

# Welcome to the February Cal Hort Meeting!





# Plant Forum

## Thank you

- Beryl Golden
- Charlotte Masson
- Kristin Yanker-Hansen
- Judy Wong
- Anne Anderson
- 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 we can learn from each other!

# Nor-Cal Trade Show

Vendors of landscape and nursery products and tools.

- irrigation
- pest management
- wholesale nurseries
- soil conditioners
- new products
- fertilizers
- new plant introductions



Photo from <https://norcaltradeshows.org/show-photos/>

## Rainwater Harvesting

Place My ECO Barrel™ for rainwater harvesting on a flat and level area



Foldable rain barrel



Mushroom growing in a bag kits.



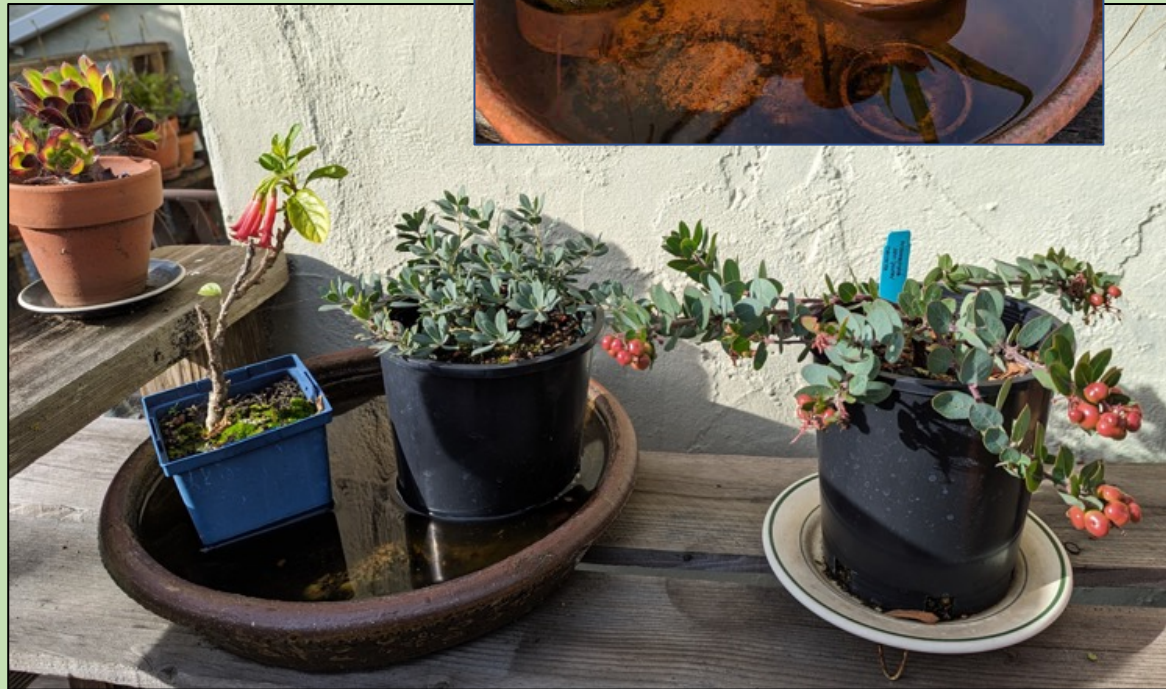
This vendor of iron and garden art will be at Western Hort's April meeting.

Besides catching up with friends, there were lots of new products and plants to see and explore.

Judy Wong reporting Trade show was in San Mateo, Feb. 8th

# What not to do in rainy weather, but it may not make a difference for some plants.

It is normally recommended to remove saucers during rainy weather to prevent waterlogged roots all Winter.



# Native Ribes



*Ribes sanguineum* 'Claremont'

# Judy's garden



Primula Ballerina series – “Flowers opens a blush white and matures to pink shades. I received as a division from Lorena Gorsche of Portland area.”



Lachenalia mutabilis

Judy Wong  
Gardens in Menlo Park



# From the succulent collection



Judy Wong

# Judy's Echeveria agavoides collection





# Plant ID?

Need ID on the ?Kalanchoe?



Still unknown



Fumaria capreolata – aka weed

**Mystery plant in Ellen's back yard – solved.  
White rampion fumitory  
-Fumaria capreolata**

An annual in the Poppy family, it is native to Europe, Western Asia and Northern Africa. Can become an environmental weed. Yikes!

Capriolata means capricious

# What is bugging this?



**Hmmm.. What could be causing this? Snails? Bugs? Looks like something maybe getting a meal out of this Cordyline.**

*The group thought most likely slugs or snails, possibly chewing bug*

Anne Anderson  
Gardens in Sacramento

# A little sunshine this time of year?



Chasmanthe  
floribunda  
'Duckittii'



Muscari macrocarpum (fragrant)

Judy Wong  
Gardens in Menlo Park

# Yellows in the Winter Garden



Beschorneria yuccoides variegata



A variegated yucca.

