Native Plant Growers Forum
Thursday, October 10, 2013

Celebrate the fall planting season with a panel of professional California native plant growers – Madena Asbell of the Theodore Payne Foundation, Bart O’Brien of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and Bob Sussman of Matilija Nursery – sharing their expertise, enthusiasm and beautifully grown plants! During the program, each panelist will describe ten different California natives from their nursery, including each plant’s history, unique qualities and cultural requirements. No doubt, you’ll learn a lot about California flora and be inspired to add these and other native plants to your landscape!

These same thirty fabulous native plants will be offered in the evening’s raffle!!! Buy plenty of tickets, support the Society and go home with a new California native for your garden!

The Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, established 1960, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, propagation, study and use of California native plants. TPF’s 22-acre canyon site in Sun Valley (just north of Hollywood Burbank Airport) includes a year-round California native plant nursery, offering hundreds of different species and cultivars; a book, seed and garden tool store; an art gallery with quarterly exhibitions; a reading library; hiking trails; and an education center with classes and field trips for adults and children. Panelist Madena Asbell is manager of the Theodore Payne Nursery.

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, founded in 1927 by Susanna Bixby Bryant, is the largest botanic garden dedicated exclusively to California’s native plants. The Garden is located on 86 acres in Claremont, approximately 35 miles east of Los Angeles. RSABG, a private, nonprofit organization, offers educational programs and special events throughout the year and is home of the Botany Department for Claremont Graduate University. RSABG offers superb selection of California native plants for sale at Grow Native Nursery in Claremont and Westwood, L.A. Panelist Bart O’Brien is director of special projects at RSABG.

Matilija Nursery, in the scenic hills of Moorpark, grows the largest inventory of California native plants and non-native irises in Ventura County. Native irises have long been a specialty. Founded by “Matilija Bob” Sussman in the early 1990s and located close to the Simi and San Fernando valleys, the nursery serves the retail and wholesale trades, as well as restoration efforts in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

THE TREES OF THE CHAVEZ RAVINE ARBORETUM

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GUIDED TOUR AND PICNIC
Sunday, October 13, 2013

Join SCHS as we return once more to Chavez Ravine Arboretum to discover the wonderful trees in this Los Angeles “hidden gem.” SCHS tree experts Bart O’Brien (Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden) and James E. Henrich (Los Angeles County Arboretum) will be joined again by Matt Ritter (author of A Californian’s Guide to the Trees Among Us). Although we already covered many significant trees on the previous two trips, we’ll start with the Eucalypti on this visit, and see where we end up. There are so many varieties of Eucalyptus grown in California, this will be a great chance for you to sort them out with our experts.

Park near the Grace E. Simons Lodge at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., Los Angeles 90012. A map will be given with confirmation. The tour will begin at 10:00 am. We will picnic on the grounds at 1:00 p.m. Bring something to eat and share (desserts are always appreciated!). We will provide sodas, water and utensils. Bring good walking shoes and a hat and sunscreen if the weather is sunny!

Tour tickets are $5.00 for SCHS Members, $10.00 for non-members. To secure your reservation, please sign up online through MemberLodge, or complete and send in the form below, along with your check. If you have any questions, contact Laura Bauer at: lbauer@ehuffy.com or by phone 626-437-9459.
September Meeting Recap

The September meeting of the Southern California Horticultural Society was our annual awards banquet honoring the Horticulturist of the Year. This year we honored Professor Dave Lannom, of Mount San Antonio College. Banquet attendees gathered for a lively social hour on the beautiful patios of the Peacock Cafe at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. Our annual Silent Auction was laid out for early bidding and guests mingled and talked while bidding started. The weather was beautiful and the late evening light over the Arboretum grounds and the mountains beyond was magical.

