Our next meeting

Thursday, November 8
7:30 pm
Friendship Auditorium
3021 Riverside Drive
Los Angeles

We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Our meetings are free to SCHS members and $5 for non-members without a guest pass.

Bring one or more plants, flowers, seeds or fruits for display and discussion at the Plant Forum and they may be included in our newsletter’s Green Sheet.

Welcome new members!

Glen Dake
Ryan Gyurkovitz
Lisa Kornblith
Linda Mckendry
Melissa Paltin
Normarie Waybourn

Next opportunity drawing at January meeting

There will not be an Opportunity Drawing at our November meeting and, as usual, we will not have one at our December meeting. We will start out the new year with the next Opportunity Drawing.

Next sharing secrets question

Bart O’Brien and Yvonne Savio have recommended plant books they recently read on page 2, and we would like to hear your suggestions.

The Sharing Secrets question for November is:

Tell us about a novel or non-fiction book involving plants that you recommend reading.

You can answer on the cards we’ll supply at our November 8 meeting or e-mail your response to bushweit@yahoo.com by Friday, November 9.

The November Meeting

Helen Popper:

California Native Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide

Our November guest speaker, Helen Popper, has taken a unique but eminently logical approach with her new book, California Native Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide. The guide, a first of its kind, follows a unique, nontraditional seasonal rhythm and describes the gardening that goes with it.

It begins in October, when much of California leaves the dry season behind and prepares for its own green “spring.” Popper provides detailed, calendar-based information for both beginning and experienced native gardeners.

In Popper’s presentation, she will define California nontraditional seasonal rhythm and outline the gardening work that needs to be accomplished month-by-month, just as her book does.

Each month’s chapter lists gardening tasks, including repeated tasks and those specific to each season. California Native Gardening offers planting and design ideas, and explains core gardening techniques such as pruning, mulching and propagating.

Helen Popper will share how to use native plants in traditional garden styles, including Japanese, herb and formal gardens, and recommends places for viewing natives.

Her presentation will also include some of the beautiful illustrations from her book. California Native Gardening is an essential year-round companion. A beautifully written book, it nurtures the twin delights of seeing wild plants in the garden and garden plants in the wild.

Helen will share these delights as well as others during her talk at our November 8 meeting.

November selected book

At our November meeting, you may purchase the book that is the focus of this month’s program, California Native Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide, by our featured speaker, Helen Popper.

Helen will be available to sign your book after her talk.

Published by University of California Press; March 2012. Paperback, 7 x 0.6 x 9 inches, 224 pages. Color photographs and illustrations.

SCHS member price: $23.00, including tax. Retail price: $29.95.
A rare early fall thunder and lightning storm challenged Society members making the drive to the Huntington Botanical Gardens on Thursday, October 10 for our Annual Award Banquet. However, the many hearty souls who braved the elements were treated to an even rarer double rainbow and a delightfully warm and intimate event inside the Botanical Center.

The rain was all too brief, but the fun and social engagement lasted all night long as we gathered together in the same grand room for the Silent Auction, the dinner and the Horticulturist of the Year program.

Our endlessly energetic president, Steve Gerischer, managed to organize and execute the Silent Auction event despite his simultaneous preparation for escorting a Pacific Horticulture tour to Madagascar, where he was en route to while we were all enjoying the fruits of his labors at the Huntington.

Laura Bauer took charge of the Silent Auction from setup to collection of funds at the event and we appreciate her efforts. Many volunteers worked in advance and the day of the banquet whom we wish to thank.

After a delicious dinner from Dearmore Catering, who grilled under a canopy in the rain, the Silent Auction winners were announced. We garnered $1,190 thanks to generous winners who bought them.

Our charming host for the event was Jim Thorpe, for their help with arrangements.

Before Dick spoke, Jim presented him with a commemorative engraved award plaque (pictured left).

Always the smooth, intelligent, witty and cultured speaker, Dick entertained the audience with details of his beginnings in the horticulture community, starting at the University of Michigan.

