



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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The Santa Barbara County
 Horticultural Society
 June General Meeting
 will be held on Wednesday June 1st, 7:00pm
 at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
 on the corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Road

*Note: There will not be a meeting in July
 (but there will be a July garden tour)*

**Arroyo Hondo Preserve Grazing
 Project**
presented by Chet Work

Last year the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, in partnership with the Coastal Ranches Conservancy and the Animal Science Department at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, launched a conservation-grazing program at Arroyo Hondo Preserve. The aim of this resource management program was to employ grazing cows to help restore hillside habitat by encouraging the re-establishment of native plants, and to reduce wildfire fuels by suppressing the growth of non-native species, namely black mustard and milk thistle.



The first round of grazing occurred in February 2015, the second round in March 2016 just before the rain. Chet Work will present an update about the

project and how it is impacting the chances of



favoring increased biodiversity of the grazing area.

Chet has spent the better part of the past ten years working to ensure that family farms and

Chet Work
 Land Trust for Santa Barbara
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ranches in Wyoming and Idaho continue to thrive in a landscape that has been under

significant development pressure. He holds a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University and conducted post-graduate study in natural history and environmental education at the Teton Science School in Jackson, Wyoming. He is a graduate of the rigorous Executive Leadership Program through the Land Trust Alliance, the umbrella organization for the 1,700 land trusts throughout the country.

Chet was raised in Colorado, but moved several times in his youth. He claims the one consistent thing he had across all the locations he lived in was the outdoors. His passion for fishing, hiking and exploring the world around him built a land ethic and an understanding of the importance of open spaces and habitat. He is a passionate fly-fisherman and birdwatcher, but is most excited about sharing the local mountains and tide pools with his wife Leigh and three young children. “My passion for conservation is fueled by a desire to see my children enjoy the same wildlife, open space and scenic views I have enjoyed throughout my life,” he said.

June and July Garden Tour: Tanny Keeler and Kent Hodgetts have opened their garden to us on **Sunday June 26, 10:00AM - 12:00, at 2420 Garden St.** Look for the old blue Pedestrian Gate but we will meet at the driveway to the east of the gate. The garden, designed by Florence Yoch and Lucile Council, surrounds a Spanish Colonial Revival Structure of Merit designed by James Osborne Craig in 1921 for Bernhard and Irene Hoffmann. In 1940 the Hoffmanns sold their house and grounds to the Franciscan Order. The Franciscans split up and sold the Hoffmann's original 15+ acres but subsumed the house and garden into St Anthony Seminary campus until 1998 when they sold the property to Tanny and Kent Hodgetts. By 1998 the house had been vacant for years, and the garden had been left to itself. Kent Hodgetts began the work of restoring the house at once - before the close of escrow. He completed restoration of the Hoffmann House in 2013. The garden is an ongoing project which our brutal drought has made even more challenging. Uneven terrain - please wear good walking shoes. Please no photographs.

July: Seaside Gardens on July 9 at 10AM, to look at the lotus. Seaside Nursery; from 101 Exit Santa Claus lane and turn to Calle Real i.e. to the mountains. The nursery is on your left, take driveway to Padaro Floral. Find the big green building. These events are for current members only. Please wear your name badge!



Indian mallow (*Abutilon palmeri*), a drought-tolerant desert native seen on the April Garden Tour at Virginia Gardner's. Photo credit: S. Chamberlin

Plant Sale: We are preparing for our annual fundraising sale on September 24th. It's time to think 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. If you have any suggestions for plants that we should include in our sale please see Carol Terry at the meeting or email her at plantnuts@verizon.net.

Scholarship Awards: Three scholarships will be awarded to deserving SBCC students at this meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

July	No Meeting
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>

Other Plant Society meetings and events:

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.

Fragrant Foliage

by Susan Chamberlin

A wonderful way to add fragrance to June's corsages, boutonnieres, and bouquets is with the leaves of scented geraniums. These *Pelargonium* species have varied leaf patterns and colors, and their fragrances range from lime to nutmeg. "Rose-scented geranium" is a name given to several different species. One leaf added to a boutonniere can make a fragrance-free florist rose actually smell like a rose.

A nosegay (or tussie-mussie) is a small, sweet-smelling bouquet traditionally nestled in a white doily. In the nosegay pictured, the doily is replaced by the large, lacy leaves of a rose-scented geranium--species unknown because I propagated it from cuttings. Most of the fragrance is contributed by foliage: lemon verbena, green French lavender leaves (*Lavandula dentata*), and our California native *Salvia clevelandii* 'Winnifred Gilman', a cultivar of Cleveland sage. Its intoxicating scent can overpower the others, so for balance I only used one sprig. Cleveland sage is the fragrance that greets travelers arriving at the Santa Barbara Airport for those June events requiring corsages, boutonnieres, and bouquets.



The tiny, white flowers in this nosegay are lemon verbena (*Aloysia citrodora*). Its leaves add a citrus note to fragrant lavender, rose geranium, and sweet Cleveland sage. All are drought-tolerant once established and easy to grow in our area. 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:

THANK YOU

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