Botanical Gardens

Madagascar has one of the most diverse floras on earth, with ten endemic plant families and 12,000 species (80% unique to Madagascar). There are 1,000 species of orchids (85% endemic), more than in all of Africa.

With a talented Madagascar naturalist guide, we will explore outstanding reserves in diverse habitats, including Perinet and Mantadia National Park in the eastern moist montane rainforests; Lokobe Reserve on the island of Nosy Be, some of the last rainforest in the northwest; and renowned Berenty Reserve in the south, which edges the spiny forest with bizarre woody and thorny plants reminiscent of plants in our desert southwest. We will also see a profusion of lemurs in these reserves, plus chameleons and countless birds unique to the country.

Contact individual locations to confirm events and for more details; some may require a facility entry fee.

☞ = Registration requested or required.

**ARCADIA 91007  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM &  
BOTANIC GARDEN**

301 N. Baldwin Ave.  
626-821-4623; [arboretum.org](http://arboretum.org)

Tuesdays, September 6–October 25  
10:00 am–2:00 pm

*Using Colored Pencils in Botanical Art*, a class with Cristina Baltayan. Fee. ☞

Saturday, September 10  
10:00 am–12:00 noon

*Rain Barrels & Rain Gardens*, a class with Steve Williams. Fee. ☞

Thursdays September 15–November 3  
9:30 am–12:00 noon

*Thursday Garden Talks with Lili Singer*, includes *New Roots*, a lecture and field trip with journalist Emily Green, 9/15; *Long-Term Planning for the Arboretum's Historic Landscape*, with Mitchell Hearn Bishop, 9/22; and *Arts & Crafts Gardens: Native Plants for Native Homes* with Laramee Haynes, 9/29. Fee. Classes may be taken separately.

**CLAREMONT 91711  
RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN**

1500 N. College Ave.  
909-625-8767 x200; [rsabg.org](http://rsabg.org)

Saturday, September 3  
10:00 am–1:00 pm

*Free Native Plant Clinic* in Lenz Horticultural Classroom. Free.

Sunday, September 4  
8:00–9:00 am

*Beginning Bird Walk*, led by members of the Pomona Valley Audubon Society. Bring binoculars. Free.

Sunday, September 18  
8:00–9:00 am

*Guided Tram Tour*, new hour-long explorations highlight the beauty & diversity of California flora. Fee, plus garden admission; tickets available after 8:00 am.

**LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE 91011  
DESCANSO GARDENS**

1418 Descanso Dr.  
818-949-4200; [descansogardens.org](http://descansogardens.org)

Saturday, September 5  
10:00 am

*Rediscover the California Garden*, a walk with Rachel Young. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, September 10  
11:00 am

*Harvest Basics*, a class with Mike Brown includes time in the gardens. Fee.

Saturday, September 24  
10:00 am

*Native Plant Uses*, a class with Rachel Young. Fee. ☞

**LONG BEACH 90807  
RANCHO LOS CERRITOS HISTORIC SITE**

4600 Virginia Rd.  
562-570-1755; [rancholoscerritos.org](http://rancholoscerritos.org)

Sundays, September 11 & 25  
1:30, 2:30 & 3:30 pm

*Docent-led Garden Tours*. Guided tours of the lush grounds, complete with 19th century flora, fruit trees and native plants. Free.

**LONG BEACH 90815  
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS**

6400 Bixby Hill Rd.  
562-431-3541; [ranchosalamitos.com](http://ranchosalamitos.com)

Sunday, September 29  
9:30 am–12:00 noon

Celebrating the publication of the regional history, *Rancho Los Alamitos -- Ever Changing, Always the Same*, includes conversations with the authors, refreshments and children's storytime in the gardens. Fee. ☞

**MANHATTAN BEACH 90266  
MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANICAL  
GARDEN**

1236 N. Peck Ave.  
310-546-1354; [mbbgarden.org](http://mbbgarden.org)

Sundays, September 4, 11 & 25  
approximately 8:00 am

*Sunday Bird Walks*, led by Bob Shanman. All ages welcome; binoculars and walking shoes recommended. Meet on Redondo Ave. near the corner of Manhattan Beach Blvd. Free.