Dick shared stories about his early happy career prior to accepting his post as editor of Pacific Horticulture magazine. He started in the Bay area as Strybing Arboretum director, then was the director of the San Francisco Garden Show and on to the executive director of the Ruth Bancroft Garden.

With his charming and affable personality, in addition to an abundance of talent and dedicated work ethic; it is easy to see why Dick Turner was so successful all along the way as he traveled the western states.

In his role as editor of Pacific Horticulture, Dick sought out local authors to write about their communities. Such were his persuasive powers that within minutes of starting an initial conversation, Dick would request an article and often convince well-known writers to contribute not only their writing pro bono, but their photographs as well.

Thus Pacific Horticulture maintained such a high level of excellence under his leadership despite budgets that could not afford such quality.

Dick delighted the attentive audience of family, friends and fans and had us laughing repeatedly as he shared memorable stories from his 15-year tenure as Pacific Horticulture editor, and gave us a generous glimpse into his rich life, accomplishments and contributions to horticulture.

We owe a debt to Dick for his dedication and skill in documenting the events, people and landscape of our region in such a responsible, enriching and inspiring way. He retired from the magazine this fall and has been traveling and enjoying his personal time since.

A huge thank you to Kathy Musial for making all the arrangements for the dinner at the Huntington this year and in the past. She had set everything in motion before leaving for her Pacific Horticulture trip to Madagascar and returned hours before the event started. Also thanks to Kathy’s assistants, Dani Rudeen and Melanie Thorpe, for their help with arrangements.

This was an evening filled with camaraderie, warm conversation and fun that the rain could not have dampened.

- By Joe Galliani & Debra Bushweit Galliani
- Photograph by Joe Galliani
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<td>Saturday, November 11</td>
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<td>Fullerton 92831 Fullerton Arboretum 1900 Associated Rd. at Jamboree 657-278-3407 fullertonarboretum.org Saturday, November 3 10:00 am–12:00 noon Elf Garden Bowls, elementary age children build a garden to take home. Fee. ☑ Saturday, November 17 9:00–10:00 am Native Plant Tour, with an Arboretum horticulturist. Fee. Saturday, November 17 10:00 am–4:30 pm Native Plant Sale, large selection at the Potting Shed. Free. Saturday, November 17 10:00–11:30 am Worm Composting. Free to local residents; fee to all others.</td>
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<td>Saturday–Sunday, November 3–4 9:00 am–5:00 pm Japanese Garden Festival &amp; Fall Chrysanthemum Show, with plant sale. Free with garden admission. Saturday, November 10 11:00 am Fruit Tree Pruning, a talk &amp; demonstration by Rachel Young. Fee. ☑</td>
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<td>Sunday, November 11 1:30 pm The Spanish Influence on California Gardens from the Missions to Today, with Katherine Greenberg. Meeting of the Mediterranean Garden Society includes tour of home and gardens. RSVP to <a href="mailto:MediterraneanGardenSoc.SoCal@gmail.com">MediterraneanGardenSoc.SoCal@gmail.com</a>. Fee. ☑</td>
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<td>Thursdays, November 1–December 20 10:00 am–12:00 noon One Stroke Painting. Fee. Monday, November 5 &amp; 26 9:00–11:00 am Fundamentals of Gardening, with Judy Gerber; held at the Torrance Memorial Learning Garden, 4045 W. 190th St, Torrance. Fee.</td>
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<td>Saturday, November 3 1:30–3:30 pm Container Gardening with Native Plants, with Lorrae Fuentes. Fee. Saturday, November 10 1:30–3:30 pm, repeats Saturday, November 30 6:30–8:30 pm Look Ma, No Lawn!, talk with Lili Singer. Fee. Saturday, November 17 10:00 am–2:00 pm California Native Plant Horticulture, with Lili Singer. Class at Scrubjay Studios, address given with registration. Fee.</td>
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<td>SUN VALLEY 91352 THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION FOR WILDFLOWERS &amp; NATIVE PLANTS</td>
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<td>The San Diego Horticultural Society meets Monday, November 12, 6:00–9:00 pm, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Activities include The Edible Front Yard by Ivette Soler. Information: 619-296-9215, sdhort.org. Fee.</td>
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UPCOMING SCHS PROGRAMS

At Friendship Auditorium in Los Angeles, starting at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted.

