

*The next monthly general meeting is Monday, March 18, 2013, 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

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**Plant of the Month**  
*Salvia apiana*



**MARCH 18, 2013, MEETING**

**Bonkers for Begonias**

with Dan Heims



Dan Heims with Martha Stewart

Dan Heims covers the varieties and uses of the fascinating (and huge) family of *Begonias*. Rare species will be shown and discussed, from 2" tall yellow blooming terrarium plants from Africa to 7' tall giants from Brazil as well as hardy begonias. Care, culture, and propagation will be revealed. You'll be amazed to see what might grow in your home garden! Since 1973, Dan Heims has been deeply involved in all facets of

horticulture. He's currently the president of Terra Nova Nurseries, Inc.—a company noted for its many new introductions to horticulture.



**APRIL 15, 2013, MEETING**

**Obtaining a Yield from Weeds: Surprisingly Useful Allies from the Wilderness**

with Kevin Bayuk

Emerson said, "What is a weed—a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." Kevin Byuk, a local urban permaculture expert, will discuss how common weeds reveal a shocking cornucopia of utility and benefit to humans and our gardens. Some weeds are nutritious and tasty food crops. Some are powerful medicines. Some feed pollinators and provide habitat and shelter for garden allies. Some weeds enhance soil fertility, while others feed our compost piles. Weeds even help to protect the soil.



## Winter HORTICULTURAL EVENTS by Judith Taylor

### ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE: MARION BRENNER EXHIBITION

March 8–15; 10 AM–4 PM DAILY

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

The Garden is pleased to announce the selection of renowned photographer and Berkeley resident Marion Brenner as our first Artist in Residence. Ms. Brenner has created a body of work featuring the beautiful plants and landscapes of the Garden and this exhibition highlights her Garden portfolio. Marion Brenner's photographs have appeared in numerous books and magazines, including *House & Garden*, *Martha Stewart Living* (she is currently featured in the February 2013 issue!), *House Beautiful*, *Landscape Architecture*, *The New York Times*, *Elle Décor*, *Garden Design* and *Sunset Magazine*. In 2002, the Berkeley Museum hosted her one-person show entitled, *The Subtle Life of Plants and People*. Free with Garden Admission.

### MEMBER APPRECIATION PLANT SALE: DIG IN! OUR NEXT 75 YEARS

Saturday, March 9; 9 AM - 1 PM

UC Davis Arboretum Teaching Nursery, UC Davis Campus, Garrod Drive

At this plant sale themed, "Dig in! Our Next 75 Years," the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum rewards its members with first pick of the area's largest selection of attractive, low-water, easy-care, region-appropriate plants including Arboretum All-Stars. In addition to the incredible assortment of Valley-wise plants, members are treated to live music, free refreshments and activities for their children. This large regional event will also honor the culmination of the UC Davis Arboretum's 75th anniversary with a look into its future as the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden, what that means to the community and the exciting changes they can expect to be a part of.

Not a member? No problem! Anyone is welcome to join at the door. Members not only receive 10% off their plant sale purchases they also receive a special \$10 off coupon as a thank you gift. The benefits of membership far outweigh the cost. For more information on the additional benefits and cost of membership visit: [http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/join\\_the\\_friends.aspx](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/join_the_friends.aspx).

### DISCOVERING A SENSE OF PLACE (PART 2) OUR GARDENS AND WATERSHEDS

Saturday, March 9; 9 AM–NOON

The Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek

Join us for three sessions as we delve into the details of living in the Diablo Valley. In three short sessions, we'll get more local with our watershed explorations, find out how all that live here are interconnected, and discover the impact of human habitation on native flora and fauna. Guest Speaker Mary Grimm leads us to discuss and explore the importance and locations of local watersheds, how their health affects the health of our gardens and how our gardening practices and other daily life choices affect them. Map where your watershed is located. We will take a walk to the pond to look do some simple water testing activities.

### XAN AESTHETIC LENS: CAPTURING THE GARDEN THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

Saturday, March 16; 4 PM–7 PM

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

Don't miss this rare opportunity to join award-winning garden photographer Marion Brenner on a unique journey through the UC Botanical Garden during the sunset hours. She'll share her expertise in landscape photography and guide you through the process of capturing the Garden in photo. Bring along your trusted camera and a tripod. \$90, \$75 members

### EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED – THE PRACTICE OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Saturday, March 23; 9 AM–NOON

The Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek

The essence of IPM is trying the least toxic solution first when faced with pest infestations or disease. Debi Tidd shows us how this solves problems while minimizing the risk to people and the environment. Nature provides a number of predatory birds and insects that combat pests, and disease can often be avoided by changing our gardening habits. We'll learn about the plants that attract these beneficial insects and birds. Class includes hands on activities to learn who the beneficial insects in your garden are, and a tour of the garden to look for some of them.

