



BULLETIN
THE CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
 California Academy of Sciences
 Golden Gate Park
 San Francisco, California 94118

June 17, 2002

4:00 PM Botanical gardens walk with speaker at Strybing Arboretum. Parking is available behind the San Francisco Co. Fair Building and on 9th Ave.

5:30 PM NO HOST Dinner will be at Avenue 9 Bistro, 1243 Ninth Ave., San Francisco \$15

7:30 PM Meeting will be held at the California Academy of Sciences, Morrison Auditorium, Golden Gate Park.

*****Guest fee \$5.**

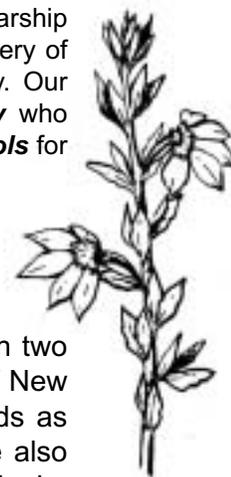
Co-Sponsored with Strybing Arboretum Society

Monday, June 17, 2002

“Understanding Color: The Impact of Blue in the Garden” Presented by Robin Parer

The color blue is a powerful tool in a gardener’s repertoire. Color can be used in garden planting schemes to suggest temperature, light and mood. Color can unify or provide a discordant note. Blue has many moods and many uses. Many gardeners love blue flowers, and use them in their gardens in some very revealing ways. We don’t need to limit ourselves to blue flowers. There are blue leaves, blue garden artifacts, and borrowed blue atmosphere effects. We will examine how our eyes see blue and how we can use the color to bring depth, mystery and enchantment into our gardens.

The **Plant Drawing** each month provides an important source of funds for the Grants and Scholarship Program. In June the drawing will include donations from **Geraniaceae**, the noted geranium nursery of our speaker and **Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens**, courtesy of Dr. Don Mahoney. Our appreciation to **Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens**, courtesy of **Dr. Don Mahoney** who graciously donated the beautiful specimens for the May meeting and to **Midhill Farms Kathy Echols** for the display of Australian plants.



Coming Meetings

Monday, July 15, 2002

“Orchids and other flowers of Southeast Australia”

Ron Parsons, nationally recognized flower photographer will present a program based on two wildflower expeditions to Australia taken in 2000 and 2001 where he visited the states of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. His key interest was to see as many native orchids as possible. As we all know, orchids only associate with other beautiful flowers which were also photographed. Some other beautiful plants include Banksia, Telopea, Pimela, Goodenia, Drosera, Viola etc.

Monday, August 19, 2002

“New Plants, Old Plants, and Plants that Work: Continuity in Mediterranean Gardening”

Presented by Jeff Rosendale, owner of Sierra Azul Nursery, Watsonville, California. In a slide illustrated program, the speaker will show the myriad of possibilities of year-round gardening in California’s Mediterranean climate-California natives, Australian and South African plants, perennials and drought tolerant plants.



President's Letter

by Katherine Henwood

June is bust'in out all over, All over the meadow and the hill.
Buds're bustin' out-a bushes and the rompin' river pushes
Every little wheel that wheels beside a mill.

June is bustin' out all over, the feelin' is gettin' so intense,
That the young Virginia Creeper hev been huggin' the bejeepers
Out-a all the mornin' glories on the fence.
Because it's June, Just because it's June!

-Oscar Hammerstein; Carousel

Of course, as I write this, it is raining! But by the time you read it, it will be June! Hopefully, a sunny June. Spring will end, summer begins, and it seems like everything is in bloom or coming up. I plant some summer bulbs, then forget where they are so it is a delightful surprise to see the new leaves poking up, "So that's where you are!" Remembering, of course, to get the snail bait out in time!

My *Cymbidiums* are still blooming; I'll have to re-pot them in sections as they go out of bloom, never all at the same time.

