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Next Monthly General Meeting is July 19th, 2010 at 7:15 pm

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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.

July Program:

July 19, 2010

With Mallows Aforethought: Wonders of the Malvaceae

Dr. Steven Hill is a Plant Taxonomist and Botanist with the Illinois Natural History Survey at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. As one of the most prominent Malvaceae experts in the world, having studied mallows for the past 35 years, he is the principal author on California mallows for the upcoming revision of the Jepson Manual. He will open your eyes to the great diversity and horticultural possibilities of mallows.



August meeting

August 16, 2010

Bringing Italy Home: Images from a Designer's Tour

Not a travelogue, this presentation by landscape designer Cathy Edger traces the beginnings of modern landscape design during the Renaissance Era and its development through the ensuing Baroque and Romantic Eras. Following a career as a Park Ranger, Cathy decided that landscape design would be her new occupation. Classes in design inspired her with the dream to tour Italian gardens if she ever got the chance. In September 2009 she took the tour of a lifetime with the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, when she was able to visit many of the gardens that she had studied. She will point out parallels to contemporary gardening, and discuss ways to apply what she saw to our 21st century gardens. Anyone who loves gardens or gardening history will enjoy her talk.

July Horticultural Calendar

by Don MacGregor

Thursday August 19 2 PM
Information session for the Marin County Master Gardeners in Novato (must be a resident of the county).
groups.ucanr.org/MarinMG

May 31 – October 31
“Sculpture IS: 2010” exhibit presented by the Pajaro Valley Arts Council at Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens, Watsonville. Over 100 works from 50 artists representing the central coast and northern California.
www.sierraazul.com (831) 763-0939

U.C. Botanical Garden at Berkeley

Sunday August 8 10 AM – noon
“Butterfly Basics”: caterpillar lady & butterfly experts Sally Levinson and Andy Liu lead you through the life cycle of butterflies. Registration required.

Redwood Grove Concert Series 5 PM – 7:30 PM
Thursday July 22 “Foot-Stomping Music”; Thursday July 29 “Folk Rock Night”. \$15/\$12, register at (510) 643-2755

Thursday & Friday August 26/27 10 AM – 4 PM
“Watercolor Botanical Illustration Class” with Illustrator Lee McCaffree from the American Society of Botanical Artists. Using an elementary approach, you will learn the process of creating a watercolor of a flowering plant.
botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu (510) 643-5045

California Rare Fruit Growers

week of August 14
Celebrate the Year of the Pithaya/Dragon Fruit at Cal Poly, Pomona with the California Rare Fruit Growers Association.
www.festivaloffruit.org and www.crfg.org

Ruth Bancroft Garden

Friday July 16 9 AM – 5 PM
“Make Room for Succulents”, a day-long seminar focused on the architecture of succulents in our gardens, co-sponsored by Pacific Horticulture Magazine and The Garden Conservancy.

Sunday July 18 is the last day for the Sculpture in the Garden exhibit and sales.
www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/

Regional Parks Botanical Garden

Thursdays 9 AM – 11 AM
Weekly native plant sale in Tilden Park

Saturday August 7 10 AM – noon
Basic Drip and Low-Pressure Irrigation class

Saturday August 28 9 AM – 4:30 PM
Plant Portraits and Garden Images photography class
www.nativeplants.org/events (510) 544-3169

S.F. Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum

Cloud Forest: escape to the montane tropics for a delight filled walk with the hummingbirds, salvias and cupheas this month. The SFBG’s innovative collection is now over a quarter century old!
www.sfbotanicalgarden.org (415) 661-1316

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***Darmera peltata*, or Indian rhubarb**
Family: Saxifragaceae

For the past few years, everyone seems to have been smitten by various *Gunneras*. Yes, their giant leaves are impressive. Yes, they add a *tropicalismo* look to the garden (even if they are a more temperate plant) for those who want to practice zone denial. However, they also overwhelm the compost bin when they go dormant in winter and overpower the small garden with their huge size. So what are we to do if we want a striking plant with wonderful umbrella-shaped leaves, just large enough to produce that ‘wow’ effect but not large enough to qualify as dinosaur food? That is where *Darmera peltata* comes to the rescue!



Native to the northwest U.S., *Darmera peltata* grows along stream banks in the mountains of Oregon and California. Although often found in the shade of evergreen forests, *Darmera* can grow in full sun near the coast as long as it is kept moist. Tall spikes holding tufts of tiny pink



flowers emerge in the spring followed by the unfurling of glorious, umbrella-like leaves that can extend two feet wide. The leaves turn yellow or red in the autumn before the plant goes dormant for the winter. After the leaves drop the giant rhizome can be seen - it looks like a giant green caterpillar on the soil surface.

Darmera peltata grows well in sun or shade as long as its roots are moist. Ideal conditions include the edge of a bog or pond or in a glazed container. If you are looking for an elegant plant for a shady spot in your garden, consider this native gem.

Photos by Ted Kipping

Monthly Plant Drawing

The plant drawing is an ongoing program for the Society’s benefit. Nurseries and individual members donate plants each month, many of which are rare in the trade.

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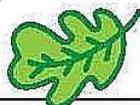


CalHort Needs Volunteers

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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