

Bulletin of the California Horticultural Society

Monthly meetings are held at the San Francisco County Fair Building and are co-sponsored by the SF Botanical Gardens at Strybing Arboretum, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park. Parking is available behind the SF Co. Fair Building on Lincoln Way.

4:00 PM Botanical gardens walk with the speaker.
Meet at the entrance

5:30 PM NO HOST Dinner will be at Park Chow Restaurant, 1240 9th Ave. San Francisco.

7:15 PM Announcements, Plant Forum, and Program Meeting will be held at the SF Botanical Garden in the SF County Fair Building at 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way; San Francisco.

***Members free

***Non-members – A donation of \$5 is requested.

The **Plant Drawing** each month is an important source of funds for the Grants and Scholarships Program.

For September- **Berkeley Horticultural Nursery** courtesy of **Paul Doty** and the **SF Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum** courtesy of **Don Mahoney**.

Our appreciation to:

- ▶ **Sloat Garden Center of San Rafael** courtesy of **Steve Mauricio**
- ▶ **SF Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum**, courtesy of **Don Mahoney**

for the outstanding selection of plants donated for the August meeting

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Plant Hunting in the Andes

September 21st



Plant Hunting in the High Andes of Chile and Argentina

Presented by **Walter Teague**

What is this plant????? A cross between a viola and an echivaria? What other wild and wacky plants live the high life in the lofty nose-bleed sections of the Andes? In 2004, Walter Teague and two friends took a trip to South America that took them to the Central part of Chile, including the Lake District and also the Bariloche area of Argentina. The purpose of this excursion was to see some high elevation plants during the summer month of January. September's program will be the result of that trip. Many of these plants are covered by snow for many months of the year and this trip was timed to see plants just as they were starting to flower. Come and enjoy seeing some very unusual and interesting plants that are not often seen because of their remote location and harsh environment. Walter is from Ecuador where he has discovered quite a few plants new to science and is an expert on orchids.



A viola from the High Andes,
Viola cotyledon blue

October's meeting

October 19th

Life after Lawn: Toward a New Naturalism

Presented by Anthony Garza, Jr., Supervisor of Horticulture and Grounds at the UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens. Restios, astelia, lomandra, dianella and carex will be some of the tasty monocots that Anthony will focus on. He will show us individual portraits and show them used in naturalistic garden settings. Come and get inspired with some new ideas to replace that thirsty lawn!

August's Plant Forum



Platycodon grandiflorus, Balloon Flower
Campanulaceae
Kristin Yanker-Hansen, Danville

Balloon Flower – white, blue or pink
Full sun to part shade. Deciduous in winter.
Regular water and good soil. Loves heat.

Lilium 'Tiger Woods'
Liliaceae
Jack Halpern, San Francisco

New Lily hybrid named after Tiger
Woods. Jack grows this in plentiful
light and open soil



Phlox paniculata 'Red Magic'
Garden Phlox
Polemoniaceae
Kristin Yanker-Hansen, Danville

This variety has of Garden Phlox
has good mildew resistance with a
long blooming season. These deciduous perennials like full sun and
good garden soil



ADDRESS CORRECTION

Don't forget to save your
seeds and send them to the
correct address...

The Bulletin last month had Dave's address incorrect. It
should be 130 and not 30. Please make a note of it.

Mail seeds to:

Dave Tivol, 130 Locksunart Way, #4, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.



Habenaria radiata, Egret Orchid
Orchidaceae
Kristin Yanker-Hansen, Danville

White flowers in July and August
Requires shade and moisture; 1 foot
high. Several flowers crown each stem
appearing like a flock of exotic birds.
From Japan and considered a bog or-
chid. Container grown; can tolerate to 20 deg F.

Plant of the Month

by Josh Schechtel



Correa 'Dusky Bells', the Australian Fuchsia
Rutaceae family

As gardeners in California, it is easy to have a list of gardening challenges that make it difficult to choose the right plant. Many of us would place salt spray, deer, poor soil and dry shade on that list. For those of us who have to deal with any of these problems, or even all of them, the correas, or Australian fuchsias, can resemble an answered prayer. These plants thrive on neglect. In fact, one of the easiest ways to kill them is with kindness- overwatering and overfeeding. Instead, give them poor soil, good drainage, a bit of water in the summer, and you will be rewarded with a dense growth of gray-green leaves and wonderful, pendant-like flowers from winter to spring. *Correa* 'Dusky Bells' tends to stay low, and spread to about three feet across. Although it does well in full sun near the coast, this plant also does well in dry shade, such as under our native oaks. There are several species and cultivars of *correa*; I've singled out 'Dusky Bells' because, well, I like it. The flowers

hang like little pinkish-red pendants from the branches, and contrast well with the velvety texture of the leaves. If you crush one of the leaves, it releases a pleasant citrus scent, adding another dimension to your enjoyment. In Australia, the native honeyeaters enjoy visiting the flowers, and our hummingbirds feel the same way. So do yourself and the hummers a favor and try *correa* 'Dusky Bells' in that hard-to-garden spot.