The roses are at their best, the foliage still new-looking and fresh. Foxgloves, both pink and white, send their spikes high and the bees are very busy. Iris are so elegant, light blue, medium blue and a deep purple that looks like velvet and smells heavenly. A red salvia is blooming, the penstemon are starting and so are some early lilies. It's amazing how much you can get into an ordinary back yard!

I hope you all made it to the Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. If you didn't, you missed a great evening, good food, good program and good company! What more can anyone ask?

Next month our meetings will be back in the Morrison Auditorium at the California Academy of Science. It will be grand to be back in our familiar place.

Remember that our Meeting starts with the walk with the Speaker in Strybing Arboretum at 4:00 PM. This is a rain-or-shine event, and always lovely. Then, a no-host dinner at the Ave 9 Bistro at 5:30 (good company, good food, good price), then on to the Academy for the meeting at 7:00. I look forward to seeing you all! ♦

Plant Sale brings in \$8000!

Our Annual Plant Sale was once again a great success raising funds for the Society and our Grants and Scholarships program. More than 70 people crowded into the Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland on April 27 for the Members-Only Gala to get first crack at the cool donated plants and to compete in some fierce bidding wars at the Silent Auction.

Even more people came the following day to pick through the remains, effectively clearing out the the hall. Many great deals were had, with unusual plants going for to to half their retail value! If you missed it, get ready for next year!

A big thank you to everyone who helped, especially Ann De Rosa, Diana Ross, Bobbie Feyerabend and Keitha De Mara, who were the main "committee" who planned the whole

event. Also, Kristin Yanker Hansen once again put together a fabulous food buffet to make our party really a "Gala!"

About 50 members helped with the event and/or donated plants. Many fantastic commercial nurseries also donated, including:

Annie's Annuals, Appleton Forestry Nursery, Ashley Propagation, Bamboo Sourcing, Berkeley Hort, Blooms, California Flora, The Dry Garden, Devil Mountain Wholesale, Digging Dog, Emerisa, Kathy Echols, Enjoy Rhododendrons, Fine Foliage, Gaddis Nursery, Garden Valley Ranch, Geraniaceae, ACE Grand Lake Garden Center, Harlequin Nursery, Homestead Gardens, Landscapes Unlimited Nursery, Monterey Bay Nursery, Moraga Garden Center, Orchard Nursery, Pacific Nurseries of California, Petaluma Rose Company, San Marcos Growers, Sebastopol Growers, Shooting Star

Propagation, Skittone Bulbs, Sonoma Horticultural Nursery, Soquel Nurseries, Suncrest, Wayward Gardens, Western Hills, Sweet Lane Wholesale Nursery, and Rosendale's.

If you saw something choice in someone else's basket, you can probably find it at one of the above places.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at next year's sale and don't forget to start propagating those slow things now! ♦



Botanical Tours

August 20-September 7, 2002

Namaqualand & the Cape Floral Kingdom Sponsored by UC Santa Cruz Arboretum. Tour host: Brett Hall. Leader: Dr. John Manning

September 4-15, 2002

Italian Mannerist Gardens Sponsored by Strybing Arboretum Society and lead by Suzanne Biaggi

September 13-30, 2002

Botanical and Cultural Treasures of China's Yunnan Province in support of The Nature Conservancy's Yunnan Project. (800) 624-6633

For information please call (800) 624-6633 or visit www.geostartravel.com.

April Plant Forum

by Fred Coe

1. *Ferraria crispa*

IRIDACEAE

Wayne Roderick, Orinda

Native to the winter rainfall area of South Africa this is an almost 2 ft. tall plant with foot-long stems covered with buds which open to dark brown 1.5 inch flowers which are scented to attract flies. Each flower lasts one day.

2. *Vestia foetidum*

SOLANACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

Part of a bouquet, this is a Chilean native which is similar to *Cestrum*. It can reach 7 feet in height, is evergreen with "rather malodorous foliage," and with tubular, pendent yellow green flowers. There is only one species. It is hardy to the high 20's.

