



The Santa Barbara County Horticultural Society May General Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 4th, 7:00pm at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church on the corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Road

Chile - North to South

presented by Paul Mills

Being stuck between the Atacama Desert in the north, the Pacific Ocean to the west, Andes to the



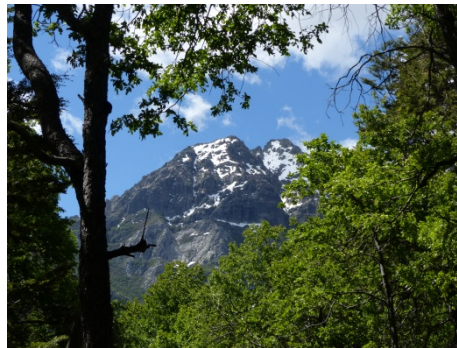
Llanos de Challe National Park
Northern Chile

east and Antarctica to the south, the flora of Chile has developed in isolation giving rise to many endemic (found nowhere else) plants. Paul Mills, our 2014 Bouquet

of the Year Awardee and Assistant Curator at Madame Ganna Walska Lotusland, will offer a presentation on Chile that will take us to a number of different habitats and vegetation types – from north to south and west to east.

In the north you find the hyper-arid Atacama Desert with some areas having never received measurable rainfall. Plants are relegated to the fog belt where they receive moisture in the form of condensation and occasional rain in conjunction with El Nino events. Central Chile enjoys a Mediterranean

climate, just like central California, with warm, dry summers and wet, cool winters. The major population centers of Chile are located in the central part of the country and the landscape has been drastically altered by agriculture and by the massive



Altos de Lircay National Reserve with Nothofagus

plantations of pine and eucalyptus that are mostly used for pulp for foreign paper industries. There are isolated patches of native vegetation and a

few national parks where the flora of the region can be

appreciated. In the southern reaches of Chile there is increased rainfall and towering temperate rain forests – some of the richest on the planet. With its dramatic geography, amazing plants, stable government, strong economy, good infrastructure and warm people, Chile is an interesting and easy travel destination for intrepid plant seekers.

May Garden Tour:

NancyBell Coe and Bill Burke will host the Society for a tour of their garden at **50 El Cielito Road, Santa Barbara** on **Saturday, May 7, 2016 starting at 10:00 am**. Please park on the street to enjoy walking along the driveway, or if you want to be closer, there is some parking by the house.

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The property was first developed in 1981 by Gunther Schwarz. Over a period of 25 years Gunther and his family built a fabulous landscape. You will see that he was inspired by the time spent in Hawaii and by Lotusland and he included 169 taxa of palm. The Tea Fire damaged the garden in 2008 and a third of the plants were destroyed or removed. NancyBell and Bill bought the property at the end of 2009, keeping the hardscape intact, and their intention is to maintain this garden pretty much as Gunther left it.

This event is for current members only. Please wear your name badge!

Upcoming Meetings:

June	Chet Work: Land Trust for Santa Barbara County <i>Topic TBA</i>
July	TBD
August	Fairview Gardens
September	Plant Forum
October	Fred Brander <i>Los Olivos American Viticultural Area</i>
November	Steve Windhager: Santa Barbara Botanical Garden <i>How will our Garden grow? Plans for SBBG in the next decade</i>

Plant Sale:

We are preparing for our annual fundraising sale on September 24th. Please start thinking about what plants you can propagate and donate for the sale. Those members who are caring for leftover plants and garden statuary from last year - please remember to bring them in for the raffle table or prepare them for this year's sale.

Help! The society is looking for members interested in participating. There is an open position for *Programs*.

Other Plant Society meetings and events:

SBBG: The Photographer's Eye with Saxon Holt Saturday, April 9, 2016

Join acclaimed landscape photographer, Saxon Holt, for this inspiring presentation of beautiful native plant gardens and get design tips from a garden photographer's perspective. An additional workshop with Mr. Holt is available on Sunday, April 10. [Learn more & register »](#)

SBCC Environmental Horticulture Dept & the SBCC Permaculture Design Course presents *Permaculture & the Climate Crisis: Science, Politics, & Practice* with Rafter Sass Ferguson of Liberation Ecology; Friday, May 6, 2016 7:30 - 9 pm, FREE, no reservations required; SBCC Fe Bland Auditorium/BC Forum, West Campus.