“I love yellows in the winter garden. In our colder climate in Danville they really pop. These plants blend well into the perennial garden in the summer, and are not fazed by our hot summer sun.”

Kristin Yanker-Hansen  
gardens in Danville

# Yellows in the Winter Garden, continued



Variegated (*Buxus sempervirens* 'Variegata')



variegated *Euonymus*, probably a fortunei selection.

“The variegated Buxus, I became inspired to grow this in it's natural form by a garden we went to in North Carolina”

Kristin Yanker-Hansen

# Daphne Briggs Moonlight



Daphne has always intrigued me. Once I learned how to plant it out here (*inland*), by planting the crown higher than the soil they last for a long time. when you think that they are often cliff dwellers in their habitat, you understand why they are so challenging to grow.

Kristin Yanker-Hansen

# Yellows in the Winter Garden, continued



narcissus in the garden.



This one growing in plot of  
Parahebe syn. derwentia syn.  
veronica. .

Charlotte Mason gardens  
in San Francisco

# Winter and Spring is Primrose time



“I buy 6 packs of Primulas every year for winter bloom. I can't stand to throw plants out, so I plant them in my garden come spring. Sometimes I find a great location as I did for this yellow one. It grows and multiplies happily all winter. It is in a winter sun, summer partial shade part of the garden. The crown of the plant must be planted a little higher than the soil line to be successful, otherwise they get crown rot.”

Kristin Yanker-Hansen  
Gardens in Danville



# Let's sprinkle a few pinks in there...



Anisodontea 'El Rayo'

“The web describes this plant as tender, but my own experience is very different. It pretty much blooms all year for me and easily goes down to the low 20°s F. It is a bit of a runner, but I of course love it. Mallows are mostly warm weather blooming, but this one loves blooming all the time.”



Lewisia

“Our winter has been especially mild. Armstrong's grows Lewisia in 6 packs which are available now. I found these at Sloat in Pleasant Hill and at Grand Ace Hardware in Oakland. They do not summer over well here in Danville, although I have learned that they do better in summer shade. For me they are a fabulous pot plant, blooming from December until late May.”

Kristin Yanker-Hansen

# How about a another one???



Dianthus, Jolt pink



“I am always looking for plants for winter pots. I have recently discovered this variety of Dianthus at Grand Ace Hardware in Oakland. It has bloomed all winter through frost and shade. It is a tremendous winter blooming color, especially for a pot.”

Kristin Yanker-Hansen

# Hellebores...



“This Hellebore continues to grow healthily. It makes a massive blooming plant which stands out in the garden I have Hellebores in other parts of the garden which have been there longer than this one, but they never have massed up like this one. It could be the nature of the selection, the soil, or the location.”

Kristin Yanker-Hansen

# Controlling Winter weeds



“I call winter our weed season. Much of my garden is not watered other than bubblers in this garden for the fruit trees. All kinds of Narcissus and Bulbinella flower freely along with many other winter growing plants. I let the leaves dry out and act as mulch in the summer. They feed the soil and keep it cooler. They disappear by the next winter rains. Dick and I would spend 10 to 15 hours weeding this area every year. Now one person can weed it in about an hour.”

Kristin Yanker-Hansen

# Fuchsia Berries!

## Is that anything like Cap'n Crunch Crunch berries?

You *can* eat the Fuchsia cinerea berries, but it's not quite the same experience.



Fuchsia cinerea berries – This fuchsia, when in bloom has bright almost florescent coral orange long dangling flowers. It is native to the mountain forests of Ecuador and Columbia. The bush grows about 4' high in cultivation and much higher in its native habitat. This species is evidently resistant to the fuchsia mite.

Charlotte Mason

# Host a Coffee in the Garden event...

Cal Hort brings the coffee and tea  
Potluck on the morning snacks

If anyone would like to share their garden  
and host a Coffee in the Garden on a  
Sunday or Saturday morning with  
members, please let us know.  
[calhortinfo@gmail.com](mailto:calhortinfo@gmail.com)

It doesn't have to be fancy, It doesn't have  
to be perfect, we are all gardeners and  
know gardens are dynamic and always  
changing – growing, dying, flowering and  
ever fluid.



March meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> Via Zoom – 6:30 plant forum, 7 pm featured presentation



## Calochortus aka Mariposa Lilies

*with Kipp McMichaels, active contributor of the Pacific Bulb Society and hortiphile will explore this West coast genus with us in the wild and in your own garden.*

