

Cal Hort September 2020

Plant Forum

Thank you, Connie Levy, Robbie Ridenour, Sean O'hara, Kristin Yanker-Hansen, Mark Delapine, Ellen Frank and Kermit Carter for sharing your wins, your new exciting plants, your discoveries and your excitement in growing the plants you shared this month.

If you would like to share a piece of your garden in October, please send pictures to Ellen Frank (ellenfrank@sbcglobal.net) and please have the subject as "Plant Forum – and your name". Please include the name of the plant with your picture ...if you don't know the name, don't worry, someone will be able to identify it during the plant discussion.

September 21, 2020

Celebration is in order!!!!

Champagne all around!

Connie has had this grape for 20 years and she is in the outer Mission in the City and this is the first year she's ever had grapes! It is a champagne grape, but seedless and it taste great!



Persian Shield.. Blooming!!!



Persian Shield
Strobilanthes dyerianus

My Persian Shield has been relocated from the Walnut Creek area in Calif to Southern Oregon 3 yrs ago and kept in the unheated greenhouse for the past 3 yrs. Thought I had lost it when we had a huge snow storm a year ago, but it came back and to my surprise put out a bloom this summer. First time it has bloomed for me since I've grown it for the last 5 yrs. The greenhouse is cooled in late summer Aug as that is our warmest month, but not heated in winter. I was elated to see the bloom.

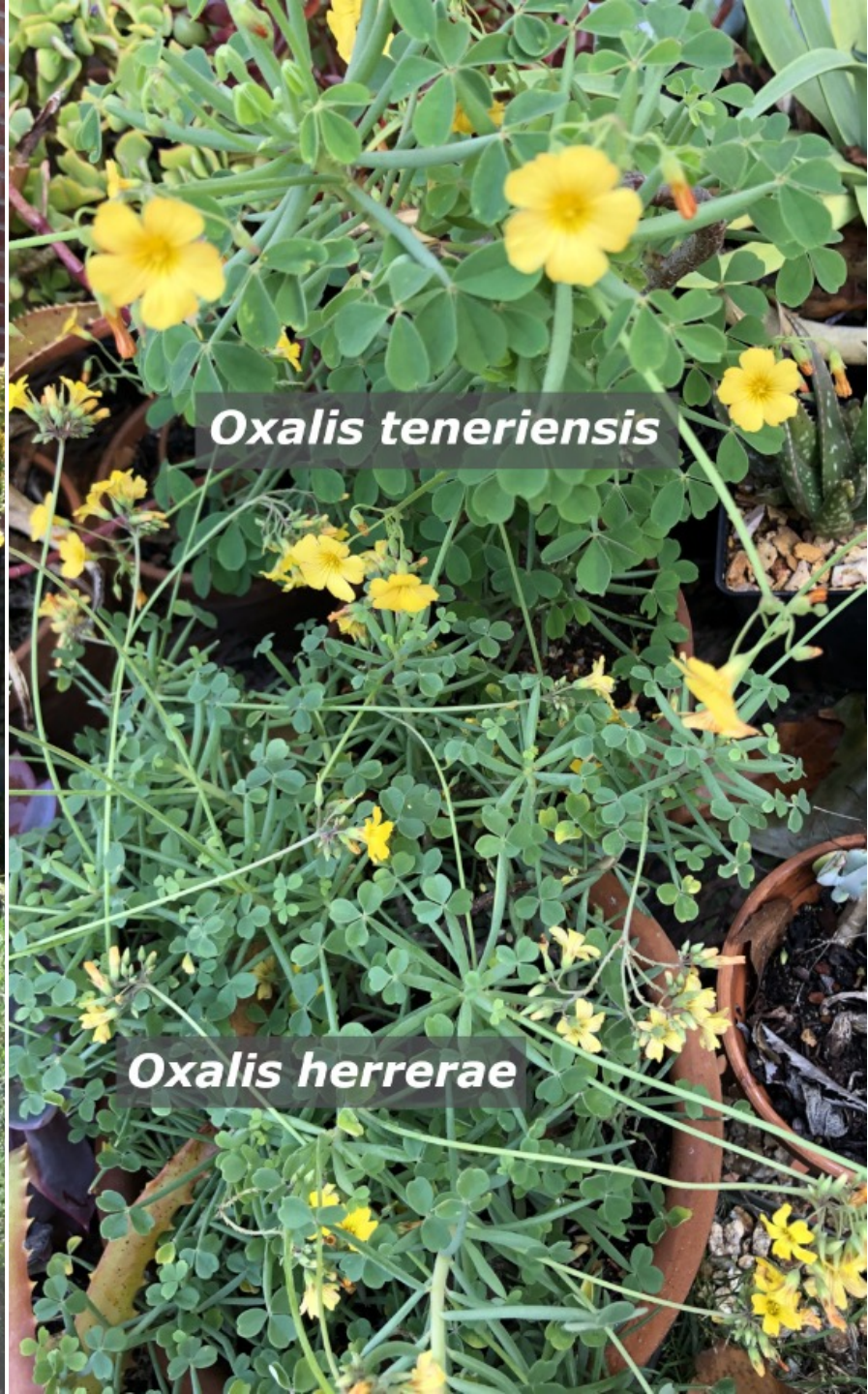
Eryngium (Blue Sea Holly) which really draws the bees and I love the summer color. Planted in my pollinator area.



