



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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The Santa Barbara County
Horticultural Society
June General Meeting
will be held on June 7th, 7:00pm
at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
on the corner of Foothill and La Cumbre
Road

Speaker: Gwen Stauffer

Plans for the Lotusland Japanese Garden

The Japanese Garden at Ganna Walska Lotusland is the only Japanese garden open to the public in Santa

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Barbara County. It is an iconic example of the types of Japanese gardens built on

private estates after World War II. Lotusland recently completed eight years of research to develop a comprehensive plan to renovate the Japanese Garden, with the intent of fulfilling Madame Walska's and Frank Fujii's vision, while also meeting the modern needs of a public garden and its visitors. Executive Director, Gwen Stauffer, will explain the history of the garden, and the goals, details and status of the planned renovation. Gwen Stauffer is CEO of Ganna Walska Lotusland, the incomparable estate gardens of opera diva Madame Ganna Walska, since 2008.

Before that, Gwen served as CEO for New England Wild Flower Society, Massachusetts; CEO for Callaway Gardens, Georgia; and Deputy Director of Hillwood Museum and Gardens, Washington, DC. Gwen specializes in the leadership of public gardens, (M.S. from University of Delaware), historic preservation and restoration, sustainable horticulture and building operations, and site-specific art exhibits.

Upcoming Meetings

July	No Meeting
August	Frédérique Lavoipierre Director of Education Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
September	Fall Plant Forum
October	Composting ABC's
November	Joint Meeting with California Rare Fruit Growers

A Surprise Guest Appears From Below



Gary Hunt and Mike Flaherty have this agave on Cheltenham. Check out more pics on [BirdCam on Cheltenham](#) Photo by Gary Hunt.

All members are encouraged to contribute to the **raffle table** offerings. At this season many of us have a special plant that is looking good (in bloom or not). Please consider contributing it to the diversity of the raffle table. Clearly labeled with perhaps a note about culture; any plant is welcome.

Other Plant Society meetings and events:

Come Visit Eco Conscious Aquaponics' Farm This June we will be awarding our three 2017 scholarships to SBCC Environmental Horticultural students. If you ever wonder what happens to some of our previous scholarship recipients, here is an example. Clayton Garland and Julian Cantando (2015 scholarship recipient) graduated from the SBCC Environmental Horticulture program and have since teamed up to open Eco Conscious Aquaponics. Here is an unique upcoming opportunity if you are interested in learning about aquaponics...



Come visit the farm, Eco Conscious Aquaponics, located at the Orchid ranch in Goleta. The tour begins at 10AM on Sunday the 28th. They will teach you the basics of Aquaponics and give a tour of the greenhouse! Depending on weather there may also be a chance to visit the private beach. The cost is \$30 but enter coupon code 'SBCHS' to get 10% off. The tour can be reserved on the EcoConscious website on the Tours tab...

<http://www.ecoconsciousaquaponics.com>

SBC Rose Society meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except July, August and December) at Trinity Evangelical 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.

Santa Barbara Cactus & Succulent Society meets the 2nd of June, Friday at 7:00pm for a 7:30 start at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Tom Cole will speak on '**The Aloes of Uganda: The Makings of a Field-Guide and the Story behind Naming a New Species**'. Tom will present his journeys

to uncover the aloes found in Uganda, and the challenges behind mapping and cataloguing what is known about them. He will lead us through the development of his recently published Field Guide to the Aloes of Uganda, and explain some of the details involved in the process of naming a new species. Tom will bring copies of his new book to the meeting and also small aloes from his nursery, Cold Spring Aloes, for sale to members.



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.

Santa Barbara/Ventura Chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers - Anyone can be added to an email list and notified of upcoming meetings by sending their email address to lindabuzzell@gmail.com

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

Fragrance Forever

By Susan Chamberlin

Sooner or later every garden writer takes up the subject of fragrance, often more than once because the subject from savory to sweet is seemingly endless. I wrote about aromatic herbal foliage for our June issue last year, and fragrant plants suitable for our landscape was my topic in June 1988 when I was the Garden Editor of *The Independent*. Back then, pre-internet, I suggested mail order sources for unusual herbs and old roses with addresses where readers could send a dollar or two for a catalog.



Wine red, native California peony (*Paeonia californica*) contrasts with the pink version of fiesta flower (*Pholistoma auritum*) on the Aliso Canyon Trail in April 2017. There is also a blue fiesta flower. Photo credit: S. Chamberlin

Today, just type, “fragrant plants” into your favorite search engine, and lists from all over the country will pop up, many featuring peony in the top ten. With our lack of lengthy winter chill, peonies don’t do well here. The exception is the native peony (*Paeonia californica*)—difficult to propagate, difficult to grow, summer-deciduous, and lacking the size and fragrance of the Asian hybrids, which make them so popular as cut flowers. Someday a hybridizer may figure out how to overcome the “shortcomings” of our lovely native. Meanwhile, they do just fine in southern California’s chaparral and coastal sage scrub communities.

This year’s epic storms produced a “superbloom” of wildflowers. Lupine perfumed the mountain air, while in cultivated gardens, wisteria, citrus, roses, and several kinds of jasmine burst into bloom. The star jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*) I planted on a wire fence by my front gate a few years ago is finally taking off thanks to the rain. Its sweet scent is meant to greet visitors at the gate, an old trick from old books devoted to fragrance in the garden.

Star jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*) covering a wire fence just after peak bloom in May. Photo credit: 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:

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