Dinner was served for over one hundred guests who had come to honor “Professor Dave” and to hear stories of this renowned educator. Our tables were decorated with beautiful centerpieces created from dried palm fruit clusters, banana leaves and Ceiba (formerly Chorisia) blossoms—all woven together by the talented James E. Henrich. Thank you Jim! Nikki, and her staff at the Peacock Cafe did a splendid job of catering the delicious meal and tending to all of the needs of our guests. Fleur Nooyen, a former student of Mr. Lannom, and Nicholas Staddon, a coworker with Dave and Director of New Plant Introductions at Monrovia, provided colorful comments before Dave was presented with his plaque.

Thanks to all at the Arboretum and to our Board Members who helped make it a terrific evening.

See you at Friendship Hall for our October meeting, Native Plant Growers Panel.

-Steven Gerischer

SHARING SECRETS

In September, we asked you to answer “What is your favorite California native plant in the garden and why?” and here are some of your responses. Read more on our SCHS MemberLodge website, schs.memberlodge.org.

Any of the native buckwheats! They thrive without attention in my sandy, non-moisture retentive soil, in sun or shade, most look great all year (easy to prune those that need it), and are great habitat for bees and butterflies.

-Lisa Ceazan

My favorite California native plant is Quercus agrifolia, a great structural stalwart. This tree requires no extra water, is evergreen, and contributes to my “mediterranean ambience”.

-Gloria Leinbach

Regional Landscape Design in Southern California

October 26 & 27

From Our Friends at Pacific Horticulture and the Association of Professional Landscape Designers

Saturday October 26, 2013 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Seminar: You’ll learn how to enhance the existing natural beauty of a site through your garden designs while using regionally appropriate plants that will thrive.

Bernard Trainor Noted California landscape designer and author of the widely acclaimed book Landprints.

Carole Bornstein Director of the Nature Gardens at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

Randy Baldwin General Manager of San Marcos Growers, Santa Barbara, CA

Saturday October 26, 2013 5:00pm

Refreshments: Enjoy a beverage and conversation with your colleagues at this special So Cal APLD hosted cocktail hour. All attendees are invited.

Saturday October 26, 2013 6:00pm

Dinner: Savor a buffet dinner with your member colleagues and continue discussions from the afternoon seminars.

Sunday October 27, 2013 9:00am to 12:00pm

Coldwater Canyon Park Walk: Enjoy a guided walk through this scenic area to visualize design possibilities and plant options through the eyes of our speakers.

Questions and information:

Phone: 510-849-1627
Email: events@pacifichorticulture.org

LA/Santa Monica CNPS Native Plant Sale

Los Angeles / Santa Monica Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society

2013 Native Plant Sale

October 26 & 27, 10am to 3:30pm

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino (near Hayvenhurst).

More than 50 different native plant species! Something for every garden need–seeds, irises, mints, sages, berries, hummingbird & butterfly plants, annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees—with experienced CNPS members to assist you in your selections. Theodore Payne Foundation seed mixes will be available as well. Buy a book, field guide, place mats, poster or a CNPS T-shirt. Lunch and snacks for sale. Cash and checks accepted.

Great displays and exhibits by local environmental agencies and non-profits.

Featuring FREE Native Plant Talks and Book Signings

For more information or to volunteer call 818-881-3706 or visit www.lacnps.org or find us on Facebook.

San Gabriel CNPS Native Plant Sale

Into the Garden: Native Plant Sale

Saturday, November 9, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA

A good variety of reasonably priced California native plants and wildflower seeds appropriate for gardens in the Los Angeles basin will be available, including plants for attracting birds and butterflies to your home garden. Knowledgeable chapter members will be on hand to answer questions.

We obtain our plants from high-quality local nurseries specializing in native plants. We also have plants propagated and grown by members.

For more information go to: www.cnps-sgm.org/garden/plantsale.php

See Hort Happenings pg. 5 for more Native Plant Sales!
Thank you to all who brought plants the July, 2013 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 Plant Raffle if you bring one or more plants for discussion at the Plant Forum table (if there is a Plant Raffle that night).