Robbie Ridenour



Oxalis gigantea



Oxalis teneriensis

Oxalis herrerae



Rhipsalis baccifera

Sean
O'Hara



Gossypium thurberi is from Arizona, and blooms at the end of summer. It does need some water in our Mediterranean climate.

Kristin
Yanker-Hansen



Ruellia brittoniana is often called Mexican petunia. It is tropical, but like many in the acanthaceae it is root hardy in our zone 9. It flowers all summer, and gently seeds about, but also can run, It is both tolerant of water and a drier situation.



The red Elephant amaranth *gangeticus* is a German hybrid annual. Its leaves are edible as well as its seeds.

Kristin
Yanker-Hansen



Rainbow Gum
Eucalyptus deglupta

Above is what Mark's youngin' aspires to be.....to the right it is where it is now... but getting there.



Rainbow gum...peeking over the other plants...



Mark Delapine

Fuchsia Gum
Eucalyptus forrestiana



Mark Delapine

Mark got the last *Eucalyptus forrestiana* and the last *Hakea laurina* at the UC Berkeley botanical garden nursery....



Hakea laurina (sample of what it will look like. Troy McGregor's photo)

Mark Delapine



Eucalyptus erythrocorys from 4" plant from Annie's about 6 years ago.....A bee magnet.



Ellen Frank



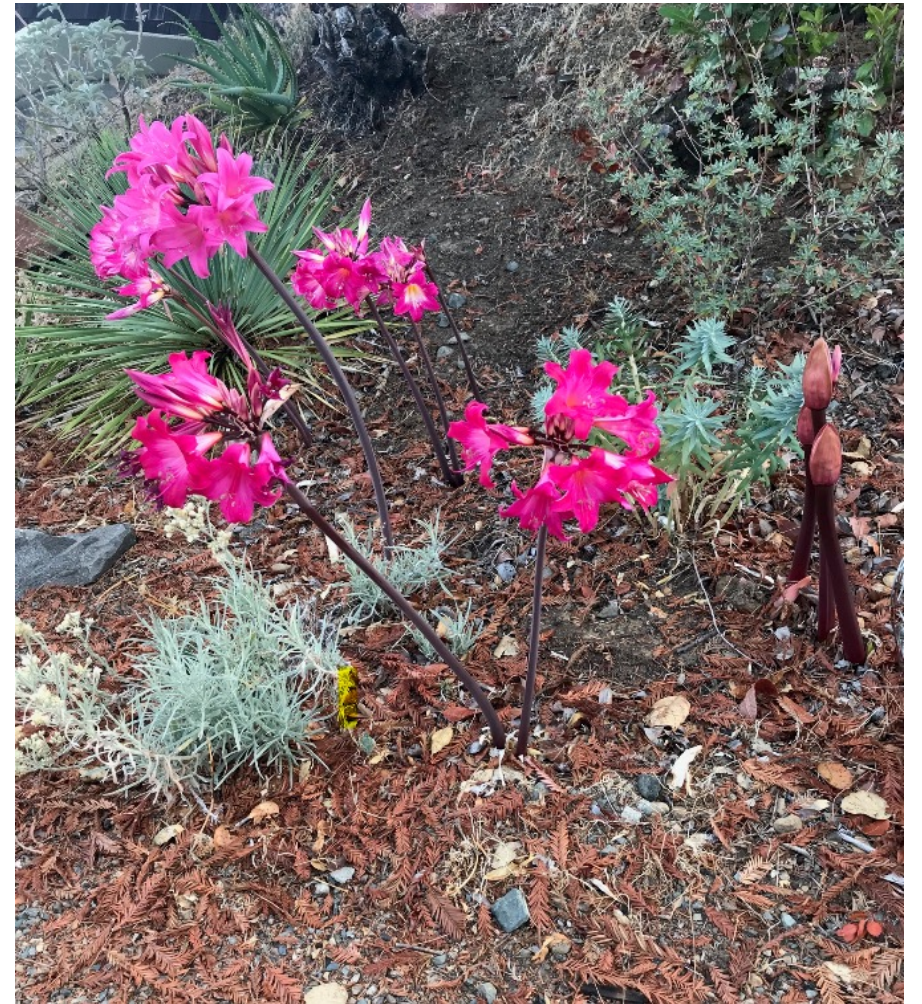
Crassula falcata - it is fragrant!!!



Brunsvigia littoralis
South East cape in
coastal sands



Amaryllis belladonna hybrids –
bloom later than the regular species
belladonna.





Salvia
BODACIOUS Smokey Jazz

New for 2021. A *Salvia guaranitica* hybrid. Starts flowering when it is less than a foot tall and never stops. A difficult color to capture in an image. We're calling it Boysenberry.

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