

The next monthly general meeting is Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:15 pm

Monthly meetings are held at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park.

Free parking is available behind the San Francisco County Fair Building on Lincoln Way.

4:00 PM – Botanical gardens walk with the featured speaker. Meet at the entrance to the San Francisco Botanical Garden.

5:30 PM – No-host dinner will take place at Park Chow Restaurant, located at 1240 Ninth Avenue in San Francisco.

7:15 PM – Announcements, Plant Forum, and Program Meeting will be held at the San Francisco County Fair Building.

Cal Hort members may attend for FREE. Non-members – a donation of \$5 is requested

Plant of the Month

Layia platyglossa



JUNE 2011 MEETING
Some Rhododendron Species for the Rest of the Year
with Ted Kipping

There are over 900 species of *Rhododendrons* and many thousands of hybrids. Nearly all of them are stunning in flower but too often drab when not. However, there are scores of species and also many fine hybrids which offer visual interest for the rest of the year. The Bay Area is an exceptionally good area for growing these wonders. Join fellow plant devotee and compulsive photographer, Ted Kipping, in a celebratory perusal of so many of these treasures for our area.



JULY 2011 MEETING
Erica in South Africa
(An Evolutionary Explosion)
by Martin Grantham

Erica is by far the largest genus in the South African flora showing a degree of geographic concentration unmatched by any other plant group anywhere in the world. Estimates of species number range from 650 to over 800. The stupendous diversity of *Erica* in South Africa boggles the minds of botanists and overwhelms horticulturists, yet *Erica* is easily propagated and more adaptable to California soils than many other South African plant groups. Although flowers are small, they're produced in profusion and come in every hue . . . but blue. Join Martin Grantham in taking a look at a range of *Erica* species in the wild and in cultivation.

Spring HORTICULTURAL Events by Don L. MacGregor

USING GREYWATER FOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Lecture with John Russell
Saturday, June 11, 9:30 AM–1 PM
San Francisco Botanical Garden
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.
\$20. Registration online or call (415) 661-1516 ext. 400.
www.sfbotanicalgardensociety.org

PREPPING THE GARDEN FOR SUMMER

A Gardener's Workshop
Saturday June 11, 10–11 AM
Alameda County Master Gardeners
Livermore Earth Friendly Demonstration Garden,
3575 Greenville Road, Livermore.
acmg.ucdavis.edu

PERENNIALS

Monthly Plant Sale
June 11, 10 AM–1 PM
San Francisco Botanical Garden Nursery Greenhouse,
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.
Registration online or phone 415-661-1316 ext. 400.
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POLLINATOR PARADISE,

Bee Workshop with K.Ruby Blume
Saturday, June 11, 12-3 PM
Regional Parks Botanic Garden,
Wildcat Canyon Road at South Park Drive
in Tilden Park, Berkeley.
\$40, members \$35.
Nativeplants.org

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 OAKS

Free Outdoor Concert
Sunday, June 12, 5:30 PM
UC Davis Arboretum and Sacramento City College
World Music Ensemble at Shields Oak Grove,
Garrod Drive. (530)752-4880
arboretum.ucdavis.edu

THE SOUTH AMERICAN COLLECTION

Member's Tour with Peter Klement
Thursday, June 16, 1–2:30 PM
UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive.
Members only. botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

SCULPTURE IN THE GARDEN

Preview Party
Friday, June 17, 5:30–8 PM
Ruth Bancroft Garden. \$75 members, \$70.
1552 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek.
Sculpture Exhibit open daily through July 16.
\$10, \$7 Seniors and Students. Members Free.
www.ruthbancroftgarden.org

EXUBERANT GARDENS ALONG ROUTE 101 NORTH

Bus Tour of Santa Rosa Area Gardens
Saturday, June 18, 8:00 AM–7:30 PM
\$235, includes bus and dining. (415) 441-4300.
GardenConservancy.org

OPEN GARDEN DAY FOR FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Fruit tree, etc, demonstrations
Saturday, June 18, 8:30 AM–11:30 PM
Sacramento County Master Gardeners,
Fair Oaks Horticulture Center, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks.
(916) 875-6913 ucanr.org/sites/sacmg/FairOaks

AROMATIC FIRST AID WITH GARDEN PLANTS

Medicinal Plants Walk led by Jeanne Rose
Saturday, June 18, 10 AM–1 PM
San Francisco Botanical Garden,
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.
\$45, members \$35. Registration online or phone (415) 661-1316 ext. 400.
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UNDERSTANDING AND IDENTIFYING THE BAY AREA'S DAZZLING DRAGONFLIES

