



Bulletin of the California Horticultural Society

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Next Monthly General Meeting is January 18th, 2010 at 7:15 pm

Monthly meetings are held at the San Francisco County Fair Building and are co-sponsored by the SF Botanical Garden 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.

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January Program: January 18, 2010
The Rhododendron Species Foundation: an up-and-coming garden and world class collection shown from the perspective of a plant hunter.



Steve Hootman is the Co-Executive Director & Curator of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington. He has participated in or led over a dozen expeditions into remote regions of Asia looking for rare and new taxa of rhododendrons and other plants, and is considered one of the world's authorities on the genus. He is also an active collector, authority and promoter of related

members of the Ericaceae family including genera such as *Vaccinium*, *Agapetes* and *Gaultheria*. Steve is currently working on his Ph.D. in Botanical Systematics at the University of Washington.

New Bulletin Editor

Tyler Cutforth has volunteered as the new editor for the CalHort newsletter. A west coast native originally from Vancouver, Canada, he holds a Ph.D. in Molecular and Cell Biology from U.C. Berkeley, has been an avid gardener for the past two years and propagates native grasses and *Dudleya spp.* at the SF Botanical Garden nursery. Send your comments/suggestions for the newsletter to editor@calhortsociety.org or tyler.cutforth@gmail.com.

February meeting February 15, 2010

Public Japanese Gardens in Northern California

For over 35 years, David Newcomer has visited more than 300 public Japanese gardens in the United States, Canada and Europe as well as in Japan. In addition, he has completed research on more than 100 Japanese gardens that no longer exist, recovering old photographs, documenting their history and reconstructing maps of the gardens. These sites include Japanese gardens at the major international fairs since 1876. He will be discussing his first book that features the Gardens of Northern California.

January 13, Wednesday evening, 7:30PM

The Aesthetics of Sustainability: What is Good Garden Photography?—Presented by Saxon Holt. Come learn the techniques of good garden photography and how to look at your garden in a new light. Western Horticultural Society at Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Doors open at 7:00 PM, meeting starts promptly at 7:30 PM. Members free, non-members \$5.

January 23 and 24, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00AM – 5:00PM

Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale—Short seminar on orchid growing and related topics will be offered. Featuring show and vendor and member sales. At Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City. 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, admission \$5.

February 10, Wednesday evening, 7:30PM

Propagation Methods—Presented by Kathleen Navarez. Learning the art of propagating plants can be a real advantage to all gardeners. Western Horticultural Society at Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Doors open at 7:00 PM, meeting starts promptly at 7:30 PM. Members free, non-members \$5.

REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN

(510) 528-0526 • <http://www.nativeplants.org>

February 27, Saturday afternoon, 1:30PM – 4:30PM

Growing a Garden for Birds and Pollinators—Join Nancy Bauer and Charlotte Torgovitsky to learn how to turn your garden into a fascinating sanctuary for birds, butterflies, bees and other beneficial insects with great habitat plants. Tilden Regional Park, Wildcat canyon Rd./ South Park Dr., Berkeley, 94708. 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM, members \$30, non-members \$35.

SF BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY

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

January 16, Saturday morning, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Attracting Native Bees to Your Yard—Dr. Gordon Frankie of UC Berkeley will discuss some of the more common species as well as the plants and gardening practices which will encourage bees to take up residence in your garden. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, members \$25, non-members \$30.

January 23, Saturday morning, 9:00AM – 12:30PM

Beautiful Palms for Bay Area Gardens—Though only five species dominate palm plantings in the Bay Area, nearly 200 species of palms can be grown in varied local microclimates. Come explore the many contributions that palms can make in your garden. 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM, members \$25, non-members \$30.

