

*The next monthly general meeting is Monday, September 16, 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**

*Cerintho major purpurascens*



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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

**So Many Plants, So Little Time!**

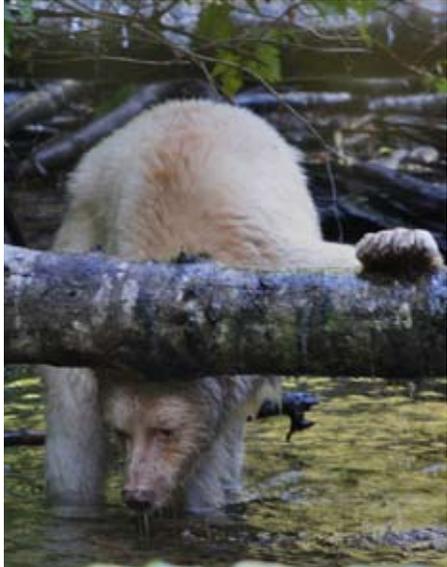
We had a great time last year, and we plan to do it again this year— a full meeting of plant display and discussion. It is amazing how much our members know about plants, and how many plants are out there that we know very little about. So if you have a special plant (or a few) that you would like to discuss with the group, come to our September meeting and bring it along. It could be a cutting or a beautifully grown specimen, or something you are having trouble growing. This is a meeting where everyone can learn.



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013**

**Alaska's Old Growth and Associates**

with John Kipping



This presentation will cover southeast Alaska's old growth forest and the associated plant communities there. John's remarks will feature an emphasis on the complex ecologies of land and sea with attention to interactions of salmon, predators and plant communities.

## Late Summer

### HORTICULTURAL EVENTS by Judith Taylor

#### LIGHT IN THE GARDEN

Saturday, September 7; 7:30 AM–3:30 PM

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

Join garden photographer Saxon Holt for a return of his PhotoBotanic Workshop to UCBG. We will study “Light in the Garden”—how to capture it and how to process it in post production. Whether our early morning light is foggy or bright we will begin at 7:30 AM with shooting in the garden and hands on instruction, and finish in the afternoon with computer processing and a three-hour group critique. \$90, \$75 members. Register online, or by calling (510) 642-7082, or by emailing [gardenprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:gardenprograms@berkeley.edu).

#### THE DRUNKEN BOTANIST: THE PLANTS THAT CREATE THE WORLD'S GREAT DRINKS

Sunday, September 8; 3–6 PM

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

The UC Botanical Garden is pleased to host author Amy Stewart, who is back with her fourth New York Times bestseller, “The Drunken Botanist: The Plants That Create the World’s Great Drinks.” Join her for an exploration of the dizzying array of plants that humans have, through ingenuity, inspiration and sheer desperation, contrived to transform into alcohol. From the sugar cane that gives us Caribbean rum, to the juniper berries that flavor gin, to the odd and obscure fruits that flavor Italian liqueurs, Amy Stewart takes a most intoxicating perspective on the leaves, bark, seeds, roots, flowers and fruit imbibed around the world. It’s the compelling mixture of history, science, literature and humor that Stewart is known for. You will also enjoy a unique walk through the Garden in the lovely evening hours looking at intoxicating plants with Amy Stewart and Garden docents. In addition, St. George Spirits serving up delicious artisanal cocktails. \$75, \$60 members. Register online, or by calling (510) 642-7082, or by emailing [gardenprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:gardenprograms@berkeley.edu).

#### FALL PLANT SALE AT MARKHAM REGIONAL ARBORETUM SOCIETY

Saturday, September 14; 9 AM–1 PM

Markham Nursery, 1202 La Vista Avenue, Concord

This sale features Markham’s usual fine selection of California natives, succulents, and hard-to-find perennials. Become a Markham Member and receive 20% off all plant purchases. Contact Trish Barnes for more information at (925) 681-2968 or visit <http://www.markhamarboretum.org> or email to: [info@markhamarboretum.org](mailto:info@markhamarboretum.org).

#### LATE SUMMER IN THE NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Saturday, September 14; 9:30–10:30 AM

Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center, UC Davis campus

Tour the Mary Wattis Brown Garden of California Native Plants to see many examples of *Arboretum All-Stars*, our recommended plants for Valley-wise gardens. The event is free; parking is free and available in the Gateway District Parking Structure on Old Davis Road near the Mondavi Center of Performing Arts. For more information and directions, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit <http://arboretum75th.ucdavis.edu/late-summer-in-the-native-plant-garden>.

#### CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS FOR SEASONAL INTEREST

Thursday, September 19; 9:30 AM–12 NOON

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley

The workshop will begin with a discussion of Katherine Greenberg’s favorite native plants for seasonal interest and suggestions for companion plants. On a

walk through the California section of garden, Katherine will show examples of flowers, foliage and other ornamental features that can enhance a native garden. Fall is the ideal time for planting, and participants will have an opportunity to purchase native plants at the end of the workshop. Registration required: \$25, \$20 members. Register online, or by calling (510) 642-7082, or by emailing [gardenprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:gardenprograms@berkeley.edu).

#### AN INSPIRING EVENING FOR BOTH SUCCULENT NOVICES AND DESIGN ENTHUSIASTS

Wednesday, September 25; 5:30–7:30 PM

The Gardens at Heather Farm

1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek

Debra Lee Baldwin, author of *Designing with Succulents and Succulent Container Gardens*, has released her third book, *Succulents Simplified*. This book introduces her favorite a hundred succulents for gardens and containers, explaining how to grow them and showcasing fantastic projects which use them. Come fall in love with using succulents at this event, sponsored by The Ruth Bancroft Garden and the Gardens at Heather Farm. Purchase event admission with or without the book. Ms. Baldwin will be doing book signings, talking about her book, and also giving a live demonstration. Come early for refreshments and book signings. Doors will open at 5 PM. Admission: \$25 admission only, \$24.95 book only, \$45 admission and pre-ordered book For more information and to register, please visit The Ruth Bancroft Garden or call (925) 944 9352.

