



Tecoma 'Red Hot'



Senecio 'Angel Wings'



Erigonum x blissianum

The SCHS September 14 program on “Hot and Cool New Plants for L.A. Gardens” was held at the Botanical Center of the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens. We invited three horticultural experts to speak on the topic, and they showed pictures, offered planting tips and answered audience questions. They also donated plants and seeds that were raffled off to attendees after the program.

Our first speaker was Kathy Musial, Curator of Living Collections at The Huntington, who shared waterwise plants that she selected for their manageable size in home gardens. These included: *Alyogyne 'Hutwow'* (Elektra Blue), *Dalea capitata*, *Galphimia gracilis*, *Lithodora zanii*, the *Tecomaria capensis* ‘Cape Town’ series and several *Zinnia*. Many of her featured selections are available in nurseries or by mail order.

Nicholas Staddon, spokesperson and plantsman with wholesaler Everde Growers, followed her with his top plant selections from his company and from recent trade shows. At Everde he supports the new plant introduction program, and his choices to share included: *Daphne 'Banana Split'*, *Echinacea x hybrida 'Double Scoop'*, *Hesperaloe parviflora 'Desert Dusk'*, *Muhlenbergia reverchonii*,

Senecio 'Angel Wings', and his raffle plant: *Coprosma 'Pacific Sunset'*. All will be in retail nurseries soon if they're not already available.

Closing out the program was Tim Becker, Director of Horticulture at the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, who shared his favorite “underutilized” garden plants, all of which are available at TPF. These included: *Rhus lentii*, *Eriogonum x blissianum*, *Mentzelia laevicaulis*, *Phacelia grandiflora*, *Salvia carduacea*, *Calochortus plummerae*, *Lilium humboldtii* and *Lewisia rediviva*. His choices ranged from shrubs to bulbs, perennials to annuals, and selections suitable for container gardening.

See ALL the plants presented in our YouTube archive as you consider what you might want to plant in your gardens this fall. It will be worth it!

 Sabine Steinmetz

Link here for entire program:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYIfUSYxONG>

All photos courtesy of speakers.

SCHS GARDEN SHARE

October in the SoCal garden is a busy time!

- Do a thorough “Fall Clean-Up” by: pruning back shrubs, clearing out dead plants and replenishing mulch.
- Replenish – or start – your compost pile with healthy clippings from your fall cleaning and water it in well.
- Begin your fall planting now! Add: bulbs, CA natives and cool-season veggies - then keep going with new selections & your seasonal favorites!
- Plant a tree if you've been thinking about it – this is the best time so they can become established during the months they're dormant.
- Harvest your pumpkins and other squash, as well as the last of your warm season veggies. Add any inedible pickings to the compost.
- Sow seeds! Try growing several cool-season edibles from seed and also sow plenty of CA wildflowers – this is inexpensive and you'll reap bountiful rewards.

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SCHS 2023 ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Ayres Hall at L.A. County Arboretum ■ 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia 91007 (enter thru side gate)

Social hour & silent auction begin at 5:30 pm. Auction closes at 7 pm, followed by dinner, & award presentation at 8:15 pm

Link here to RSVP and purchase a ticket at \$60

Reserve online until October 19,

or call Laura Bauer at (626) 437-9459 thereafter to check for ticket availability.

**LAST CALL
SILENT AUCTION
DONATIONS**



We are happy to accept your donations to the Silent Auction, whether or not you are attending the banquet! You may either:

1. Coordinate with Steve Gerischer to drop off your donation(s) to him by Friday, October 13 **OR**
2. Bring your donation(s) with you to the banquet, **BUT please inform Steve at least 2 days in advance** so he can prepare a bid card for your item(s).

Steve can be reached at: sglarkspur@aol.com or by phone at: (323)257-3629.

Thank you!

Please note: All donations are appreciated, but we do need the advance notice to make sure we can accommodate everything.

RESERVE YOUR BANQUET TICKET TODAY!

PLEASE REMEMBER: The SCHS Annual Silent Auction is our major fundraiser of the year - and we always appreciate your participation - both as donors and bidders!