January 30, Saturday, 10:00AM – 3:30PM

Embracing Sustainability—Glenn Keator, PhD and Don Mahoney, PhD will lead this one-day seminar event that

focuses on an overview of sustainability in its myriad facets, looking at: insects and other life in the garden; the best ways to garden; the best ways to retain and use water on site; the cultivation of healthy soils; and plants that look good in our special climate. 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM members \$85, non-members \$95

February 13, Saturday, 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Lunar New Year Flower Market—Come celebrate the Year of the Tiger. Traditional flowers and plants for sale, dance troupes, docent-led tours of the garden and more. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, free.

February 14, Sunday afternoon, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

Magnificent Magnolias Walk—SGBG has one of the finest collections of deciduous magnolias in the United States. Don't miss the chance to celebrate these garden treasures at the peak of their bloom. 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM, members \$10, non-members \$10.

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM

(530) 752-4880 • <http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu>

February 6, Saturday, 11:00AM

Guided Tour: Birds that Winter in the Arboretum—Enjoy a slide show highlighting birds you might see in winter in the Arboretum. Then, weather permitting, take a stroll with the docent to look for birds in the garden. 11:00 AM, free.

February 13, Saturday, 11:00AM

Guided Tour: Beauty in the Dead of Winter—Enjoy our mild climate while experiencing beauty where you might not expect it. Hot cider and popcorn finish our morning. 11:00 AM, free.

2010 Membership Renewal

All current 2009 members and recent members from 2008 should have received a letter announcing the year 2010 membership renewal.

As a reminder, membership benefits include Pacific Horticulture Magazine, participation in the seed exchange, free entrance to monthly program meetings, field trips to gardens and nurseries, monthly bulletins with upcoming programs and events, a biennial printed membership roster, Yahoo group participation to network with other members and a web site with extensive information on the Society.

With the retirement of Elsie Mueller, our longtime Office Secretary, this is the first year where membership is being handled completely by volunteers. Because of this change, we are moving much of the membership day-to-day business into electronic formats. If you don't pick up your membership card at the monthly meeting, the first 2010 cards should be in the mail soon. If you have questions about membership, contact Steve Morse at 925-330-6527 or s.j.morse@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks to those who donated seed for the exchange this year, without whose participation this program would not be possible, and whose initials in the list below indicate their expressed willingness to be contacted about the plants and conditions under which they grow: Alan Brubaker (AB), Mona Brauer (MB), Barrie & Carol Coate (BCC), Ann DeRosa (ADR), Bobbi Feyerabend (BF), Wallace Gorell (WG), Ed Holm (EH), Bob Hornback (BH), Ginny Hunt – Seedhunt (GH), Mary Sue Ittner (MSI), Ron Lutsko (RL), Daisy Mah (DM*), Don Mahoney (DM#), Katherine Pyle (KP), Corina Rieder (CR), Josh Schechtel (JS), SF Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum (SF), Richard Starkeson (RS), UCSC Botanical Garden (UCSC), Patricia Van Aggelen (PVA), Kristin Yanker-Hansen (KYH) and those whose donations remain anonymous. Nomenclature and descriptions are those given by the donors.

