

*The next monthly general meeting is Monday, November 19, 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

**Plant of the Month**

*Brugmansia sanguinea*



**NOVEMBER 19, 2012 MEETING**

**THE TREES AMONG US**

with Dr. Matt Ritter



So much of the world's plant diversity is represented in California's neighborhood parks, gardens, and streets. Dr. Ritter's presentation will be a photographic review of the lives and stories of some of the fascinating urban trees featured in his new book *A Californian's Guide to the Trees among Us* and in his recent series in *Pacific Horticulture*. Dr. Ritter will share stories, cultivation and identification tips, and natural history of some of his favorite trees.



**JANUARY 21, 2013 MEETING**

**TERRESTRIAL ORCHIDS OF THE WORLD**

by Ron Parsons

There is something fascinating and mysterious about seeing orchids in the wild, particularly the many species of terrestrials. Ground orchids occur throughout the world, not only inhabiting the regions where epiphytic and lithophytic species grow, but growing further north and south into temperate and cold areas including thirty five species in California. Ron will have wonderful photos and some growing information on these interesting plants.



## Early Autumn

### HORTICULTURAL EVENTS by Judith Taylor

#### SUCCULENT WREATHS

Wednesday, November 7; 6–8 PM

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

Create a gorgeous succulent wreath to enjoy all year round. You'll select among a variety of succulents and be guided on how to plant and care for your wreaths. All materials provided. Advance registration required: \$65; \$55 members. Register online or call 510-643-2755 for phone registration. Email [programs@berkeley.edu](mailto:programs@berkeley.edu).

#### NATURAL DISCOURSE SYMPOSIUM

Friday, November 9; 9 AM–4 PM

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

The creative minds behind *Natural Discourse: Artists, Architects, Scientists and Poets in the Garden* present a diverse group of speakers who will address questions about how man's invention and interpretation of nature has influenced their practice. Details to be announced. Please check website. [botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu](http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu)

#### SPECIAL EVENT FOR CAL HORT MEMBERS MUG & NAG'S ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR SLIDESHOW

Friday, Nov 9; 7–8:30 PM

The Recreation Room, San Francisco County Fair Building,

Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco  
In May, 2012, Michael Collins and Frank Eddy traveled for three weeks to London for the Chelsea Flower Show and visited 27 English gardens. They endured poor plumbing, countless English breakfasts, weak drinks and youth hostels. From their 4000 photos, they will share their favorites with you. Please join them for a slideshow on English Gardens. You can park on garden side of the building. Doors will open at 6:45 PM. Bring a potluck for eight. We will provide plates, glasses, and knife, fork and spoon. Please send Robin Parer an email at [geraniac@pacbell.net](mailto:geraniac@pacbell.net) and let her know if you are interested.

#### WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, November 14; Noon–1 PM

Meet at Gazebo, U C Davis Arboretum, Davis

Join Warren Roberts, the Superintendent Emeritus of the Arboretum and famous storyteller and punster for an always engaging noontime exploration of West End gardens. For more information, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit [arboretum.ucdavis.edu](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu).

#### MEMBERS' WALK: CYCADS

Thursday, November 15; 1–2:30 PM

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

Discover the Garden's diverse cycad collection with Horticulturist Meghan Ray. Advance registration required; members-only; free. Register online or call 510-643-2755 for phone registration. Email [programs@berkeley.edu](mailto:programs@berkeley.edu).

#### SUCCULENT HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES

Saturday, November 17; 11 AM–12:30 PM

Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1552 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek

Learn how to design beautiful and unique succulent centerpieces that are sure to delight your guests during the holiday season! Succulents are very fashionable and long-lasting for table decoration. At this lecture and demonstration, Charlotte Blome will perform step-by-step the techniques used to make several unique arrangements using succulents, indigenous California plant materials and commonplace items to create stunning centerpieces for the holidays. Her basic tips and creative eye will inspire you to arrange your own succulent centerpieces and provide you with the basics for making high-quality arrangements of all kinds. [www.ruthbancroftgarden.org](http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org)

#### GUIDED PUBLIC TOUR: PLANTS OF THE SOUTHWEST U.S.A.

Saturday, November 17; 2–3:30 PM

Meet in front of Arboretum Headquarters, UC Davis

(Valley Oak Cottage) on La Rue Road

Explore autumn sages blooming in the Southwest U.S.A. Collection and take a peek at progress on the newest GATEways Garden Project: Animal Science! Weekend parking on campus is free. For more information, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit [arboretum.ucdavis.edu](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu).

