



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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**AUGUST 2019**

## Upcoming Speakers

### September

- *California Plants: A Guide to Our Iconic Flora*  
Matt Ritter

## Garden Tours on Hold

### *We Need a New Chair!*

A top perk of Horticultural Society membership is touring gardens not usually open to the public.



*A 2012 tour of Martin Dent's fabulous garden.*

However, the tours are on hold until someone -- or several some ones -- steps up.

"If you really enjoy the garden tours, would like to see more and have a friend who feels the same way... if two or three or even four people get together, you could spread the work," says society president Debby Lipp. "Because we don't do them in the winter, there are usually only about eight a year. If you've got ideas, that's wonderful."

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August General Meeting - Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 7 p.m.  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Roads

## *Annual Plant Forum*

This annual Horticultural Society event features commercial growers and retailers, and is designed to inspire us about what's available for fall planting, which may include hot, new plants or trusted oldies that deserve another look.

This year we have John Koegler from San Marcos Growers and Bruce Reed from the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

John started as a driver at San Marcos Growers in May, 1982, but quickly progressed to being the shipping and in-house sales manager. John switched to outside sales in 1985 and was on the road for more than 30 years. He recently started a new chapter at SMG, returning to working in the nursery and helping with sales, marketing and special projects.

For the plant forum, John will focus on a mix of plants that are looking particularly nice, newer items and current favorites.



Bruce Reed is an arborist and nurseryman born and raised in Santa Barbara County. Getting his start as a grower in a wholesale nursery, Bruce has been at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden nearly 20 years as a gardener, Nursery Manager, and now Horticulturist overseeing nurseries, planting and propagation.

For the forum, Bruce said, "The talk is a good month earlier than usual and a lot of material in our nursery has not quite sized up, so I'm not sure what will be most interesting to see. I imagine I'll try to stick with plants we are evaluating and trialing for release as named cultivars. I will at least bring several of those."

## Got Content? See Jill!



 | **Instagram**

Our Social Media Chair, Jill Cloutier, is putting out a call for content for the society's new Instagram and Facebook accounts.

Please submit photos of gardens, plants and members in gardens, as well as any interesting plant facts or events.

Contact Jill via the society's email address: [sbcountyhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sbcountyhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com).

Also find the Society on Facebook at: [www.Facebook.com/SBHorticulturalSociety/](https://www.Facebook.com/SBHorticulturalSociety/) and on Instagram at: [@sbhortsociety](https://www.instagram.com/sbhortsociety).

Please Follow and Like our pages and accounts as we reach out to more community members online.

## Our 2019 Directors & Committee Chairs

### 2019 Board Members

- *President:* Debby Lipp
- *Vice President:* Duke McPherson
- *Acting Secretary:* Bryn Crutchfield
- *Treasurer:* Gretchen Ingmanon
- *Director:* Carol Terry, Diane Dunhill, Carolyn Koegler, Duke McPherson, Dorothy Warnock, Jill Cloutier

### 2019 Committee Chairs

- *Garden Tours:* OPEN
- *Membership:* Duke McPherson
- *Newsletter Editor:* Joan S. Bolton
- *Newsletter Distribution:* Larry Disharoon
- *Plant Sale:* Carol Terry -- But soon to be OPEN!
- *Plant Sale Assistant:* OPEN
- *Programs:* Debby Lipp
- *Programs Assistant:* Duke McPherson
- *Publicity:* Janet Hunter
- *Refreshments:* Elisa Reich
- *Scholarships:* Dorothy Warnock
- *Social Media:* Jill Cloutier

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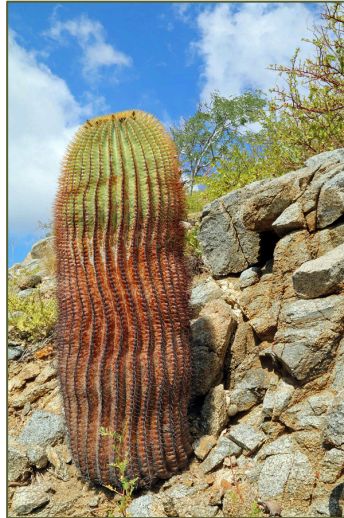
Newsletter inquiries or event listings only: [joan\\_hortsociety@santabarbaragardens.com](mailto:joan_hortsociety@santabarbaragardens.com)

## Horticultural Events Around Town

### Friday, August 2

#### *Island Hopping in Baja California*

Santa Barbara Cactus & Succulent Society



Join Greg Starr as he uses humor and pictures to present some of the fascinating islands on both sides of Baja California, in the Sea of Cortez and in the Pacific Ocean. Greg's Starr Nursery in Tucson specializes in low-water plants for landscaping in southern Arizona. He has traveled extensively in the Southwest and Mexico to study plants

for their potential landscape use in desert regions.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m., Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Free.

### Saturday, August 3

#### *Tips on Pruning Fruit Trees*

Mesa Harmony Garden

Speaker Larry Saltzman will offer tips on how summer pruning can limit the size of your trees and encourage production.

Bring surplus produce for a garden exchange or to donate to the Food Bank. There will also be a Master Gardener Help Table and a potluck lunch.

10 a.m. - 1 p.m., 500 Dolores Drive (on the Mesa). A \$10 donation is requested to support the garden, which is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

### Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### *Plant Sale and Garden Tour*

Society member Diane Dunhill will open her beautiful garden and have succulents, air plants, begonias and other exotics for sale (pay by cash or check). 3673 San Gabriel Lane, Santa Barbara (behind the Municipal Golf Course and Gelson's Market at Las Positas & State Streets).



*Top Left: Ferocactus diguetii, by Greg Starr. Above Right: Dudleya pulverulenta, by Diane Dunhill.*



## Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, September 21

If you haven't already, please clear your calendar to help with our annual plant sale. We welcome your shopping dollars, too!