September 18, 19 and 20, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9:30AM – 5:30PM

The Late Show Gardens—A revolutionary garden show unlike any other – addressing climate change and drought head-on. An unparalleled opportunity for world-class minds to come together in one place and discuss ideas that may help to improve our impact on the world. Celebrate design while addressing climate change, drought, sustainable practices and renewable resources. Show net proceeds will go to The Garden Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land's new Balboa Park. Held at Cornerstone Sonoma, 23570 Highway 121, Sonoma, CA 95476. 9:30 AM –5:30 PM, adults three day pass \$45, youth three day pass \$30. For more info and to buy tickets, visit www.thelateshowgardens.org.

September 24, Thursday evening, 5:30PM – 6:30PM

Focus on the Garden—In this lecture, Topher Delaney will explore the cultural and spiritual meanings inherent in landscape design critical, conceptual, and philosophical ideals that guide our understanding of gardens and landscape. UC Berkeley Extension, Art and Design Center, 95 Third Street, Room 204, San Francisco. Call to register (EDP 021733): (510) 642-4111. 5:30 PM –6:30 PM, free.

September 30, Wednesday morning, 10:00AM

Fruit Tasting Tour—Join Director of Horticulture Brian Kemble for a tasty walk through the Garden. You will get to sample the many unusual fruits found in the Garden. At the Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1500 Bancroft Rd, Walnut Creek. (925) 210-9663 or www.ruthbancroftgarden.org.

October 3, Saturday, 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Autumn Festival at Filoli is a family-friendly event that includes fruit tasting & orchard tours of the heirloom fruit from Filoli's orchard. This fundraising event also includes live music, great photo opportunities, exotic bird show, floral design demos and countless activities for children and people of all ages. At Filoli, 86 Canada Rd., Woodside. Tickets \$25/ children \$5. For more info or tickets, visit www.filoli.org or call 650-364-8300 X 508. Advanced tickets recommended for this popular event.

October 10, Saturday, 10:00AM – 3:00PM and October 11, Sunday, 12:00PM – 3:30PM

Native Plant Fair—Thousands of plants native to Alameda and Contra Costa Co. Talks by experts on gardening with native plants. At Native Here Nursery 101 Golf Course Drive, Tilden Park, Berkeley. Saturday 10:00 AM –3 PM and Sunday Noon–3 PM. For more info, visit www.ebenps.org.

October 14, Wednesday evening, 7:30PM

Roots Demystified: Change Your Garden Habits to Help Roots Thrive—Robert Kouric lectures on how to have beauty above ground by taking care of the root system below ground. Western Horticultural Society at Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Doors open at 7:00 PM, meeting starts promptly at 7:30 PM. Members free, non-members \$5.

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September 19, Saturday, 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Succulents vs. “Flimsy” Perennials—Following up on his popular “Gardening with Succulents” workshop, UC Davis Botanical Conservatory Director Ernesto Sandoval returns to discuss the cultivation of beautiful succulents alongside other perennials in your garden. Once again, an enticing assortment of succulents will be for sale. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, members \$45, non-members \$50.

September 26, Saturday, 9:30AM – 12:30PM

Living Stonework—Renowned stonemason Edwin Hamilton returns to SFBG to discuss his recent masonry and sculpture projects. His presentation will offer a detailed look at the design of the Garden's own Rhododendron Pavillion and Library Terrace Garden, amongst others. Walk will follow lecture. 9:30 AM –12:30 PM, members \$55, non-members \$65.

September 26, Saturday, 10:00AM – 3:30PM

Introduction to California Plant Families—Learn plant identification by using the framework of the 40+ common plant families found in California. Four-mile loop hike on Mt. Tamalpais with Glenn Kleator. Bring lunches and water. 10:00 AM –3:30 PM, members \$55, non-members \$65.

October 10, Saturday morning, 9:00AM – 12:30PM

Basic Pruning—Join Ellyn Shea, International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, and learn the fundamentals of pruning at this special lecture and workshop. 9:00 AM –12:30 PM, members \$20, non-members \$25.

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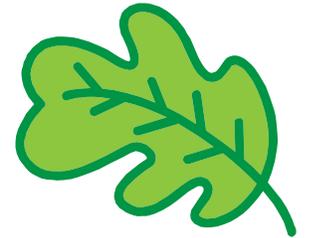
September 19, Saturday morning, 10:00AM

Guided Tour: Australian Plants for Central Valley Gardens—Many plants from Australia make striking additions to home gardens. Meet at the Arboretum Terrace Garden. 10:00 AM, free.



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The Global Migrations of Ornamental Plants: how the world got into your garden
 (Missouri Botanical Garden Press, foreword by Dr Raven)

You are invited to hear a reading from

The new book by Cal Hort member, Judith Taylor
 Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 7:30 pm
 at the Tiburon Library, Tiburon Boulevard
 Free, invite a friend

