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Cal Hort Meeting, Monday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.



Colloquium on the Impact of Recent Weather Events: Sharing Experiences in Our Gardens

with various local professional and hobby gardeners

As “atmospheric rivers” flow over the Bay Area, we are dealing with excessive, sometimes driving rain, wind, and prolonged wet days in December and January. We will hear short presentations from the staff of the Bay Area’s formal gardens and also from gardeners at home. This will also be an exchange of ideas on how to mitigate the impact of such weather events. 🌿

Cal Hort’s End-of-Year Party Report

The crowd was small, but the conversation was strong. We started the evening off by sending the attendees off to gather their favorite house plant to dance with and show off to the group. Judy Wong shared her collection of unusual Sansevierias. Beryl Golden showed off her variegated aloe which she says really gets no direct light, making it surprising that it is doing well so well and looking really great. Anne Anderson displayed her “Peace Lily”, *Spathiphyllum* spp., which does well in low-light. Mary Engle shared one of the Saguaro cactus she had grown from seed (!). It is about 2-3” tall (not including the spines), and she said while it had been really small for quite some time it is beginning to get much bigger. Mary explained that they take decades to be mature enough to bloom and hopes the next generation will get to enjoy the blossoms. Next, Mary hosted a horticultural trivia game with questions generated by UsefulTrivia.com (a great resource for trivia question in many categories). Bart O’Brien joined us, and we filled out the evening talking about trips we’d taken, plants, programs people would like to see and more before we all wished each other happy holidays and Happy 2023! 🌿

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Pics from the Holiday Party! (Screen shots from the Zoom event)



Janet Hoffman from Western Hort shared a video of her Queen of the Night epiphyllum in copious bloom which she says happens several times a year with little or no fertilizer.



Mary Engle showed one of her Saguaro cacti. This one is about 3 years old. She doesn't expect this to bloom for 75 years so will leave it to the next generation to enjoy.



Beryl Golden's variegated aloe that she is able to grow indoors in the absence of direct sun or even bright light.



Charlotte Masson made a special party hat and had a festive background.



Ellen Frank showed off a hand-made pot she bought. The design is made from pressing doilies into the clay.

2023 Seed Request Form

Please take the time to answer the questions below, adding any comments of your own.

Could you donate seeds to the exchange next year? yes no If yes, please indicate how you want to be reminded (e.g. in August, by telephone, at [123-456-7890]):

_____ (We can't remind you without this indication.)

Would you be willing to help with running our seed exchange? yes no

Please indicate particular seeds or categories of seed that you would like to have available from our list in the next year or two:

Write the number (not the name) of the seeds you want in the boxes on the Request Form. It will be helpful to the committee and assure that your request can be fulfilled accurately if you write the numbers clearly and in numerical order. Please expect no more than ten selections, but list alternates; as usual, many donations consisted of small quantities of seed, but distribution will be as generous as possible. Seed packets will be identified only by number, so you may want to keep this list.

Please be sure to write your name and mailing address on this form, and remember that seed requests are a benefit of membership in the California Horticultural Society, as well as in Western Horticultural Society and organizations of our affiliates in Mediterranean Gardening International (MGi). Seed requests will not be honored for those who are not members.

Complete requests will be fulfilled as quantities allow, prioritized by date of postmark. Requests should be returned by the end of February. A request is complete only when it also includes your payment of \$5 to cover the cost of supplies and postage; make your check payable to the California Horticultural Society. Send the form along with your payment to Dave Tivol, 130 Locksunart Way #2, Sunnyvale CA 94087-4666.

