



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

November 2021

OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 11

Announcements at 7:10 p.m.

Plant Forum at 7:15 p.m.

Webinar at 7:30 p.m.



Visit: www.socalhort.org
for registration info.

SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*During October the following
people joined us:*

Donna Bignell

G3, Green Gardens Group

Alice Lewin

Glad to have you!

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*All membership options
are listed on our website.*

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A Brief History of Black Designers and Planters

Our webinar speaker on November 11 will be Matt Williams, an urban planner with the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department. His program will be about the history of Black landscape designers and planters, including renowned historical figures like George Washington Carver as well as contemporary notables in the field, such as landscape architects Elizabeth Kennedy and Walter Hood.

Williams' presentation will cover a varied horticultural spectrum ranging from pursuits such as botany and agricultural science, to gardeners, designers and landscapers, as well as authors, poets, civil rights activists, and even a plant stylist. In addition to the aforementioned names, we will also be learning about the contributions of Edmund Albius, Anne Spencer, Everett Fly and Hilton Carter among others.

Showcasing these individuals and educating the public about them directly aligns with Williams' efforts to promote and support interest in the Black horticultural community. He is

currently serving as a board member for the Black Landscape Architects Network, a national nonprofit offering scholarship support to Black landscape students, as well as advocacy and networking for Black landscape practitioners. He also advises on Architecture & Design for the Black Legacy Action Coalition, a nonprofit development organization based in Detroit.

Passion for community, culture, and gardens are what originally led Williams to explore large parks, urban agriculture, and environmental justice projects across the nation before earning a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from Louisiana State University. He was also a designer with the landscape architecture firm of Spackman Mossop Michaels before assuming his current position with the City of Detroit. When not working as an urban planner and landscape architect, Williams may be found pursuing his interests in drone photography and videography, and you can find him on Instagram @matty_will313.

The breadth of talent Williams will be speaking on has something of horticultural interest to offer everyone. Please join us for the evening. Registration is now open at: www.socalhort.org.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

POSSIBLE "LIVE" SCHS HOLIDAY EVENT

The board is currently talking to a few venues about the possibility of hosting a live outdoor event ahead of the holidays, since we will again not be having our December meeting in-person.

Since many of us are ready to meet again in person, even if just to socialize, we are hoping to gather for either a plant swap or holiday plant sale. The locations being considered would be safe, accommodating and easily accessible to members.

If we can make this happen, details will be forthcoming as they become available, so please check our website and social media for announcements and updates.



PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2022

The board has been planning for live meetings in the coming year - which will include Plant Forums, raffles and sales! Certain meetings will probably continue to be online webinars, especially for speakers who are from out of the area and might otherwise not be available.

Also being scheduled is the next speaker in the Ruth Borun Lecture Series and our popular Coffee-In-The-Garden events..

We look forward to seeing everyone again!

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Photo provided by speaker.



OCTOBER MEETING RECAP • SCHS INTERN • MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE

For the October 14 webinar, the SCHS hosted Johanna Silver, former *Sunset* garden editor, to talk about growing cannabis. Her current book *Growing Weed in the Garden: A No-Fuss, Seed-to-Stash Guide to Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation* (Abrams, 2020) was the basis for her program and she emphasized that her approach to cannabis

Photo by: Rachel Weill



cultivation is outdoor only and garden-scale. She grows for a love of the plant and shared her personal experiences, research and observations during the presentation.

Silver spent ten years at *Sunset* magazine, beginning with a shovel in her hands and culminating as head of the garden department. After *Sunset* was sold in late 2017, Silver accepted a writing assignment from an outcrop of the *San Francisco Chronicle* newspaper to grow weed in her garden and chronicle the experience. The resulting 10-part series led to her discovery that there was very little information available to interested home gardeners about the cultivation of this plant. She decided to pursue the topic in earnest, which resulted in the publication of her book, which is meant to be an aide for home cannabis growers.

Speaking as a gardener, Silver noted that she is not interested in babying any of

her garden plants, and advocates the “right plant, right place” approach, providing only proper irrigation and some compost, but otherwise not following any of the – in her experience unnecessary – practices she has come across in her research. Silver believes that many of the complicated methods people recommend are the result of weed having been an illegal plant to grow until recently, with cultivation practices not openly shared, as well as the fact that much of the information pertains to indoor growing and does not have practical applications for home gardeners.

Silver provided additional context by giving a brief history of the cannabis plant and its cultural development, and mentioned how it is one of oldest plants under human cultivation, grown for its seed, oil, fibers, ritual practices and medicinal qualities. Because of its clandestine associations, cannabis has never gone through modern-day breeding programs (although currently this is changing), resulting in largely undocumented genetics and today’s hybrid cultivars. Taxonomically it is all *Cannabis sativa*, a dioecious annual, where the female’s flowers will only mature for harvesting if the male plants are culled to prevent fertilization.

In her book, Silver covers two methods of growing - either from seed or from cuttings, the latter of which will allow you to start with exclusively female plants. She also covered how to identify male seedlings by collecting a sample and sending it for lab analysis,

or by sexing your own plants through correctly identifying their pre-flowers. Other than that, she prefers growing her plants with as little fuss as possible until harvesting time (the process which she also described), including the proper storage of the harvested buds. To illustrate her point, she shared pictures of plants growing in various garden settings: in containers, raised planters, tucked into veggie beds, or as featured specimens, advising us only to check on local municipal regulations or restrictions before planting.

