



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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The Santa Barbara County
 Horticultural Society
 December General Meeting
 Wednesday December 7th, 7:00pm
 at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
 on the corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Rd.

***Lotusland's Sustainable Horticulture
 Program***

*presented by Corey Welles,
 Plant Healthcare Coordinator
 Ganna Walska Lotusland*

Corey Welles will discuss Lotusland's Sustainable Horticulture Program with an emphasis on biocontrol and the new insectary garden at Lotusland.



Corey is a well-known horticulturist and lecturer on sustainable landscaping in Santa Barbara California. Born in San Diego California, he has

always been fascinated with ecology and one day hoped to be a creative force in environmental work.

In 1982 he moved up to Santa Barbara and graduated from Santa Barbara City College with his A.S. in Environmental Horticulture. His passion for biology and ecology lead him to take further class work in entomology, ornithology, marine biology,

zoology, and leaf litter analysis of Santa Cruz Island. He made his career choice early at 27 and for 26 years has perfected his approach to environmental gardening. Corey has given regular training seminars on sustainable landscaping in the Southern California area. He is certified in compost tea production-a relatively new technology popular at many botanic gardens. Currently he is Plant Healthcare Coordinator of Ganna Walska Lotusland where he implements sustainable horticulture techniques to the rare plant collections.

Upcoming Meetings

January	Bouquet of the Year / Officers Installation Carol Bornstein: Nature Gardens at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum
February	Mauricio Gomez: South Coast Habitat Restoration
March	Kyra Rude from Rincon-Vitova Insectaries: Biocontrol
April	Linda Chalker-Scott: The Informed Gardener
May	Madeline Ward, Santa Barbara Water Conservation Supervisor, and Tyrone La Fay
June	Gwen Stauffer: Plans for the Lotusland Japanese Garden

Open Society Positions: We are taking nominations for Board Members and looking for someone to help with *Programs* and *Hospitality*. We will be needing a "temporary replacement" for Elisa taking care of *Refreshments* while she is on sabbatical from March to September.

Dues for 2017 are payable in December: \$20/year for a family membership can be paid at the meeting or sent to the address on the back of this newsletter (POB 31029, Santa Barbara) for one year or multiple years.

Other Plant Society meetings and events:

Pruning and Gardening Clinic presented by UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County. This is free public workshop (hands on).



Learn to prune, clean, and sharpen tools. La Huerta Project Garden, Santa Barbara Mission,

Saturday December 3, 2016, 9:45AM to 1:00PM.

Bring your own tools.

Reservations: kefsb@aol.com or 687-5780. Space is limited.

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.

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/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

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

Arroyo Hondo Preserve Docent Training, Spring 2017

7 Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, April 5, and 12 Times: 1:00-4:00 p.m.



Spend springtime enjoying the beauty of Arroyo Hondo Preserve of the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County as you learn to become a docent for this glorious natural paradise.

Learn from local experts about the diverse flora and fauna of the rich habitats of the canyon and about its fascinating geology. Learn about the history of the Gaviota Coast, including the times when Arroyo Hondo was home to the Chumash people, and later when it was a working ranch.

Come join fellow nature-lovers as you prepare to lead our popular educational children's tours, and for Land Trust members and the general public. To register or for more information please contact volunteer@sblandtrust.org

Bruce Van Dyke passed away on November 9, 2016 at the age of 94, surrounded by his wife Dorchen and other family members. Bruce graduated from UCLA with a degree in Sub-tropical Horticulture in 1948 and moved to the Santa Barbara area to teach horticulture at [Santa Barbara City College](#) (then called Santa Barbara Junior College). In 1954 he began teaching adult education courses and continued doing so for the next 42 years. A year prior he had also started a plant grafting business, a skill for which he has long since been recognized by all who have known him. Many of us have Bruce Van Dyke grafted avocado, stone fruit, citrus, camellia and tropical fruiting trees in our gardens.

Starting in 1964 and working for 33 years, Bruce was the Garden Editor of the Santa Barbara News Press. During this time he also worked with civic leader Pearl Chase to organize garden tours and later continued these efforts with the Santa Barbara Beautiful organization. He also was a longtime member of the board of the [Santa Barbara Botanic Garden](#), a



Bruce Van Dyke,
teaching grafting technique,
Spring 2012

Santa Barbara Parks Commissioner and worked part time on the estate of Madame Ganna Walska, before it was known as [Lotusland](#), and later volunteered in this wonderland when it became a botanic garden. He was active in the Master Gardeners program and spoke at meetings of all of the local gardening clubs and societies. He was served as the manager of the [Santa Barbara International Orchid Show](#) from 1974 until 1995.

Bruce received the Bouquet of the Year Award from our society in 1984, honoring his work and the promotion of horticulture in the area. In 1994 a tribute dinner was held in his honor at Santa Barbara City College

commemorating his many horticultural achievements. At this meeting Bruce received a Letter of Commendation from the City of Santa Barbara for his efforts to beautify the city. In 2007 he received the Heritage Oak Award from [Santa Barbara Beautiful](#) for his numerous contributions to our community. *By Randy Baldwin. Photo credits: (upper right, Susan Chamberlin, 2006; lower left, SBCC website).*



Bruce Van Dyke,
apricot whip graft,
February 2006



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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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