Name:

Address:

List up to ten choices, clearly and in numerical order please:

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List up to ten alternates, clearly and in numerical order please:

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Thanks to those who donated seed for the exchange this year, without whose participation this program would not be possible, and whose initials in the list below indicate their expressed willingness to be contacted about the plants from which the donated seed came and the conditions under which they grow: Barrie and Carol Coate (BCC), Cape Horticultural Society (CHS), Sue Emmons (SE), Mary Engle (ME), Janet Hoffmann (JH), Mary Sue Ittner (MSI), James Lockman (JL), Daisy Mah (DM), Thuan Nguyen (TN), Corina Rieder (CR), Barbara Siegel (BS), Sonoma Botanical Garden (SBC), Richard Starkeson (RS), Jean Struthers (JS), Grace Tsang (GT), University of California (UCBG), Johannes-Ulrich Urban (JUJ), Patricia Van Aggelen (PVA), Judy Wong (JW), and those whose gratefully received contributions remain anonymous. Nomenclature and descriptions are those given by these donors.

1. *Acalypha radians* (ME): Cardinal's Feather; drought tolerant perennial; full or part sun; red flower
2. *Acer davidii* (SBG): open pollinated
3. *Acer monspessulanum* (JH): Montpellier Maple
4. *Acer pentaphyllum* (SBG): open pollinated
5. *Aesculus californica* (GT): California Buckeye
6. *Ageratum houstonianum* 'Blue Planet' (DM): attracts pollinators
7. *Albuca pulchra* (JUJ): tall summer growing bulb; interesting greenish yellow tall flower spikes; sow spring; requires completely dry winter rest
8. *Alcea rosea* (BCC): Hollyhock; seedling, almost black
9. *Allium dichlamydeum* (MSI)
10. *Allium unifolium* (MSI)
11. *Allocasuarina torulosa* (UCBG)
12. *Aloe striata* (JL & TN): hardy compact aloe with beautiful foliage and abundant winter flowers
13. *Amorpha canescens* (DM): Leadplant
14. *Anigozanthus flavidus* (UCBG)
15. *Aquilegia caerulea* (JH): from plant with yellow flowers
16. *Aquilegia chrysantha* (JL): small amount, but a very good strain
17. *Aquilegia eximia* (JH): Serpentine Columbine
18. *Aquilegia fragrans* (UCBG)
19. *Aquilegia glandulosa* (UCBG)
20. *Aquilegia shockleyi* (UCBG)
21. *Aquilegia yabeana* (TN)
22. *Aristida purpurea* v *wrightii* (UCBG)
23. *Arum purpureospathum* (JUJ): sow autumn
24. *Asclepias fascicularis* (ME): Narrowleaf Milkweed; long narrow leaves; full or part sun; host plant for Monarch caterpillars
25. *Asparagus sp* (JUJ): dainty mossy winter growing species from South Africa, summer dormant, 20cm tall; sow autumn; from the collection of the late John Lavranos
26. *Astrantia major* 'Star of Beauty' (PVA)
27. *Babiana rubrocyanea* (MSI)
28. *Bahia ambrosioides* (UCBG)
29. *Berberis darwinii* (UCBG)
30. *Berberis nevinii* (JS)
31. *Beschorneria albiflora* (UCBG)
32. *Brodiaea elegans* (MSI)
33. *Brodiaea laxa* (TN)
34. *Caesalpinia pulcherrima* (JL): spectacular summer flowering shrub for hot locations; cut back to the ground every year in February before new growth begins
35. *Calliandra californica* (UCBG)
36. *Callistemon linearis* (UCBG)
37. *Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia* (TN)
38. *Canna paniculata* (JUJ): very large perennial, no winter dormancy; excellent foliage plant, insignificant orange flowers in winter; sow spring
39. *Cardiocrinum giganteum* (CR)
40. *Catananche caerulea* 'Cupid's Dart' (PVA)
41. *Cedrela salvadoriensis* (UCBG)
42. *Centaurothamnos maximus* (JUJ): like a giant shrubby Centaurea; very rare; from Yemen and Saudi Arabia; waterwise; easy from cuttings; sow any time
43. *Ceratotheca triloba* (CR)
44. *Cerinthe major purpurescens* 'Blue Honeywort' (JH)
45. *Cersis occidentalis* (GT): Western Redbud
46. *Chasmanthe floribunda* (TN)
47. *Chimonanthus nitens* (UCBG)

