



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Get ready for our Annual Plant Sale, Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Upcoming Speakers

October

- *The Edible Campus Program at UCSB*
Katee Gustavson and Jessie Schmitt

November

- *Life After Lawns*
Billy Goodnick

Let's Sell Plants!

Although our Annual Plant Sale begins at 10 a.m., Horticultural Society members are welcome to start shopping at 9:30 a.m.



So please shop early, then stay on to sell plants.

We need volunteers to write tickets, carry out plants, serve as cashiers, answer questions and clean up at the end of the day.

Or come on Friday to help set up.
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September General Meeting-Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 7 p.m.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,
corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Roads

California Plants: A Guide to Our Iconic Flora

Join Matt Ritter, professor of botany at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and author of the new book *California Plants*, for a visual tour and celebration of California's iconic native flora.

There are more than 5,000 native species in California. One in five is now rare or endangered, and Ritter's richly illustrated field guide to those spectacular natives seeks to raise awareness of the unique beauty that's at risk. Former California Governor Jerry Brown writes in the book's foreword, "Matt Ritter teaches us to better understand how our future is linked to that of all other living things: our soil, our microbiota, and our wonderful and indomitable native plants."



Matt will use his beautiful photographs, insight and humor to share the natural history of California's fascinating plants. A book signing will follow his presentation.

Dr. Matt Ritter grew up in rural Mendocino County. After earning a bachelor's degree in microbiology from UC Santa Barbara, he attended UC San Diego for a PhD in plant biology. He has written several books, including the funniest and best-selling guide to California's urban forest, *A Californian's Guide to the Trees among Us* (Heyday, 2011). He gave an entertaining lecture to the Horticultural Society about that book at the time.

Matt has also authored many scientific papers, writes a regular column about tree diversity for *Pacific Horticulture* and won the Cal Poly Excellence in Teaching Award and the Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Award for Excellence in Education. And he's an avid woodworker, mason and gardener.

Society Comings & Goings + A Plea

Please give a warm welcome to our new AV expert, **Julia Keane**.

Julia will be setting up and taking down the equipment each month, along with coordinating the AV requirements with our monthly speakers.

We'd like to issue an especially fond farewell to **Carol Terry** -- in her capacity as Chair of the Annual Plant Sale. (Carol is the one who's beaming in the center of the plant sale photo on page 1, with Directors Carolyn Koegler and Gretchen Ingmanson on the left, and Duke McPherson and Debby Lipp on the right.)

Carol will be staying on as a Director. But after leading the Annual Plant Sale for more years than many of us can count, she'll be stepping aside after this year's sale. Thank you, Carol!

A Plea for Refreshments -- If you partake, please please contribute!

Our 2019 Directors & Committee Chairs

2019 Board Members

- *President:* Debby Lipp
- *Vice President:* Duke McPherson
- *Acting Secretary:* Bryn Crutchfield
- *Treasurer:* Gretchen Ingmanson
- *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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Horticultural Events Around Town

Friday, September 6

Namibia and Namaqualand with Duke Benadom
 Santa Barbara Cactus & Succulent Society



Some of the exotic plants in our Santa Barbara gardens originate from Namaqualand, an arid region of Namibia and South Africa famous for its

unusual and varied succulents that extends along the west coast of Africa over 600 miles and covers an area of 170,000 square miles. Duke will share his travels through the region, focusing on the extraordinary succulents that grow there. Based in Simi Valley, Duke has been active with the Cactus & Succulent Society of America since 1990, including serving as President and Editor of the Cactus & Succulent Journal. He has also written 13 books about succulents.

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

Thursday, September 12

Got Rose Questions? Ask a Consulting Rosarian!
 Santa Barbara Rose Society

This will be a special presentation by American Rose Society Master Rosarians Dan Bifano and Bud Jones, along with Consulting Rosarians Hetty Shurtleff, Carrie Cooper and Deb Habr.

7 p.m., Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Free.

Thursday, September 26

Santa Barbara Herbal Exchange

This new monthly community gathering is for medicinal herb and plant enthusiasts to share plants, seeds, ideas, skills, recipes and knowledge.

The group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month and is open to all who want to learn more about the Botanical World. 7 p.m., 2981 Cliff Drive, at the Watershed Resource Center at Arroyo Burro Beach. Free.



