2021 HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM

Thursday, September 23

Please join us for a virtual presentation posthumously honoring horticultural notables Bill Baker, John Dourley and Virginia Hayes.

FULL DETAILS COMING IN NEWSLETTER & ONLINE

“LIVE” AUGUST SCHS MEETING

The August meeting will be an in-person event, as well as live-streaming for those who prefer to watch from home. We will be practicing safety protocols for everyone’s protection, not be serving refreshments, and – per the L.A. County Department of Public Health – masks will be mandatory, regardless of vaccination status. In addition to being able to interact with our speaker, we will also be resuming other activities, so we hope you will consider stopping by.

RAFFLE & PLANT SALES RETURN

As well as enjoying a live presentation and demo, we are also looking forward to spending money on garden goodies!

For our raffle, Steve Gerischer is donating a selection of gardening tools from his personal collection – featuring over 25 pairs of pruning shears. For the price of a ticket, you could go home with a tool purchased from familiar makers such as Wilkinson Sword, Gardena and Sandvik, as well as unusual brands from Japan, China and Europe. All are new and unused, and most are in their original packaging.

And for those of us who have missed going to plant sales during the last year, John Schoustra and Aprille Curtis will be offering a fresh selection of plants for sale – just ahead of fall planting season!

JOIN US FOR AUGUST SCHS MEETING

Register to view live at: www.socalhort.org

SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

July brought us the following:

- Beverly Alison
- Darrell Banta
- Gina Bush
- Bridget Lee
- Guillaume Lemoine
- Wendy Talaro

We appreciate your support!

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On August 12, the SCHS is excited to meet in person for the first time since February of 2020. Joining us to present a program on gardening tools will be horticulturist and educator Jill Morganelli. She will be reviewing her favorite tools that have been tried and tested and that she describes as “Arboretum tough”. Known to many of our members from her ten years as Horticultural Supervisor at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, Morganelli has much hands-on experience to share. She is currently instructing the Gardening Practices and Techniques class in the UCLA Extension Horticulture and Gardening Certificate Program where she is also on the Horticulture Advisory Board.

Morganelli knows that having the right equipment for any job will give you the best chance for success, and will therefore be discussing a variety of gardening tools and their uses, providing practical advice derived from first-hand knowledge. During her program she will also share insights on how to properly use and care for our garden tools to keep them at peak performance. She will also be answering questions afterward, so our guests will have a chance to get specific about their own tool preferences, complaints or dilemmas.

Having spent her career focusing on building healthy ecosystems that sustain physically and spiritually strong floras, Morganelli’s presentation will show us how having the right tools and knowing how to use them will assist us in building strong, healthy gardens at home. We hope you will join us for this practical program that’s sure to touch on something of interest for every gardener. Stop by in person at Friendship Auditorium or register online at www.socalhort.org to attend our simultaneous Zoom presentation. “See” you there!

Sabine Steinmetz
On July 8, the SCHS hosted Joanna Glovinsky, the founder of Fruitstitute, a Los Angeles-based fruit tree care and education service, to present a webinar on the specialized care of fruit trees. Her program focused on the biological differences between commercially cultivated fruit tree species as compared to trees growing in residential and urban environments, and the implications this has for management.

Glovinsky provided a history of fruit growing culture – most specifically grafting practices – to lead into her lecture on modern commercial growing practices that dominate fruit tree growing today and how these impact home orchardists. Grafting is used to propagate plants grown for specific traits such as vigor, pest resistance, size, flavor, etc. Commercial growers must look at fruit trees as a commodity in terms of land value measured by yield and profitability. Therefore, the orcharding industry establishes the standards for the management of growing fruit, which is misaligned with the needs of home gardeners growing fruit trees in a residential landscape. Therefore, home grown trees require different management techniques to be healthy and productive.