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

*Aeonium sedifolium*, tree houseleek (Crassulaceae), by Jim Gardner, Rolling Hills Estates. Canary Islands, coastal populations endemic to northwest Tenerife and La Palma. This compact mounding plant grows to about 8 inches tall and wide. The tubular leaves have red tannic stripes held on wiry stems. Sun and stress enhance coloration. It is an excellent choice for dry rocky slopes or as a container plant. The species name refers to resemblance to some species of Sedum.

*Aeonium castello-paivae* 'Sun Cup', tree houseleek (Crassulaceae), by Jim Gardner, Rolling Hills Estates. Canary Islands, endemic to central Gomera. This is an old cultivar appears to be a variegated form of *Aeonium castello-paivae* with variegation ranging from subtle creamy-yellowish striping of the leaves to entire rosettes. Its clumping growth habit can cascade on embankments. Like other aeoniums, it is easily propagated from stem cuttings.

*Agapanthus praecox subsp. orientalis* ‘Black Pantha’, lily-of-the-Nile (Amaryllidaceae), by John Schoustra, Somis. This evergreen perennial produces nearly black buds that open into dark violet blue flowers on stems to 3 feet tall. Plant in full sun to partial shade; good for mass planting as a groundcover; and flowers have exceptionally long life when cut. The nearly sterile flowers are produced in spring/summer and borne on stems mottled with purple. It is a seedling selection from open-pollinated *Agapanthus praecox subsp. orientalis* ‘Blue’ at Doncaster, Victoria by Graham Morrison in 1981; sometimes also known as ‘Black Panther’.

*Asclepias fascicularis*, Mexican whorled milkweed (Apocynaceae), by John Schoustra, Somis. Western United States. This perennial grows to 3 feet tall, has leaves to 5 inches long and clusters of white flowers to 5 inches in diameter. It is wonderful for bird or butterfly gardens and is a terrific host for Monarch butterfly caterpillars. It occurs from sea level to 7,000 feet in yellow pine forest, red fir forest, lodgepole forest, foothill woodland, chaparral, valley grassland, wetland-riparian communities of California. “Fascicularis” means whorled, referring to the whorled leaves.

*Canna* ‘Chocolate Inferno’PPAF, canna (Cannaceae), by John Schoustra, Somis. This rhizomatous perennial selection came from the breeding program at Greenwood Daylily Nursery. It has darker, shinier foliage than *Canna* ‘Intrigue’, which has bronze-maroon foliage, and is one of its parents. The dark, glossy leaves set off the intense pure red orange blooms that seem to glow with an inner fire.

*Dalea bicolor*, silver prairie clover (Fabaceae), by Eric Brooks, Baldwin Hills. Arizona, New Mexico, Texas. Common and widespread throughout its native range, the foliage is green, flowers are purple with a white banner, hence “bicolor”, and they must have full sun and well-drained soil. This drought tolerant species is excellent for erosion control. It occurs in chaparral, arroyos along streams, woodlands and also in disturbed habitats such as along roadsides. Associated species include: *Ambrosia, Echinocereus engelmannii, Encelia, Ferocactus* and *Fouquieria*.

*Pontederia cordata*, pickerelweed (Pontederiaceae), by Ann Brooks, Baldwin Hills. Eastern North America to Caribbean. This emergent perennial forms dense clumps, needs full sun for best flowering and is hardy to USDA hardiness zones 3-10. The soft blue flowers attract butterflies. Leaf blades are about 5 inches wide and twice as long on 2-4 foot long petioles. It is distinguished from common arrowhead (*Sagittaria latifolia*) by having rounded leaf base lobes. “Cordata” refers to the cordate or heart-shaped leaf bases.

