

The next monthly general meeting is Monday, November 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

Plant of the Month

Collinsia heterophylla



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

Plant Hormones and Why Our Plants Look the Way They Do

with Ernesto Sandoval

Have you ever wondered why your plants have a sudden burst of growth after transplanting? Or how a plant knows to grow new parts when pruned or how a cutting knows to make roots? Or why you bury tomato plants? Find answers to these questions and others about why your plants grow the way they do during this informative but not so technical presentation.



MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2013

Beyond the Hundredth Meridian, Another Gentle Plea to Reconsider Our Lawn

with David Fross of Native Sons Nursery



The classic lawn is a horticultural abstraction not truly existing in nature. Its antecedent is, of course, the meadow. We can replace our lawns with less demanding alternatives which are even more soul satisfying—that is, if you are not the Easter Bunny.



Autumn

HORTICULTURAL EVENTS by Judith Taylor

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY: CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT GATEWAY GARDEN

Saturday, November 2; 10 AM–Noon

Sunday, November 24; 10 AM–Noon

California Native Plant GATEway Garden

(behind the Davis Commons Shopping Center)

In two hours, participants in this community planting day will be responsible for kicking off the transformation of a once empty lot behind the Davis Commons Shopping Center to vibrant green space filled with flora specific to the lower Putah Creek watershed region. The event is free; participants are encouraged to walk or bike to the event; however, parking is available nearby. Interested? Find out more and register to attend here: <https://first-community-planting-day.eventbrite.com/>

iPHONEOGRAPHY CREATING GREAT GARDEN PHOTOS USING A SMARTPHONE

Saturday, November 9; 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

UC Botanical Garden,

The best camera is the one that is with you! Let expert iPhone photographer Yoni Mayeri show you how to capture and edit images with just your smartphone. Fees are \$50; members \$45. Call (510) 643-2755 or email to: gardenprograms@berkeley.edu for more information.

GUIDED TOUR: NATIVE AMERICAN USES OF CALIFORNIA PLANTS

Saturday, November 9; 11:00 AM

Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center, UC Davis campus

Enjoy an engaging, family-friendly tour of the Native American Contemplative Garden and discover traditional uses for a variety of California plants. Free parking is available in the Gateway District Parking Structure on Old Davis Road across from the Mondavi Center. For more information and directions, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit <http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/calendar.aspx>.

WALK WITH WARREN: EXPLORING OAKS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Wednesday, November 13; Noon–1 PM

UC Davis Arboretum Gazebo, UC Davis campus

Join Warren Roberts, the Superintendent Emeritus of the Arboretum and famous storyteller and punster for an always engaging noon-time exploration of fall at the UC Davis Arboretum's west end gardens. The event is free; limited free one hour parking is available along Garrod Drive near the Gazebo or in nearby Visitor Parking Lot 55 where parking can be paid by meter or by purchase of an \$8 daily pass. For more information and directions, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit <http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/calendar.aspx>.

SAVE THE DATE

Plants Illustrated 2014

Friday, January 16–Friday, February 7

UC Botanical Garden

The Garden is pleased to announce its fifth annual botanical art exhibition, *Plants Illustrated*. The exhibition, held in conjunction with the Northern California Society of Botanical Artists, invites viewers to explore the relationship between scientific study and fine art. The exhibit presents original artworks in watercolor, graphite, colored pencil and pen & ink and explores the many styles, forms and approaches unique to botanical art and illustration. Free with Garden admission.



Snapdragon
(*Antirrhinum/Saerorhinum*)
by Elizabeth Peyton

THE KIPPINGS INVITE YOU TO POTLUCK*/SLIDE SHOWS

County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way,
Golden Gate Park, Fireplace Room. (415) 753-7090

Tuesday, November 26, 2013; 7 PM

EXPLORING PANAMA

with Allan Risley and Helen McKenna

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

Plant of the Month

by Josh Schechtel

Collinsia heterophylla—Chinese Houses

Family: SCROPHULARIACEAE

Autumn is planting season in California. The cooler temperatures and (hopefully) imminent rainfall allow plants to get established before the heat and drought of the following summer. This is a good time to start *Collinsia*, from either seed or plants. *Collinsia* is a native annual that thrives and flowers in partially shaded areas. It also does well in cooler weather, so it can be grown near the coast.

The common name, Chinese Houses, refers to the vertical growth of the flower spike, with the flower whorls increasing in size toward the bottom of the spike, much like the shape of a pagoda.

The individual flowers are about an inch long, with white upper petals and violet lower ones, and are magnets for native bees and butterflies. This plant is a great choice for a butterfly garden in a shaded location.

Although it is an annual, it will self seed in a polite, non-invasive manner if it is truly happy in your garden. References claim that this plant does well in “dry, well-drained soil” as well as “rich, moist soil.” Go figure. My garden has neither of these soils, and *Collinsia* has still done fairly well.



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Collinsia heterophylla

Collinsia was named after Zaccheus Collins, a botanist and mineralogist. He was vice-president of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and corresponded with John Torrey, Thomas Nuttall and other western naturalists and explorers.

2014 Membership Renewals Underway

By now, you should have received by mail either the notice to renew your membership for 2014 or a request to Life Members to update and/or confirm their member information.

Enclosed with the mailing was a return envelope addressed to CalHort membership chair, Charlotte

Masson. If you have questions about the membership renewal and/or update please contact Charlotte at (415) 337-0694 or gardengurus@gmail.com.

Your early response, preferably by December 31st, is appreciated.



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Monthly Plant Drawing News

Each month various nurseries and individual members donate plants for the plant drawing. Thank you all who donated. Every month we ask our members to donate plants. Remember, there are always new plants to find at the drawing.

Plant Display and Discussion

Each month there is a lively discussion about plants brought in by our members. You can participate by bringing a plant to show to the group. Your plant may be a well-grown specimen, an unusual discovery or have attributes unknown to the mainstream. We also like to help each other out, so feel free to bring a plant from your garden that you'd simply like more information about from our "experts" in the audience.

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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