



March 2016

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The Santa Barbara County
Horticultural Society
March General Meeting
will be held on Wednesday March 2nd, 7:00pm
at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
on the corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Road

Endangered Geraniaceae

presented by Robin Parer

So firmly are "geraniums" (pelargoniums) rooted in the consciousness of Californians that there is a tendency to think that they are permanent and ubiquitous. But nurseries that specialize in these plants have all but disappeared and old, beautiful or interesting selections are under onslaught from seed produced and cheap alternatives from the box stores. We'll talk about what's about to disappear and what we can do about trying to save an historic and beautiful family of plants.

Robin Parer is an Australian born horticulturist who lectures frequently to garden groups and societies throughout the United States. She has been featured in many national magazine and newspaper articles.



Ms. Parer has owned and operated Geraniaceae Nursery in Marin County near San Francisco, California for the past thirty-three years, and has collected and propagated over 500 geranium species, selected color forms and hybrids. She also has a large collection of erodium species, scented leaf pelargonium, angel and pansy face pelargonium, heirloom Regals, and rare pelargonium species from Southern Africa. She has traveled widely, collecting both in the field, and

from nurseries in the U.K., Europe, South America, Southern Africa and Australasia. She is a regular participant in the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show

Specimen plants from her collection of Geraniaceae are displayed in a one acre demonstration garden along with a collection of perennial flowering shrubs, and garden sculpture by local artists. The

pelargoniums live in a 10,000 sq. ft. commercial greenhouse which is full to overflowing. The garden and nursery are open by appointment.

Her new book, *Plant Lovers Guide to Hardy Geraniums*, will be published by Timber Press on April 24 and advance purchases can be made on Amazon.

Ms. Parer will have a selection of plants available for sale at the meeting.



Erodium cazorlanum

Upcoming Meetings:

April	Jay Ruskey: <i>Growing coffee, black truffles and other exotic crops in Santa Barbara County.</i>
May	Paul Mills: <i>Chile - North to South</i>
June	Chet Work: Land Trust for Santa Barbara County <i>Topic TBA.</i>
July	TBD
August	Fairview Gardens

Help! The society is looking for members interested in participating. There is an open position for *Programs.*

Dues for 2016 are payable now: \$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. *Please make an effort to become current on your payments and help support our programs and meeting costs.*

Garden Tour: There is no garden tour scheduled in March.

Casa Del Herrero Seeks Garden Volunteers To Make A Difference! Their Garden Volunteer Corps is an amalgam of individuals who share a love of gardens, orchards, plants, flower arranging, and horticulture. Contact Susannah Gordon tours@casadelherrero.com

City of Santa Barbara Parks Supervisor Position: The City is currently recruiting for a Parks Supervisor. The role requires experience supervising people, maintaining contracts, and of course, horticultural knowledge. Contact Jennifer Herrera jmherrera@santabarbaraca.gov

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.

Native Plant Society meets in the Library at the Botanic Garden, Tue March 15 7pm, *Firefighting in the Chaparral.* Dan McCarter will talk about the challenges of fighting wildfire in chaparral plant community.

71st Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, 4-6 March 2016 – Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 9-5, “Wild World of Orchids”, at the Earl Warren Showgrounds.



Certain to be another spectacular show that you can participate in on an “up close and personal” basis. Info at [SBIOS](#)

40th Annual Cymbidium Congress, 5 March 2015 –

Saturday, 9:00-4:30, auction 6:00, dinner 7:30, hosted by the Cymbidium Society of America concurrent with the Santa Barbara International Show. **Special honoree this year is Paul Gripp** for his lifelong contributions to orchids. Info at [Cymbidium Congress](#)

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Spring Show
Open House: March 4-6, 2016, Fri. & Sat. 8am to 5pm & Sun 9am to 5pm, at the nursery.

Budget: Below are our financial statement from last year and the proposed budget for this year. Please review and be prepared to vote at the meeting.

2016 Annual Budget Report & Proposal						
Income		2015 Proposed		2015 Actual		2016 Proposed
Membership		\$2,000.00		\$1,460.00		\$1,400.00
Meetings		\$495.00		\$517.00		\$600.00
Plant Sale		\$6,000.00		\$9,236.91		\$8,000.00
Donations		\$200.00		\$30.00		\$200.00
Miscellaneous		\$150.00		-		\$650.00
Totals		\$8,845.00		\$11,243.91		\$10,850.00
Disbursements						
Meetings		\$1,890.00		\$1,821.34		\$1,800.00
Plant Sale		\$3,000.00		\$4,034.14		\$4,000.00
Awards, Donations		\$1,100.00		\$1,594.16		\$2,000.00
Taxes, License & Insurance		\$2,055.00		\$2,039.00		\$2,250.00
Miscellaneous		\$800.00		\$616.80		\$800.00
Totals		\$8,845.00		\$10,105.44		\$10,850.00



**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
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Programs: Open

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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