*Rosa rugosa* ‘Linda Campbell’ MORtenTMP8,199, Linda Campbell rose (Rosaceae), by Gloria Leinbach. Cultivated hybrid. Also know as ‘Tall Poppy’ or ‘Magten’, it was hybridized by Ralph Moore (the grandfather of the American miniature rose) introduced by Wayside Gardens in 1991. It is the progeny of a cross between the salmon miniature rose ‘Anytime’ and the pink Van Fleet heirloom ‘Rugosa Magnifica’. This vigorous upright grower bears unscented, intense crimson red flowers and is an excellent repeat flowering shrub fewer thorns than most rugosa roses. “Rugosa” refers to the wrinkled leaves. This cultivar commemorates the wife of Dr. William Campbell, founder of High Country Rosarium in Denver, Colorado.
Donivee Nash’s Arcadia garden was described as having “park-like graciousness” in the Garden Conservancy’s Open Days directory (spring 2013). Designed by Judy Horton, the garden flows among varied groupings of greenery and colors, lawn and groundcovers, salvias and succulents, woodland trees and fruit trees, perennials and vegetables, terraces and expanses. Carefully collected specimens abound in-ground and in containers. The pathways are a delight to wander, with gathering areas and private nooks. Donivee promises lots of fall color as well as the last flushes of perennial blooms.

Please join us for an informal tour with coffee and light refreshments on **Sunday, October 27 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.** This tour is free to SCHS members, but a $5.00 entry fee will apply to guests. Please sign up at the October meeting, online at the SCHS MemberLodge, by printing out and mailing in the PDF flyer, or by calling Joel Lichtenwalter at 310-908-5036 **Deadline for registration is Friday, October 25.**

Donivee’s Garden is located in Arcadia. Once you sign up, we will contact you with directions.

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**SCHS COFFEE IN THE GARDEN – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013**

☐ Yes, please reserve: _______ Member Reservation  

☐ _______ Non-member Tickets at $5 each = $_______ Total  

Member’s Name(s) ____________________________________________________________  

Non-Member Name(s) ________________________________________________________  

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Make your check payable to SCHS. Mail to: P.O. Box 94476, Pasadena, CA 91109  

SCHS Phone: 818/567-1496 Website: www.socalhort.org
5 HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Contact each listing below to confirm the event, for details and for a full schedule. = Registration requested or required.

**ARCADIA 91007**
L.A. COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN
301 N. Baldwin Ave.
626-821-4623; arboretum.org

- Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15 & 22
  10:00am-2:00pm
  Botanical Art & Illustration with Cristina Baltayian. Fee 🍂

- Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
  9:30am-12:00pm
  Thursday Talks with Lili Singer.
  Includes Beneficial Insects with Lili Singer 10/3; California Native Plant History with Matt Ritter, 10/10; Field Trip to MT SAC Horticulture Department, 10/17; Tree Health with Rebecca Latta, 10/24; Bulbs and Succulents of the Mediterranean, South Africa & the Americas with Tom Glavich, 10/31. Fee 🍂 Expenses may be taken separately.

Saturday, October 12
10:00am-4:00pm
Botanical Art & Illustration with Cristina Baltayian. Fee 🍂

Saturday, October 12
10:00am to 12:00pm
Design Principles for Judging A Garden with Laramee Haynes. Fee 🍂

Saturday, October 19
7:45am-3:00pm
Live Long and Landscape: Gardening for Health and Happiness. This all day seminar is presented by the Garden Conservancy and the LA Arboretum Foundation. To register and for more info visit gardenconservancy.org Fee 🍂

Saturday, October 26
10:00am-1:00pm
Square Foot Gardening Workshop with Jo Ann Carey. Fee 🍂

**CLAREMONT 91711**
RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN
1500 N. College Ave
909-625-8767 x224; rsabg.org

Sunday, October 13
9:00am-12:00pm
Sustainable Landscape Workshop: Where Do You Go from Here? Assessing what you have and how to make changes to irrigation, existing plants and features. Fee 🍂

Sunday, October 20
10:00am-1:00pm
Medicinal Plants Herb Walk with William Broen. Fee 🍂

Sunday, October 27
9:00am-12:00pm
Sustainable Landscape Workshop: Landscape Design. Learn the keys to good plant selection and pick the proper materials to get your garden growing right. Fee 🍂

**FULLERTON 92831**
FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 Associated Rd. at Jamboree
657-278-3407
fullertonarborcetum.org

