



## Cal Hort Meeting Monday, July 18,

6:30 p.m., in-person Plant Forum

7:15 p.m. Featured Speaker. in-person & streaming

### Reimagining Sonoma's Spectacular Botanical Garden

with Scot Medbury, *Executive Director, Sonoma Botanical Garden*



Tucked against the rugged foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains in the famed Sonoma Valley, the Sonoma Botanical Garden is relaunching itself as a more relevant resource for gardeners in a wildly changing climate. The 35-year-old institution, formerly known as Quarryhill, has recently expanded its mission to embrace the cultivation and interpretation of the native flora of California, in addition to its historic focus on wild-collected Asian plants. Scot will share some of the future plans for this beautiful 67-acre property, and also talk

about some of its special specimens.

Scot has been involved in the curation, cultivation, and interpretation of botanical garden collections for over 40 years. He became director of the San Francisco Botanical Garden and the Conservatory for Flowers during the time of the Conservatory's comprehensive rehabilitation. Then appointed Brooklyn Botanic Garden's President and CEO, he returned to California in early 2020 to become the Executive Director of Sonoma Botanical Garden.



Three Springs Ranch, a 22-acre parcel added to the Garden in 1998, vastly increases the Garden's potential for environmental education and compliments the Asian garden by bringing the mission of conservation home.



## More About Biomimicry



Our June speaker, Lily Urmann, offered several resources for further information and education on the topic of biomimicry:

### AskNature.org

#### Biomimicry Taxonomy Chart

[asknature.org/resource/biomimicry-taxonomy](https://asknature.org/resource/biomimicry-taxonomy)

### Podcast:

#### Learning from Nature: The Biomimicry Podcast with Lily Urmann

Available on all major podcast platforms: Apple, PocketCast, Spotify and others.

### Ted Talks:

**Janine Benyus**, *Science writer, innovation consultant, conservationist*

Biomimicry's surprising lessons from nature's engineers

[tinyurl.com/BenusTedTalk1](https://tinyurl.com/BenusTedTalk1)

Biomimicry in action

[tinyurl.com/BenyusTedTalk2](https://tinyurl.com/BenyusTedTalk2)

### Lily's June 20 presentation

[www.youtube.com/c/CaliforniaHorticulturalSociety](https://www.youtube.com/c/CaliforniaHorticulturalSociety)



## Upcoming Speakers

### Cal Hort Meeting, Monday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.

with **Steve Hootman**, Executive Director and Curator, Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden



Steve has been leading the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden since 1992, where he has charge of 22 acres that include the largest collection of Rhododendron species in the world. Steve has spent many years on seed collecting expeditions including to China and India making notable finds including at least three species not previously known outside their native region. We've hosted Steve several times over the years and his talks are always rich and educational.

Steve's travel blogs:

[tinyurl.com/Steve-travel-blog](https://tinyurl.com/Steve-travel-blog)

Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden on social media:

[www.facebook.com/RhodyGarden](https://www.facebook.com/RhodyGarden)

[www.instagram.com/rhodygarden](https://www.instagram.com/rhodygarden)



### Cal Hort Meeting, Monday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.

with **Josh Williams**, California Flora Nursery, Fulton, CA



Located some 60 miles north of San Francisco, California Flora Nursery is one of the Bay Area's oldest California native plant nurseries. It is a small, unconventional nursery, devoted to natives and habitat gardening, offering exceptional diversity with attention to local Bay Area needs and conditions.

After managing Cal Flora for several years and lauded for maintaining one of the best native gardens at his private home, Josh, a devotee of California Native plants, became the owner at the beginning of the pandemic. He will be talking about what's to come at the nursery.

California Flora Nursery

[www.calfloranursery.com](https://www.calfloranursery.com)

California Flora Nursery on social media:

[www.facebook.com/CaliforniaFloraNursery](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaFloraNursery)

[www.instagram.com/calfloranursery](https://www.instagram.com/calfloranursery)



## Horticultural Events

### San Francisco Botanical Garden

Easy Garden Sketching

July 16 • 11 a.m–1p.m.

This workshop is an introduction to the fun of sketching on location at SFBG.

[www.sfbg.org/events](https://www.sfbg.org/events)

### Ruth Bancroft Garden

Dry Gardening in Small Spaces (Webinar)

July 16 @ 10–11:00 am

[www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/events](https://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/events)

### Pacific Horticulture

Pacific Horticulture at the Presidio San Francisco

August 27, 1–5 p.m.

Opening this summer, the Presidio debuts 14 acres of new gardens over a freeway at the Tunnel Tops. You are invited to experience them from an insider's perspective.

[www.pacifichorticulture.org/events](https://www.pacifichorticulture.org/events)

### North American Rock Garden Society

Two Tours to Patagonia

- North Patagonia  
November 28–December 9, 2022
- Southern Patagonia Extension  
December 10–14, 2022

[www.nargs.org/news/2021-12-07/patagonia-tour-2022](https://www.nargs.org/news/2021-12-07/patagonia-tour-2022)





California Horticultural Society  
San Francisco County Fair Building  
1199 9th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122

## It's Not Hoarding If It's Plants



Original illustration by Allie Brosh

- 🌿 The philosopher who said, “Work well done never needs doing over” never weeded a garden.
- 🌿 Note to self:  
Do not kneel in the garden without a plan how to get back up.
- 🌿 I’m not sure now many plants it takes to be happy, but so far it’s not fifty-seven. 🌿

### Cal Hort Online

Please visit our website for news, updates, articles, and resources at:  
[calhortsociety.org](http://calhortsociety.org)

Join us for conversations on **Facebook** at:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/friendswholikecalhort](http://www.facebook.com/groups/friendswholikecalhort)

Recordings of the online presentations by our featured speakers and of the Plant Forum discussions can be found on our **YouTube channel**  
[www.youtube.com/c/CaliforniaHorticulturalSociety](http://www.youtube.com/c/CaliforniaHorticulturalSociety)

### California Horticultural Society

#### OFFICERS

*President*  
Bart O'Brien  
*Recording Secretary*  
Mary Engle  
*Treasurer*  
Daxin Liu

#### COUNCIL

Mark Delepine, *Garden Visits, Facebook*  
Ellen Frank, *Zoom coordinator*  
Charlotte Masson, *Membership*  
Andy Stone  
Dave Tivol, *Seed Exchange, MGi Liaison, Bulletin*