



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER  
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The Santa Barbara County  
 Horticultural Society  
 September General Meeting  
 will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm  
 at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 on the corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Rd

***Fall Plant Forum***

**Featuring**

**Mike Tully, Terra Sol Garden Center**  
**Randy Baldwin, San Marcos Growers**  
**Bruce Reed, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden**

This is a traditional Horticultural Society event involving commercial growers and retailers and is designed to give our members an idea of what's available for fall planting - new, hot, and flying-under-the-radar oldies. This is the best time to plant drought-tolerant perennials (especially natives!), pull your weeds, and add compost to your beds. Come to the meeting prepared to be inspired!

**Upcoming Meetings**

October	Composting ABC's
November	Joint Meeting with California Rare Fruit Growers
February	Joan Bolton

We are preparing for our **annual fundraising plant sale on September 23rd. This is our one-time sale to fund our Scholarship Program and support other local horticultural non-profit organizations.** Please volunteer to help for a brief time on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>: We need people to assist with:

- Setup – AM and PM Friday; AM Saturday
- Receipt Writers – AM and PM Saturday
- Cashiers – AM and PM Saturday
- Clean Up – PM Saturday

There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting with specific times. Or call or email Carol Terry at (805) 684-5725; [plantnuts@verizon.net](mailto:plantnuts@verizon.net)

**Donated plants** for the sale can be dropped off at the Church 10:45 AM – 5 PM Friday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those members who are caring for leftover plants 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.

A **flyer for the Plant Sale** is attached, and printed copies will be available at the meeting. Please email a copy to a friend and pick some up to help distribute.

**Santa Barbara Farmer's Market** has offered free table space for the Society. We need a few people to rotate hours and offer plant sale and membership information. September would be an ideal time to help to publicize the plant sale. See Debby Lipp for more information

**Garden Tour of Riviera Rendezvous Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 10 AM.** Riviera Rendezvous is the Santa Barbara home of Larry Falxa and Theodore (Ted) Plute and fifteen chickens. Ted and Larry are long time members of the Society. The property is situated on the Riviera at *1555 Alameda Padre Serra and Arguello Road*, a pie-shaped lot.

Parking is quite ample on APS (please do not park on the sidewalk as parking enforcement frequently visits and issues tickets) and on Arguello Road. Water and cookies will be provided.

The house was built in 1923 and stood firm through the earthquake. When purchased by the current owners in 1992 after the seven year drought most of the of the landscaping was gone. Ted and Larry have added a few water features, extensive stone work and Larry has a passion for growing dahlias. A red trumpet vine assumed to have been planted when the home was built still thrives. Pat Welch, noted Garden Celebrity and author, believes it is the oldest surviving trumpet vine in Southern California based upon her travels to various gardens.

We can assemble in the driveway in front of the main , iron gate to begin the tour. The property is on the terraced hill side so comfortable shoes are suggested. There is a "wheel chair" access to the main loggia and part of the garden.

This event is for members only. Please remember to wear your membership badge.

**All members are encouraged to contribute to the raffle table offerings.** At this season many of us have a special plant that is looking good (in bloom or not). Please consider contributing it to the diversity of the raffle table. Any plant is welcome, especially if it is clearly labelled and perhaps with a note about culture.

**Randy Baldwin** has been honored as *2017 Horticulturalist of the Year* by the Southern California Horticultural Society.



Randy is perhaps best known as President and General Manager of San Marcos Growers, a wholesale nursery in Santa Barbara recognized in the

landscape industry for the diversity of plants it grows and the on-going introduction of new plants suitable for cultivation in California. However, his achievements extend far beyond the nursery as he has served the horticultural community in a wide range of capacities, including as a founding member of the Santa Barbara Horticultural Consortium, work with PlantRight, an invasive plant prevention organization, and as a member of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Advisory Committee, to name only a few. He is also active in several plant societies, a civic consultant on landscape water use, a published garden photographer, instructor and popular speaker for over 35 years. Randy currently serves as a board member of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) and the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers (CANGC). He is on the Plant Collection Committee at Ganna Walska Lotusland and the Landscape Design Review Committee for UCSB.

Prior to beginning his career at San Marcos Growers in 1981, Randy completed a B.A. in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Botany at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

For more information about the Awards Banquet on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, go to [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)

Other Plant Society meetings and events:

**Santa Barbara Cactus & Succulent Society** meets the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, Friday at 7:00pm for a 7:30 start at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Jeff Chemnick will present *Armchair Tour of the Recent CSSA Pre-Conference Tour in North-Eastern Mexico*. Jeff will show highlights of the recently completed cactus and succulent tour he led in July just prior to the CSSA convention in Arizona. We'll have an armchair tour through many



of the localities visited during the tour and bear witness to many of the exceptional plants of the region with emphasis on cactus, yuccas, agaves, and

echeverias. Cactus specialties include Aztekium, Eriocarpus, and Astrophytum...and a surprising number of crested cactus found in the field.

**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.

**Lotusland docent training** for 2017 begins Sept. 11, 9:30 am. Contact: Kitty Tomasin to enroll

**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](mailto:lindabuzzell@gmail.com)

**Orchid Society of Santa Barbara** meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at 7:30pm.

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### Champion Fern Pine in Alameda Park

By Susan Chamberlin

The largest African fern pine known in California (*Afrocarpus falcatus*, formerly *Podocarpus gracilior*) grows in Alameda Park in Santa Barbara.



It borders Micheltorena Street opposite the bandstand. The tree was planted under the direction of our first Park Superintendent, Dr. A.B. Doremus, in 1910.

Today it is 87 feet tall. Tim Downey, Santa Barbara's Urban Forest Superintendent,

nominated it for the Big Tree Registry maintained at Cal Poly, which confirmed it as a "Champion Tree". Native to Uganda, Ethiopia, and Kenya, *Afrocarpus* is a broadleaf evergreen (not a pine) that is popular for hedging.

For more details, and a picture of Tim, visit the Big Tree Registry, <http://bit.ly/SBChampionTree>

*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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