Saturday, October 5
9:00am-12:00pm
Eat the Yard #1: Designing an Edible Landscape with Jonathan Duffy Davis. Fee 🍂

Saturday, October 12
9:00am-12:00pm
Introduction to Plant Identification with Bob Allen. Fee 🍂

Saturday, October 26
9:00am-12:00pm
Eat the Yard #2: The Complete Winter Vegetable Garden with Jonathan Duffy Davis. Fee 🍂

**LOS ANGELES 90049**
GROW NATIVE NURSERY
100 Davis Avenue
424-234-0481

Saturday & Sunday, October 5 & 6
10:00am-4:00pm
Autumn Garden Party. Shop a wide selection of plants, listen to expert horticultural speakers, enjoy live music and gardening demos. Free

**NORTHridge 91324**
NORTHridge METHODIST CHURCH
9650 Reseda Blvd.
cangcsfv.org

Wednesday, October 23
6:00pm
Plant & Garden Supplies Auction. Presented by the San Fernando Valley branch of the California Association of Nurseries & Garden Centers. This fundraiser benefits horticultural programs in the San Fernando Valley.

**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA 90274**
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
(310) 544-1948
southcoastbotanicgarden.org

- Saturdays, October 5, 12 & 19
  10:00am-1:00pm (Oct. 5)
  9:30am-4:00pm (Oct. 12)
  10:00am-2:30pm (Oct. 19)
Gardening in Miniature with Jackie Johnson. Learn how to create your own magical tiny gardens in glass terrariums and other whimsical containers. Fee 🍂

- Saturdays, October 26
  9:00am-12:00pm
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- SAN MARINO 91108
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 Oxford Rd.
626-405-2128; huntington.org

Thursday, October 10
2:30pm
Garden Talk and Plant Sale:The Diversity of California’s Native Bees with naturalist Hartmut Wisch. Plant sale follows the talk. Free

Friday-Sunday, October 18-20
12:00-4:30pm (Fri)
10:30am-4:30pm (Sat & Sun)
Orchid Show & Sale. Vendors will have a wide selection of orchid plants and related merchandise for sale. Free with general admission.

Friday-Sunday, October 25-27
12:00-4:30pm (Fri)
10:30am-4:30pm (Sat & Sun)
Fall Plant Sale. Free with general admission.

**SUN VALLEY 91352**
THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION
10459 Tuxford Street
(818) 768-1902; theodorepayne.org

Saturday, October 5
1:30-3:30pm
Engage! with Mike Evans. Learn how wildlife connects you to your native plant garden from the founder and president of Tree of Life Nursery in San Juan Capistrano. Fee 🍂

Fridays & Saturdays, Oct. 11, 12, 18 & 19
8:30am-4:30pm
Fall Plant Sale. The best selection and most interesting selection of native plants in the region -- hundreds of different species and cultivars -- and the best advice, MEMBER save - 15% plants, 10% off seed. Not yet a member? Join at the door!

Saturday, October 26
1:30-3:30pm
From Lawn to Native Garden with Barbara Eisenstein. This class teaches how to transition from a yard dominated by lawn to a lively, healthy and sustainable native garden. Fee 🍂

- With Jackie Johnson
- Send notices to bettina0203@hotmail.com.

- Compiled by Bettina Gatti
UPCOMING 2013 SCHS PROGRAMS
At Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027, starting at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted.

**November 14** - Bernard Trainor: *Landprints*.

**December 12** - Member Night (Details TBA)

**LOTS HAPPENING IN THE GARDEN WORLD!**

There are many plant sales happening this time of year, from the Theodore Payne Foundation and Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden sales to your local CNPS Chapter sales. See the announcements in this month’s newsletter. Also check out the Association of Professional Landscape Designers/Pacific Horticulture Society Landscape Design Seminar. Our own Elysian Park field trip is still open for registration and don’t miss the Coffee in the Garden this month at the Nash garden!

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Next deadline: Friday, September 13 (for October newsletter). It is the Friday following our monthly membership meeting. Please contribute an article or information of interest.