

*The next monthly general meeting is Monday, September 17, 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**

*Holodiscus discolor*



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**SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 MEETING**

**SINGAPORE, THE GARDEN CITY—  
WITH A SIDE OF BORNEO**

with Martin Grantham



What's the hullabaloo about Mt. Kinabalu? Martin Grantham, plantsman and greenhouse manager for San Francisco State University, shares his floral (and some faunal) encounters during the Bay Area Horticultural Society's recent romp through Singapore, Sabah, and Sarawak.

**OCTOBER 15, 2012 MEETING**

**DESIGNING GARDENS  
FOR THE HOLLYWOOD ELITE**

with Dan Bifano

Dan Bifano was raised in Santa Barbara where he has grown roses for more than 50 years. His gardens go from Santa Barbara south to Malibu and Bel Air. Known as the "Rose Gardener to the Stars," his celebrity clients include Barbara Streisand, Ivan Reitman and Oprah calls him "Dan the Rose Man."

## Late Summer

### HORTICULTURAL EVENTS by Judith Taylor

#### MARKHAM PLANT SALE

*Saturday, September 8; 9 AM–1 PM*  
Markham Nature Park and Arboretum  
1202 LaVista Avenue, Concord  
Plants to satisfy the beginning gardener,  
as well as unusual plants to delight the collector  
[markhamarboretum.org](http://markhamarboretum.org)

#### AESTHETIC PRUNING WITH DENNIS MAKISHIMA

*Saturday, September 8; 10:30 AM*  
The Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1552 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek  
Does the chore of pruning intimidate you? Learn to prune with an artistic approach and create a masterpiece out of your garden work! Dennis Makishima combines horticultural science, bonsai aesthetics, and creative interpretation of small trees in his work. Learn to make pruning an artistic expression rather than a chore! \$12 for members; \$20 non-members.  
[ruthbancroftgarden.org](http://ruthbancroftgarden.org).

#### LEARNING THE FAMILY CHANGES IN THE NEW JEPSON MANUAL

*Saturday, September 8–9; 10 AM–2:30 PM*  
Visitor Center, Regional Parks Botanic Garden  
Anyone who had a reasonable grasp of the original manual will find many, and sometimes bewildering, changes. Since learning to identify native plants involves knowing the basic, common families, this workshop will focus on changes at the family level. Instructor Glenn Keator will combine presentations, hands-on observation of plants, walks in the botanic garden and keying to bring these changes home. Please come prepared to learn a lot in a short time, and be sure to bring your copy of the new (2012) Jepson Manual and a lunch. \$100 members; \$110 non-members. [nativeplants.org](http://nativeplants.org).

#### COCKTAILS IN THE GARDEN CELEBRATING QUARRYHILL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

*Friday, September 14; 6–8 PM*  
12841 Sonoma Highway, Glen Ellen  
Join Quarryhill friends and supporters in the private garden of Quarryhill founder Jane Davenport Jansen to celebrate our first 25 years. Designed by Roger Warner, Jane's poolside garden was the impetus for launching Sonoma Valley's world famous Quarryhill Botanical Garden. There will be a full bar and Asian cuisine by Park Avenue Catering. Your participation will help sustain and advance the conservation, study and cultivation of the flora of Asia. \$100 members; \$150 non-members. For information: (707) 996-3166, [info@quarryhillbg.org](mailto:info@quarryhillbg.org), [quarryhillbg.org](http://quarryhillbg.org)

#### SMALL SPACE ORCHARDS: GROWING FRUIT TREES IN SMALL GARDENS

*Sunday, September 16; 11 AM–NOON*  
200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley  
Don't have acres to grow a variety of fresh, healthy fruit? Let Claire Splan show you simple techniques for growing a small orchard in a typical Bay Area home garden. You'll learn how to select the best fruit varieties, choose space-saving varieties, plant and care for container-grown fruit trees and much more! Advance registration required; \$10 members; \$15 non-members. Register online, or by calling (510) 643-2755, or by emailing [gardenprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:gardenprograms@berkeley.edu). [botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu](http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu).

#### VERTICAL GARDENING - THE LIVING MURAL

*Friday, September 21; 11 AM–12:30 PM*  
Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside  
Robin Stockwell's class on vertical gardening with succulent plants is easy and rewarding. In this class you will be given a specially designed redwood frame, succulent potting mix, an assortment of succulent plants and instruction, so you can make your own living mural. Instruction will be provided covering plant selection, design, maintenance and things you should know about vertical gardening. \$105 members; \$125 non-members. [filoli.org](http://filoli.org).

