

Welcome to the August Cal Hort Meeting!





Plant Forum

Thank you

Daisy Mah

Janet Hoffman

Ben Spencer-Cooke

Heather Gorawski

Bobbi Feyeraben

Mark Delepine

Charlotte Masson

Ellen Frank

**And everyone who added to
the conversation tonight!**

Thank you for sharing your gardens, your special plants, your gardening experiences, your questions and your advice at this month's Plant Forum.

We love seeing what is happening in everyone's gardens and learning from each other!

Caparis spinosa, caper bush.
Drought tolerant, sun or light
shade, needs protection from
cold during first winter. Buds
are pickled as are seed pods.



**Daisy Mah gardens
in Sacramento**

Sunflowers!



Seed forming in pattern of the Fibonacci sequence to maximize seed formation



Helianthus annuus – sunflower native to the Americas.

“Majority of my sunflowers in garden come back annually from seed. Thinning is advisable but those that remain offer shade to young plants.”



Sunflower bee gathering nectar and pollen



Tiny disk flowers illustrates it belonging to composite family



Sphaeralcea philippiana X
Sphaeralcea ambigua
Seedling hybrid (Janet)



A spiny Epiphyllum, so.? didn't notice any
fragrance. Pic taken at night lit by flashlight,
showy flowers last about 24 hours (Daisy)

**Janet
Hoffman
gardens &
Daisy Mah
in
Sacramento**



**Rhododendron
'Noyo Dream'**

"I have unsuccessfully tried to grow Rhododendrons in my local heavy clay, but this Rhododendron is in a 15-gallon pot in a soil mix of wood chips, compost and pumice and is sheltered under mature native Oaks."

'Noyo Dream' is a small growing Rhodie growing up to 3' tall in 10 years according to the North American Rhododendron Society. It has light pink flowers with a darker pink picotee which creates a very attractive quality. It says is it not fragrant and that it blooms early (This does not seem to be early???)

'Noyo Dream' was a Bill Moyles of CA cross between Rhododendron degronianum ssp yakushimanum x with the R. species arboretum.

**Ben Spencer-Cooke
Gardens in the
Evergreen area
of San Jose in t
he Southeast Corner
At at 600' elev.**



This gorgeous hollyhock is not one but three colors, it appears to come from the same root stock, but assumed to be 3 different plants?



Ptilotus exaltatus
Australian native
Commonly called Pink Mulla Mulla
It is about 10" tall,
very Compact and
in full sun. Looked
like a low water
garden."



**Heather Gorawski gardens in
Montclair area in Oakland**



“All of these photos are from Shasta Trinity National Forest, where I traveled to during 4th of July. The forest was completely scorched (see photo) but near the water sources plants were blooming and it was quite magical!”



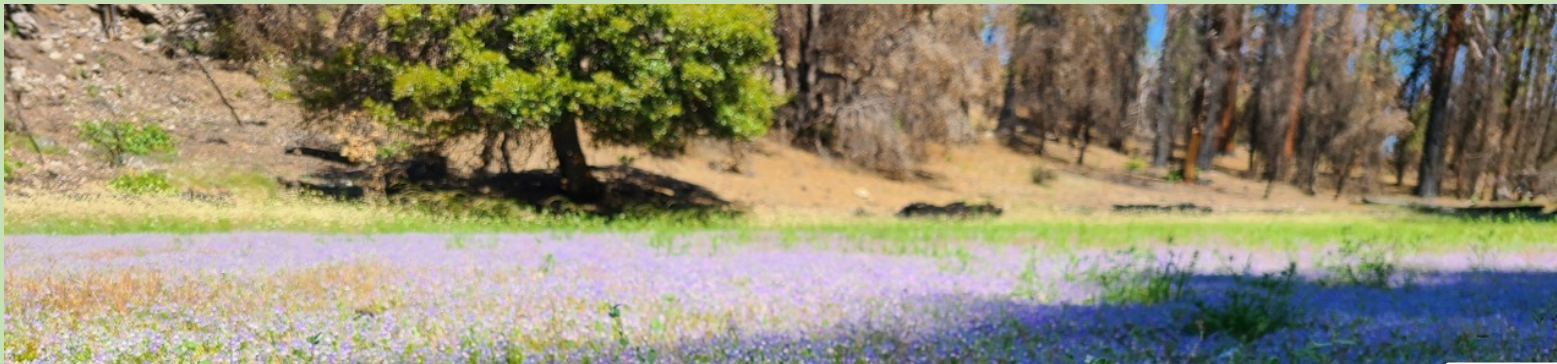
Heather Gorawski



Lilies and Columbine



Heather Gorawski



Downingia
We saw that down in Holister
in May that Tosh shared.



