

Bulletin of the California Horticultural Society

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Monthly meetings are held at the San Francisco County Fair Building and are co-sponsored by the SF Botanical Gardens at Strybing Arboretum, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park. Parking is available behind the SF Co. Fair Building on Lincoln Way.

4:00 PM Botanical gardens walk with the speaker.
Meet at the entrance

5:30 PM NO HOST Dinner will be at Park Chow Restaurant, 1240 9th Ave. San Francisco.

7:15 PM Announcements, Plant Forum, and Program Meeting will be held at the SF Botanical Garden in the SF County Fair Building at 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way; San Francisco.

***Members free

***Non-members – A donation of \$5 is requested.

The Plant Drawing

each month is an important source of funds for the Grants and Scholarships Program.

For April, **Sloat Garden Center of Kentfield**—courtesy of **Laura Muschiatt** will be donating plants along with **SF Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum** courtesy of **Don Mahoney**.

Our appreciation to:

- ▶ **UC Berkely Botanical Garden**—Courtesy of **Anthony Garza**
- ▶ **SF Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum**, courtesy of **Don Mahoney**

for the outstanding selection of plants donated for the March meeting

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Classical Gardens of Suzhou China

April 20th

Presented by garden designer Daxin Liu,
Fragrant Hill Design, Mountain View, CA



Example of a Chinese Garden in Portland



Daxin's speciality is designing Asian, modern, and tropical style gardens. Due to their smaller size, the classical Chinese gardens to be shown are ones from which we can learn and adapt ideas for our own gardens. Daxin loves plants of all colors and stripes, especially those that are fragrant. Special emphasis on plants and planting design

will be of interest to our audience. His dream is to build a public Classical Chinese Garden in the Bay Area.

May's meeting—Save the Date

May 18th



Cal Hort's Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Awards Program

Come and help honor the 2009 recipient of the
Horticulturist of the year, Dr. Don Mahoney

Advanced reservations must be made by May 15th.

Your dinner ticket and name tag will be held at the door. Bring your favorite dish, (enough servings for 8), table setting and own silverware.

Call Elsie Mueller at 800-884-0009 for reservations; \$5.00 for event costs

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Greetings for April. I'm the un-President for the month of April. CalHort is one of several 12 step programs for my plant addictions. CalHort plays an enjoyable part in my gardening life. I'm sure that's probably true for you too.

One of my recent highlights of being a CalHort member was volunteering to "chaperone" the joint CalHort/Western Hort's Hot Plant Picks at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show. It was again a popular display thanks to the hard work of many of you. The Board would like to thank all the members who set it up and the "chaperones" for promoting Cal Hort and talking with attendees about their gardening experiences and the benefits of membership. We hope all who participated enjoyed themselves too. For those of you who couldn't make the show, an album of the Hot Pick plants can be found at <http://picasaweb.google.com/calhortforum/>. We expect to have a final version with more plant data on the CalHort web site by early next month.

Earlier in the month, through the leadership of Dave Tivol we again completed our yearly Seed Exchange. They should all be distributed by now, and again, thanks to all those that donated seeds. Through the efforts of Ted Kipping, a field trip to the UC Santa Cruz Botanic Garden was conducted as a follow up to our March program on Protoaceae. And as I write this, we are about to conduct our first-ever evening Specialty Plant Sale and Spring Gala Fund Raiser. The Board hopes you will be participating and helping

us make lots of money for the Society and buy some cool plants. We especially want to thank everybody that donated plants, food, labor and their time. I'm also looking forward to the April program on "Gardens from Suzhou" as they can be applied to our gardens and especially the May meeting's Awards Dinner and Don Mahoney's presentation on the wild plant gardens of California.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the long-time CalHort members who came before me and helped to make

CalHort what it is today. It is one of the reasons I feel obligated to volunteer my time to CalHort as payback for their efforts and the other volunteers of the present who make CalHort what it is. The Board and Society are always looking for members to help us make CalHort "go" and to make it even better. Give it some thought. You can help... participate on our various committees, volunteer for one of the leadership positions, and get your fellow gardener or "plant-aholic" to join.

Horticultural Calendar

by Kathy Dahlen

April 17, Friday evening, 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Plants in Peril: China's Ecological Crisis—Quarryhill Botanical Garden presents two of the world's leading botanists, Peter Raven, National Science Recipient Winner and Stephan Blackmore, Regis Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh to discuss the threats to China's remarkable flora and what can be done to reverse the loss of plant diversity there. At California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Event is preceded by a wine reception. Please call (707) 996-3166 for reservations. Seating is limited. 6:00 PM –7:30 PM, admission \$75 per person.

