Last month the SCHS presented its second webinar, this time on the subject of agaves. While originally scheduled for June 11, the presentation by Jeremy Speth of Water’s Path landscaping and Hidden Agave nursery was cancelled last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. However, SCHS’s excellent program committee was able to book another agave specialist to give a talk on June 25.

In his presentation “Agaves for the Landscape”, nursery owner and author Greg Starr covered the basics about agaves, broken down into fascinating “tidbits” and then shared what he considers to be some of the best species for landscape use in the Southwestern United States. Starr Nursery is a mail order business established in July of 1995 and specializes in cactus and succulents, with a particular emphasis on agaves. Born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, Starr grew to love flora and fauna of the desert, and eventually received a degree in horticulture from the University of Arizona in 1979. His first trip to Baja California was in 1981 with noted Sonoran Desert botanists Dr. Ray Turner and Dr. Tony Burgess, and from there on he was hooked on agaves. He has made many return trips to see these plants in habitat, and many of his slide show images showed them in the wild as well as in landscapes.

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Additionally, feedback from members (and others) helps us when evaluating what speakers, programs and other events to schedule in the future.

Regardless, our increased presence online has translated into more engagement with the people visiting our various platforms, and that in itself is a positive thing. We cannot operate in a vacuum if we wish to grow and meet the needs of future generations of Southern California gardeners.

Please support us in this effort to increase our outreach by encouraging friends to check out past events on our YouTube channel (link below). And please, let us hear from you too!

Thank you for helping us grow!