Top Left: Photo by Duke Benadom. Above Right: Graphic by Jill Cloutier.

Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, September 21

Our Annual Plant Sale is almost here. So if you haven't already, please arrange your schedule to help with setup on Friday, September 20, or with the actual sale on Saturday, September 21, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"On Friday, we need help setting up tables and cleaning, tagging and arranging the plants. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., but you don't have to stay all day," says President Debby Lipp.

"On Saturday, we need lots more people to volunteer. We need cashiers, people to write up sales and people to help carry things out."

Debby adds, "We always need help at 3 p.m. to clean up. That takes an hour, hour and a half. Sometimes there are plants left at the end that we ask people to take care of, then bring back to the next meeting."

On the remote possibility that you've been hanging onto leftover plants since last year's plant sale, Debby urges you to clean them up and turn them in on Friday as well.

If nothing else, Debby encourages members to come before 2:30 p.m. on Friday to drop off spare cardboard boxes that buyers can use to cart off their plants during the sale.

As for specific ways you can help, consider Plant Sale Chair Carol Terry's check-off list below.

September

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

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

- Put up banner
- 9:30 a.m. - Early entry for members only
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. -- Sale !!!
- 3 p.m. Clean up and send home any un-sold plants with society members to tend until the October general meeting

Sign up for one or more of the tasks listed above at the September meeting, or let Debby Lipp or Carol Terry know that you'd like to volunteer by e-mailing them at: sbcountyhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com.

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

We welcome your shopping dollars, too!

Prettify Those Plants

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

Before you transport your lovelies for staging on Friday, September 20, be sure to clean them up.

That means brushing off any cobwebs, snipping off dead leaves or flowers and making sure the containers themselves are spit-spot clean.

By the time you're done, both the plants and their containers should look "retail ready."

How About Some Fun?

It's true. We all love touring beautiful gardens. And we're fortunate that Santa Barbara has so many to explore.

Over the years, a benefit of membership in the Horticultural Society has been touring gardens that we couldn't otherwise ordinarily see.



However, the tours have stalled out because the chair position has been empty for a while now.

The open position was initially pitched as a solo venture. Then President Debby Lipp suggested that a few friends might form a committee to share the duties.

Now Debby has uncovered something that will *see pg 4...*

Above, a view of Jeff Chemnick's garden during a 2018 tour. Photo, Joan S. Bolton.

Time for Some Real Fun, *from page 3*

hopefully sweeten the deal.

The new secret sauce?

Thanks to long-time former Garden Tours Chair Diane Dunhill, it's a binder filled with the seven years of garden tours that Diane organized and led, complete with photos, descriptions and whatnot.

Instead of starting from scratch, you'll have a guide to dozens of potentially fabulous gardens.

So please, sign up with some friends or step up solo and see who else is willing to give it a shot.

You'll meet some new, fun people along the way. Plus, it's a slick opportunity to preview the gardens, then enjoy them again on tour day.

What's not to love about that?

Spread the Word About Our Plant Sale

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

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

Santa Barbara County Horticultural Society



Plant Sale

Saturday, September 21st 10:00am-3:00pm
Located at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
on the corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Roads
Santa Barbara, CA

Free admission and parking for the Santa Barbara County Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale. Open to the public.

Featuring Specialty Vendors. Hundreds of member-grown plant varieties. Plus plant related items.

Raffle table of specimen plants and other items.

Exotics
 Natives
 Bromeliads
 Succulents
 Annuals
 Perennials
 Grasses
 Cacti

Proceeds benefit the SBCHS Scholarship Program

A Quick Look at Plant Sale Vendors

With a month to go, here's a list of those who have turned in their deposits to sell specialty plants and pottery alongside contributions from Hort Society members at our September 21 sale:

- *Robert Abe*
- *Lynda Adams, Carpinteria Landscape Nursery*
- *Thomas Baker*
- *Diane Dunhill*
- *John and Peggy Koegler, Portola Pottery*
- *Debby Lipp*
- *Lynn Pettigrew*

Stay tuned for additional vendors and descriptions of what they'll have to sell.

Membership Renewals Start Now

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

When you join or re-up, please volunteer for a committee or to help with the Annual Plant Sale. Remember, we run entirely on volunteers and welcome new energy and new faces. Volunteering also provides an excellent opportunity to hang out with cool, horticultural people.

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 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.