April 22, Wednesday afternoon, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Sudden Oak Death Preventative Treatment—Presented by the California Mortality Task Force; a training session for professionals and property owners. At Tolman Hall Portico, UC Berkeley, Hearst Ave. at Arch/ Le Conte. For more info and to register call (510) 847-5482 or e-mail SODtreatment@nature.berkeley.edu, free but registration required. 1:00 PM –3:00 PM.

April 25 and 26, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

37th Annual Wildflower Show—This two-day expo showcases the plant biodiversity of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Over 400 species of wildflowers and native plants. At Mission College, Hospitality Building, 3000 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara. For more info visit www.cnps-scv.org or call (650) 941-1068. 10:00 AM –4:00 PM. Free admission and free parking in Lot C.

May 3, Sunday, 10:00AM – 5:00PM

Bringing Back The Natives Garden Tour—Self-guided tour of sixty beautiful native plant gardens throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Registration is required in order to receive a guidebook, which contains garden addresses, maps and directions. The tour is expected to fill, so register early to avoid being disappointed. To preview the gardens online and to register, visit www.bringingbackthenatives.net/selftour.html. 10:00 AM –5:00 PM.

May 3, Sunday, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Down The Garden Path Garden Tour—The UC Napa County Master Gardeners will present this self-guided tour of 6 members' private gardens and their demonstration garden in and around Napa. For information and tickets, call (707) 253-4147 also visit <http://cenapa.ucdavis.edu>. 10:00 AM –4:00 PM.

Tickets: \$25 in advance/\$30 day of the event.

May 7, Thursday evening, 7:30PM

California Academy of Sciences Green Roof—Presented by the California Native Plant Society, Yerba Buena Chapter, this lecture by Dr. Frank Almeda will discuss the planning and implementation of the Academy's green roof. At the Recreation Room, SF County Fair Building, 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Pk, 7:30 PM.

WESTERN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

(650) 948-4614 or (650) 941-6136 www.westernhort.org

May 13, Wednesday evening, 7:00PM – 9:30PM Rebecca Lance, owner of Granite Gardens Rare Plants Nursery in Sonoma, CA will present "Rock Garden Strategies for Waterwise Gardens" Program, plant forum and plant drawing. Meets at Christ the Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Rd., Los Altos. \$5.00 for guests.

U.C. BOTANICAL GARDEN AT BERKELEY

(510) 643-2755 • www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

April 24, Friday evening, 5:00PM – 7:30PM and April 25, Saturday, 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Spring Plant Sale 2009—The Garden has an incredible number of beautiful and unusual plants sure to make a spectacular addition to your garden. Members only April 24, 5:00 PM –7:30 PM and general public April 25, 10:00 AM –2:00 PM.

May 4, Sunday afternoon, 12:30PM and 3:00PM

Bringing Back The Natives—Come celebrate the diversity of California's native flora on this special day of tours at the Garden. At 12:30 pm join Botanical Garden docents on the Family tour: *California Natives: Plants and People* and at 3 pm join horticulturalist for the California Area, Ken Bates on *Getting started with California Natives: Plant Selection and Site Preparation*. Free with Garden admission.

SF BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY

(415) 661-1316 • www.sfbotanicalgarden.org

April 25, Saturday morning, 9:00AM – 12:30PM

Basic Pruning Workshop—Join Ellyn Shea, International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, and learn the fundamentals of pruning at this special lecture and workshop. 9:00 AM –12:30 PM, members \$20, non-members \$25.

May 7 – June 4, Thursdays, 6:00PM – 8:30PM

Armchair California Botany: A lecture series with Dr. Glenn Keator—Author and horticulturist Dr. Glenn Keator's slide presentation will whisk viewers to California's wild lands without leaving their chairs. Vicarious visits will be made to special sites throughout the northern part of the state, delving into the ecology, pollination, adaptation, interrelationships, and strategies of plants in specific native communities. Five Thursdays, 6:00 PM –8:30 PM.



To join, or for full range of membership levels, please visit our web site at www.calhortsociety.org, or contact Elsie Mueller at 800-884-0009.



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**In Memorium
John Coulter -
Horticulturist**

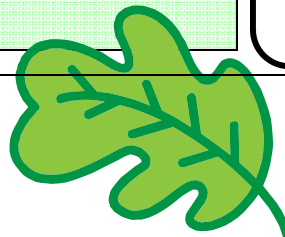
Former Cal Hort member John Coulter died peacefully in his sleep, on March 13th in Medford, Oregon. John had a long and interesting life--he would have been 99 on May 22nd of this year. He and his wife Joyce owned Coulter Nursery and he was an active member of the Peninsula Chapter of CAN. He was a founding member of Western Hort. After closing the nursery he worked at Filoli and at Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation. His greatest love was his wife and family, but plants and the natural world were a close second. He will be missed by all who knew him. Remembrances may be sent to Karen Coulter at 1723 Bay Street, Alameda, CA 94501. You can read more about his life under 'archive' at

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