1. *Acer pentaphyllum* (BH): rare Chinese maple to 30', seed collected at Western Hills Nursery
2. *Aconitum delphinifolium* (RL): wild-collected at Homer AK
3. *Aeonium* sp. (WG): diminutive
4. *Aesculus pavia* (BCC)
5. *Agapanthus* cv. (WG): dark blue, possibly 'Storm Cloud'
6. *Agastache* 'Blue Fortune' (WG)
7. *Agave colorata* (BCC)
8. *Albuca* sp. (BF): bulbous perennial to 5', hanging flowers cream with green stripes, moderate irrigation & well-drained soil, sun to part shade, hardy to 25° F
9. *Allium flavum* (CR): 6"; yellow flowers
10. *Allium senescens* ssp. *montanum* var. *glaucum* (KP): flowers pink, leaves blue-gray and curly, semi-evergreen
11. *Allium senescens* ssp. *montanum* (KP): flowers pink, leaves narrow & light green, semi-evergreen
12. *Allium subvillosum* (MSI): Mediterranean bulb, white flowers
13. *Allium turcomanicum* (?) (KP): flowers pink, leaves upright to 8", evergreen
14. *Allium unifolium* (MSI): California native, pink flowers
15. *Aloe prinslooii* (WG): open cross
16. *Aloe striata* (DM#)
17. *Anemone multifida* 'Rubra' (CR): to 2', pink flowers
18. *Angelica gigas* (DM*)
19. *Angelica pachycarpa* (WG & KYH): very architectural shiny leaves, dies after blooming, reseeds in many places if happy
20. *Antirrhinum braun-blanquetii* (CR): to 1.5', yellow flowers
21. *Arisaema consanguinea* (SF)
22. *Aristolochia californica* (DM*)
23. *Asclepias incarnata* (DM*): milkweed to 4' with pink flowers, wants moist conditions
24. *Asimina triloba* (AB): Pawpaw, custard-like fruit
25. *Asparagus asparagoides* (KYH): Bridal Asparagus, commonly used in bridal bouquets, very long vine-like tendrils and quite broad leaves unlike many asparagus, occasionally reseeds
26. *Aster chilensis* (CR): to 3', blue-violet flowers
27. *Aster divaricatus* (BF): perennial, prostrate habit, small white flowers in late summer; cut back to basal foliage in winter, part shade, regular water
28. *Astrantia major* (?AB): white flowers
29. *Atriplex hymenyletra* (RL): wild-collected in Inyo County
30. *Aulax cancellata* (UCSC): proteaceous shrub, dimorphic male and female
31. *Bartletina sordida* (WG): giant ageratum
32. *XBeschorneria* (WG): open cross between two Martin Grantham hybrids
33. *XBomarea* (RS): leaves about 5" long by 2" wide, stem thicker than other *Bomareas*, 1" pods of large bright red berries, germinates 60-90 days after sowing
34. *Bouteloua gracilis* (CR): to 2', beige
35. *Brodiaea elegans* (MSI): California native bulb
36. *Bryophyllum pinatum* 'Siempre Viva' (WG)
37. *Bulbinella ruscifolia* (KYH): winter-growing perennial, fabulous February drumsticks of fragrant cuttable flowers with stems to 18", combine with *Hardenbergia* in vases for Mardi Gras, grows either in watered or dry garden
38. *Bulbinella semibarbata* (KYH): succulent annual, germinates in fall, provides foliage all winter, blooming airy flowers in spring, http://www.rareplants.de/shop/product.asp?P_ID=5704
39. *Bupleurum fruticosum* (WG)
40. *Calamagrostis foliosa* (RL): wild-collected at Moraga CA
41. *Calandrinia* sp. (WG): magenta flowers all summer
42. *Callirhoe bushii* (KYH): mallow native to American prairies, survives by interweaving well with later perennials shading it out, beautiful early fuchsia-red blooms starting in February & continuing all summer
43. *Calochortus argillosus* (MSI): open-pollinated, increases vegetatively

