

The next monthly general meeting is Monday, February 21, 2011 at 7:15 pm

Monthly meetings are held at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park.

Free parking is available behind the San Francisco County Fair Building on Lincoln Way.

4:00 PM – Botanical gardens walk with the featured speaker. Meet at the entrance to the San Francisco Botanical Garden.

5:30 PM – No-host dinner will take place at Park Chow Restaurant, located at 1240 Ninth Avenue in San Francisco.

7:15 PM – Announcements, Plant Forum, and Program Meeting will be held at the San Francisco County Fair Building.

Cal Hort members may attend for FREE. Non-members – a donation of \$5 is requested

Cal Hort Dues

If you haven't paid your 2011 Annual Dues, now is the time. Questions? See web site or contact Charlotte Masson (gardengurus@gmail.com).



Plant of the Month
Coprosma repens

FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING

Not Your Mother's Citrus by Luen Miller



Luen Miller, co-owner of Monterey Bay Nursery, is always looking at new plants for the nursery to sell. In the last few years he has developed an interesting collection of unusual citrus, which have both culinary and aesthetic benefits. Come hear about the caviar lime and the sweet lemon, as well as taste what is in season.

MARCH 2011 MEETING

Chile—from Desert to Forest by Kathy Musial

The long, thin country of Chile holds habitats ranging from the Atacama Desert in the north—to temperate rainforest in the south—to alpine in the Andes along the country's eastern edge. Kathy Musial is Curator of Living Collections at the Huntington Botanical Gardens where she has worked for 28 years. She just returned from a visit to Chile in September 2010 and will be telling us about this journey.

Cal Hort Seed Exchange

Thank you for your donations to the Cal Hort Seed Exchange! Now it's time to packet the seeds for distribution: Saturday, March 5, at 10 AM, at Markham Nature Park and Arboretum, 1202 La Vista Avenue in Concord. If it seems a long way to drive, please e-mail Dave—dtivol@yahoo.com—before the end of February and ask about joining a car pool; include where you live and whether you prefer to ride and/or drive (if so, how many passengers you can take). He'll telephone you the week before to let you know who else nearby is interested. If you need further information about Markham location, email Steve Morse: s.j.morse@sbcglobal.net or call him: 925-330-6527. We also intend to post additional information on Markham on our web site Seed Exchange page.

Late Winter HORTICULTURAL Events by Don L. MacGregor

BEST NEW PLANTS FOR SHADE

Illustrated talk with Don Mahoney
Wednesday, February 9, 7:30 PM
Western Horticultural Society, The Parish Hall,
Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos.
\$5 for guests. info@westernhort.org

SLUGS, BUGS AND BIGGER THUGS

Safe and Sane Pest Management for Bay Area Gardens
IPM Workshop with Bob Fiorello
Saturday, February 12, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
San Francisco County Fair Bldg., Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way,
Golden Gate Park. \$55; Members \$45. Registration online or phone
415-661-1316 ext. 400. www.SFBotanicalGarden.org

MAGNIFICENT MAGNOLIAS WALK

Guided Tour with Joseph Barbaccia.
Sunday, February 13, 1:30-3:00 PM
San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum,
Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way. \$10 Registration online or
phone 415-661-1316 ext. 400. www.SFBotanicalGarden.org

INSIGHTFUL GARDEN MAKING

British garden designer, Dan Pearson
Thursday, February 17; 5:15 PM Wine Reception; 6:15 PM Talk
Garden Conservancy, Walt Disney Family Museum at
The Presidio of San Francisco. \$35; Online
registration \$30. www.GardenConservancy.org

ENCOMPASSING THE AMAZON: AYAHUASCA, VEGETALISMO AND CULTURAL SURVIVAL

special presentation by Susana Bustos, Ph.D and Robert Trindall.
Thursday, February 17, 7:00-9:00 PM
San Francisco Botanical Garden Society at Strybing Arboretum,
Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way. \$35; Members \$25. Registration
online or phone 415-661-1316 ext. 400.
www.SFBotanicalGarden.org

