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and the people who grow them*

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CAL HORT MEETING

Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom or by phone



What We Sow

with **Jennifer Jewell**, gardener, author, producer, award-winning podcaster of *Cultivating Place*

Jennifer will be speaking about her new book “What we Sow” on the personal, ecological, and cultural significance of seeds. She focuses on why gardening matters. *What We Sow* takes readers on an insightful, year-long journey exploring the outsize impact of one of nature’s smallest manifestations—the simple seed. Jennifer examines our skewed notions to where “organic” seeds are grown and sourced, reveals how giant multinational agribusiness has refined and patented the genomes of seeds we rely on for staples like corn and soy, and highlights the efforts of activists working to regain legal access to heirloom seeds that were stolen from Indigenous peoples and people of color.

Jennifer’s weekly public radio podcast, *Cultivating Place: Conversations on Natural History and the Human Impulse to Garden* looks at gardens and gardening as integral to our natural and cultural literacy. It is a co-production of North State Public Radio (KCHO 91.7 FM in Chico, CA and KFPR 88.9 FM in Redding, CA) and [Jewellgarden](http://www.cultivatingplace.com) (www.cultivatingplace.com).

Wildflower Viewing

East Bay Wildflower Map

This site offers an interactive map and other information for wildflower spots in the East Bay: tinyurl.com/EastBayWildflowers

Wildflower Viewing Areas

Visit this site to find information about the many areas for viewing wildflowers in California on National Forest or grasslands areas: www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/viewing/state.php



Cal Hort Online

Please visit our website

(<https://calhortsociety.org>) for news, updates, articles, and resources.

Videos of our featured speakers and Plant Forum discussions can be found on our **YouTube channel**

(youtube.com/c/HorticulturalSociety)

Join us for conversations

on **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendswholikecalhort>)

Plant Forum

To share in the Plant Forum send images and any text to Ellen Frank,

ellenfrank@sbcglobal.net,

by Sunday prior to the monthly meeting. For full details along with the slide shows visit the

Plant Forums page (<https://calhortsociety.org/about/monthly-meetings/plant-forum>).

Did You Know?

Cal Hort is a member of **Mediterranean Gardening International (MGi)** an international group of like-minded horticultural groups. You can find links to the other member organizations on our **Links of Interest** page (<https://calhortsociety.org/links-of-interest>).

Outings



Coffee in the Garden Dates

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.–Noon

(watch your email inbox for more details)

Mark Delepine has invited us back to his Berkeley garden. Mark first drew plans and executed this garden many years ago and continues to develop it. He describes it as “my somewhat naturalistic but eclectic Berkeley garden”. 🌿

Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

(watch your email inbox for more details)

Jon Kaplan’s extensive garden adorns a hill in Piedmont, CA. Close to the house is a formal parterre, shade plants line brick-paved paths down the hill, and there is a rose garden. Jon is currently focusing on constructing a rock garden which should be near completion by the time of our visit. 🌿

Day Trip



Sunday, May 26

(watch your email inbox for more details)

Calochortus Hunting with Kipp McMichaels

Following up on his in-depth presentation on the Calochortus of California for the March meeting* Kipp will lead us on a day

trip to see Calochortus in the wild. 🌿

*available on our [YouTube channel](#)

(www.youtube.com/@CaliforniaHorticulturalSociety)

Upcoming Speakers



Cal Hort Meeting

Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. *in person*

Introduction to Ethnobotany

with Dr. David Pepper, MD

Ethnobotany equals Man plus Plants. Plants support all animals directly or indirectly, providing food, shelter, medicine, fiber, dyes, materials for tools, vessels, musical instruments, jewelry, and clean air—in a word life! He will discuss early Native American and modern day uses of plants. 🌿



Cal Hort Meeting

Monday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. *via Zoom or by phone*

The Secret Season or Year-Round Food Gardening

with Pam Peirce, gardener, author, photographer, and lecturer



Western Hort

Free to WH and CH members
\$10 each for guests

For full details visit:

[www.westernhort.org/
speakers-events](http://www.westernhort.org/speakers-events)

[Facebook group](#)

*(www.facebook.com/
westernhort)*

Wednesday

April 10, 7:30 p.m.

In-Person

Documentary Screening & Plants and Garden Art Sale

A screening of *Seasons: The Garden of Piet Oudolf*. The documentary delves into his creative process through his sketches, gardens, and intimate discussions with award winning film maker Thomas Piper.