Below is the time line, thanks to Carol Terry, who has run the plant sale for years. She'd like to step down. And because she has all the tasks and responsibilities so well organized and delegated, it shouldn't be too daunting for someone new to step up.

### August

- Circulate sign-up sheets at general meeting
- Remind vendors who have not responded
- Begin distributing flyers
- Complete on-line publicity

### September

- Circulate sign-up sheets at general meeting
- Distribute remaining flyers

### Friday, September 20

- Set up tables
- Collect plants
- Organize (clean/tag) volunteers
- Set up Raffle and Silent Auction (Debby Lipp)
- Put out signs (Neb)

### Saturday, September 21

- Put up banner
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. -- Sale !!!

Please volunteer to lead or assist the effort. Or volunteer for one or more of the items listed above at the August meeting or at [sbcountyhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sbcountyhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com).

## Meet Our Scholarship Winners

This year's scholarship winners were announced at our June general meeting. Both Caitlin Lam and Elvis Menzies are students in Santa Barbara City College's Environmental Horticulture program and received \$500 apiece.



Caitlin was on hand to receive her award from Scholarship chair Dorothy Warnock; Elvis was unable to attend.

In her scholarship application, Caitlin wrote, "I am interested in the use of horticulture and gardening as a therapeutic tool for people who experience mental illness. I am also interested in the restoration of degraded land. I would like...see pg 4

*Left: Scholarship winner Caitlin Lam (left), with Debby Lipp and Dorothy Warnock. Photo: Julia Keane.*

## Cultivate Those Plants

Are you growing plants for our Annual Plant sale, which takes place September 21?

If so, start grooming, feeding and potting them up. They'll be worth twice as much!

You can also just buy some plants that look interesting or will be blooming nicely in September, repot them and bring them along for the next month or so.

Please remember that the more you help, the more money we'll take in, which we then contribute to horticultural student scholarships and to the community.

See Carol Terry or Debby Lipp at the August meeting or contact them at [sbcountyhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sbcountyhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com).

## Another Garden Event

### Saturday, August 17

*Life After Lawns - Ideas & Actions*

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Join the irrepressible Billy Goodnick, former Landscape Architect for the City of Santa Barbara, as he focuses on life without the traditional lawn and shows alternative design ideas, methods for achieving them and how to care for them for years to come.

8:30 a.m. - noon, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Members: \$35; Nonmembers: \$50.



*Above, mostly from left to right: Carex flacca 'Blue Zinger', Euphorbia 'Copton Ash', Westringia 'Smokey', Achillea millefolium 'White', by Billy Goodnick.*

## Scholarship Winners, *from page 3*

to pursue an occupation that joins these two interests."

Prior to attending SBCC, Caitlin earned a B.S. in Community and Regional Development from UC Davis. She currently works as an Education Programs Assistant at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and volunteers at Trinity Gardens.



In his application, Elvis wrote, "My goal is to establish and maintain a profitable and sustainable cash crop farm in Belize. I will provide food for local families and employment. I've always loved nature and want to do things as natural as possible. My family has a lot of

under-utilized lands in tropical environs that I plan on using to do sustainable farming... Even a butterfly sanctuary where some are sold off eventually, will be on site.

"So I am here to receive a well grounded education in all things horticulture to be successful in the endeavour. At the very least to have the knowhow to put it into practice to provide food and beauty and to do it sustainably."

Prior to attending SBCC, Elvis earned a B.S. in Environmental Science from Medgar Evers College, City University of New York. He recently moved to Santa Barbara from Philadelphia, where he was a member and volunteer at Bartram's Garden.

*Above: Scholarship winner Elvis Menzies at a tobacco farm in the Vinales region in Cuba, caressing a leaf that's destined to be hand-rolled into a cigar.*

## Spread the Word About Our Plant Sale

Janet Hunter, our Publicity Chair, will have flyers and posters available at the August meeting.

Please grab a handful to distribute to your relatives, friends, neighbors, colleagues and throughout the community.

## Are You an AV Expert? We Need Two!

We have been seriously seeking a reliable person to wrangle the audio-visual equipment for nearly a year now. If you attended the April meeting, you might have noticed that John Schoustra's PowerPoint presentation almost didn't happen because of conflicts with the equipment. Randy Baldwin stepped in at the last minute to save the show. But had Randy not been at the meeting, we might have easily missed the heart of John's talk -- his beautiful pelargonium slides.

We will happily pay anyone -- a student, retiree, member or non-member -- to set up and take down the equipment at each monthly meeting.

In addition, we're looking for a volunteer to coordinate the AV requirements with the speaker in advance, to prevent any unwelcome surprises the night of the meeting.

Please step up. Contact Debby Lipp, or Gretchen Ingmanson at [tikiinga@gmail.com](mailto:tikiinga@gmail.com) or 805-452-0407.

## Membership Renewals Start Soon

September marks not just the onset of fall, but the new season for renewing your membership with the Santa Barbara County Horticultural Society.

Pay your dues anytime from September through December and your membership will be good through December 2020.

Membership is a bargain, at only \$20 per year for individuals or families. See Duke or [sbchs.org](http://sbchs.org) for other membership categories and dues rates.

## Display Table, Raffle Table & Freebies Area

Plants for all three destinations should be fun, unusual, in tip-top condition and bear labels.

Also, for the Freebies area:

- Bring clean, viable plant material contained in bags or boxes (please, no loose dirt!).
- Gather and take home leftovers as there's no dumpster available.
- Help keep the area clean.

*Please do not bring invasive plants for the Raffle Table or the Freebies Area. If they're fabulous, it's okay to bring invasives for the Display Table.*