SBC Rose Society meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except July, August and December) at Trinity Lutheran Church. Refreshments and display begin at 7:00pm. The meeting and program begin at 7:30pm and are free and open to the public.

The Santa Barbara Little Gardens Club meets at the Community of Christ Church, 4675 Via Los Santos, Santa Barbara 93111, at 2:00pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at 7:30pm.

Santa Barbara Cactus & Succulent Society meets the first Friday of the month at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at 7:30pm.

Pink and White All Over

By Susan Chamberlin

Blasts of winter heat followed by several blasts of winter rains have produced one of the best years for wildflowers and roses in a long time. There were masses of white 'Iceberg' roses and pink 'Climbing Cécile Brünner' roses peaking everywhere in April. Iceberg hedges lining paths or backing fences are as common today as clumps of agapanthus once were. But roses smell better than agapanthus--even Iceberg, which has only a "light" fragrance.

My first experience with Iceberg was in the 1980s when people were turning away from Hybrid Teas in dedicated beds and mixing roses like flowering shrubs into landscape schemes. These roses differed from most Hybrid Teas because they were lower maintenance, more gracefully formed, and more fragrant. I believe the enthusiasm for them was due to several factors:

- A Postmodern return to traditionalism and romanticism following the Modern period
- Books on Old Roses by Graham Stuart Thomas
- Clair Martin's revival of the Rose Garden at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino when he became the Curator of Rose Collections in 1982
- Publicity on the merits of David Austin's modern hybrid "English Roses", the similar French hybrids such as 'Eden', and the new landscape roses including 'Bonica' and 'Simplicity' and the 'Flower Carpet' groundcover roses
- Articles and books devoted to Sissinghurst Castle in England, where Iceberg was a notable feature of the influential White Garden

Sissinghurst's gardens were created by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicholson in the mid-20th century. Because Iceberg roses are such a hallmark of Vita's White Garden, it is surprising to learn that her design did not include it. Ironically it was the Old Rose authority, Hilda Murrell, who gave this modern Floribunda to Sissinghurst, where it replaced 'Pasacali' and 'White Wings' shortly after Vita died in 1962. Originating in Germany in 1958 and first named 'Schneewittchen' and 'Fée des Neiges', the Icebergs at Sissinghurst were pruned so that a framework of branches remained instead of being cut to the ground each year. This proved to be influential too.

Climbing Cécile Brünner (also known as the 'Sweetheart Rose') is the first rose I ever loved. The fragrance of its tiny, perfect buds takes me back to my grandfather's garden in Felton. It is a California rose, which has been popular since 1894 when Franz Hosp of Riverside discovered it as a sport of the 1881 French dwarf Polyantha, 'Cécile Brünner'.

Both forms of Cécile and Iceberg are evergreen in our climate and fairly bullet-proof as roses go with disease-resistant foliage. Water and deadheading encourages repeat-blooming. Climbing Cécile Brünner on its own roots is very drought tolerant because it sends those roots deep into the soil. It might not be repeat bloom

without irrigation, but it can last for generations. Whether Iceberg will last at Sissinghurst remains to be seen now that they are planning to restore Vita's vision.

Resources: *David Austin, The Rose, 2nd ed. 2012; Tony Lord, Gardening at Sissinghurst, 1995; Clair G. Martin, 100 Old Roses for the American Garden, 1999; Victoria Padilla, Southern California Gardens, 1961; Patrick Taylor, Gardening with Roses, 1995.*

'Iceberg' rose, a Floribunda from 1958 that has been gaining popularity in Santa Barbara County since the 1980s.



'Climbing Cécile Brunner' (also known as the 'Sweetheart Rose') tumbles over a fence on the Eastside. Photo credits: S. Chamberlin



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A word on the "Freebies Area":

People who bring plant materials or pots, etc. to share please remember to:

1. Bring clean, viable plant material contained in bags or boxes (please no dirt)
2. Label plants if possible
3. Please gather and take your leftovers home after the meeting; there is no dumpster at the site.
4. Help keep the porch area clean

Botanic Name:

Common Name:

Exhibitor:

Additional Details:

THANK YOU

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