#### THE KIPPINGS INVITE YOU TO POTLUCK\*/SLIDESHOWS

Fourth Tuesday of the month  
San Francisco County Fair Building,  
Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way,  
Golden Gate Park, San Francisco  
For information call (415) 753-7090.

*\*Please bring a dish & beverage to serve eight people*

#### BOTANIZING THE NORTH WOODS

with Bob Case

Tuesday, November 27; 7 PM

#### HIKING THE INCA TRAIL

with Ron and Joan Breuch

Tuesday, January 22; 7 PM

#### WILDFLOWERS AND WILDLIFE OF SOUTHEAST ALASKA

with John Kipping

Tuesday, February 26; 7 PM

## Plant of the Month

by Josh Schechtel

*Brugmansia sanguinea*

Family: SOLANACEAE

The days are most definitely shorter, and we've had some rain, so hopefully our wet season is upon us. For much of the country, this is the beginning of winter, signaling an end to the garden year, with most plants entering a dormant period. For us lucky gardeners on the West Coast, there are a variety of plants that continue to look spectacular in our mild coastal climate. One of these is *Brugmansia sanguinea*. This small tree is from high elevations in Peru, and actually prefers the cooler summer weather near the coast. Growing as a small tree, the red brugmansia reaches eight to twelve feet tall. Although it flowers most heavily during the spring and summer, I recently saw a specimen covered in blooms at a local public botanical garden. The orange-red flowers are pendulous flared bells, like most of the brugmansias. Later, the bright green seed pods hang from the branches.

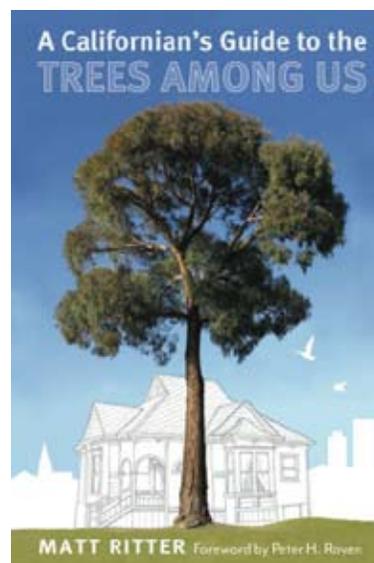
Cultivation of this plant is rather easy. Give it full sun to partial shade, rich soil, and keep



*Brugmansia sanguinea*

it evenly moist. Top mulching with compost helps to do this. If you live in a colder area, you can grow *Brugmansia sanguinea* in a pot, moving it indoors before the first frost. Remember, all parts of this plant are poisonous.

For an interview with *Garden Design* magazine, Matt Ritter gave this description of his book to journalist Anna Laurent: Matt said, "There is no other guide like it. It treats all the commonly cultivated trees in California. There are many guides to native trees, [but there are] no guides to cultivated trees. It is written for everyone, from beginners all the way to experts who want to know the esoteric differences between different species of acacia, or ashes, or maples. I spent a number of years traveling around California by car, bike, and foot, looking at trees and taking photographs. I spoke to many different people about their attitudes towards the trees among us, and collected information and natural stories that I could relay in the book."





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**Monthly Plant Drawing News**

- Each month various nurseries and individual members donate plants for the plant drawing. Please do not hesitate to bring in unusual plants from your garden to share with the members.
- Remember the meeting is an excellent place to find plants for your garden that you have never seen before.

**2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND UPDATE**

This week we have mailed to all members information on membership renewals for 2013. For Members, the fees remain the same and we ask that you respond with your fees and updated membership information not later than January 31, 2013, so that we can update and mail the 2013 roster by early Spring. For Life Members we are asking that you verify your address and contact information by January 31 so that we can assure your continued delivery of the *Bulletin* and *Pacific Horticulture*. For both, please fill out the form completely and don't assume we have the correct information. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Masson, Membership Chair, by email at [gardengurus@gmail.com](mailto:gardengurus@gmail.com) or telephone at (415) 337-0694. As a final note, it is becoming increasingly clear that the increasing costs of production and mailing are moving Cal Hort to increase the use of email and your continued support on this is appreciated.

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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