



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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The Santa Barbara County

Horticultural Society

June General Meeting

will be held on June 6th, 7:00pm

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

The New Normal: Strategies for Successful Gardens in a State of Drought and Fire

Jeff Chemnick, Denise Knapp, Paul Mills

Here in Santa Barbara where we are able to grow more plants than gardeners in other places, we still have a lot to learn. Since the Thomas Fire it is clearer than ever that drought and fire are significant factors here.

Successful gardens involve more than just buying a few cool plants and putting them where they might look good. Good soil preparation, thoughtful siting, and grouping plants together by their water needs are all necessary.

The knowledgeable people in this small panel will tell us what they have learned to help us grow healthy and resilient gardens.



Jeff Chemnick, whose home and garden burned in the Tea Fire, is a research associate at the Ganna Walska Lotusland botanical garden in Santa Barbara, and an authority on Mexican cycads having published numerous articles and described several species new to science. In addition to his field research on the cycads of Mexico, he leads

botanical and ornithological ecotours throughout the Mexico with focus on the southern states of Oaxaca and Chiapas. Currently Jeff is co-authoring a book on the

cycads of Mexico which is due to be published in 2018. He is a member of the IUCN's Cycad Specialist Group which determines the status of endangered cycads worldwide. Jeff has considerable horticultural experience as owner and operator of Aloes-in-Wonderland, a specialty nursery in Santa Barbara where he has lived since 1981.

Dr. Denise Knapp, Director of Conservation &



Research, SBBG. Denise oversees the Conservation program at the Garden, including all biodiversity, rare plant, restoration, and outreach/advocacy work. She has a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an M.A. degree in Geography from the University of

California, Los Angeles. She has worked on vegetation, fire ecology, invasive species, and rare plant projects; her current focus is plant-insect interactions. She has worked as a plant ecologist in California (particularly the Channel Islands) for nearly two decades, including the consulting, University, and nonprofit worlds.

Paul Mills, who has more than 25 years of experience



working with and studying plants, is curator of Living Collections at Lotusland. Paul has served as president of the Santa Barbara Cactus and Succulent Society and was the recipient of our 2014 Bouquet of the Year award. Paul has

given numerous lectures and presentations on his many plant expeditions and the species he has observed and studied.

Upcoming Meeting Speakers:

July	No Meeting
August	Billy Goodnick
September	Fall Plant Forum

Open Society Positions: We are looking for someone to help with Programs, and Committee Head for the Plant Sale.

Be thinking about plants to donate for the Fall Plant Sale. Pot, repot, prune, feed, check for bugs. It's not too soon!

Randy Baldwin Among Top 2018 Honorees in US Gardening

Alexandria, VA (April 17, 2018). As countless Americans begin tending to their gardens this spring, they can take inspiration from the country's most influential gardeners and horticulturists who are making the world a greener place through plants. The American Horticultural Society (AHS) has named 12 of these individuals to receive its 2018 Great American Gardeners Awards, in recognition of their impactful contributions in the fields of plant research and teaching, landscape design, youth gardening, floral design, urban beautification, and more.

The American Horticultural Society is pleased to announce that **Randy Baldwin** has been named the 2018 recipient of the Society's Paul Ecke Jr. Commercial Award, which recognizes individuals or companies whose commitment to the highest standards of excellence in the field of commercial horticulture contributes to the betterment of gardening practices everywhere.

Randy Baldwin (Santa Barbara, CA) is the president and general manager of San Marcos Growers, a wholesale nursery he began working at in 1981 as production manager. Over the years, he helped build its

reputation for high-quality, sustainably produced plants, particularly those that thrive in California's Mediterranean climate, while inspiring other nurseries to improve their own production techniques. He also promotes climate-appropriate plants through his business and several trade organizations to which he belongs.

On Thursday, June 21, 2018, the AHS will honor Baldwin and the other award recipients during the Great American Gardeners Awards Ceremony and Banquet, held at the Society's River Farm headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

www.ahsgardening.org/awards.

Other Plant Society meetings and events:

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.

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 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.

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 in June, 7:00pm for a 7:30 start at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church:



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Plant Sale: Carol Terry

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Membership: Duke McPherson

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:

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