

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



JANUARY MEETING

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.

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

****Guest fee \$5**

Monday, January 15, 2001

Co-sponsored with Strybing Arboretum Society

“Alpine Gems of the Central Sierra Nevada”

Presented by **Ted Kipping**, noted horticulturist and photographer.

Join intrepid hiker and photographer Ted Kipping in examining some of the choice plants from the myriad of habitats available in the Sierra Nevada. Mediterranean - Riparian - Montane Forest - Bogs - Mountain Meadows - Alpine Fell - fields - High steppes. Visiting this highly dissected terrain offers us a chance to visit and experience Continental and Alpine Arctic micro climates rising up out of a Mediterranean world. The contrast brings us into contact with new habitats and a wealth of new species - an opportunity and a challenge to Bay Area growers.

PLANT DRAWING: The plant drawing will include donations from **Annie's Annuals** (Annie Hayes & Sandra Cornell) and **Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens** (Dr. Don Mahoney). Our appreciation to Western Hills Rare Plant Nursery, Occidental (Maggie Wych) and Strybing Arboretum, Dr. Don Mahoney) for the splendid plants donated in November.

COMING ACTIVITIES

Co-sponsored with Strybing Arboretum Society

Monday, February 19, 2001

“Winter growing Oxalis and tuberous Pelargonium species of South Africa”

Presented by **Michael Vassar**, of Huntington Botanical Gardens is Curator of Floristic Gardens which includes the Palm Garden, Jungle Garden, Subtropical Garden, Australian Garden and Water Lily Garden. Besides growing over 250 different species of Oxalis, he has a keen interest in growing South African bulbs, Pelargonium species and succulents. He has traveled extensively to photograph plants and will share some of his award winning photos with us.

Monday, March 19, 2001

“Plants for a New Millennium”

Presented by **Wendy Proud**, horticulturist and product manager for Monrovia Nursery where she is involved in the development and introduction of new plants and is responsible for managing the nursery's product mix, as well as assisting with the marketing of Monrovia's 1500 varieties. Ms. Proud is Present Past President of the California Association of Nurserymen Los Angeles Chapter. During a slide illustrated program, she will discuss some of the exciting new plants available.



President's Letter

by Dr. Don Mahoney

I am writing this on a beautiful day at the end of the year and realize how much there is to give thanks for at this time of the year. Of course, for all of us in the Bay Area, we can be thankful we are not in the Midwest where all of our favorite plants would be dead under snow or ice. We in Cal Hort should be especially thankful since we all love to spend so much time outdoors in our gardens. At this time it's also good to thank all the wonderful people that keep Cal Hort running smoothly. It takes a large gift of people's free time to serve on all the committees that do most of the work. So thank you to the members of the program, awards, finance, nominating, publications, plant sale, and garden show committees for all the hard work. And particular thanks to all the council members, who, by and large, do the majority of this committee work. Thanks also to those from the general membership that help set up meetings, bring plants to the plant display, and

donate seed to the seed exchange. Other members spend many hours sorting and processing those seeds. Thanks to them and also those who organize and donate to the plant drawing at the end of each meeting. I am not mentioning names, although I should, because I am sure I would forget someone, but I do need to thank one person by name and that is our newsletter editor, Bruce Peters. Everyone who works with him knows what a joy it is to have such a volunteer who is knowledgeable, proficient, and fun to work with. Without Bruce it would be problematic getting our *Bulletin* out in a timely fashion. I think he would appreciate our thanks in the form of short essays on your favorite plants that he could publish in future issues. I am sure he would appreciate also beautiful photogenic plants being brought to the plant displays so that he can take their portraits for our web page. ✨

Notable Nurseries

Every month, various nurseries donate well-grown and wonderful plants for our Plant Raffle at the meetings. You often see rare and hard to find treasures offered, but the raffle being a raffle and all, you don't always get that mega-cool plant you've been dying for, even if you put all of your tickets in one cup!



To make it easier on you plantaholics, we're now listing the contact information so you can find these great nurseries and get all those fantastic plants you might not have won, or just to check out the great selections our local nurseries have.