48. *Clarkia amoena* 'Aurora' (PVA)
49. *Clarkia purpurea* ssp *quadrivulnera* (UCBG)
50. *Clarkia rubicunda* 'Shamini' (PVA)
51. *Clarkia unguiculata* (JH)
52. *Cliaanthus puniceus* (TN)
53. *Collomia grandiflora* (JH)
54. *Commelina tuberosa* (MSI)
55. *Coreopsis grandiflora* (PVA): to 1' tall; double petals
56. *Coreopsis nana* (PVA): to 10" tall
57. *Coreopsis hyb* (PVA): to 4' tall
58. *Cornus excelsa* (UCBG)
59. *Cosmos bipinnatus* (DM): dwarf; mixed
60. *Cosmos sulphureus* (ME & JW): annual; orange flowers; sun or part sun
61. *Cosmos hyb* (PVA): lavender purple
62. *Cosmos hyb* (PVA): white
63. *Cyclamen cilicium* (MSI)
64. *Cyclamen coum* (MSI)
65. *Cyclamen hederifolium* (MSI)
66. *Cyclamen persicum* (MSI)
67. *Cyclamen repandum* (MSI)
68. *Cynara scolymus* 'Purple of Romagna' (JH): artichoke
69. *Datura wrightii* (JH)
70. *Daubinya zeheri* (CR)
71. *Dianella intermedia* (TN & UCBG)
72. *Dichelostemma multiflorum* (MSI)
73. *Dichelostemma volubile* (CR)
74. *Dierama pulcherrima* (TN): white flowers
75. *Dimorphotheca pluvialis* (UC BG)
76. *Diospyros lycioides* ssp *guerkei* (UCBG)
77. *Dyckia fosteriana* (BCC)
78. *Eccremocarpus scaber* (CR)
79. *Echinacea purpurea* (DM): Cone Flower
80. *Epilobium canum* (TN)
81. *Erica glandulosa* (UCBG)
82. *Ericamerica linearifolia* (JH)
83. *Erigeron glaucus* (TN)
84. *Erinus alpinus* (ME): Fairy Foxglove; pink flowers in spring, foliage all year; rock garden – fast draining soil
85. *Eriogonum crocatum* (TN)
86. *Eriogonum fasciculatum* (JH): California Buckwheat
87. *Eriogonum fasciculatum* v *filosum* (DM)
88. *Eriogonum grande rubescens* (TN)
89. *Eriogonum latifolium* (TN)
90. *Eriogonum parvifolium* (TN)
91. *Erophaca baetica* (JUJ): native in Portugal; looks like a herbaceous Robinia, to 5' tall, white flowers; completely dormant in summer; sow autumn
92. *Erysimum franciscanum* (TN, UCBG & PVA): San Francisco Wallflower hybrids
93. *Eschscholzia californica* (JH)
94. *Eschscholzia californica* v *maritima* (TN): yellow California poppies
95. *Eucalyptus kybeanensis* (UCBG)
96. *Eucomis bicolor* (MSI): native to summer rainfall areas in South Africa; sow in spring
97. *Euptelea pleiosperma* (SBG): open pollinated
98. *Farfugium japonicum* (UCBG)
99. *Felicia fruticosa* (UCBG)
100. *Ferraria crispa* (JH)
101. *Festuca californica* (UCBG)
102. *Francoa sonchifolia* (ME): part sun or shade; moderate water; pink flowers in summer or early autumn
103. *Freesia* (= *Laperousia*, = *Anemotheca*) *laxa* (SE & ME): coral flowers; easy to start; sun or part shade
104. *Freesia laxa* ssp *azurea* (MSI)
105. *Freesia viridis* (JW): flowers green with maroon; rose scented at night
106. *Fuchsia arborescens* (RS)
107. *Fuchsia paniculata* (RS)
108. *Gambelia juncea* (UCBG)
109. *Gaultheria erecta* (UCBG)
110. *Geranium pyrenaicum* 'Bill Wallis' (JW): perennial
111. *Gilia capitata* (JH)
112. *Gilia capitata*: small quantity of *Papaver atlanticum* 'flora pleno' [Moroccan Poppy] mixed in
113. *Gladiolus carinatus* (JUJ): sow autumn
114. *Gladiolus fourcadei* (MSI)
115. *Gladiolus gracilis* (CR): blue and gray
116. *Gladiolus permeabilis* (CR)
117. *Gladiolus priori* (CR)
118. *Gladiolus splendens* (JUJ): sow autumn
119. *Gladiolus tristis* x *watsonium* (MSI): Homoglad
120. *Gladiolus venustus* (JUJ): sow autumn
121. *Gloriosa* (= *Littonia*) *modesta* (CR)
122. *Hibiscus lasiocarpus* (DM): native to the delta of the central valley of California
123. *Hibiscus trionum* (BS & JW): easy
124. *Hunnemannia fumariifolia* (BS)