HYBRIDIZING RHODODENDRONS

Illustrated Talk with Don Johnson
Thursday, February 17, 7:30 PM
American Rhododendron Society—California Chapter,
Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland.
www.CalChapterARS.org

BOTANICAL LATIN

Lecture by Al Luongo
Saturday, February 19, 1:30-5:00 PM
San Francisco Botanical Garden Society at Strybing Arboretum,
Ninth Avenue Avenue at Lincoln Way. \$40; Members \$30.
Registration online or phone 415-661-1316 ext. 400.
www.SFBotanicalGarden.org

EXPLORING SOUTH-EASTERN SIERRA NEVADA

The Kippings Potluck/Slideshow with Aaron Schuster
Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 PM
San Francisco County Fair Building
Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park,
Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way
(Bring a dish and beverage for eight.)

PLANNING YOUR EDIBLE LANDSCAPE

lecture by Kathleen Elliot
Wednesday, February 23, 6:00-9:00 PM
UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive. \$30;
Members \$25. Registration online or phone 510-643-2755,
www.BotanicalGarden.Berkeley.edu

DAFFODIL DAYDREAMS, 2011 OPENING CELEBRATION

February 25-27,
Friday & Saturday, 10:00 AM-3:30 PM
Sunday, 11:00 AM-3:30 PM
Northern California Daffodil Society at Filoli,
86 Canada Drive, Woodside. \$15 each day;
Filoli members free. 650-364-8300 www.FILOLI.org

GUIDED TOUR: ACACIA GROVE IN BLOOM

Saturday, February 26, 2:00 PM
meet at Arboretum Headquarters.
UC Davis Arboretum, Valley Oak Cottage on Larue Road.
www.Arboretum.UCDavis.edu

AN AFTERNOON WITH GARY BUKOVNIK

Demonstration-Lecture with the artist
Saturday, February 26, 2:00-4:00 PM
UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive.
\$30; Members \$25. Registration online at garden@berkeley.edu
or phone 510-643-2755, 9:30-4:30 PM, 7 days.
www.BotanicalGarden.Berkeley.edu

PLANT TAXONOMY: FERNS AND FERN ALLIES

Two-day Class with Glenn Keator
Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6, 10:00 AM-2:30 PM
Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Wildcat Canyon Road
and South Park Drive, Tilden Park-Berkeley. \$65; Members \$55,
Registration form online. www.NativePlants.org

Cal Hort Bylaws / Based upon the comments received, we have made some further minor proposed revisions to the CalHort Bylaws. The updated proposed revisions can be downloaded from the link at the bottom of the home page on our web site. Comments will still be accepted till February 7th. Pending additional comments, the Council intends to recommend approval of the proposed revised Bylaws at the February 21st General Meeting.

Plant of the Month by Josh Schechtel

Coprosma repens

Family: RUBIACEAE

The *Coprosmas* are a group of about 100 species, found across the south Pacific from New Zealand, Australia, Borneo, Java, New Guinea and as far northeast as the Hawaiian islands. They are part of the much larger Rubiaceae family, which contains



anywhere from 6000 to 13000 species, depending on the reference you check. Like some other members of the Rubiaceae, the *coprosmas* have

special hollows in their leaves that harbor nitrogen-fixing bacteria. The genus was classified in the late 1700's by Johann Forster, who named the genus after the foul, dung-like odor that some species give off when their leaves are crushed. It is unfortunate that this genus was named for its one negative trait. Luckily, this hasn't dampened the gardening world's enthusiasm for these plants, and over the last 15 years, some wonderful cultivars have been developed from *Coprosma repens*, a New Zealand native. The

wild-type plant has rather plain, shiny green leaves, but the new cultivars have an amazing amount of green, cream, yellow, red and pink variation. As you would expect from a New Zealand native, give them good drainage, reasonable sun, protection from frost, and they are very happy with minimal water once they are established. Their fine leaf texture and wonderful colors make them great companion plants in a mixed bed, and they are very tolerant of being pruned. If you feel that your garden is too green, and needs a year-round jolt of color, try one of the *Coprosma repens* cultivars, such as Tequila Sunrise, Rainbow Surprise, Copper Shine or Evening Glow—even the names will make you smile.



