



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

December 2021

OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday, December 9

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

*There were no new
members to report
at press time.*

*We look forward to
welcoming back
ALL members in 2022!*

Happy Holidays!

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*All membership options
are listed on our website.*

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California in a Vase: Native Plant Arrangements for Every Season

For our December 9 webinar we will be welcoming Lucinda McDade, California Botanic Garden's Executive Director and Linda Prendergast, head of the Native Designs volunteer group at CalBG, to talk about their work and provide step-by-step instructions - along with a materials list - for creating a gorgeous seasonal arrangement using native plant materials. Prendergast is an experienced florist and contributed her extensive knowledge, plus her eye for beauty, to the new book, *California in a Vase*, crafted to inspire people to bring the native plants of their region into their gardens and their homes.

California in a Vase, written by David Bryant, former Director of Visitor Experience at CalBG, and with a foreword by Susan Gottlieb, features arrangements from CalBG's



Native Designs volunteer group and The Gottlieb Native Garden, celebrating each season through the changing palette of California native plants. Prendergast and McDade will be presenting an "in-conversation" talk based on the book and illustrated by gorgeous photography.

Prendergast is a native Californian who put herself through college working at flower shops, which led to years employed as a grower in the wholesale nursery industry, followed by a career as a horticulture buyer for retail home centers and a national chain. After retiring in 2003, she became a volunteer at the CalBG (then Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden), where she joined the Native Designs group, eventually attaining her current position as crew chief.

McDade is a plant scientist and the Executive Director at CalBG but characterizes her role in CalBG's *Arrange Wild* workshops as Prendergast's side kick. She assists by explaining the plant biology behind some of the tips and tricks Prendergast demonstrates - important steps that will help your glorious design last as long as possible.

We are looking forward to hearing about - and seeing - examples to help us create our own seasonal decor using California native plants. Let's celebrate the holidays in the best of spirits with this inspiring program! Registration is now open at: www.socalhort.org.



Photo provided by speaker.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

IN PERSON SCHS HOLIDAY EVENT

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 11

Members, family and friends are all invited to stop by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Baker's Acres Nursery in Tarzana for an SCHS holiday

HORTICULTURAL YARD SALE!

SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS



COMING IN 2022

- Twice-Postponed Silent Auction
- Ruth Borun Lecture Series Event
- Coffee-In-The-Garden(s)
- More "Live" Meetings with:
 - New Programs
 - Live Plant Forums
 - Sales and Raffles

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Until we meet again, please

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On November 11 the SCHS welcomed Matt Williams, a landscape architect and urban planner with the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department, to speak about the history of Black landscape designers and planters in America. His presentation included historical figures and contemporary notables in a variety horticultural fields, along with a description of some of their significant achievements.

Williams began his presentation by recognizing landscape architect Everett Fly, Harvard Graduate School of Design's first African American graduate. In 2014, Fly was presented with a National Humanities Award by President Obama in recognition of his work dedicated to preserving the integrity of African American places and landmarks. Fly's quote that "Black landscape designers have been present in America since the colonial days of this nation" served as the lead-in to Williams' program about historical representation.

During colonial times, African American gardeners had a presence on estates, including Wormley Hughes, an enslaved man who worked at Montecello for over 30 years, eventually becoming head gardener, and James Brown, an escaped slave, who worked as master gardener at Mount Gulian Historic Site, in New York. Once African Americans were allowed to own land, their contributions to landscape design developed along with the growth of Black settlements and towns.

One of the most recognizable names in advancing horticultural practices of the early 20th century is George Washington Carver, who studied – and later taught – at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. He is known for his varied research studies, most notably in the areas of crop science and soil health. In 1894, Carver became the first African American to earn a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University, followed by a masters, and it is his legacy to be credited as the head of the modern organic movement in the Southern agricultural system. He also collaborated with David Williston in the design of the "The Oaks," the residence of the president of the Tuskegee Institute.

Williston was a Cornell graduate, and during his 20 years at Tuskegee,

Williston helped plan much of the physical layout of that campus, and in 1930, he moved to Washington D.C. and established his own practice, believed to be the first African American-owned landscape architecture firm.