125. *Hyacinthoides cedretorum* (MSI)
126. *Hypericum patulum* (UCBG)
127. *Impatiens balfouri* (ME & TN): annual, reseeds, easy; sun, part shade, or shade; flower pink and white
128. *Iris douglasiana* (MSI & GT)
129. *Iris douglasiana* (TN): white flower, from 'Canyon Snow'
130. *Iris reichenbachii* (JUJ): sow autumn
131. *Iris hyb* (JH): Pacific Coast Iris; from a plant with yellow flowers, with purple nearby
132. *Ixia viridiflora* (JUJ): sow autumn; growing plants need constant moisture; summer dormant
133. *Knautia macedonica* (CR)
134. *Knautia hyb* (PVA): maroon
135. *Koelreuteria paniculata* (BCC)
136. *Kohleria papillosa* (UCBG)
137. *Kumara plicatilis* (UCBG): mix
138. *Lantana velutina* (UCBG)
139. *Lavatera assurgentiflora* (RS)
140. *Lavatera assurgentifolia* (RS)
141. *Lavatera trimestris* 'Pink Blush' (PVA)
142. *Leopoldia comosa* (UCBG)
143. *Lepechinia hastata* (UCBG)
144. *Leptospermum trinervium* (UCBG)
145. *Lessingia filaginifolia* (TN)
146. *Libertia peregrinans* (UCBG)
147. *Lilium formosanum* (JL): reliable tall grower with great heads of white, lily trumpets in summer for even the mildest places in California; second year from seed
148. *Lilium humboldtii* (MSI)
149. *Lilium maritimum* (MSI)
150. *Lilium pardalinum ssp pitkinense* (MSI)
151. *Linum lewisii* (CR)
152. *Lomandra sp* (UCBG)
153. *Lomelosia* (= *Scabiosa*) *atropurpurea* 'Black' (PVA)
154. *Lomelosia* (= *Scabiosa*) *cretica* (JL): highly attractive suffrutescent perennial with blue-green almost succulent leaves and typical scabiosa lavender flowers in great profusion; best cut back hard after flowering
155. *Lomelosia* (= *Scabiosa*) *stellata* (CR)
156. *Lupinus chamissonis* (TN)
157. *Lupinus longifolius* (JL): reliable garden plant with minimal irrigation needs; quite floriferous and nicely compact
158. *Lupinus microcarpus v densiflorus* (UCBG)
159. *Lupinus pilosus* (BS)
160. *Lychnis coronaria* (JW): white flowers
161. *Malva sylvestris* 'Zebrina' (PVA)
162. *Manfreda maculosa* (JUJ): sow any time
163. *Manfreda undulata* 'Chocolate Chip' (DM)
164. *Massonia jasminiflora* (CR)
165. *Michelia doltsopa* (SE)
166. *Milla magnifica* (JUJ): sow spring; summer growing; needs completely dry winter rest
167. *Narcissus tazetta ssp tazetta* (UCBG)
168. *Neomarica caerulea* (JH)
169. *Neomarica sp* (JUJ): to 5' tall; blue and beige flowers; sow any time
170. *Nigella damascena* (JW): Love-in-a-Mist
171. *Oenothera elata* (TN)
172. *Oenothera elata v hookeri* (TN)
173. *Omphalodes linifolia* (JW): Venus' Navel
174. *Orlaya grandiflora* (JW): white flowers
175. *Ornithogalum arabicum* (JH): white flowers
176. *Orthrosanthus chimboracensis* (MSI)
177. *Otatea aztecorum* (JUJ): rare, difficult to germinate, best results were in the pots of the mother plants where seed fell down, germinated in heat in July and August: sow in summer
178. *Pachystegia insignis* (UCBG)
179. *Papaver californicum* (DM): multicolor mix
180. *Papaver nudicaule* (DM): Iceland Poppy
181. *Papaver somniferum* (CHS): seedlings of 'Lauren's Grape'
182. *Passiflora hyb* (RS): pendulous; pink flowers
183. *Pelargonium aridum* (BCC)
184. *Pelargonium fulgidum* (JUJ): sow autumn
185. *Penstemon heterophyllus* 'Margarita Bop' (JH)
186. *Penstemon spectabilis* (JH)
187. *Pericallis lanata* (JUJ): Canary Island endemic; sow autumn
188. *Peritoma arborea* (JH & GT): Bladder Pod
189. *Phacelia bolanderi* (DM)
190. *Phacelia tanacetifolia* (JH)
191. *Platystemon californicus* (ME & PVA): Creamcups; flowers pure white, or golden, or white with large gold spots or gold tip; full sun, low moisture; supports bees and is a butterfly host; fast draining soil, drought tolerant
192. *Plumeria rubra* (JL): from selected highly attractive individuals in my collection that will tolerate winter temperatures as low as 28 degrees F for short periods