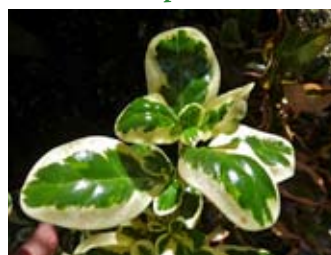
Tequila Sunrise



Rainbow Surprise



Copper Shine



Evening Glow

New varieties of *Coprosma repens* are colorful additions to a water-wise garden.

Photos by Ted Kipping



Nature's Beloved Son: Rediscovering John Muir's Botanical Legacy

at the Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek
January 9–March 27, 2011

John Muir was a botanist throughout his life and his fondness for the nature and beauty of plants contributed significantly to his understanding of the need to preserve wilderness. Yet this aspect of the well-known conservationist's passions is little known. In the spirit which John Muir embraced the botanical world, the traveling exhibition *Nature's Beloved Son: Rediscovering John Muir's Botanical Legacy* traces his travels to Canada, Indiana, the American southeast, California, and Alaska, and presents vivid images and specimens of the actual plants that Muir held in his hands, carried in his pockets, and preserved for all time.

Several hundred of these plant specimens were scanned at herbaria throughout North America and digitally enhanced by Pleasant Hill photographer Stephen J. Joseph and studied under the direction of Muir scholar and curator Bonnie Gisel. Having collaborated to create an exquisite and informative book published by Heyday Books (2008), they now pour their talents into this traveling exhibition.

Bedford Gallery,
Leshner Center, 1601 Civic Drive,
Walnut Creek. \$5, 17 and under \$3.
925-295-1417 www.BedfordGallery.org



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WAYNE RODERICK LECTURE SERIES

Join us for our popular series of free public lectures on a broad array of topics related to plants and natural history. Named in honor of its founder, the Wayne Roderick Lecture Series takes place on Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Visitor Center of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden. These illustrated presentations are enjoyable for beginners and professionals alike.

The Regional Parks Botanic Garden is located at the intersection of Wildcat Canyon Road and South Park Drive within Tilden Regional Park in the hills above Berkeley, California.

February 5—California Indian medicinal uses of plants past to present—*Bev Ortiz*

February 12—Vernal Pools, fire displays, and rambles from Solano to Colusa—*Steve Edwards*

February 19—Alpine Plants of Wyoming—*Ted Kipping*

February 26—Geology and plants of the northern Sierra Nevada—*Steve Edwards*

Monthly Plant Drawing News

Thank you to Don Mahoney of Strybing Arboretum, and Mike Craib of Suncrest for plants for the plant drawing. We encourage our membership to bring in unusual plants from the collections to share with our other members.

To join the California Horticultural Society, or for a full range of membership levels, please visit our web site at www.calhortsociety.org, or contact Kristin Yanker-Hansen at 925-831-9499.

It's membership renewal time. Dues are due in January of 2011. Notices have been sent. Questions? Please address them to Steve Morse (email: markhaminfo@sbcglobal.net or telephone: 925-330-6527). The new Cal Hort membership chair is Charlotte Masson (gardengurus@gmail.com).

The California Horticultural Society has maintained its quality programs because of the dedication of the volunteer officers, chairs, and members. The future of the Society depends upon its member volunteers to provide leadership. The Board asks that members volunteer for positions to keep Cal Hort the best organization it can be.

Please contact Ted Kipping, the Nominating Committee Chair, for more information about serving on the Council. You can also chat with Council members, either by e-mail, by phone, or at any Cal Hort meeting.

Deadline for publication in this Bulletin is the third Monday of each month for the following month's Bulletin, with the exception of December. Events during the first ten days of the month should be submitted two months ahead.

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