3. *Odontonema callistrachyum*

ACANTHACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

You probably learned that you could identify members of the mint family by the unique 4-angled stem. Forget it. Members of this family, including this Mexican species, have the same type stem. Of course, DNA may show they are very close one of these days. This is an evergreen, pubescent shrub, up to 12 feet tall with ovate foot-long leaves and terminal racemes about 4 inches long with dark purple flowers. Although it grows very well for David, it blooms sparsely. It is quite tender to cold.

4. *Senecio glastifolius*

ASTERACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

A South African species of a genus with at least 1000 species worldwide. This is a subshrub about 3 feet tall with very glossy green foliage and heads of light purple flowers resembling an aster. Moderately hardy in the Bay Region.

5. *Melanoselinum decipiens* (Black Parsley)

APIACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

A monocarpic, slightly woody herb growing to 6 plus feet, from Madeira. The parsley-like leaves are in terminal rosettes and are bright green-yellow. The 3-inch umbels are numerous, in crowded hairy groups up to 3-feet across. The fragrant flowers are tinged purple.

6. *Prostanthera rotundifolia* (Mint Bush)

LAMIACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

Widely distributed in southern and southeastern Australia this is a variable shrub insofar as the leaf shape is concerned but they are about 0.75 inches long, dark green above, paler below. The 0.25 inch flowers are violet or blue and are produced profusely on a rounded shrub up to 10 feet tall. It is striking in bloom but probably not too long lived. Named forms are available in Australia. The foliage is fragrant.

7. *Salvia x 'Hot Lips'*

LAMIACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

A small bush, probably a *greggii* hybrid, with bright red flowers produced in terminal racemes throughout the year. Individual flowers are about 0.75 across. Mexican in origin but introduced by the U.C. Botanical Garden, Berkeley.

8. *Leucadendron x 'Cloudbank Jenny'*

PROTEACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

This and the following plants were in David's second large bouquet. The South African cut-flower industry has named a number of selections and this is one of them. The flowers have yellow, leaf-like bracts surrounding the orange center inflorescence. This is a bush-like plant with each branch terminated with the flowering head. They grow best in sandy soils. Cold hardy to upper 20's.

9. *Leucospermum x 'Veldt Fire'*

PROTEACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

This is one of the South African 'pin cushion' plants, a shrub with terminal heads of flowers 4-5 inches across. In this case, the base of each individual flower is yellow with a red 'flame.'

10. *Leucospermum x 'Tango'*

PROTEACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

Another of the showy hybrids. This one has orange and red flowers. Both are available at Rosendale Nursery.

11. *Guidia carinata* (syn, *polycephala*)

THYMELEACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

This South African plant is heath-like in appearance with terminal heads of rich-yellow, night-fragrant flowers. It blooms both in fall and spring. The showy parts of the flower are the sepals, not the petals, which are small or absent. Cold hardy to the upper 20's.

12. *Bulbine frutescens* 'Hallmark'

LILIACEAE (ASPHODELACEAE)

David Feix, Berkeley

An eastern Cape, South African shrub which has 6 to 8 inch long succulent onion-like leaves and bears racemes of (usually) bright yellow star-like flowers (the name of the genus means star-flower). This selection has orange flowers. Easily propagated by cuttings. Hardy to mid-20's.

13. *Sauraria madrensis*

ACTINIDIACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

A small tree from Chiapas, Mexico, this is a close relative of the Kiwi berry. The apple blossom-like flowers are borne in clusters. The leaves are large and moss-green in color. A tropical plant unhappy with sub-freezing weather.

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Horticultural Calendar

Every weekend in June

Annie's Annuals Open House—Don't miss Annie's noon time talks on current "must-haves" in the nursery! 10-4, rain or shine. www.anniesannuals.com or (510) 215 1326.

June 12

Lunchtime walk in the UC Davis Arboretum—Join Superintendent Warren Roberts for the last lunchtime stroll of the season. Noon at the Gazebo, on Garrod Drive on the U.C. Davis campus. (530) 752-4880.