**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA 90274  
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN**

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
310-544-1948  
[southcoastbotanicgarden.org](http://southcoastbotanicgarden.org)

Saturday–Sunday, September 3–4  
12:00 noon–4:00 pm

*South Coast Dahlia Society Show & Sale*. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, September 10  
10:00–11:30 am

*Behind the Curtain at Monrovia Nursery*, a garden lecture with Nicholas Staddon. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, September 17

sale from 9:00 am; show 11:00 am–5:00 pm

Sunday, September 18

9:00 am–5:00 pm  
*South Bay Orchid Society Show & Sale*. Free with garden admission.

Saturday, September 24  
9:00 am–4:00 pm

Sunday, September 25  
9:00 am–2:00 pm

*Palos Verdes Begonia Society Show & Sale*. Free with garden admission.

**SAN MARINO 91108  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**

1151 Oxford Rd.  
626-405-2100; [huntington.org](http://huntington.org)

Saturday, September 3  
8:30 am–5:00 pm

*Succulent Plants Symposium*, includes speakers, plant sales and optional dinner. Fee. ☞

Thursday, September 8  
2:30 pm

*Garden Talk & Plant Sale: Hawaii's Gardens*, with author and photographer David Leaser. Plant sale follows. Free.

Saturday, September 17 &/or 24  
9:30–11:00 am

*Children's Workshop: Painting in the Garden*. Fee. ☞

Saturday, September 24  
10:30 am–12:00 noon

*Ranch Open House*, a behind-the-scenes tour of the Huntington's urban agriculture site. Free with garden admission.

**SUN VALLEY 91352  
THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION FOR  
WILDFLOWERS & NATIVE PLANTS**

10459 Tuxford St.  
818-768-1802; [theodorepayne.org](http://theodorepayne.org)

Saturdays, September 10 & 17  
9:00–12:00 noon

*Chumash Healing with Native Plants*, with Cecilia Garcia and James Adams. Fee.

Saturday, September 17  
9:00–11:00 am

*Gardening with California Native Bulbs*, an illustrated lecture by John Wickham. Fee.

Saturday, September 24  
10:00 am–12:00 noon

*Hummingbird Ornament Workshop*, with Julie Soto, includes info on hummingbird gardens. Fee. ☞

**TORRANCE 90503  
THE MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE**

3201 Plaza del Amo  
310-782-3989  
[friendsofmadronamarsh.com/calendar.htm](http://friendsofmadronamarsh.com/calendar.htm)

Saturday, September 3  
10:00 am–12:00 noon, repeats

Tuesday, September 6  
6:30–8:30 pm

*Out of the Wilds and Into Your Garden*, a native plant class with Connie Vadheim. Free.

The **San Diego Horticultural Society** meets Monday, September 12, 6:00–9:00 pm, at Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Activities include *Backyard Orchard Culture* by Tom Spellman. Information: 760-295-7089, [sdhortsoc.org](http://sdhortsoc.org). Free to members; fee to non-members.

- Compiled by Lili Singer

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## GREEN SHEET

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MAY 2011 PLANT FORUM NOTES

*Compiled by Sula Vanderplank and Jorge Ochoa*  
*Photographs by Paul Martin*

Thank you to all who brought plants to the May 2011 meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring in plants to share with the group. Remember that you do get one free Exhibitor's Ticket for the Opportunity Drawing if you bring in one or more plants for discussion at the Plant Forum table.

In addition to the plants discussed below, the following plants, described or listed in the Society's *Selected Plants for Southern California Gardens* (2000) or previously written up for a *Green Sheet*, were shown. [Family names in accordance with the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group II (<http://www.mobot.org/mobot/research/apweb/>) are included for your reference.]

*Albuca nelsonii* (Hyacinthaceae), exhibited by Yvonne Savio, grown in Pasadena.

*Alstroemeria*, Peruvian lily (Alstroemeriaceae), exhibited by Yvonne Savio, grown in Pasadena.

*Asclepias curassavica*, yellow butterfly weed (Apocynaceae), exhibited by Yvonne Savio, grown in Pasadena.

*Beaumontia grandiflora*, Easter lily vine (Apocynaceae), exhibited by Sandy Masuo, grown at Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens.

Bromeliad collection (Bromeliaceae), exhibited by Jim Jaeger.

