



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Where passionate gardeners meet to share knowledge and learn from each other.*

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NEWSLETTER

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## OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING

**Thursday, November 10**

Announcements at 7:10 p.m.  
Plant Forum at 7:15 p.m.

**Webinar at 7:30 p.m.**



Visit: [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)  
for registration info.

## SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*A new arrival came  
to us in October:*

**Gail Getty**

*Looking forward to seeing  
you at our events!*



To join SCHS, go to:  
[www.socalhort.org/join](http://www.socalhort.org/join)

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All membership options  
are listed on our website.

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## The Modern Crevice Garden: Going West with It

*This meeting will be a webinar, available online only. To register, please click here for link.*

On November 10, the SCHS is pleased to welcome Kenton J. Seth, a Colorado-based garden designer who will present a webinar on crevice gardening.



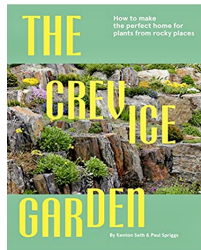
His program will take a look at this increasingly popular and unusual planting style which he considers is by far the best way to grow certain plants. Seth will also be referencing his recently published book on the topic "The Modern Crevice Garden" (coauthored with Paul Spriggs), which showcases fresh opportunities for artistic design and ecological gardening, including saving water.

Seth has a small nursery where he grows plants for use in his designs, and while crevice gardens dominate his projects, he also works with natives, dryland gardens, and most recently, meadows. Crevice gardening is appropriate to a wide range of spaces from small gardens to large parks

and is adaptable to many climates. It offers western American gardeners a great tool for growing specialty plants, creating a stunning new garden feature, or establishing habitats to help their gardens become more earth-friendly.

Seth's work is found from locales throughout western Colorado to the U.S. coasts, and even in a few places overseas, and can be seen by visiting [PaintbrushGardens.com](http://PaintbrushGardens.com), or Instagram at [plantfortheapocalypse](https://www.instagram.com/plantfortheapocalypse). In addition to the publication of his recent book, Seth's work can be found in an article in *Fine Gardening* magazine, as well as on YouTube and on his own blog at [www.kentonjseth.blogspot.com](http://www.kentonjseth.blogspot.com).

This method of planting in small, sometimes overlooked or underplanted areas can give all of us food for thought, and we are anticipating learning something new from this webinar that we might choose to try in our own home gardens. Registration is now open at [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org), and we hope you will be able to join us for this program!  



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### SCHS HOLIDAY MEETING

The SCHS is eagerly anticipating our first in-person holiday gathering since 2019, and planning is underway for the evening's festivities. This event will be our December meeting, and we want to encourage you all to attend by sharing some of the activities we have already lined up:

Board member Layla Valenzuela will give a live demonstration of how she crafts her incredible crepe paper flowers. These were a big hit at our recent HOTY event, and Layla may also bring a few along that will be available to purchase.



In addition to being able to do some holiday shopping – for yourself or others – we will have a raffle, refreshments AND the return of our always popular "Freebie Table"...

### DETAILS TO COME IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

In the meantime, you are invited to:

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
at Friendship Auditorium



The SCHS was pleased to host a very special meeting on October 6 at the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens to learn about the Loran Whitelock Cycad Garden from Gary Roberson, who serves as the Lead Project Gardener of the collection. As a bonus, members and guests were able to tour the cycad garden ahead of Roberson's program to see first-hand the many incredible specimens and hear about the specifics of the botanical studies being conducted there.

Attendees split into three groups for the mini-tours, led by the Huntington's Roberson, chief botanical researcher Brian Dorsey and curator of living collections Kathy Musial. They led guests through the Whitelock Collection sharing facts about these "living fossils" that have a 300 million-year history and consist of 365 named species within ten genera, many represented at the Huntington due to the generous bequest of Mr. Whitelock. After the tours, Roberson presented a slide show on the process by which over 640 cycads were relocated from Whitelock's hillside property in Eagle Rock to the Huntington, nearly tripling their existing collection.

