



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

July 2022

## OUR NEXT HYBRID MEETING

**Thursday, July 14**

Announcements at 7:10 p.m.

Plant Forum at 7:15 p.m.

**Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**



Visit: [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)  
for registration info.

## SCHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*The month of June brought us:*

Emmy Davis

Michele DuCote & JD Maynard

Carolyn Ellis & John Bulbrook

Delphie Roberts

Kunyu Zhang

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

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Please engage with us online!

### YOU CAN FIND US AT:

[www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)

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*All membership options  
are listed on our website.*

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## Ralph Cornell - Water and the 'Genuine' Southern California Landscape

**PLEASE NOTE:** Proof of vaccination and booster will be required to attend this live meeting, and masks are strongly recommended to be worn indoors. For the safety of our members, we will be adhering to current L.A. County Health Department guidelines.

The SCHS is pleased to welcome architect Brian Tichenor of Tichenor & Thorp Architects in Santa Monica, to present a program about renowned Southern California landscape architect Ralph Cornell on July 14. Tichenor's lecture will document the changing dynamics of regional attitudes about landscape and water usage, as illustrated by Cornell's voluminous body of work through the long middle of the 20th century.

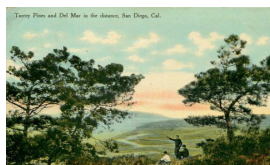


In addition to being the most prolific and influential of the first generation of professional landscape architects in Southern California, Cornell was a persuasive public voice for the promotion of native landscapes and dry gardening. During his prolific career some of his designs included the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve in La Jolla (in collaboration with Theodore Payne), the grounds of both the Civic Center and the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles, the grounds of Pomona College and of the University of California, Los Angeles, as well as the restoration of the grounds at the Los Cerritos Ranch House in Long Beach.

Tichenor is an architect and educator who has placed landscape in the center

of his architectural practice, favoring the paradigm of affording the garden, in the design process, equal weight to the building being conceptualized. His firm has designed over 500 residential and commercial projects worldwide and has been published in numerous magazines and books, including a monograph of their work "Outside In - the Gardens and Houses of Tichenor and Thorp". Notable current projects include the buildings and gardens of the new Los Angeles Times Center, and a plan for the long term support of the landscape at the Eames House. Additionally, he has taught at USC for the last dozen years in the Landscape Architecture program, most often a course on the history of the landscape in Southern California.

We are looking forward to Tichenor's program about Cornell and learning historic context on the continued value of his legacy from a practicing architect who faces similar landscaping challenges in Southern California today. Please join us in person for this evening's unique presentation, or, if you're unable to stop by, you can register to see us online at: [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org). Either way - don't miss this presentation!



*Vintage postcard of Torrey Pines.*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to report that after last month's election, our board vacancies have been filled with incumbents as well as three new members - each employed at one of our local public gardens. Please welcome the following:

- Terence (Terry) Huang,  
South Coast Botanic Garden
- Elizabeth Mendoza,  
L.A. County Arboretum
- Layla Valenzuela,  
Descanso Gardens

In the coming months we are planning to feature a short bio of one board member every month in the newsletter to encourage increased engagement between the board and our membership.



### RAFFLE RETURNS

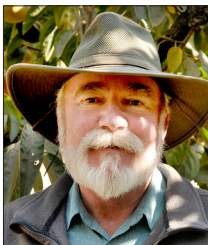
As we ease back into our live meetings (albeit within health department guidelines), we are excited to once again be able to offer a raffle in addition to our members' plant forum, plant sales and "freebie" giveaways. At the July meeting, longtime member Joan Citron has generously donated a large selection of pots which will be raffled off to a lucky few attendees whose names will be drawn from tickets available for purchase at the entry table. Don't miss out on this fun part of the meeting! You might need a nice container for one of the plants you buy from our vendors that evening...

**See you at the July meeting!**

## JUNE WEBINAR RECAP • 2022 HOTY UPDATE • GARDEN SHARE

On June 9, in the first live meeting of 2022, Tom Spellman delivered on the title of his program to teach us about “Antioxidants from Your Garden” and then some. Spellman is the Southwestern Sales Manager at Dave Wilson Nursery, which specializes in fruit and nut trees for commercial agriculture as

Photo provided by speaker.



well as wholesaling to retail and wholesale nurseries nationwide. As a fruit-growing expert with nearly 50 years experience in the nursery trade, he is extremely knowledgeable about which fruits with high antioxidant values can most successfully be grown in Southern California, and he shared that information – and much more – during his presentation.

Spellman began his talk by emphasizing the benefits of growing your own fruit vs. purchasing it from the market, specifically that *you* are in control of the entire process, from selecting what varieties to plant, to making decisions about using chemicals, when to harvest, etc. He also reminded us that in Southern California we have many choices regarding what fruits we are able to grow, and that we can enjoy locally grown fresh fruits year-round, including many that are high in antioxidants.

Spellman explained that antioxidant values are measured using the Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity (ORAC) scale, and that the recommended daily intake of antioxidants ranges from 3,000 - 6,000 units on this scale. For this program he used a 3.5 oz. serving to measure and compare the number of units found in a number of high-ranking fruits, whose numbers make them the “super-foods” in terms of antioxidant

benefits. Typically the darker red or purple fruits have high ORAC ratings. Spellman continued by listing varieties of each fruit type that can readily be grown in Southern California, beginning with the pomegranate, which ranked highest at 2,900 units, and continued in descending order.