Annie's Annuals

PO Box 5053
Richmond, CA 94805
annies@sirius.com

Annie sells her rare or uncommon annuals (and perennials at fine nurseries all over the Bay Area from her richmond growing grounds. Email or write for specific information, to get on mailing list and to find out the next on-site sale!

Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

(415) 661-1316
Ninth Ave at Lincoln Way

Strybing's nursery propagates many rare and unusual plants from its gardens. They focus on material that will do well in the Bay Area but there's always a few things worth pushing the climate envelope for. Although not open daily to the public, they have monthly plant sales where they offer their bounty of treasures. The remaining sales are on November 11 for the End-of-Season Sale. There is also a Holiday Plant and Greens Sale on December 9. ✨

Plant Swap - Exchange Corner

Many members of CalHort save seeds during the year for the Annual Seed Exchange, receiving in return a wide selection of seeds donated by others. As gardeners we also experience gluts of various bulbs, perennials that get out of hand, shrubs, annuals, or grasses that self-sow. We could, of course, throw them away but how much more gratifying to pass them on to someone who would like to have them, perhaps in exchange for something we would like to grow.

To address this need the *Bulletin* will set up an Exchange Corner in a future issue that will run as per demand. To use the service, contact Bruce Peters (415) 824-1833 or e-mail editor@calhortsociety.org, with a list of whatever plants or bulbs you have available, in what quantity, and a list of what plants you are looking for in exchange. Include your name and phone number or email address so people can then respond to you directly. ✨

Botanical Tours

April 16-May 2, 2001

Greece & Crete—Mediterranean Wildflower Tour.
Co-sponsored by *Pacific Horticulture* and Strybing.
Leader: George Sfkias, noted botanist and botanical tour guide, author and photographer of Greek wildflowers. Info: 800-624-6633

June 2-17, 2001

Landscapes and Gardens of Montreal-Western Vermont-Upstate New York-Finger Lakes Region.
Sponsored by Strybing Arboretum Society. Leaders: Barbara and John Hopper. Info: 800-624-6633

August 14–September 1, 2001

Namaqualand & the Western Cape with *Pacific Horticulture* editor Richard Turner as leader. Info: 800-624-6633

Horticultural Calendar

January 6 & 7

Crazy About Orchids—Peninsula Orchid Society Show 10AM–5PM, Community Services Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City (one mile west of El Camino). \$5 Adults, \$3 seniors, disabled & children 12 to 18. Info: (650) 365-1765.

January 10

Lunchtime Stroll—with Superintendent Warren Roberts. Meet at noon on the south steps of Mrak Hall, off Old Davis Road on the U.C. Davis campus. Info: (530) 752-4880.

January 13

Rose Pruning—Peter Klement, rose expert, with tips and techniques for pruning old-fashioned roses and climbers. UC Botanical Garden, Berkeley. 9:30 AM, members \$20, non-members \$27.50, Info and register: (510) 643-2755

January 16–February 20

All About Roses—Karen Talbot, 6 week class for college credit. Merrit College, Oakland. Info: (925) 376-1157. Registration: www.peralta.cc.ca.us

January 18–May 24

Introduction to Horticultural Therapy—Karen Talbot, Thursdays, 9AM–12PM. Merrit College, Oakland. Registration & info: (925) 376-1157.

January 18–20

Grower Expo at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago. 47 educational seminars with industry experts. (630) 208-9080; www.growerexpo.com.

January 26

Wildlife of the Yolo Bypass—The naturalists of the UC Davis Arboretum invite you to join them to learn about some amazing wildlife habitats right in our backyard. 7 pm, Free, Putah Creek Lodge on the UC Davis campus. Info: (530) 752-4880.

January 27

Growing Roses Workshop—Karen Talbot, ARS Rose Consultant, 9:30AM–12:30PM. Merrit College, Oakland. \$20. Course LH856, Code 0702. Registration & info: (510) 436-2413.