44. *Calochortus luteus* (DM#)
45. *Calochortus umbellatus* (MSI): California native bulb
46. X*Calochortus* (MSI): Mariposa Lily, many in bloom at the same time, open-pollinated
47. *Calycanthus occidentalis* (EH): second generation seed from plant collected wild in San Mateo County
48. *Caryopteris incana* (WG): easy
49. *Cassia odorata* (GH): prostrate form
50. *Cerinthe major* 'Purpurascens' (KYH): the must-have plant several years ago, on the cover of Thompson & Morgan's, germinates late summer, blooms in spring and into summer; can become invasive
51. X*Cineraria* (BF): to 3', old-fashioned type, flowers of various blues
52. *Clarkia bottae* (DM*)
53. *Clarkia concinna* (DM*): Red Ribbons, California native annual, pink flowers with graceful lobed petals
54. *Clarkia rubicunda* (DM#)
55. *Clematis lasianthus* or *ligusticifolia* (KYH): California native, blooms beautifully in early summer followed by ornamental seedheads that will yield seedlings in the garden
56. *Crocasmia* 'Lucifer' (WG)
57. X*Crocasmia* (WG): yellow flowers, possibly 'Jenny Bloom'
58. X*Cyrtanthus* (MSI): seed collected from plants arising from a *C. elatus* X *montanus* cross
59. *Dahlia coccinea* (WG): RHS red 45A, seedlings will vary
60. *Davidia involucrata* (BCC): stratify three months
61. *Deschampsia cespitosa* (CR): to 2'
62. *Dianthus caryophyllus* cv (WG): carnation with dark red flowers, blue-green leaves
63. *Dierama pulcherrima* (ADR): Angels' Fishing Rod, pink flowers, reseeds
64. *Digitalis ferruginea* (WG)
65. *Dolichos lignosus* (JS): Australian pea vine
66. *Drachelocephalum arguense* 'Fuji Blue' (BF)
67. *Dudleya* sp. (WG)
68. X*Dyckia* (KYH): beautiful relatively low-growing succulent, orange flowers in summer; green-leafed form
69. X*Dyckia* (KYH): seeds from the blackest-leafed form I have yet found
70. *Echium gentianoides* 'Tajinaste' (DM#)
71. *Ennealophus euryandrus* (CR): to 1', blue
72. *Eriogonum inflatum* (RL): beautiful yellow form, wild-collected at Owens Lake CA
73. *Eriogonum wrightii* (DM*)
74. *Erodium pelargonifolium* (KYH): annual or short-lived perennial, gently reseeds, likes cracks in walkways or settles at garden's edge
75. *Eryngium agavefolium* (WG)
76. *Erythronium californicum* (MSI): California native bulb, original seed North Coast
77. *Erythronium helenae* (MSI): reliable bloomer in coastal Northern California
78. *Festuca californica* (CR): to 3'
79. *Festuca californica* (RL): silver-blue form
80. *Freesia laxa* (EH): small bulb, easy, flowers pink with red spots
81. *Freesia laxa* (BF): small bulb, easy, flowers white with red spots
82. *Freesia viridis* (GH)
83. *Fritillaria camschatcensis* (RL): wild-collected at Homer AK
84. *Gladiolus caeruleus* (DM#)
85. *Gladiolus cardinalis* (DM#)
86. *Gladiolus oppositiflorus* ssp. *salmoneus* (GH)
87. *Habranthus robustus* (EH): fall-blooming bulb for pot or garden
88. *Halesia carolina* (AB): Silver Bells
89. *Helictotrichon sempervirens* (WG): Blue Oat Grass
90. *Helleborus foetidus* (RL): narrowly dissected leaf
91. *Hesperaloe parviflora* (AB): red flowers
92. *Hesperoyucca* (aka *Yucca whipplei*) (RL): wild-collected in San Gabriel Mountains CA
93. *Heteropteris chrysophylla*: malpighiaceae vine, yellow flowers followed by red-winged seeds
94. X*Homeria* (KYH): bulb, flowers probably orange but may be yellow, sporadically reseeds
95. *Hymenoxys hoopesii* (CR): to 3', yellow
96. X*Iris* (WG): Siberian, violet flowers
97. *Kalanchoe* sp. (WG): to 8", magenta flowers
98. *Kniphofia* 'Christmas Cheer'
99. *Lachenalia orthopetala* (DM#)
100. *Lachenalia rosea* (DM#): blue flowers
101. *Lachenalia unicolor* (DM#)
102. *Lagurus ovatus* (PVA): Bunny Tails, annual grass with fluffy seed heads
103. *Lathyrus jepsonii californicus* (EH): perennial sweet pea, collected in Plumas County
104. *Lepechinia chamaedryoides* (SF)
105. *Lepechinia scheideana* (CR): 6", blue flowers
106. *Ligularia* 'Desdemona' (WG)
107. *Lilium* sp. (AB): to 7', flowers orange and spotted
108. *Limonium minutum* (DM*)
109. *Littonia modesta*: vine appears yearly mid to late spring, climbs by tendrils at leaf tips that are in whorls of four, 1" orange campanulate flowers, withers and disappears for the season after seed is ripe, withstands repeat winter watering while dormant
110. *Lomatium californicum* (RL): wild-collected in Napa County
111. *Lomatium* sp. (RL): dissected leaves, wild-collected in Lake County
112. XLupinus (AB): Russell hybrids
113. *Lychnis coronaria* (WG): easy
114. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Amish Paste' (EH): heritage tomato, sweeter and larger than Roma with fewer seeds

115. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Black Krim' (EH): heritage tomato, outstanding flavor, dark brown-red flesh, tends to crack if not enough water, open pollinated, indeterminate
116. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Bloody Butcher' (EH): heritage tomato, juicy red flesh, medium size, open pollinated, indeterminate, very rare
117. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Cherokee Purple' (EH): heritage tomato, like 'Black Krim' but less prone to cracking, open pollinated, indeterminate
118. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Costoluto Fiorentino' (EH): heritage tomato, not so ugly as Genovese, up to half pound, high in sugar and acid, outstanding taste, open pollinated, indeterminate
119. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Costoluto Genovese' (EH): heritage tomato, large meaty ugly red paste tomato, excellent flavor, good in hot or cool weather, open pollinated, indeterminate
120. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Early Wonder' (EH): heritage tomato, compact, dark pink, good flavor, very early, perfect for short-season areas, open pollinated, determinate
121. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'German Pink' (EH): heritage tomato, sweet flavor, deep pink beefsteak up to one pound, meaty, few seeds, early season
122. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Glacier' (EH): heritage tomato, good flavor, very early season, sets fruit well in cold weather, open pollinated, determinate
123. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Lilac Giant' (EH): heritage tomato, large flavorful fruit, unusual color, open pollinated, indeterminate
124. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Marvel Stripe' (EH): heritage tomato, sweet fruity taste, fruit yellow-orange streaked with red, one pound or more, open pollinated, indeterminate
125. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Yellow Pear' (EH): heritage tomato, bears until December, eat by handfuls
126. X*Malva* (KYH): collection from crosses between *Malva* 'Bibor Felho' and *M. zebrina*, flowers of varied color from picotee pink to bluish purple along with *zebrina* variations, occasional throwbacks of 'Bibor Felho', lasts full season in dry garden, stopping bloom as weather turns hot & starting again when temperatures cool down, thrives with water, can survive up to three years
127. *Mathiola* sp. (DM*): Mediterranean subshrub, fragrant magenta-purple flowers, blue-green leaves, short-lived
128. *Melanoselinum decipiens* (GH)
129. *Melica californica* (CR): to 3'
130. *Melinis nerviglumis* (MB): Ruby Grass, plants originally from Annie's, best to wait until late spring to sow
131. *Montanoa leucantha* ssp. *arborescens* (DM#)
132. *Muscari neglectum* (KP): dark blue flowers, best in rock gardens
133. *Muscari* 'Valeri Finnes' (KP): light blue flowers, snails love foliage and ignore flowers.
134. *Nepeta tuberosa* (GH)
135. *Nicotiana sylvestris* (WG)
136. *Omphalodes linifolia* (DM*)
137. *Ornithogalum thyrsoides* (MSI): South African bulb
138. *Papaver somniferum* (WG): single flowers mauve to burgundy
139. *Papaver* sp. (DM*): Greek Poppy, flowers to 2.5", petals red with black splotch at base
140. *Passiflora antioquiensis* (SF)
141. *Passiflora exoniensis* X *paritae* (SF): F₂ generation
142. *Penstemon campanulatus* (CR): to 2', pink flowers
143. *Penstemon eatonii* (SF)
144. *Penstemon hirsutis* (CR): to 2', flowers light violet with white
145. X*Phaseolus* (EH): 'French Filet' heritage pole bean, long, slender, stringless, outstanding flavor
146. *Phyteuma orbiculare* (CR): to 1', blue flowers
147. *Phyteuma scheuchzeri* (CR): to 1.5', blue flowers
148. *Phyteuma serratum* (CR): to 1', blue flowers
149. *Pinus jeffreyi* (EH): wild-collected at 4000' in Plumas County, stratify three months
150. *Rheum rhabarbarum* (KYH): rhubarb, delicious stems, quite vigorous plant
151. *Ricinis communis* 'Carmencita' (WG)
152. *Romanzoffia californica* (GH)
153. *Romulea* sp. : pink flower
154. *Rudbeckia triloba*
155. *Salvia disermas* (GH): white flower
156. *Salvia gesnerifolia* (DM#): hardy to 20° F
157. *Salvia guaranitica* (DM#)
158. *Salvia involucrata* (DM#)
159. *Salvia jurisicii* (CR): to 1', violet flowers
160. *Salvia karwinskii* (JS): to 12', winter bloom
161. *Salvia sclarea*
162. *Scilla peruviana* (BF): summer dormant bulb, blue flower, tolerates clay soils, naturalizes
163. *Sedum* sp. (WG)
164. *Senecio microspermis* (WG)
165. *Senecio petasites* (WG)
166. *Silene vulgaris* (KP): sculpit or stridolo, long bloom season, airy mass of flower-topped stems to 2', leaves eaten raw or cooked, more information at www.maltawildplants.com/CRYO/Silene_vulgaris.php, seed-package picture and info at www.underwoodgardens.com/Sculpits/productinfo/H1046/, Plants For A Future database entry at <http://www.pfaf.org/database/plants.php?Silene+vulgaris>
167. X*Sparaxis* (MSI): will produce variety of interesting color and marking combinations; usually will bloom in second year, fairly quick for a corm from seed
168. *Sphaeralcea ambigua* (RL): wild-collected at Panamint Mountain CA
169. *Stanleya* sp. (AB): yellow flowers, nice accent plant