Pomegranates are suited to growing easily in desert-like climates, requiring full sun and minimal irrigation. The variety that Spellman recommended as the most flavorful was the Parfianka. The many varieties of southern high-bush blueberries followed, and he suggested growing these in containers to control their soil requirements of a pH level below 6.5 with excellent drainage. He also recommended growing at least three different varieties for the highest yield, as well as doing a hard-pruning annually after fruiting is done. Next came cane berries (blackberry, raspberry and boysenberry), which he indicated are best grown on some type of arbor or other support, because most varieties fruit on 1-year old canes and will need to have room to produce a year's worth of growth. Thereafter, the old canes are removed annually, and the new year's growth will be producing fruit. However, there are some newer varieties available which will fruit on first-year wood. All require evenly moist soils with good drainage.

Low-chill fruits Spellman covered were red and black plums, hybridized pluots and plueries (non-genetically modified) and hybridized cherries. These were followed by blood oranges, red and black grapes, green and black olives, strawberries and concluding with avocados. In addition to describing the antioxidant properties of these fruits, he also provided growing tips, including planting for succession harvesting, training growth, pruning, fertilizing and irrigating.

After his talk, Spellman stayed to answer audience questions, and for those of us who were eager to learn more specifics about those high-antioxidant fruits we're interested in growing, (as well as many other fruits), he also referred us to the Dave Wilson Nursery website (link here).

 Sabine Steinmetz


*Link to view entire program:*

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

### SCHS MONTHLY GARDEN SHARE

**#1 Tip for July -**  
*stay indoors as much as possible!*

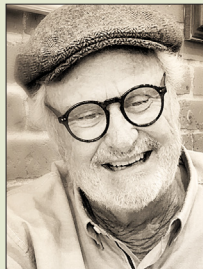
- **Monitor your garden's water needs - if plants look wilted in the early morning hours, they may need a little extra H<sub>2</sub>O.**
- Please stay within your city's permitted watering schedule!**
- **Avoid planting, or if you must (like adding veggies to your patch), try to do so in the late afternoon and water deeply so plants have a whole night to prepare for the heat of the coming day.**
- **Do any dead-heading, weeding or mulching in the early morning or the evening - and don't forget to hydrate yourself - just like you would do for your plants!**

 Sabine Steinmetz

## UPDATE ON 2022 SCHS HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR EVENT

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, September 17**  
**Huntington Botanical Gardens**

Photo provided by Dave Fross



The purpose of our gathering on this evening is to present Dave Fross, founder and owner of Native Sons Nursery, with the SCHS Horticulturist of the Year award for 2022. Fross is known not only for his ground-breaking nursery (in operation since 1979), but also as a celebrated authority on California native plants

and as the coauthor of *California Native Plants for the Garden*, considered by many to be the “native plant Bible.”

For the last two years, our HOTY event was relegated to being held virtually, and we are very much looking forward to an evening out that we all can enjoy together. In addition to the award presentation, the event will include a catered dinner banquet and feature the much-anticipated return of our popular silent auction. The latter is not only an entertaining diversion for guests to bid on and acquire interesting, unusual and often one-of-a-kind garden-themed items and plants, but also serves as SCHS's main fundraiser of the year. We can't wait to bid!

**Please join us to celebrate and honor Dave Fross.**

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## JULY HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS • SCHS SPECIAL EVENT

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

Organizations are offering events, both online and in person, but may have updated protocols in place.

**Please continue to check with your favorites for current 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.

## SCHS EVENT AT ARLINGTON GARDEN

### Water Wisdom with Debby Dunn

Water Conservation Administrator for the City of Beverly Hills

**Sunday, July 10 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Arlington Garden • 275 Arlington Drive, Pasadena**

SCHS is excited to partner with Arlington Gardens in hosting a workshop on how to use water responsibly while beautifying your landscape during our unprecedented drought.

Join water conservation expert Debby Dunn for this important and timely topic.

***This event is FREE for current SCHS members and there are still some spaces available, but registration is limited!***





If you haven't already registered, link to Arlington Garden Eventbrite page here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/water-wisdom-w-debby-dunn-figoni-tickets-372367339737?aff=SCHS>

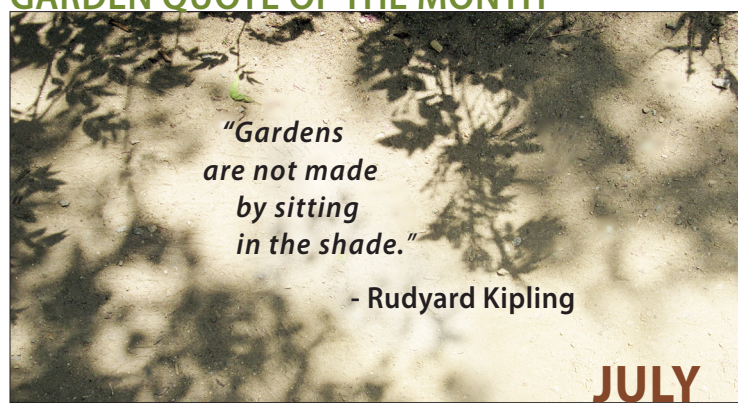


## 4 UPCOMING SCHS PROGRAMS

Meetings are online unless otherwise noted. Live meetings are held at: Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027. (Live meetings will be shown simultaneously online via Zoom and Facebook.)

-  July 10 - Debby Dunn, water conservation administrator for City of Beverly Hills, will teach a FREE conservation workshop at Arlington Garden in Pasadena  
IN-PERSON
-  July 14 - Architect Brian Tichenor presents "Ralph Cornell - 'Water & the 'Genuine' Southern California Landscape"  
IN-PERSON
-  August 11 - Horticulturist and educator Katherine Pakradouni will talk about Griffith Park's new micro-forest  
IN-PERSON
-  Sept. 17 - 2022 Horticulturist of the Year Banquet and Silent Auction at Huntington Botanical Gardens  
IN-PERSON

## GARDEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



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