*Calochortus albus*, white globe lily (Liliaceae), exhibited by Sheldon Lisker, grown in Temecula.

*Calochortus amabilis*, golden globe lily (Liliaceae), exhibited by Sheldon Lisker, grown in Temecula.

*Chiranthodendron pentadactylon*, monkey's hand tree (Malvaceae), exhibited by Eric Brooks, grown at Kenneth Hahn Park.

*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*, soap plant (Asparagaceae), exhibited by Sheldon Lisker, grown in Temecula.

*Clematis* 'Venosa Violacea' (Ranunculaceae), exhibited by Robin Corwin.

*Dianella tasmanica*, flax lily (Xanthorrhoeaceae), exhibited by Yvonne Savio, grown in Pasadena.

*Dichelostemma* 'Pink Diamond' (Asparagaceae), exhibited by Sheldon Lisker, grown in Temecula.

*Echeveria* hybrid, echeveria (Crassulaceae), exhibited by Joan Citron.

*Epipactis gigantea*, stream orchid (Orchidiaceae), exhibited by Paul Martin, grown in Pasadena.

*Gaura lindheimeri*, wand flower (Onagraceae), exhibited by Eileen Fiumara, grown in Sherman Oaks.

*Heliotropium arborescens*, heliotrope (Boraginaceae), exhibited by Patricia McGrath, grown in Silver Lake.

*Hippeastrum* hybrid, amaryllis (Amaryllidaceae), exhibited by Sheldon Lisker, grown in Temecula.

*Hymenolepis parviflora*, golden coulter bush (Asteraceae), exhibited by Joan Seidel, grown in Hollywood Hills.

*Lochroma cyanea* (Solanaceae), exhibited by Chris Rosmini.

*Juanullosa mexicana*, gold finger plant (Solanaceae), exhibited by Eric Brooks, grown in Baldwin Hills.

*Leonotis leonurus*, lion's tail (Lamiaceae), exhibited by Veronica Raymond, grown in Temple City.

*Mackaya bella* (Acanthaceae), exhibited by Chris Rosmini.

*Macropidia fuliginosa*, black kangaroo paw (Haemodoraceae), exhibited by Ann Brooks, grown in Baldwin Hills.

*Melianthus major*, honey flower (Melianthaceae), exhibited by Yvonne Savio, grown in Pasadena.

*Orthosiphon labiatus*, shell bush (Lamiaceae), exhibited by Ann Brooks, grown in Baldwin Hills.

*Russelia equisetiformis*, coral plant (Plantaginaceae), exhibited by Chris Rosmini.

*Strelitzia reginae* 'Mandela's Gold', bird-of-paradise (Strelitziaceae), exhibited by Debra Bushweitt Galliani, grown at South Coast Botanic Garden.



Photographs (top to bottom): *Chiranthodendron pentadactylon*, *Clematis* 'Venosa Violacea', *Dichelostemma* 'Pink Diamond' and *Hymenolepis parviflora*.

Plants that could not be fully identified:

*Moraea*, blue homeria (Iridaceae), exhibited by Sheldon Lisker, grown in Temecula.

Information in this compilation was gleaned and condensed from the Plant Forum exhibit cards, numerous sources in our library, and a suite of various internet sites.

*Aeonium* 'Sunburst', copper pinwheel (Crassulaceae), exhibited by Lynn Zuccarro, grown in Silver Lake.

*Aeonium* 'Sunburst' forms beautiful rosettes of pale lemon yellow leaves to 12 inches in diameter that have frosty green mid-stripes. Margins and tips of leaves turn a rose color in bright light. A very variable plant! An excellent accent and focal point for patios or in containers. Bright light to full sun by the coast. Water thoroughly when soil is dry. Rosettes give the appearance of an ever-blooming plant.



*Mimulus* hybrid, monkey flower (Phrymaceae), exhibited by Bart O'Brien, grown in Upland.

A new hybrid available from Yerba Buena Nursery. The plant flowers during spring and early summer and is being grown in partial shade. (Pictured left.)

*Passiflora* 'White Wedding', White Wedding passion vine (Passifloraceae), exhibited by Sula Vanderplank, grown in Long Beach.