#### LANDSCAPING WITH GRASSES: A WINNING STRATEGY FOR YOUR GARDEN

*Saturday, September 22; 10 AM–1 PM*  
San Francisco County Fair Building,  
Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco  
Grass expert Bob Hornback will present his best selections of grasses and grasslike plants, all hand-picked for their durability and great appearance. And all of them are easy to grow! Bob will be showing you the right plants to use for color and form, for containers, for native gardens and for low-care meadows. He'll also make suggestions for your own garden situations. Many of the plants on display for this class will be available for purchase, so plan to take home some of your favorites. \$25 members; \$30.00 non-members.

#### ERIOGONUM WORKSHOP: ALL ABOUT OUR NATIVE WILD BUCKWHEATS

*Saturday, September 22; 10 AM–3 PM*  
Visitor Center, Regional Parks Botanic Garden  
The wild buckwheats comprise a huge genus centered in western North America, with more than 100 species in California. This workshop by Glenn Keator will focus on identifying, growing and using eriogonums in the landscape. The morning session will be a presentation on the genus with numerous examples, followed by a session on keying to species. The afternoon will focus on looking at as many examples as possible in the botanic garden. Please bring a lunch. \$50 members; \$60 non-members.

#### GARDEN DESIGN WITHOUT SPRINKLERS

*Saturday, September 22; 2-3:30 PM*  
The Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1552 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek  
Tired of the sprinkler system headache? Design a garden landscape with no irrigation required! We all know that water conscious landscapes are perfect for our water-conscious California lifestyle. Join Ruth Bancroft Garden Board Member, Kristin Yanker-Hansen, as she explains how you can design a garden which will not need a sprinkler system for ongoing care. By utilizing seasons, planting certain species and establishing your plants, you can create a garden where the headache of sprinklers isn't a required addition to your garden maintenance. Cost: \$12, members; \$20 non-members.  
[ruthbancroftgarden.org](http://ruthbancroftgarden.org).

#### 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*

#### EXPLORING THE SIERRA NEVADA CREST

with Mike Euler  
*Tuesday, September 25; 7 PM*

## Plant of the Month

by Josh Schechtel

*Holodiscus discolor*, Ocean Spray

Family: ROSACEAE

*Holodiscus discolor* is usually called Ocean Spray or Cream Bush, although at one time it was called California Spiraea. I find this amusing, since it is such a common plant in the native forests of the Pacific Northwest. I can just see them now: "Oh, the arrogance of those Californians, claiming everything as their own..." This deciduous woody shrub gets to 15 feet high in its ideal natural habitats, but usually remains less than seven feet high in the garden. Growing best in partial shade, in almost any type of soil, it develops pretty, lobed leaves in the spring, followed from May to July by wonderful panicles of frothy white flowers, which fade over the summer to tan and then to brown. It is attractive to native birds and butterflies. The flowers have a nice scent, although some have described the smell up close to be like that of old newspapers. I've never been aware of this similarity, but then again, I recycle my newspapers before they get old.

Native Americans put this plant to many uses, including using the flowers as an antidiarrheal remedy and the strong wood for spears, arrows, and



Photo © 2011 Ted Kipping

*Holodiscus discolor*

nails. The fruits were used as a treatment for smallpox and chickenpox, the seeds as a blood purifier, and the leaves were used as a poultice.

Although it is not in bloom at this time of year, this is the beginning of our planting season, especially for native plants. If you are thinking about trying this plant in your garden, the next two to three months are the ideal time to get it in the ground.

## Announcing a UCSC Farm and Garden Apprenticeship Program—A six-month course in organic gardening and farming

The apprenticeship course is held at the 25-acre Farm and three-acre Alan Chadwick Garden on the UC Santa Cruz campus and includes classroom instruction, in-field training, and hands-on experience in the gardens, greenhouses, orchards, fields and marketing outlets. The apprenticeship blends the virtues of experiential learning with traditional classroom studies on topics that include soil management, composting, pest control, crop planning, irrigation, farm equipment, and direct marketing techniques. Graduates have established their own commercial farms and market gardens, run community gardens for inner city and prison populations, and worked on international projects. For tuition and application details, see [casfs.ucsc.edu](http://casfs.ucsc.edu). Scholarships are available.

## Announcing New Location of Garden Delights Nursery

*Specialty Growers of Fine Ornamentals*

3525 Stony Point Road  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

[hanascape.com](http://hanascape.com) /  
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**Monthly Plant Drawing News**

Each month various nurseries and individual members donate plants for the plant drawing. Thanks to Bill McNamara and Quarryhill Botanical Garden and Don Mahoney from San Francisco Botanical Garden for donations to our August meeting. For the month of September, Martin Grantham will be bringing a selection of plants from the SF State Greenhouse for sale. Please do not hesitate to bring in unusual plants from your garden to share with the members. Also remember the meeting is an excellent place to find unusual plants for your garden.

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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