Roberson explained that Whitelock, a world-renowned cycad expert and author of the 2002 book *"The Cycads,"* had arranged to make the donation for the purposes of conservation, education and research. When he passed in May of 2014, Roberson was tasked with the responsibility of documenting, labeling, transporting, and transplanting the specimens. In some cases the plants were enormous, like a pair of *Dioone spinulosum* and the rare *Encephalartos woodii* (pictured here in situ prior to the move).



In July of 2014, Roberson took an inventory of the plants on Whitelock's property, using as one of his tools a previous map of the garden made by botanist Tim Gregory in 2010. He also began labeling and microchipping all of the plants to be moved, a process which was not completed until April of 2015. Then began the task of physically transporting the plants – 640 of which were in the ground, 250 in pots

and 400+ in Whitelock's tropical greenhouses. What was to be a 2-year process (because of site prep that was simultaneously happening at the Huntington) was completed in six months because Occidental College wanted to purchase



the property. The Whitelock property was also repopulated with drought-tolerant plants and a new irrigation system after all the transplants had been removed.

Over the course of three years, the plants were installed in their new home below the south terrace of the main art gallery, and fairly close to some of their botanical relatives that had originally been planted by Henry Huntington in 1910. Sidewalks, retaining walls and other hardscape elements were completed in 2018, while the cycads were still in the process of recovering from their move. Roberson indicated that recovery time for the transplants is typically between five and seven years and that now, in their seventh year, he estimates overall losses have only been at 18%. As the Whitelock Collection is meant not only to be appreciated for its botanical significance, but also for its aesthetic qualities, Roberson incorporated over 200 companion plants from Whitelock's personal garden into the design, adding even more color and beauty to the landscape. Today, the collection is a long ribbon winding through several themed gardens and looks like it was always meant to be exactly where it is. 🌿 Sabine Steinmetz

**NOTE: All photos were captured from Roberson's slide presentation.**

**Link to view entire program:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNsA6qlSypY>

*SCHS would like to thank the Huntington for hosting us to experience Roberson's program, as well as providing experts to guide the tours of this unique and exquisite garden.*

**SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE will return in December - so relax & enjoy your fall garden!**

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## IN MEMORIAM

### REMEMBERING

#### *Shirley Kerins*

Shirley Kerins was a good friend to many of us and a great ambassador for horticulture in a wide range of aspects. When her three sons hit their teenage years, she went back to school to get a degree in Landscape Architecture from UC Irvine. I first met her in 1977, when she was still completing her studies.



Many of us knew her from her 30+ years at the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens. She coordinated Plant Production and ruled over the well-respected annual Plant Sales with a big smile and an iron fist. Months of coordination culminated in a few frenzied days that provided significant income to the Huntington and increased its membership rolls – as members always got first choice at the sale.

She was also Curator of the Herb Garden at the Huntington, where her amazing knowledge of plant lore and history came to life. Shirley told fantastic stories... and you always learned something new. Her love of cooking melded with her Herb Garden duties, leading to the publication of *'A Celebration of Herbs: Recipes from the Huntington Herb Garden'* in 2004. As grandchildren came along, she was intent on developing their imaginations with elaborate fairy gardens tucked away to be discovered.

Shirley was well-respected in the landscape architecture community and her residential plantings were featured in prominent gardening magazines and articles. She lectured and taught classes at UCLA, the Huntington, and at botanic gardens like the L.A. County Arboretum – where her design of The Grace Kallam Perennial Garden can be found.

For over 30 years, she was an active member of the Southern California Horticultural Society, serving as its president, providing lectures and bringing plants for the raffle table. She was awarded SCHS Horticulturist of the Year in 2008.

Our old friend quietly faded away over the last 10 years – but the influences she had on each of us be lasting and irrefutable.

🌿 Tom Carruth

Shannon Curator of the Rose Collection  
Huntington Library, Art Museum & Botanical Gardens



# NOVEMBER HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Venues open at press time are marked  or  for those that are online only.