193. *Podreana ricasoliana* (RS)
194. *Polyxena ensifolia* (JW)
195. *Polyxena longituba* (= *odorata*) (JW): long pale bloom of small lilac flowers in Autumn; native to areas of South Africa with cold winter rainfall
196. *Primula prolifera* (UCBG)
197. *Prospero autumnale* (= *Scilla autumnalis*) (ME): small, rock garden; flowers bluish purple, lilac, pink
198. *Prunus caroliniana* (BCC): Cherry Laurel
199. *Prunus illicifolia* (JS)
200. *Psoralea pinnata* (TN)
201. *Quercus agrifolia* (BCC)
202. *Quercus douglasii* (GT)
203. *Quercus schumardii* (BCC)
204. *Raoulia glabra*
205. *Ratibida colunifera* (DM): Mexican Hat; red
206. *Rhodotypos scandens* (UCBG)
207. *Salvia gesneriflora* (UCBG)
208. *Salvia karwinskii* (RS)
209. *Salvia puberula* (CR)
210. *Salvia spathacea* (TN)
211. *Salvia urica* (TN)
212. *Sarracenia leucophylla* (CR)
213. *Scilla hyacinthoides* (JUJ): tall form to 5'; sow autumn
214. *Scorzonera hispanica* (TN)
215. *Senecio palmeri* (JL): taxonomy confused at the moment, but species returned from near extinction on Guadalupe Island off Baja once goats were removed; very attractive small silvery shrub with small yellow daisy flowers in profusion; dry, well drained site, impervious to drought
216. *Sidalcea malviflora* (PVA): Checkerbloom
217. *Silene inflata* (CR): collected in the Catskills, New York
218. *Sinojackia rehderiana* (SBG): open pollinated
219. *Sisyrinchium bellum* (JH, TN & UCBG)
220. *Sisyrinchium californicum* (TN & UCBG)
221. *Solanum lycopersicum* (= *Lycopersicon esculentum*) (RS): 'Cherokee' tomato
222. *Solanum lycopersicum* (= *Lycopersicon esculentum*) (RS): yellow heirloom tomato
223. *Stephanotis floribunda* (JL): Madagascar Jasmine; intensely night-fragrant waxy flowers; can be grown as a houseplant where winter temperatures drop below 30 degrees F
224. *Talinum paniculatum* (JW): Jewels of Opar
225. *Tanacetum camphoratum* (TN)
226. *Tanacetum niveum* (TN)
227. *Thalia geniculata* (JUJ): tall aquatic; red stemmed form which might not come true from seed; sow in submerged pots in shallow warm water
228. *Tithonia fruticosa* (BS)
229. *Toxicoscordion fremontii* (MSI)
230. *Tradescantia boliviana* (JUJ): upright floriferous perennial; sow spring, summer growing, full sun, completely dry winter rest
231. *Tragopogon porrifolius* (TN): Salsify
232. *Tricyrtis hirta* (CR)
233. *Triteleia clementina* (MSI)
234. *Triteleia laxa* (JH & MSI): Ithuriel's Spear
235. *Tropaeolum azureum* (JUJ): sow autumn
236. *Tropaeolum hookerianum* (JUJ): sow autumn
237. *Tropaeolum majus* 'Purple Emperor' (JW)
238. *Tweedia caerulea* (BS)
239. *Verbascum chauxii* 'Alba' (JL): fecund short lived perennial, will reseed; candle-like spikes of white flowers with hints of cherry red
240. *Viburnum cylindricum* (SBG): open pollinated
241. *Viburnum opulus ssp calvescens* (UCBG)
242. *Xerochrysum bracteatum* (CR)
243. *Zeltnera muehlenbergii* (DM): Monterey County
244. *Zinnia peruviana* (UCBG)
245. Hills of California: CNPS packet
246. Narrow Leaf Milkweed: CNPS packet
247. Pollinator Conservation Mix: CNPS packet
248. Shady Wildflowers Mix: CNPS packet
249. mystery *Calycanthus* (RS)
250. mystery *Echinacea* (DM): Coneflowered Sunflower
251. mystery *Eriogonum* (RS): pink flowers
252. mystery *Erysimum* (PVA): Wallflower; blood red; reseeds
253. mystery poppy (DM): mixed colors
254. mystery wild thyme (DM)
255. mystery seed, possibly genus *Canna*