June 15

Everyman's Guide to Sustainable Gardening—Lotusland presents a workshop on how to work with nature to grow a healthy garden. \$50.00 and includes admission, all printed materials, and lunch. 10 AM – 4 PM. Reservations are required (805) 969-9990 between 9:00 AM and noon, Monday–Friday.

June 29

5th Annual Gig Harbor Garden Tour—Washington (Tacoma Community College), speaker-Marianne Binetti. (253) 851-3776 or www.TacomaCommunityCollege.com.

Strybing Arboretum Society
(415) 661-1316 • www.strybing.org

June 7

Growing Plants Indoors—seminar, 12:30-4:30PM, CFB

June 8

Growing Plants Indoors—seminar, 9AM-1PM, CFB

June 15

Design with Stone Workshop—Marin County Projects, 9AM-5PM, Marin County

June 15

Botanical Drawing—3-session course, 11AM-3PM, CFB

June 18

No Such Thing as a Zen Garden—lecture, 6PM, MI Library, 57 Post Street, SF

June 22

Sustainable Landscape Workshop—two Saturdays, 9AM-4PM, CFB/South Bay

June 28

Urban Trees—pruning workshop, 12:30-4:30PM, SAS Trailer

UC Davis Arboretum
(530) 752-4880

May 12

Mediterranean-Style Gardening for the Central Valley—Use time-honored techniques to reduce water use and create a cool retreat. Free tour of the UC Davis Arboretum Terrace Garden at 2:00 PM next to Borders Books and Music on First Street.

May 18

Wildlife Garden Day & Plant Sale—Some of the best plants for attracting birds and butterflies, along with books about wildlife gardening. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Arboretum Terrace Garden, next to Borders Books and Music on First Street.

May 21

Trip to Sonoma County and Rare Plant Nursery—Western Hills Rare Plant Nursery, Armstrong Redwoods State Park & more. 8:30 AM and return by 5:30 PM. \$45 (\$35 for members) and includes transportation and admission.

Magic Gardens Nursery
(510) 528-5540 • www.magicgardens.com
Classes are free and start at 10 AM

Magic Gardens has moved to a new 3-acre location! Call or visit website for directions and more info.

June 15

Long-lived, long blooming perennial and shrub color—Aerin Moore, Magic Gardens.

Lotusland - Santa Barbara
Reservations required.
Call (805) 969-9990, M-F, 9:00 to Noon.
Admission is \$30 for individual lectures, \$75 for the series.

July 12

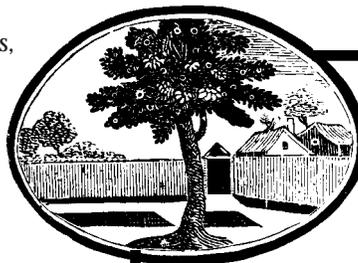
Nuts and Bolts of Designing and Building a Water Garden—Barbara Dobbins Davies – Past-President of the International Water Lily and Water Gardening Society. Slide lecture and a container garden demonstration. 2:00 PM (gates open at 1:00)

July 19

Aquatic Plants A to Z—Virginia Hayes – Curator of the Living Collection, Lotusland. Slide lecture, open question session at the water garden, and aquatic plant sale. 2:00 pm (gates open at 1:00)

July 26

Pond Biology: Lotus Blossoms to Green Water—Bob Cummings, PhD. Professor of Botany and Biology, Santa Barbara City College – Slide lecture and peek through the microscope, plus Danyel Dean's lotus-leaf imprinted ceramic platters display and sale. 2 PM (gates open at 9:30) ✨



San Francisco Trees Online

www.sftrees.com is a wealth of information about San Francisco trees including a Landmark Trees section provides street addresses for over 100 outstanding specimens of different tree species, and separate tree-location pages for 23 different San Francisco neighborhoods. The site also has a list of Mystery Trees—addresses of street trees that have so far stumped the experts—and includes an email address for your identifications or additions. Check to see if your street tree is listed!