Williams next introduced us to the life of Anne Spencer, a poet, teacher, civil rights activist, librarian and gardener. Spencer's home in Lynchburg, Virginia, became known as a salon for many Black leaders and intellectuals during the Harlem Renaissance, including W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Marian Anderson and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "*Half My World*", written in 2003 by Rebecca Frischkorn and Reuben Rainey "explores the history and design of her garden and its influence on her as a poet."

Another notable Black botanist and teacher was Dr. Marie Clark Taylor, who was the first woman of any race to receive a doctorate in botany from Fordham University. She pioneered new ways of teaching plant biology, and her methods eventually became the national standard. She also organized science institutes for high school biology teachers to emphasize the benefits of using live botanical materials as teaching tools in the classroom.

This brought Williams to more contemporary Black leaders in horticulture, beginning with Will Allen, author of "*The Good Food Revolution*" and a 2008 MacArthur Genius Award winner. In 1993, Allen founded Growing Power, an urban agricultural organization in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which for the next 24 years aimed for sustainable food production, and the growth of communities through local gardens and community food systems.

Another urban farmer and educator is Los Angeles guerilla gardener Ron Finley. In 2010, he and the group L.A. Green Grounds began planting vegetable gardens around South L.A. to mitigate food desert conditions. In 2012 he established The Ron Finley Project to teach communities and individuals how to regenerate their lands into food sanctuaries and creative business models – work he continues to this day.

Another notable West Coast artist and designer that Williams cited as a personal influence was Walter Hood, based in Oakland, California. Hood works largely in the public realm and in 2019, he coedited the book *Black Landscapes Matter*, with Grace Mitchell Tada. He is the recipient of numerous awards,

designed the gardens at both the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco and the Broad in L.A., and is currently working on the International African American Museum in Charleston, South Carolina.

Williams concluded by highlighting some contemporary Black inspirational figures, including a mentor of his, landscape architect Diane Allen of New Orleans; Instagram plant stylist Hilton Carter; Detroit activist Malik Yakini; Glenn LaRue Smith, founder of the Black Landscape Architects Network (BlackLAN); and his own wife, landscape architect Ujiji Davis Williams. During the Q & A that followed, he also provided information about his career path, including serving as a board member for BlackLAN, a national nonprofit offering scholarship support to Black landscape students. You can learn more about the organization at www.blacklanetwork.org and find out more about Williams by following him on Instagram @matty_will313.

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

Click on link below to view this presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KdIMEXAUD0>

SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE

December is such a busy month - so let's slow down a bit on the chores!

- Finish planting any bulbs and sowing wildflower seeds.
- Make final adjustments to your irrigation schedule, hopefully for the last time until early spring.
- Begin winter-pruning roses toward the end of the month.
- Schedule annual tree-trimming for this month or next.
- Relax in your garden and start making plans for the New Year!

✂ Sabine Steinmetz

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DECEMBER HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

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

Organizations and venues are offering 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

See more events as they're posted at:
www.gardeninginla.net/submit-your-garden-events.

FREE
EVENT!

SCHS HORTICULTURAL YARD SALE

The SCS is pleased to announce we will be hosting an event to celebrate the holidays - our first ever **Horticultural Yard Sale!**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND FOR FREE

This is an outdoor event.

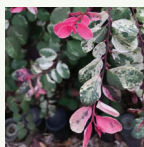
Face masks are recommended, but not required.



and more



**PLANTS!
PLANTS!**
plus



**BOTANICAL ART,
GIFTS and BOOKS!**



SUCCULENTS and SEEDLINGS!

And of course...

**LOTS MORE
PLANTS!!!**



Members and non-members alike are all invited, so please drop by with your friends to shop from our vendors and the venue at:





Baker's Acres

18552 Erwin Street, Tarzana 91335

**Saturday, December 11
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Note: Only street parking is available.

Unless otherwise noted, in-person & hybrid meetings will be held at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027. (Also available simultaneously online via Zoom and Facebook Live.)

-  December 9 - "California in a Vase" flower arranging demo by
WEBINAR Lucinda McDade and Linda Prendergast of
California Botanic Garden
-  December 11 - Horticultural Yard Sale from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
LIVE EVENT at Baker's Acres in Tarzana (Details on Page 3)
-  January 13 - Arleen Ferrara of Satori Garden Design in L.A.
HYBRID will present a program on Horticultural Therapy
-  February 10 - Program details are still being finalized.

GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"While the bald trees stretch forth
their long lank arms...
At such a time the merry year is born."

- Hartley Coleridge

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