Keeping in mind that as gardeners we must establish the parameters for what we want from our fruit trees (crop yield, size, shade, etc.), there are good management practices that most trees have in common. The most important of these is properly siting the tree when it is planted. If there is not enough light, or space for root expansion is limited, or there is too much competition for resources from adjacent plantings, the tree will not thrive. Once the tree has been optimally sited, management practices will aid in keeping it vigorous and productive, beginning with maintaining soil health. Fruit trees require more nutrient-rich soil than ornamentals, as they are heavy feeders. In addition to a regular fertilizing schedule, applications of compost and organic mulch are good ways to ensure that the soil’s nutrients will be consistently replenished. The latter will also help retain moisture in the soil as most species also require regular irrigation for good fruit production. Annual or seasonal pruning must be done to maintain a manageable size and keep a balanced branch structure, remove dead wood, “lift” heavy branches, and open the canopy. And finally, because fruit is heavy, thinning the crop is mandatory to prevent branches from breaking, and because unchecked over-bearing (especially true for stone fruit) can result in decreased yields in subsequent years.

It is Glovinsky’s mission to educate home growers in the practices of good fruit tree management as she has found there to be a great need for this, especially in urban environments. She established Fruitstitute as a service to teach people about the specialized care that all fruit trees need to grow great fruit, and how they can be successful in this endeavor. (Learn more at www.fruitstitute.com.)

SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE

Settle into August with light garden chores and a cool beverage.

• Continue deep watering trees and supplementally hand-watering containers and bedding plants.
• Keep on harvesting/enjoying your veggies and herbs!
• Prune back summer-dormant California native perennials.
• Start removing dead or dying plants now for pest control and to reduce fall clean-up tasks.
• Check your compost pile to see if it’s getting dried out - turn, mist and shade it if necessary.
• Catch up on your garden reading and begin thinking about what to plant in autumn...

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COVID-19 UPDATES FOR LOCAL GARDEN VENUES

Venues open at press time are marked ☀️ and ☁️ for those that are online only.

Organizations and venues are offering more events and classes, both online and in person, while maintaining safety protocols, limited attendance and hours.

Please continue to check with your favorites for updated info if you are planning a visit.

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CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
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DESCANSO GARDENS
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FULLERTON ARBORETUM
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THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION
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UC RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDENS
900 University Ave., Riverside 92521
951-784-6962 www.gardens.ucr.edu

Yvonne Savio

To see more events as they’re posted, check: www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events.

LINKS TO UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS
Please check with individual organizations for class fees & details

California Garden & Landscape History Society
- Upcoming Online Events -
  www.cglhs.org/upcoming-events

California Native Plant Society
- Upcoming Online & In-Person Events -
  www.cnps.org/event/virtual-native-plant-events

Waterwise Community Center,
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
- Upcoming Waterwise Activities -
  www.cbwcd.org/328/Programs-Events

- Upcoming Gardening Online Workshops -
  https://www.cbwcd.org/354/Free-Workshops

SCHS VIDEO ARCHIVES - LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our growing video archive of Speakers, Plant Forums, Events and more is becoming a valuable horticultural resource covering an increasing variety of topics.

Watch SCHS on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYYBy88Q361lQVnV69qmgGg
In-person meetings will be held at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027, unless otherwise noted. Meetings will also be available simultaneously online via Zoom.

**UPCOMING SCHS PROGRAMS**

**August 12**  
**IN PERSON**  
- Jill Morganelli, instructor with the UCLA Extension Horticulture Program will speak on gardening tools

**Sept. 23**  
**WEBINAR**  
- 2021 Horticulturist of the Year Award Program  
  *Please note event date is the 4th Thursday, with no other meetings in September.*  
  - EVENT DETAILS TBA

**October 14**  
**VENUE TBA**  
- Johanna Silver, former Sunset editor and author will talk about Growing Weed in The Garden

**November 11**  
**VENUE TBA**  
- Program details being finalized

**GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"Gardening is cheaper than therapy – and you get tomatoes"  
– Author Unknown

**Next deadline:** Monday, August 16 (for September newsletter)  
*Please contribute an article or information of interest.*