Heather Gorawski



Salvia x jamensis
Nachtvlinder

These are of Salvia x jamensis Nachtvlinder from Annie's. The color of the flowers is pretty nice. Flowers from June to frost 2' tall & wide.



Mark Delepine
gardens in Berkeley

Benign slime mold working on decaying organic matter,
from above and the underside.



Three unintentional flower displays

On my south-facing deck with full southern exposure - A spontaneous container planting of starry, bright magenta-pink Silene rubella ssp. rubella, Garden Catchfly, or None-So-Pretty. Calryophyllaceae. This Silene self-seeded into this pot. This is an annual herb. From upright rosettes of blue-green leaves, rise 16"-24" branching stems of flowers. Late spring - summer bloom in moderate sun, with occasional water. It did not tolerate the heat wave.

The Silene grows next to a purposeful container of the floriferous, long-blooming, lilac/white-flowered Geranium 'Rozanne'. This is a long-lived hybrid perennial from two species Geraniums - (G.wallichianum 'Buxton's Variety x G. himalayense). Geraniaceae. 12" - 36" high by 24" - 48" wide. Serrated green leaves. Amended soil. Low to medium water. Sun, but the flowers flag in very hot sun, then recover. No deadheading required. This was purchased from a retail source, and it is available from Geraniaceae, Robin Parer's nursery.



Number 1

**Bobbi Feyerabend
Gardens in Oakland**

Container partners - Both self-seeded from former garden plants, both cultivars - a dark purple Plantago major 'Atropurpurea' or 'Rubrifolia', Purple Plantain, and lime-green Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea', Golden Creeping Jenny. This container floods with the automatic drip irrigation on my deck. Both plants love wet feet, but will also tolerate normal medium to low water garden conditions. The plantain is putting out its prolific seed stalks. I cut them off to reduce the progeny.

Plantago major, the species, is an herbaceous perennial. It is native to Eurasia, and is edible and medicinal. 6" - 12" x 10"-12" It is a caterpillar plant for butterflies, birds like the seeds. Plantago is easily propagated from seed, and can become invasive. It is tough and tolerates occasional foot-traffic. Plantaginaceae.

Lysimachia nummularia, the species, is known as moneywort or creeping jenny. It's a perennial ground cover. 2"-4" high x 24" spread. It is easily propagated from cuttings. Primulaceae. The golden color makes it a great accent in the garden. It prefers regular water.



Number 2

An upright clump of Silene coronaria, AKA Lychnis coronaria, Agrostemma coronaria, Coronaria coriacea. Also Rose campion, Catchfly, Mullein pink, Bloody william or Lamp-flower. There are a number of fancier cultivars in the trade. Caryophyllaceae. Here it's growing in a low pot in part sun, northern exposure; Tall stems, 16" - 40" tall, and lance-shaped silvery-green leaves, densely covered with woolly hairs, a tap root, bright purple-pink single flowers at stem tips, from late spring into fall. Evergreen in mild climates. A free spirit. Self-seeds readily. Native to Asia and Europe. Short-lived perennial or biennial. Medium to low water, various soil types. Likes rockeries. Sun to part shade. Deer dislike the hairs. Scentless. Butterflies and bees enjoy. Deadheading encourages more flowers. The grey leaves and bright pink flowers add contrast and accent.

**So much fun
to have serendipitous Surprises!**



Kniphofia mango and papaya popsicle series



Kniphofia 'Mango Popsicle'

The Popsicle series was introduced by Terra Nova Nurseries, Inc.

They are compact and look good all season long and reblooming.

In the series, there is also

- 'Lemon Popsicle' – yellow
- 'Orange Vanilla Popsicle' – two toned with orange on top and cream at the bottom
- 'Pineapple Popsicle' – cream to yellow
- 'Redhot Popsicle' – cinnamon red

Evidently, they need moisture when the blooms are forming and will fail to flower if conditions are too dry. They benefit from deadheading to encourage rebloom.



Kniphofia 'Papaya Popsicle' and K. 'Mango Popsicle'

Ellen Frank
gardens in Martinez



Eucomis "Oakhurst",
Pineapple Lily

I enjoy this plant every year. It is completely deciduous and comes up with the darkest maroon foliage, then these pineapple topped flower spikes bloom with pink flowers. There are a lot of *Eucomis* cultivars that are different sizes and leaf colors. It is in the Asparigaceae



Aechmea gamosepala



Tigridia pavonia native to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. The flowers are vividly colored and come in two-tone combinations pairing white, pink, red, orchid, yellow or orange with contrasting center spots.

**Charlotte Masson
gardens in San Francisco**



Lonicera periclymenum

“I have had this for many years grown from a cutting from Marjorie Harris (cal Hort member) who used to live down the street from me.”

Fuchsia Baby Chang

“this was grown from a cutting from Marcia Donahue”



Charlotte Masson