170. *Tecoma X alata*: shrub to 10' broad and tall, orange flowers in clusters
171. *Tecoma stans* (RL): wild-collected in Chisos Mountains TX
172. *Thalictrum rochebrunianum* (?KP): flowers lavender or white on stalks to 6', ferny foliage
173. *Toxicoscordion fremontii* (aka *Zigadenus fremontii*) (MSI): handsome bulb native to coastal Northern California, some toxicity
174. *Triteleia bridgesii* (MSI): California native bulb
175. *Triteleia dudleyi* (MSI): small yellow flowers
176. *Triteleia hyacinthina* (MSI): California native bulb
177. *Triteleia laxa* (DM#)
178. *Triteleia laxa* (MSI): seed from a low-growing North Coast form; flowers dark blue

179. *Tweedia caerulea* (aka *Oxypetalum caeruleum*) (PVA): milkweed family, sky-blue flowers followed by upright seed pods
180. *Veltheimia bracteata* (MSI): South African bulb, although from a summer rainfall area can be grown successfully in a pot in part shade when sheltered from the elements in rainy areas and allowed to dry out in summer; wonderful shiny leaves and tall pink flowers
181. *Watsonia coccinea* (DM#): orange flowers
182. *Watsonia* sp. : orange flowers
183. *Yucca brevifolia* (RL): wild-collected at Inyokern CA
184. *Zinnia* 'State Fair' (WG)
185. mystery composite (RL): shrublet, yellow daisy flowers, silver leaves, wild-collected in Inyo County

Plant of the Month

by Josh Schechtel

***Gaultheria shallon* or salal** **Family: Ericaceae**

Most popular shade plants in the nursery trade prefer fairly moist conditions - think about ferns, fuchsias, hostas and their friends. For those of us living on the west coast, many shade situations are relatively dry unless we do a lot of irrigation. When it comes to waterwise gardening, those shady spots suddenly become a problem.