December 13 – Annual Members’ Night (aka, Cookie Night). We will have a DVD showing of No Work Gardening by Ruth Stout and other festivities.

Start gathering those items you no longer have a use for and think one of our members may want. We will have the Sharing Table at our holiday meeting and this year we encourage you to bring plants, bulbs and seeds as part of this informal exchange.

2013 PROGRAMS

January 10 – To be announced.

February 14 – Andrew Bunting, curator of Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College in Philadelphia since 1993 and president of Magnolia Society International, will speak.

March 14 – Rolando Uria, visiting from Argentina, will be our featured speaker.

April 11 – Billy Goodnick, presents Crimes Against Horticulture.

WELCOME NEW SCHS BOARD MEMBER YVONNE SAVIO

The SCHS board has elected Yvonne Savio to fill an open board position vacated by Sabine Hoppner this August. Yvonne is the 2010 SCHS Horticulturist of the Year and a frequent meeting attendee. Please join the board in welcoming her and thanking her for the work she will be doing to serve our Society.

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Next deadline: Friday, November 9 (for December newsletter). It is the Friday following our monthly membership meeting. Please contribute an article or information of interest.

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NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2012
Thank you to all who brought plants to the August 2012 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.]

*Combretum fruticosum*, orange flame vine (Combretaceae), exhibited by Joan DeFato, grown in Burbank.

*Costus barbatus*, stepladder plant (Costaceae), exhibited by Eric Brooks, in Baldwin Hills.

*Dalechampia dioscoreifolia*, Costa Rican butterfly bush (Euphorbiaceae), exhibited by Eric Brooks, in Baldwin Hills.

*Duranta repens ‘alba’*, white sky flower (Verbenaceae), exhibited by Joan Seidel, grown in the Hollywood Hills.

*Mascagnia macroptera*, yellow orchid vine (Malphigiaceae), exhibited by Ann Brooks, in Baldwin Hills.

*Senecio confusus*, Mexican flame vine (Asteraceae), exhibited by Eric Brooks, in Baldwin Hills.

*Stephanotis floribunda ‘variegata’*, variegated Madagascar jasmine (Apocynaceae), exhibited by Patricia McGrath, grown in Silver Lake.

*Urginea maritima*, sea onion (Asparagaceae), exhibited by Joan Citron, grown in Reseda.

*Ziziphus jujuba*, jujube (Rhamnaceae), exhibited by Jim Jaeger, grown at Huntington Botanical Garden.

Plants that could not be fully identified:

*Amorphophallus reoersis*, arum lily (Araceae), exhibited by Matt & Rebecca Tufenkian. [Note: this species does not seem to be validly published and I could not ascertain its identity.]

*Ledebouria* sp. (Asparagaceae), exhibited by Jim Jaeger.

*Neoregelia* sp. (Bromeliaceae), exhibited by Jim Jaeger.

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.

*Eriastrum densifolium*, giant wooly-star (Polemoniaceae), exhibited by John Schoustra. This pretty perennial herb, native to Southern California and Baja California, is commonly seen growing in sandy soils of dunes or washes. (One subspecies *sanctorum* is endemic to the Santa Ana River Watershed and is federally protected.) This plant has very attractive blue-purple flowers (occasionally white) that are borne in clusters. It flowers profusely in spring and summer and is sometimes sold at Theodore Payne Foundation. John notes that it likes a dry spot and can be hard to grow.

*Rhodohypoxis baurii* ‘Picta’ (Hypoxidaceae), exhibited by Laura Bauer. This attractive selection of *Rhodohypoxis baurii* has large 1 inch flowers, with white petals that are subtly tipped with a deep red-pink tinge. The species is native to South Africa and as such is a summer-growing geophyte that has corm-like rhizomes. These plants like a dry, sunny position and do well in pots; they will often flower for an extended period and the flowers are very sweetly scented. Laura notes that it needs watering through the blooming season and should then be kept dry in winter. (Pictured above.)