#### BUTTERFLY ECOLOGY TALK & TOUR

Sunday, September 29; 11 AM–12:30 PM

UC Davis Arboretum Wyatt Deck, UC Davis

Join naturalist Steve Daubert and explore the ecological relationship between the flowering plants and the *Lepidoptera*, and learn how the Arboretum functions as a butterfly preserve. All ages are welcome. The event is free; parking is free and available in Visitor Parking Lot 5 on Old Davis Road and Arboretum Drive. For more information and directions, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit <http://arboretum75th.ucdavis.edu/butterfly-ecology-talk-tour>.

#### 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, September 24; 7 PM

#### BOTANIZING IN SOUTHERN CHINA with Don Selcer

Tuesday, October 22; 7 PM

#### WILD RIVERS OF ALASKA with John Kipping

Tuesday, November 26; 7 PM

#### EXPLORING PANAMA with Allan Ridley and Helen McKenna

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

## Plant of the Month

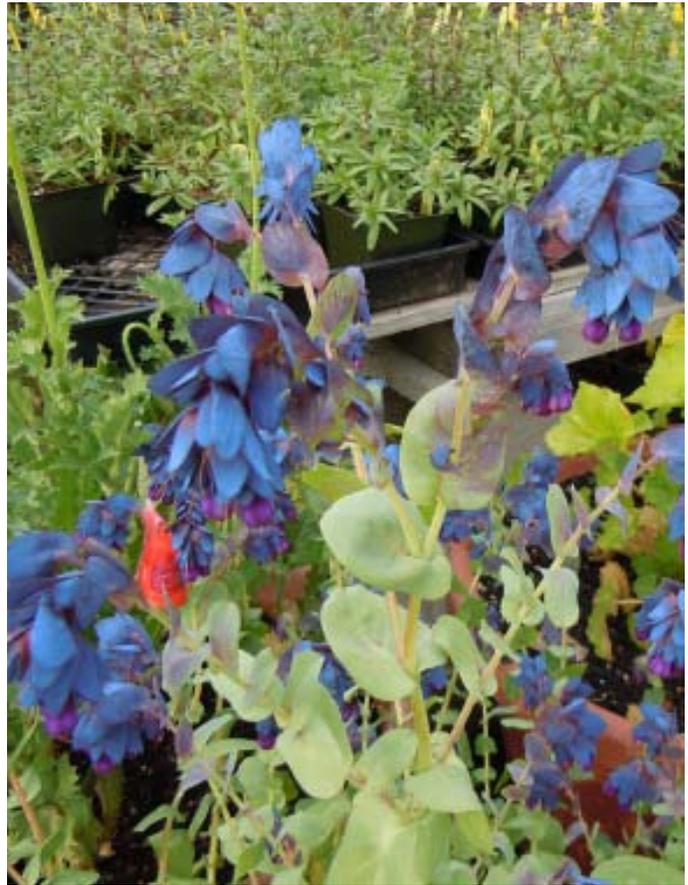
by Josh Schechtel

*Cerithe major purpurascens*

Family: **BORAGINACEAE**

When I read descriptions of plants written by authors in other climate zones, I often realize how lucky we are to live in the greater Bay area. For example, many sources describe *Cerithe major* as an annual, or biennial. However, in the Bay Area we often see this plant living for more than two years, and generously reseeding itself to keep us in good supply of its wonderful, drooping clusters of purple-bracted flowers. Even before it blooms, the marbled blue-gray leaves are attractive on their own. Like many California favorites, *Cerithe* is happiest in full sun with well-drained soil.

Although I think of it as a summer blooming plant, *Cerithe* can bloom well into fall with some pruning back after each round of flowering, as long as you don't mind missing out on some of the seeds. The large black shiny seeds are fun to collect and start in pots, making them great gifts for friends, or a great item to take to a Cal Hort meeting!



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*Cerithe major purpurascens*

In addition to being a bee magnet in the garden, *Cerithe* is wonderful indoors as a cut flower. Like poppies, it will last longer in a vase if you dip the stems in boiling water for about 30 seconds.

## GONE TO SEED?

### Cal Hort's 2013 Seed Exchange Wants Your Seeds!

It's time to visit your garden or while on your summer/fall walks and check on the seeds you'll find there. Are they ripe? Or not quite yet? Note it on the calendar so you don't forget. Once fully ripe, they should be collected to share with your appreciative Cal Hort colleagues. Of course, prior to submitting the seeds to the long-time Cal Hort Seed Exchange Chair Dave Tivol, they should be cleaned and labeled with as much information as you can find—ideally, botanical name, where col-

lected, common name, growing conditions and germination hints. Seeds collected and turned in by the November meeting (or mailed to Dave by December 1st) are put on the Seed Exchange list published as part of our January Bulletin for distribution in March. The more people participating by sharing their seeds, the better the list. Turn in your clean seeds, any photos (preferably digital by email: dtivol@yahoo.com) and brief description and/or care to Dave Tivol at any Cal Hort meeting (Note: There is no meeting in December) or by mail (new) to Dave at 140 Locksunart Way #1, Sunnyvale CA 94087-4668. Thanks for sharing! Your Cal Hort colleagues are counting on you!



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**Monthly Plant Drawing News**

Each month various nurseries and individual members donate plants for the plant drawing. Thanks to 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 and conducted by Ernest Wertheim. It may be a well-grown specimen, an unusual discovery or a plant that has attributes unknown to the mainstream. If you are interested in participating, bring in a plant to show to the group.

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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