

The next monthly general meeting is Monday, May 21, 2012 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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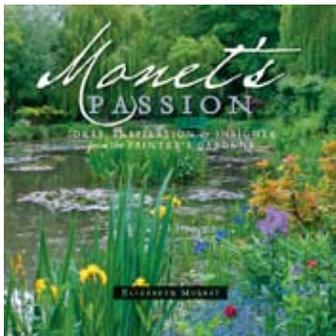
Plant of the Month
Carex elata 'Aurea'



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**MAY 21, 2012 MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER**

RESTORING MONET'S GARDEN
with Elizabeth Murray,
Author of
*Monet's Passion: Ideas, Inspiration
and Insights from the Painter's Gardens*



Elizabeth Murray—author, photographer, painter and keynote speaker—has a voice that inspires and ignites a commitment to beauty, nature, spirit and sustainability. Best known for her work in restoring Monet's garden in Giverny, France, she has returned there annually for 25 years to photograph it. Her lecture includes historic photos of Monet, his paintings, and horticultural information, along with her gorgeous photographs, as seen in her book: *Monet's Passion: Ideas, Inspiration and Insights from the Painter's Gardens*. (See page 3 of this bulletin for details on the evening.)



**JUNE 21, 2012 MEETING
WHERE DO THESE PLANTS COME FROM?**
with Dr. Rick Schoellhorn

Dr. Rick Schoellhorn, Director of New Products for Proven Winners will discuss the process of finding new plants. Proven Winners searches the world to find and select plants which are clearly superior to others of their type. Join Rick on a trip around the world searching for plant breeders and the plants that will eventually end up in your garden.

Spring HORTICULTURAL EVENTS by Judith Taylor

ROMANCE AND LEGEND: ROSES OF THE STORER GARDEN

Saturday, May 5, 2012; 8 AM
Bilingual Spanish-English

Storer Garden, Garrod Drive, UC Davis

Enjoy a fun walk through the history of roses in the UC Davis Arboretum's Storer Garden. Learn about the rose through time and around the world, and why this flower is considered "the Queen of Flowers." The free tour, to be offered in Spanish and English, will meet at the Arboretum Gazebo. For more information, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

YOUR SUSTAINABLE BACKYARD: ROSE DAY

Saturday, May 5, 2012; Tours and Talks, 8 AM–2:30 PM
Rose Sale, 2:30–5:30 PM

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo this year at Rose Day, an all-day workshop for rose lovers. Enjoy a morning tour of roses at the UC Davis Arboretum Storer Garden (offered in English and Spanish) and presentations by rose breeding experts Dr. James Sproul and Jacques Ferare and much, much more. Fee: \$45, includes coffee and scones and a boxed lunch. For more information or to register, please contact Missy Gable at (530) 752-6642 or mjborel@ucdavis.edu, or visit www.ccuu.ucdavis.edu.

BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR AND SALE

Saturday, May 5; Plant Sale
Sunday, May 6; Garden Tour and Sale, 10 AM–5 PM

If you have not registered for the free Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour—please do so now! Registering now at www.bringingbackthenatives.net will ensure that you receive your guide early. A variety of bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens that contain 60% or more native plants will be open on Sunday, May 6, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. More than 50 garden talks will be scheduled throughout the day. Browse "View the Gardens" at www.bringingbackthenatives.net/view-gardens to read garden descriptions, view garden photos, and more. While admission is free, registration is required.

On Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6, as part of the Native Plant Sale Extravaganza (www.bringingbackthenatives.net/plant-sale), native plants will be available for sale at more than a dozen locations. Take advantage of this opportunity to shop for unique or hard-to-find native plants. For more information, please e-mail Kathy Kramer at Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net, or call (510) 236-9558.

OPEN HOUSE AT CARMAN'S NURSERY

Sunday, May 6, 2012; 11 AM–3 PM

Carman's Nursery was founded 75 years ago by a long-time member of Cal Hort, Ed Carman, and is run today by his daughter, Nancy Schramm, who is hosting an anniversary celebration. In addition to the unusual plants at the nursery, there will also be homemade cookies and lemonade! The address is 8470 Pharmed Road in Gilroy. Parking is quite limited, so carpooling is recommended. Please contact Dave Tivol at dtivol@yahoo.com or (408) 732-2743 to indicate whether you prefer to drive (if so, how many passengers can you take) or to be a passenger in someone else's car, along with the number of people in your party. Dave will coordinate carpooling so that members and their guests who live near each other can meet up.

WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, May 9, 2012; 12 Noon

Arboretum Gazebo, Garrod Drive, UC Davis

Join Arboretum Superintendent Emeritus Warren Roberts for a lunchtime stroll in the UC Davis Arboretum. Enjoy the glorious spring weather, see the demonstration flower gardens in full bloom, and get a little exercise. Meet at noon at the Arboretum Gazebo. There is no charge for the tour. For more information, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

PLANT SALE: SOME LIKE IT HOT— SUMMER BLOOMERS AND SIZZLING DEALS

Saturday, May 19, 2012; 9 AM–1 PM

Arboretum Teaching Nursery, Garrod Drive, UC Davis

Get ready for summer in the garden and find some great bargains on sustainable, beautiful plants at the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum end-of-season clearance plant sale on Saturday, May 19, 9 AM–1 PM, at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery. The Arboretum Teaching Nursery is located on Garrod Drive across from the School of Veterinary Medicine. Free parking is available along Garrod Drive and in Visitor Lots 50 and 55. For more information, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

ETHNO-BOTANICAL PLANT WALK AND MEDITATION

Saturday, May 19, 2012; 2 PM

Wyatt Deck, Old Davis Road, UC Davis

Join the UC Davis Arboretum Ambassadors for an ethnobotanical plant walk and meditation. Learn about traditional uses of California native plants for food, medicine, and ritual, followed by tea and meditation. The free program will begin at 2 PM at the Wyatt Deck. Free parking is available in Visitor Lot 5, at Old Davis Road and A Street. For more information, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

ON SAFARI IN KENYA

with Gerald Corsi

Tuesday, May 22, 2012; 7 PM

Fireplace Room, County Fair Building,
Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.

The Kippings invite you to Potluck*/Slideshows
Bring a dish for eight to share.

25th ANNIVERSARY SPRING CELEBRATION AT QUARRYHILL BOTANICAL GARDEN

Saturday, June 2, 2012; 10 AM–3 PM

12841 Sonoma Highway, Glen Ellen, CA 95442

Sonoma Valley's world-renowned Quarryhill Botanical Garden will celebrate their 25th year at their annual Spring Celebration. Gifted speaker and highly respected plantsman, Warren Roberts from the UC Davis Arboretum, will entertain with stories from his long career in horticulture. The garden will be at its peak then, so it's an ideal time to meander the pathways, enjoy the catered lunch, shop the plant sale and consider the rare plants in the silent auction. Quarryhill is one of the finest collections and displays of Asia's rich flora in the country. For more information, call (707) 996-3166, info@quarryhillbg.org, or visit www.quarryhillbg.org.

Plant of the Month

by Josh Schechtel

Carex elata 'Aurea,' Bowles Golden Sedge

Family: CYPERACEAE

Although most of us think almost constantly about conserving water and finding plants that will thrive on minimal watering, there are also those damp patches that we occasionally have to deal with. It may be a poorly drained low-lying area over a hardpan, or the edge of an ornamental pond. Or perhaps it is a spot on the edge of a birdbath that is constantly moistened by the ablutions of some avian friends. These are the situations in which *Carex elata* thrives, and the cultivar 'Bowles Golden' is a treat for the eyes. Its golden color lights up a semi-shaded area like a spotlight. This plant is very well-behaved, and only asks for a shearing in the winter if it is looking tired. It colors up best in full sun, although inland it will prefer partial shade. In deeper shade the golden color becomes more of a chartreuse—still attractive, but no longer the golden showstopper. Give it moist, rich soil, or even immerse it in shallow water, and it will reach about two feet in height and 2–3 feet across.

Bowles Golden Sedge is named after Edward Augustus Bowles, a British horticulturalist and



Carex elata 'Aurea'

garden writer, and the great-uncle of Andrew Parker Bowles, the ex-husband of the current Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla Parker Bowles. Bowles' garden at Myddelton House in Middlesex, just north of London, still exists, and is open to the public. His interest in collecting new plants and his connections in the horticultural world resulted in his name being given to at least forty varieties of plants. He also received the Victoria Medal of Honor from the Royal Horticultural Society, where his friends knew him as 'Bowley'. Don't be intimidated by the fact that this plant has better social connections than you do. Just enjoy its golden aura and imagine the stories it could tell you if only it could speak.

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

with Elizabeth Murray

6:30 PM—Socializing

7 PM—Potluck: If you can assist with set-up, please come any time after 5 PM. We will make arrangements with flowers from the Arboretum, set up plant displays, etc. Advance Reservations must be made with Tena Gallagher, no later than Friday, May 18, 2012.

What to Bring:

- Your favorite dish (enough to serve eight)
- A serving utensil
- Your own silverware and plate
- Unusual and choice plants for the Silent Auction
- Beer or wine, if you prefer

• **We will be attending** the Annual Dinner Monday,
• May 21, 2012, at San Francisco County Fair Building,
• Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park.
• **Name(s) (Please print)**

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• **Enclosed is a check made payable to:**

• The California Horticultural Society for \$ _____
• (\$5 for each person, which covers the cost of
• supplies—coffee, tea, and spring water.)

• **Mail checks to:** Tena Gallagher, 400 Cliffside Drive,
• Danville, CA 94526



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Monthly Plant Drawing News

Each month various nurseries and individual members donate plants for the plant drawing. For the April meeting our speaker, Marilyn Paskert, donated some very unusual Clivias. Thank You Marilyn! For May's meeting, we are asking our members to donate unusual plants for our silent auction. (See the annual dinner announcement on page 3 of this bulletin.)

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, 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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