Lecture and walk with Kathy and Dave Biggs
Saturday, June 18, 10 AM–2 PM
Regional Botanic Garden,
Wildcat Canyon Road at South Park Drive
in Tilden Park, Berkeley. nativeplants.org

UCCE MASTER GARDENER TOUR AND PLANT SALE

featuring Peninsula Gardens
Saturday, June 18, 10 AM–4 PM
www.mastergardenerntour.org/cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu

GREEN GALA

Celebration of Biodiversity
Saturday, June 18, 2–5 PM
UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley. 200 Centennial Drive. \$125.
(510) 643-1924 www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

HERBS FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE SUMMERTIME

Workshop with Georgeann Cunney
Saturday, June 25, 9:30 AM–12 NOON
San Francisco Botanical Garden,
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park. \$35, members \$25.
Registration online or phone 415-661-1316 ext. 400.

KIPPING FAMILY PRESENTS; ISLES OF THE SEA OF CORTEZ,

Illustrated talk with Ted Kipping follows potluck
Tuesday, June 28, 7:00 PM
Fireplace Room, San Francisco Botanical Garden.
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.
Please bring a dish and beverage to serve 8.

Plant of the Month by Josh Schechtel

Layia platyglossa

Tidy Tips

Family: ASTERACEAE

I realized recently that I give short shrift to annuals when I write about favorite plants. Of course, some of my favorites are annuals, but I guess I am too caught up in watching perennials and woody plants grow and fill in to remember to write about their more ephemeral relatives. Which is a shame, since so many annuals play an important role in our ecosystem, providing wonderful food and shelter for native bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Spring in California wouldn't be the same without meadows full of tidy tips waving in the breeze. These flowers always bring a smile to my face, and remind me that summer is not far away.

Tidy tips are easy to grow from seed. Just give them full sun or light shade, and water early in the season. Once they are established and growing, they need very little water. Planted in the fall or winter, they usually start blooming by March and can continue until June, when the dry soil signals an end to this year's fun. This plant generally stays less than a foot tall and about a foot wide, and is covered with 1-2 inch yellow daisies with white tips on the petals. Tidy tips will reseed fairly easily, as long as the seedlings aren't shaded out by too much competition. They make great companion plantings

with our native poppies and nemesias, and are good for cut flowers in the house as well.

The genus *Layia* was named by Sir William Hooker after George Tradescant Lay, a British botanist who visited California and other western states in 1825. Although his middle name is the surname of the Tradescants, famous horticulturalists of the 16th and 17th centuries, the link between them is a mystery.



Layia platyglossa

Photos by Ted Kipping



BOTANICAL ODYSSEY TO THE KLAMATH MOUNTAINS OF NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

July 1-4 / A tour with Joe Dahl and Glenn Keator
to benefit the Regional Parks Botanic Garden

Nowhere in California do more elements from more habitats and geographical regions converge than in the rugged Klamath Mountains. Coastal forests, foothill plants of the interior, and mountain plants from the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains all meet and mix. The tour features Cedar Lake, home to *Chamaecyparis lawsonii* and more. Conifers, ferns, lily and heather allies, orchids, lewisias, buckwheats and more will be seen in different forms throughout the area. For details visit www.nativeplants.org/klamath



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Monthly Plant Drawing News

Thank you to Randy Baldwin for bringing some choice selections for the silent Auction at the annual dinner. Also thank you to Kathy Echols, and all the nurseries who donated to the Hot Plant Picks exhibit at the Norcal Show, those plants were also silent auctioned at the dinner. This month we will again have our Drawing and welcome any plants members might offer.

To join the California Horticultural Society, 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.

Questions from members about your membership? Please address them to the Cal Hort membership chair, Charlotte Masson, 579 Los Palmos Drive, San Francisco, CA 94127-2209 (gardengurus@gmail.com).

The California Horticultural 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 to provide leadership. The Board asks that members volunteer for positions to keep Cal Hort the best organization it can be.

Please contact Ted Kipping, the Nominating Committee Chair, for more information about serving on the Council. You can also chat with Council members, either by e-mail, by phone, or at any Cal Hort meeting.

Deadline for publication in this Bulletin is the third Monday of each month for the following month's Bulletin, with the exception of December. Events during the first ten days of the month should be submitted two months ahead.

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