Organizations are offering events, both online and in person, but may have updated protocols in place. Please continue to check with your favorites for current info if you are planning a visit.

## ARLINGTON GARDEN

275 Arlington Drive, Pasadena 91105  
626.578.5434  
www.arlingtongardenpasadena.com

## CALIFORNIA BOTANIC GARDEN (formerly RANCHO SANTA ANA)

1500 N. College Ave., Claremont 91711  
909.625.8767 www.calbg.org

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS CHAPTER

1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107  
818.398.5420 www.cnps-sgm.org

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

L.A./Sta Monica Mtns Chapter / Sepulveda Garden Ctr  
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino 91436  
818-782-9346 www.lasmmcnps.org

## DESCANSO GARDENS

1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada 91011  
818.949.7980 www.descansogardens.org

## EATON CANYON NATURE CENTER

1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107  
626.398.5420 www.ecnca.org

## FULLERTON ARBORETUM

1900 Associated Road, Fullerton 92831  
657.278.3407 www.fullertonarboretum.org

## HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108  
626.405.2100 www.huntington.org

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia 91007  
626.821.4623 www.arboretum.org

## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF L.A.

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007  
213.763.3466 www.nhm.org

## RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS

6400 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach 90815  
562.431.3541 www.rancholosalamitos.org

## RANCHO LOS CERRITOS

4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach 90807  
562.206.2040 www.rancholoscerritos.org

## SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas 92024  
760.436.3036 www.sdbgarden.org

## SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes 90274  
310.544.1948  
www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org

## THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION

10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley 91352  
818.768.1802 www.theodorepayne.org

## UC RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDENS

900 University Ave., Riverside 92521  
951-784-6962 www.gardens.ucr.edu

 Yvonne Savio

See more events at: [www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events](http://www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events).

## LINKS TO UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS

*Please check with individual organizations for class fees & details*

### Art In The Gardens, Riverside

University of California Riverside Botanic Gardens

- FREE Admission -

**Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Annual event at the UCR Botanic Gardens' Alder Canyon, where California artists and craftspersons are showcased representing a variety of media, including ceramics, jewelry, mosaics, metal work, fiber arts, wood, and photography.

**For more information, visit:**

[https://gardens.ucr.edu/events/art\\_gardens](https://gardens.ucr.edu/events/art_gardens)

### Annual FALL Plant Sale!

Theodore Payne Foundation

- FREE, but Reservation Required -

**Tuesday, November 8 - Saturday, November 19**

Shop from our best selection of plants, seeds and merchandise, including special items only available at this time of year (like our bulbs).

**To make a reservation, visit:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-plant-sale-at-theodore-payne-foundationtickets-396102923507?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

In-person monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in the evening, **unless otherwise noted**. Address for live meetings is:

### Friendship Auditorium


3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027

*NOTE: Meetings are simultaneously live-streamed and can be seen via Zoom with pre-registration.*


(Please visit [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org) for more information.)

## SCHS EVENTS CALENDAR

 **November 10** **ONLINE**  
"The Modern Crevice Garden: Going West with It" - a presentation by garden designer and author Kenton Seth

 **December 8** **IN-PERSON**  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION with refreshments!  
Program & details being finalized. TBA soon...

 **January 12** **DETAILS TBA SOON**

 **February 9** **IN-PERSON**  
Live screening of the documentary "Saging the World" with a panel of experts who helped make the film, and members from local chapters of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS).

## GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



## SCHS BOARD & COMMITTEES

**Laura Bauer** - President, Finance Committee (Chair), RBLs Committee, Website Committee (Chair) and Voicemail

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**Sabine Steinmetz** - Garden Share, Graphic Design, Newsletter Editor and Website Committee

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## SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER

*You may contribute an article of interest or information to be considered for publication in future issues.*

**Next deadline (for December newsletter): Monday, November 14**

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