Silver lives and gardens in Berkeley, California, where she grows fruits, veggies, flowers and cannabis. In her words, her goal is “to bring weed in, to welcome it into our garden world and show that it is another plant we can embrace” for its unique qualities, as we do with all of our plant selections. You can learn more about Silver on her website at www.johannasilver.com, or follow her on Instagram at [josilver](https://www.instagram.com/josilver) or on Facebook at [JohannaRaeSilver](https://www.facebook.com/JohannaRaeSilver).

✿ Sabine Steinmetz

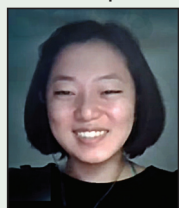
NOTE: The content of this video on YouTube is restricted to ages 18+.

Click on link below to view this presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2tHqSyUFBw>

SCHS 2021 INTERN

As a non-profit, part of SCHS’s mission is to provide educational opportunities to horticulture students through sponsored internships at various institutions.



In 2021, Bridget Lee, a senior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring in Biological Sciences/Botany interned at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. She worked on epiphytic desert plant maintenance, both in the greenhouse and outdoors in the Desert Garden, as well as getting hands-on experience in the Huntington herbarium.

Lee’s full presentation can be seen here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoSeVypN-t8

✿ SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE ✿

This month is all about preparing for a slowdown - including your own!

- **Plant trees this month so they can get well-established during the cooler months.**
- **Continue planting seasonally appropriate selections of ornamentals and edibles.**
- **Routinely dead-head annuals to stimulate more blooms.**
- **Remove weeds regularly from your sprouting wildflowers.**
- **Begin pruning cane berries this month and plant strawberries.**
- **Cut back herbaceous perennials.**
- **Wrap up annual fall clean-up by pruning shrubs, removing fallen debris, laying fresh mulch.**
- **Reduce your irrigation schedule – especially for succulents.**
- **Stop fertilizing roses so they can go into full dormancy.**

✿ Sabine Steinmetz

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NOVEMBER HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

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.

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

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

LINKS TO PLANT SALES & EVENTS

Please check with individual organizations for class fees & details

San Gabriel Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society

In-Person PLANT SALE November 6 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*California native plants and
wildflower seeds. Chapter members
available to answer questions.*

[https://cnps-sgm.org/plantsale/
plantsale.php](https://cnps-sgm.org/plantsale/plantsale.php)

Fullerton Arboretum

In-Person PLANT SALE November 6 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*Plants grown at the arboretum plus
more than 50 other varieties of shrubs,
trees, vines, grasses and succulents.*

[https://fullertonarboretum.org/
sales-events.aspx](https://fullertonarboretum.org/sales-events.aspx)

Seed Library of Los Angeles, Altadena Chapter

November 6 • 10 a.m. ZOOM

*Garden & Seed Saving Round
Table Discussion with Seed Library
volunteers and Master Gardeners.*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
meeting/register/tZUqd-
ihpz0sEt33LsJZqelrE0Ao_wM3heKP](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqd-ihpz0sEt33LsJZqelrE0Ao_wM3heKP)




UC Riverside IPM Webinars

Various Topics & Dates throughout November 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

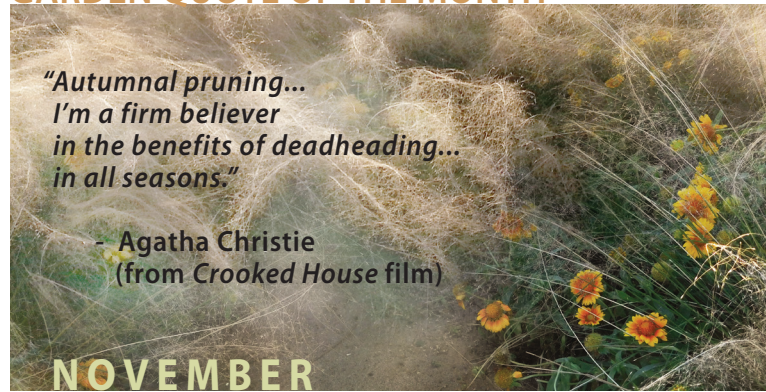
*UC IPM offers presentations,
workshops and hands-on training.*

[http://ipm.ucanr.edu/IPMPROJECT/
workshops.html](http://ipm.ucanr.edu/IPMPROJECT/workshops.html)

Until we are able to meet again in person, monthly programs will continue to be scheduled as online webinars.

-  November 11 - Matt Williams, landscape architect and urban planner, presents a program on "A Brief History of Black Designers and Planters"
 WEBINAR
-  December 9 - "California in A Vase" flower arranging demo by Lucinda McDade and Linda Prendergast of California Botanic Garden
 WEBINAR
-  January 13 - Arleen Ferrara of Satori Garden Design in L.A. will present a program on Horticultural Therapy
 VENUE TBD

GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



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 Please contribute an article or information of interest.