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14. *Pleione pleionoides* (Pispeciosa)

ORCHIDACEAE

Frederick Coe, Ross

This is probably the showiest species of the pleiones in the commonly cultivated *P. formosan* group. The large flower (approx. 4 inches across) has a colorful lip with red and yellow and a fringe. Native to Szechwan and Hubei it is easily cultivated in a light acid mix. Hardy in a sheltered exposure into the 20's.

15. *Pleione aurita*

ORCHIDACEAE

Frederick Coe, Ross

This is a relatively newly discovered species from Yunnan with pale pink or rose pink flowers and a showy lip with a central yellow or orange stripe. The flowers vary in size depending on the clone, but most are 3 to 4 inches across.

16. *Pleione* x 'Tangeriro'

ORCHIDACEAE

Frederick Coe, Ross

A showy, free flowering hybrid with good 'orchid colored' flowers. This grows well and multiplies rapidly.

17. *Pleione* x Shantung 'Ducat'

ORCHIDACEAE

Frederick Coe, Ross

A good pure yellow hybrid with a colorful red spotted lip. Easy to grow in same conditions as #14.

18. *Abutilon* hybrid

MALVACEAE

David Feix, Berkeley

A good yellow-flowered hybrid of unknown parentage.

19. *Vireya Rhododendron*

ERICACEAE

Alek Koomanoff, San Francisco

Two *Vireya* hybrids were shown with similar parentage. One plant was *Rhodendron rubiniflorum* x *granacilanthum* and the other was *Rhodendron rubiniflorum* x *Sunny*. These were small, compact, well-branched plants about a foot high. One had tiny pink flowers, the other had 0.75 inch flowers.

A third plant was a rooted cutting of *R. leucogigas* x 'Dr. Sleumer' with 4-inch trumpets of rose color. The parent plant is 4 feet high and 5 feet across. These are tropical plants, most will tolerate no frost. ❄️

THE PLANT FORUM is a traditional feature of our monthly meetings. Members are strongly encouraged to bring new plants or old favorites from their gardens to tell about and share. What's old hat to you might be a brand new wonder to another member. What is putting on a display in **your** garden this season? Bring it in and share it with us!

Annual Awards

Every year at our Annual Dinner, the California Horticultural Society gives out awards to those members who have, in one way or another, helped to advance the knowledge and appreciation of ornamental horticulture in our state. This year's winners are as follows:

Annual Award	Richard Turner, Jr.
Council Award	Jan Hamby
Editing Award	Phyllis Faber, <i>California's Wild Gardens : A Living Legacy</i>
Rixford Award	Kristin Yanker-Hansen
Publishing Award	Malcolm Margolin - <i>Bay Nature</i> magazine
Writer's Award	Bob Perry for <i>Trees and Shrubs for Dry California Landscapes</i>
Garden Award	Daisy Mah, WPA garden in Sacramento

Cultural Awards

Kristin Jakob for her collection of *Grevilleas* displayed in February
Barbara & John Hopper in April for *Podophyllum pleianthum*
Fred Coe in March for *Aristea spiralis*
Chip Lima for *Philesia magellanica* displayed in August
Katherine Henwood for *Streptocarpus* 'Mary Sakamoto' displayed in September

Photos of the cultural awards plants are available in the **Plant Forum** section of our website, organized by month. Phyllis Faber's and Bob Perry's books are both available on Amazon.com. Subscriptions to *Bay Nature* available through baynature.com or by calling (925) 372-6002.



Last Chance!!

for Cal Hort Grants or scholarships

Time is running out to apply for CalHort Grants and Scholarships for 2002. Guidelines for application are posted on our website at www.calhortsociety.org or call Barbara Hopper at (800) 624-6633. Deadline for application is July 5, 2000. Last years total disbursement was \$2500

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Membership year begins January 1. Dues are \$40 individual, \$50 joint household, \$25 Student (with proof of enrollment). To join, or for full range of membership levels, please visit our website at www.calhortsociety.org or call the Office secretary at the number above.

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