



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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The Santa Barbara County
Horticultural Society

**Annual Potluck, Installation of Officers
and the Bouquet of the Year Award**

will be held on January 4th, **6:30pm**

at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
on the corner of Foothill and La Cumbre Road

Speaker: Carol Bornstein:

*The LA Natural History Museum Nature Gardens:
Connecting Our Visitors to Urban Nature*

Please join us for the Society's Annual Potluck. Come out to see old friends and come out to meet new ones. Doors open at 6:00pm, so please come early and help with the setup. Be sure to wear your name tag so everyone will know your name.

Bring your favorite dish to share for 6-8! Plates, utensils, napkins, and coffee will be provided. Please provide your own serving utensil for your dish and your own non-alcoholic beverage. Labels are helpful to let everyone know what they're eating. (Great for people with food allergies too.)

Our speaker, Carol Bornstein, will discuss her vibrant new Nature Gardens at the Natural History



Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM) recently opened to the public after several years of planning, design, demolition, and

planting. Asphalt parking lots and tired, water-thirsty lawns have been transformed into 3.5 acres of habitat for urban wildlife. She will illustrate this

wonderful renovation and some of the many animals that are now visiting the site, as well as describe the varied education and research programs now possible on the museum's grounds, right in the heart of Los Angeles.

Carol is Director of the Nature Gardens at NHM, whose mission is to inspire wonder, discovery, and responsibility for our natural and cultural worlds. For nearly 30 years, she was horticulturist at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. She is co-author of two books, the award-winning *California Native Plants for the Garden* and *Reimagining the California Lawn*. She has selected and introduced several popular cultivars for California gardens, including *Verbena lilacina* 'De La Mina' and *Corethrogyne filaginifolia* 'Silver Carpet' and she continues to share her knowledge of plants native to California and other Mediterranean regions through her teaching, writing, and design work.

Voting for new officers and board members: We will be installing the Society's Board for this coming year and the society is always looking for members interested in participating. Open positions are:

- *Programs*
- *Hospitality*
- *Refreshments (temporary replacement)*

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.

Corey Welles' resource information will be posted on our webpage soon.

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: Author "How Gardens Work"
May	Madeline Ward, SB City Water Conservation Supervisor, and Tyrone La Fay, SB County Water Conservation Coordinator
June	Gwen Stauffer: Plans for the Lotusland Japanese Garden
July	No Meeting
August	Frédérique Lavoipierre Director of Education Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Memorial Service for Bruce Van Dyke (1922-2016) to be held Saturday, January 14, 2017, 1:30 – 3:30pm, Santa Barbara City College Wake Center, 300 North Turnpike Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93111. Your stories, memories, pithy sayings are all welcome.



Strophanthus speciosus from Carl Noss' Garden Tour last month.
Photo Credit: Helen Wong

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 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 Jan 6th with Jeremy Spath speaking on *Exceptional Succulent Plants in Habitat, both Near and Exotic*. Jeremy began his plant career nearly ten years



ago at the San Diego Botanic Gardens in Encinitas, CA. While at the gardens, he was exposed to many different plant groups but was most

attracted to succulents, cycads, bromeliads, palms and bamboos.

Rudolf Ziesenhenn Branch of the American Begonia Society meets at 11:30, Saturday January 14th at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum in Ferrad Hall.

The speaker will be Dylan P. Hannon, curator of the Conservatory and tropical collections at The Huntington. Dylan spoke to the Westchester Branch in November 2015 and was such a hit that he was booked as one of the speakers at this year's ABS convention. His main interest is the propagation and distribution of cultivated plants, particularly material of known wild origin. These themes run through Dylan's writing, lectures, plant collecting and a mail order business ("dylansbulbs" on eBay).

Oranges and Lemons Say the Bells of St. Clement's by Susan Chamberlin

Winter is when many kinds of citrus ripen. The wharves in old England near St. Clement's church were where citrus fruits were unloaded from Tangiers, Morocco (the source for tangerines,) Seville, Spain (the source for bitter oranges used in marmalade-making,) and Lisbon, Portugal (the source for lemons). China and India are where citrus originate, but they have spread throughout the world where temperatures do not dip too low for too long, which makes our climate perfect for most types. And because they hybridize easily, citrus varieties today are almost endless.

Keeping track of them is the goal of the University of California Riverside's *Citrus Variety Collection*. If you like reading about plants, you can be entertained for hours browsing the information on their website: <http://www.citrusvariety.ucr.edu/> This virtual collection supplements UC Riverside's actual, living *Citrus Variety Collection*, a horticultural wonderland of about 1,000 cultivars. The collection was started in the early 1900s to support southern California's thriving citrus industry. Like much of southern California, Santa Barbara was also widely planted with citrus orchards then. We did our part to help save the lemon industry when Edgar W. Stow of La Patera Ranch in Goleta figured out that grafting lemons onto grapefruit rootstock made the trees resistant to soil fungi.

The next blow to the citrus industry in southern California was suburban growth. Today La Patera is surrounded by more houses than orchards, but many of these houses have citrus trees in their gardens. Now the greatest threat to all citrus is a disease carried by the invading Asian citrus psyllid. Huanglongbing--also known as HLB, Citrus greening disease, and yellow dragon disease--is fatal. If you need a refresher course on its symptoms, visit: <http://californiacitrusthreat.org/pest-disease>

My first garden included a 'Mexican' lime tree. Known in Florida as 'Key' lime, its fruits are smaller and rounder than the traditional 'Bearss' lime that bartenders use. However, both varieties are yellow when their fruits are fully ripe and much sweeter than they are when they're green. And both varieties make excellent Margaritas, as do 'Meyer' lemons and red, pink, or yellow grapefruits. Margaritas are the perfect antidote (besides water) to all those rich holiday drinks. Happy New Year!



The large fruit is a lemon (supermarket variety); the smaller, yellow fruits are ripe limes ('Bearss' variety), which are sweeter than the green lime on top--also a 'Bearss' lime, but less ripe and more typical of what is squeezed into drinks. Round 'Satsuma' mandarins and tiny kumquats share a similar, tangerine color but taste quite different. *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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