February 27–April 3

All About Edible Landscaping—Karen Talbot, Tuesdays, 1PM–4PM. Merrit College, Oakland. Info: (925) 376-1157. Registration: www.peralta.cc.ca.us

January 28

Discussion & Book Signing—Peter Dallman, author of *Plant Life in Mediterranean Climates*, with a discussion of Mediterranean climates. . 3:30 PM, Free, but reservations required. Info and register: (510) 643-2755.

April 17–May 22

Horticultural Therapy Handicrafts—Karen Talbot, Tuesdays, 1PM–4PM. Merrit College, Oakland. Registration & info: (925) 376-1157.

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January 13–Feb 3 or February 24–March 17

Brush up your Spanish—David Rivera, 10AM–12:30PM. Great for gardeners, designers, contractors. Members \$65, non-members \$75.

January 16–February 12

Taxonomy for Gardeners—J. Charmain Giuliani, 6:30–9PM. Members \$125, non-members \$140.

January 24

Magnolias of the World at Strybing—Mai Arbegast, 7–9PM, members \$6, non-members \$8.

January 25

Building Stone Walls—Edwin Hamilton, 7–9PM, members free, non-members \$5.

February 9

Horticulture Magazine's Annual Design Symposium—Living in the Garden, California Style! 8:30AM–5PM, members \$80, non-members \$90.

February 10

Horticulture Magazine's Annual Design Symposium—Creating Private Spaces-how to design gardens that connect the indoors and the outside. 8:30AM–4:30PM, members \$95, HM subscribers \$99, non-members \$109.

March 6–May 29

Docent Training—Docents are volunteer educators who lead guided walks for children. \$75, scholarships may be available. Info: (415) 661-1316 x307.

HORT NOTES:

* **NEW BOOK:** *Natural Disease Control*, Brooklyn Botanic Garden's latest handbook explores how to combat the diseases that plague your plants without harming the environment. A companion to an earlier BBG handbook, *Natural Insect Control*. \$9.95 in bookstores; or from BBG (718) 623-7286.

* **GEORGE WATERS ORAL HISTORY** available by the UC Berkeley's Regional Oral History Office: at the Bancroft Library UC Berkeley and at UCLA's Department of Special Collections.

* **SPANISH LANGUAGE GARDENING PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE** The Oregon State University Extension Service has Spanish-language gardening publications, covering weed control, watering vegetable and flower gardens, insect control and planting vegetables.

You can find a printable version on the Web at: <http://eesc.orst.edu>. Choose "Publications & Videos" then "Spanish-language." Click on "Next 10 matches" to find all four of these publications. ☼

Advertising

The Cal Hort *Bulletin* is again accepting advertising. The subject matter of the ad must be horticulturally related and useful to the membership.

Rates: \$60 for a business card size (3 3/4" w x 2" h), \$75 for 1/8 page (3 3/4" w x 2 1/2" h), \$150 for 1/4 page (3 3/4" w x 5" h)

Submit ads or questions to: Bruce Peters, Newsletter Editor, 25 Chattanooga Street, San Francisco, CA 94114-3024, (415) 824-1833 or, preferably, by email at: editor@calhortsociety.org. If emailing images, resolution should be a minimum of 300 dpi.

2001 Seed Exchange

In order to dramatically shorten the download time of this Web enabled *Bulletin*, the 2001 Seed Exchange is posted separately. To order seeds, please use the order form printed in your January *Bulletin*.

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Membership year begins January 1. Dues are \$40 individual, \$50 joint household, \$25 Student (w/ 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.

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 Winter? Bring it in and share it with us!

Please welcome the following new members to the California Horticultural Society:

Chuck Anderson
Patricia Ayotte
Linda Baptiste
Joy Cantley
Devin Cuyler
David Franzman
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David Liittschwager
Susan Middleton
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Newsletter Online

Our beloved *Bulletin* might sometimes be a bit slow to arrive in your mailbox but it's always on our website by the 1st of the month. If you can't wait to find out the latest in Cal Hort news, log on to www.calhortsociety.org and navigate to the '*Bulletin Online*' section to check out the latest issue, or any past issue back to March.



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