This meeting will also feature plant and garden art vendors—California Home & Garden of Campbell selling unique hand forged metal garden art, Sherry and John Hall’s Terra Sole Nursery, Katie Wong’s Alivensilk Nursery, and Nancy Schramm’s Carmen’s Nursery, as well as plants propagated from Betsy Clebsch’s garden.

Wednesday

May 8, 7:30 p.m.

In-Person

Gardening for Habitat With Native Plants

with Arvind Kumar



Learn the basics of habitat gardening, along with which native plants in our

area are particularly suited for attracting birds and butterflies. A plant list will be available. 🌿

Highlights From Our March Plant Forum

You can watch past Plant Forum videos on our YouTube channel or view the slides on our website, and you can share your own images in the upcoming Plant Forum and/or on our Facebook page. (See page 1 sidebar for details.)



***Begonia fusca*, San Francisco Botanical Garden collection**

Submitted by Jeff Harter, San Francisco

“A terrific begonia in the cloud forest garden. This one is intriguing to me because although I have a *fusca* in my yard this one has a very nice variegation on its leaves. It’s just beautiful and quite different from the more solid green of the *fusca* example I have in my garden.” The leaves are about two feet wide.



***Geissorhiza inaequalis* (South African Cape) & *Erythronium helenae* (St. Helena Fawn Lily – endemic / rare)**

Submitted by Mary Sue Ittner, Gualala

“*G. inaequalis* is a bit weedy as it not only seeds itself about, but also has tiny cormlets around the main corm that seem to make their way into a number of pots if I ever reuse soil I’ve sterilized. The *Geissorhiza* isn’t replacing anything and soon will disappear and sometimes makes for interesting contrasts with other bulbs. I have a couple of *Erythronium* in flower. In my raised beds I often end up with more than one bulb in a pot. Sometimes that is planned, and other times bulbs and other things make their way into the pots and create surprising combinations, some pleasing, but not always.”



***Tulipa linifolia* (Batalinii Group)**

Submitted by Mary Sue Ittner, Gualala

“I grow a number of *Tulipa* species in pots, unpotted when dormant and left in paper bags, and then prechilled for six weeks and planted in December. Some of these may not need so much chilling and I’m experimenting with some in containers sunk into other containers in a raised bed and not repotted every year. What was known as *Tulipa linifolia* and may still be sold under that name is now included in *Tulipa batalinii*.”



***Exochorda x macrantha* ‘Pearlbush’**

Submitted by Janet Hoffman, Western Hort

“This is an *Exochorda* that I got at a Cal Hort meeting about 30 years ago. I think it was in a 4" pot and I won it in the plant drawing. It started out in the middle of my yard —ended up too big, and I moved a couple of the offshoots to the area along my fence about six to eight years ago. This is one of those in bloom. It is easy to grow in sun to partial shade (it is in part shade in my yard) and prefers well-drained, acidic soil, although it does well in more average soil. I would say my soil is average.”



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Staying Healthy While Gardening

VIDEO ON PBS AND STREAMING

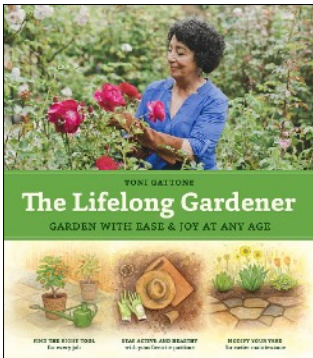
[Gardenfit with Madeline Hooper](#)

Learn how to take care of your garden *and* your body. Creator Madeline Hooper, a long-time passionate gardener, criss-crosses the country touring interesting gardens (and small farms) with a fitness trainer showing ways to prevent strain, stress, and injuries while gardening.



Learn more and find links to the episodes at: gardenfit.fit

BOOK



The Lifelong Gardener: Garden with Ease and Joy at Any Age by Toni Gattone,
Timber Press 2019
tinyurl.com/LifeLongGardener

WEB ARTICLE

Gardening has taken off. Here's why the popular activity can replace your gym workout - by Melanie Radzicki McManus, CNN
tinyurl.com/GardenFitness

WEB ARTICLE

Does Gardening Feel Harder Than It Used To? - by Claudine Aherne, Health and Fitness
<https://sixtyandme.com/gardening-fitness>

Eye Candy



Charlotte Masson took and posted this lovely photo of magnolias blooming in the San Francisco Botanical Gardens. Look for more on the Cal Hort [Facebook](#) page.

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