For lovers of white flowers comes this pristine passion flower. This is a tetraploid hybrid between (*P. caerulea* 'Constance Elliott' × *P. eichleriana*) created in Germany. The flowers are larger than the former and the vine is heavier with greater vigor. It flowers freely during spring and summer months when the days are long and the sun strong. Carrying a light fragrance, it's perfect for climbing up trellises or along a fence. (Pictured right.)



Spuria iris (Iridaceae), exhibited by Debra Bushweit Galliani, grown at South Coast Botanic Garden.

Spuria are beardless iris, originating from the Mediterranean area of Europe. Spuria irises are one of the tallest of iris, reaching a height of 5 feet or more. They perform better in areas of the country where the summer months are dry, like California. Spuria irises are classified under the Apogon or beardless subsection of the iris family. The twenty or more species are native to the temperate zone in a band running from Spain and North Africa to India and China. Plant them in full sun for best results, but they will do well on a half a day's sun throughout the year. They will tolerate partial shade, especially in areas that have extremely high temperatures in the summer. (Pictured left.)



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## 2011 Annual Award Banquet

*Honoring*

### Horticulturist of the Year Gilbert Resendez



**Thursday, September 8, 2011**

6:00 pm Social Hour • 7:00 pm Dinner and Presentation

**Huntington Botanical Gardens**

*Botanical Center, 1151 Oxford Road (enter on Allen), San Marino*



Gilbert Resendez began his long career with Monrovia Growers out in the field as a pruning craftsman in 1962. He then moved into sales and quickly rose through the ranks to become Vice President of Sales and Marketing where he helped build Monrovia's sales force into what many consider the best trained and most knowledgeable in the industry. After being promoted to Executive Vice President of the company, Gilbert spent 10 years in that position before becoming Monrovia's President from 2004 to 2007. Under Gilbert's leadership Monrovia sharpened its focus on working with independent retailers and developed their unique branding program of pots and information tags that help gardeners get the best results with their plants.

Throughout his career Gilbert has worked to help introduce superior new plants to the industry, with the goal of providing gardeners with plants that will flourish in their gardens. On behalf of Monrovia Growers he filed for and received a plant patent for *Bougainvillea* 'Monka' PP#6,959 (Oo-La-La® *Bougainvillea*) in 1989, and *Lagerstroemia indica* 'Moned' PP#8,600 (Chica® Red Dwarf Crape Myrtle) and *Lagerstroemia indica* 'Monink' PP#8,599 (Chica® Pink Dwarf Crape Myrtle) in 1994.

His professional affiliations include membership in the American Nursery and Landscape Association, Garden Centers of America, California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers, and the Nursery Growers of California.

Today, Gilbert serves as Monrovia's Managing Director, continuing to contribute in an advisory role in operations and long-term planning. Widely known for his tremendous knowledge and love of plants, his interest in natives led him to become a member of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont where he eventually served on their Board of Overseers from 1994 to 2000. In 2002 he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation where he currently serves as President.

Gilbert lives in La Verne, California, with his wife, Teresa. They have three children and two granddaughters.

Join us as we honor Gilbert Resendez and hear him talk about his work in a presentation entitled *From Pruner to Plantsman*.

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## UPCOMING SCHS PROGRAMS

**October 13** – THIS MEETING ONLY WILL BE HELD AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN.

**Peter Del Tredici** will present a talk on *Urban Ecology*.

Opportunity Drawing plants will be provided by the **Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden**.

**November 10** – THIS MEETING ONLY WILL BE HELD AT DESCANSO GARDENS due to the holiday.

**Laura Avery** will present *30 Years of the Santa Monica Farmers Market*.

Opportunity Drawing plants will be provided by **Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden**.

**December 8** – **Annual Members Night** (aka “Cookie Night”), Plant Exchange, Sharing Table and Horticultural Highlights.

### 2012 PROGRAMS

**January 12** – To be announced.

**February 9** – Zsolt Debreczy will present *Conifers Around the World*.

**March 8** – To be announced.

**April 12** – Iris Forum.

**May 10** – Lorene Edwards Forkner will be our featured speaker.

**June 14** – To be announced.

**July 12** – To be announced.

**August 9** – Matthew Levesque will discuss *The Revolutionary Yardscape*.

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**Next deadline:** Friday, September 9 (for October newsletter).

It is the Friday following our monthly membership meeting.

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