Salal is a west coast native that enjoys dry shade. In fact, this adaptable plant prefers shady situations to sunny ones. In the sun, it rarely gets more than two feet tall, while in the shade it can reach six feet or more. It provides nice green mounding growth with small urn-shaped white or pink flowers in the spring. Later it bears small purple berries that are appreciated by the birds.

Salal grows in all coastal counties of California as well as in some inland areas, with a range north into British Columbia. Once established, it is very drought tolerant near the coast and enjoys summer fog. Inland, it appreciates a little summer water to look its best. Although it tends to grow in acidic, humus-rich soil, it will grow even in heavy clay provided that it isn't overwatered. Like many native plants it needs minimal feeding.

Salal's Latin name is rather bicoastal. The *Gaultherias* are named after Jean François Gaultier, a botanist from Québec who is best known for his work in the St. Lawrence River Valley in the mid-18th century. The species epithet is an adaptation of *kikwu-salu*, a Chinook name for the plant. In any language, this is a great low-maintenance native plant for the garden.



Photo by Ted Kipping

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2010 Seed Request Form

Please take the time to answer the questions below, adding any comments of your own.

Can you donate seeds to the exchange next year? yes no If yes, please indicate how you want to be reminded (e.g. in August, by telephone, at 123-456-7890):

Are you willing to have CalHort members contact you about the seeds you donate and the conditions under which the plants grow? yes no

Are you willing to help run our seed exchange? yes no

Please indicate particular seeds or categories of seed that you would like to have available from our list in the upcoming years:

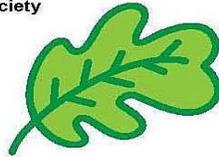
Use this form to request seeds. It is helpful to the committee, to ensure that your request is fulfilled accurately, that you write your numbers clearly and in numerical order **without appending the name of the plant**. Please expect no more than ten selections, and list alternates; many donations consist of small quantities of seed and distribution will be as generous as possible. Seed packets will be identified only by number, so you should keep this list. Please indicate your shipping address if different from that on the CalHort bulletin (if you receive your bulletin by mail); if you are downloading this form or receive your bulletin by e mail, please include your name and address. Remember that seed requests are a membership benefit for the California Horticultural Society and will not be honored for non-members. Complete requests will be fulfilled as quantities allow, prioritized by date of postmark, and requests should be returned by the end of February. A request is complete only when it includes \$5 payment to cover supplies and postage; make your check payable to the California Horticultural Society. Send the form along with your payment to Dave Tivol, 130 Locksunart Way #4, Sunnyvale CA 94087.

List up to ten choices, clearly and in numerical order please:

List up to ten alternates, clearly and in numerical order please:



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CalHort Needs Volunteers

We are moving forward to essentially an all volunteer Society where all of the tasks that make the Society run smoothly will be performed by members. However, it has also become obvious that the same few members are doing most of these jobs (sometimes multiple jobs) and have been doing them for many years. We have been without a President and Vice President for all of this year. Our Treasurer has been on the job for 14 years. Some of the assignments can be shared among members if we have enough volunteers.

Our Society has maintained its quality programs because of the dedication of the volunteer officers, chairs and members. The future of the Society depends upon its member volunteers! The Board asks that you consider volunteering for these positions to keep CalHort the organization we all want it to be. Contact any Board member for further information, either by email, phone or at next Monday's meeting, and especially Ted Kipping, the Nominating Committee Chair. We need you! The Membership Roster provides Board Member telephone numbers and email addresses.

To join, or for a full range of membership levels, please visit our web site at www.calhortsociety.org, or contact Kristin Yanker-Hansen at 925-831-9499



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