### LAKESHORE AVENUE FREE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANT EXCHANGE

Saturday, March 30, 2013; NOON to 4 PM

3811 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland, (easy parking)

Want an instant new garden? Bring your plants and pick up new ones! All types and sizes of healthy plants welcome, from small cuttings up to full size. seeds • bulbs • herbs • vegetables • trees gardening tools and supplies • yard art • landscape accents stepping stones • trellises • pots • tools • driftwood • compost bins • weed whackers • goldfish • lawn mowers • gardening books and magazines. Free No time to repot donations? Bags and newspaper will do. If you have plants too large to remove by yourself, we may be able to help. Questions, comments, ideas, want to volunteer? [www.plantexchange.wordpress.com](http://www.plantexchange.wordpress.com), [theplantexchange@yahoo.com](mailto:theplantexchange@yahoo.com) (510) 866-8482

### SPRINGTIME SELECT TOURS— BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES

April 6, 7, 14 (Time to be announced)

Five Select Tours (small group guided tours and workshops - \$30 per person) will be held this spring on April 6, 7, 14. These include two hands-on workshops "Mow no 'Mo!" and "How to Install a Netafim Drip Irrigation System and Smart Timer", a "Meet the Do-It-Yourselfers" tour, in which three gardens designed and installed by homeowners will be toured; and a tour of Judy Adler's renowned sustainable garden. Space is limited and registration is required. These tours will fill; register early to ensure a place. For more information contact Kathy Kramer, (510) 236-9558 [Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net](mailto:Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net) <http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/>

### 2013 Seed Exchange Delayed

Dave Tivol, our long-time Seed Exchange chair, recently broke his leg and is immobilized. Because of this, the Seed Exchange is being delayed while we work out an alternate process and/or Dave is again well enough to finalize the Exchange. While we work out details to complete this year's Seed Exchange, we will keep you posted via email and/or the Bulletin. Til then, we wish Dave the best in his recovery—and obviously—CalHort misses his valued service. If you have further questions and/or recommendations, you may email [calhortinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:calhortinfo@sbcglobal.net).

## Plant of the Month

by Josh Schechtel

*Salvia apiana* / White Sage

Family: LAMIACEAE

In honor of the Salvia Summit II to be held in March 7–10, 2013 at the Huntington Botanical Garden, this plant of the month is one of our highly esteemed native salvias.

I've noticed that smudge sticks have gone mainstream over the last few years. What all those New Agers and Neo-pagans don't realize is that zillions of white sage plants are ripped out of the ground to supply the commercial smudge stick industry. This isn't doing the plant, or its native Western habitat, any favors. Why not grow your own, and supply your friends and family with homegrown good karma?

*Salvia apiana* is a handsome plant, growing about 2 feet tall, with silvery white leaves. The bloom spike, covered in white flowers, can add another three feet to the height of this plant in late spring or early summer. Bees will swarm the flower spike, happily forcing their way into the small flowers for their reward.



Photo © 2013 Ted Kipping

*Salvia apiana*

Native to the southern coast ranges, east into some of our desert areas, *Salvia apiana* grows at elevations over 5000 feet, so it is frost tolerant. To grow it successfully, mimic its native habitat. A slope is nice, but not required. However, full sun, excellent drainage, and minimal summer watering are required for this plant to be happy and look its best. If you live in a summer fog belt, this plant may not like the extra humidity. However, it is worth giving it a try—especially if you want to increase your karma quotient.

## The Kippings invite you to Potluck\*/Slideshows

*Fourth Tuesday of the Month—7 PM*

**2,600 MILES ALONG THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL**

*March 26, 2013, with Bob and Martha Sikora*

**STUNNING INTRICACIES OF CLASSIC ARABIC ARCHITECTURE**

*April 23, 2013, with Sa'id Nuseibeh*

**EXPLORING BOTSWANA & NAMIBIA**

*May 28, 2013, with Gerald Corsi*

\*Bring a dish and beverage for eight to share, as well as your own plates and silverware. Fireplace Room.

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**Monthly Plant Drawing News**

Each month various nurseries and individual members donate plants for the plant drawing. Thank you Don Mahoney from Strybing Arboretum. Please do not hesitate to bring in unusual plants from your garden to share with the members. Since our program is about begonias, you might consider bringing in a few of those. Remember the meeting is an excellent place to find plants for your garden that you have never seen before.

To join the California Horticultural Society or to find out about a full range of membership levels, please visit our web site at [www.calhortsociety.org](http://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](mailto: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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