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Annual Seed Exchange
List Inside!



Big, Bad and Beautiful Morning Glory

By Daisy Mah

There you were at Ace, looking prim and proper.

After our 40 year breakup, I knew all too well of your
reams of bad habits, shameless offerings of sweet nectar,
the daily visitors and child abandonment.

You were no good but did I hear whispers of harmless fun?

This time might be different;

I caved.

But of course, you grew way out of bounds and even worse,
gleefully outfoxing your hapless hostess.

In the heat of summer, I lost my way in your generous sky
blue with a hint of violet "eyes" aka blossoms.

But this time without injury or protest, your population
was kept in check.

Before I knew it, I had grown deliriously in love.

That cold night came, you are gone, no regrets, only a
warm afterglow.

Your Invited to the Western Hort Meetings

Western Hort and Cal Hort
members are free, guests are
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Wednesday
February 8, 7:30 p.m
In-person

Garden House, Shoup Park
400 University Ave, Los Altos

**The Domoto family
and their
horticultural legacy
in the US**

with Eric Hsu

Wednesday
March 8, 7:30 p.m.
In-person

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**Making Hypertufa
Troughs**

with John Tsutakawa

*Do you have a poem, photograph, sketch, painting or other creative
horticultural work of art you'd be willing to share with the club?
Contact a council member or send an email to calhortinfo@gmail.com.*

