



September 2011



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# malibu Garden Club

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## Rose Gardening in Southern California

PRESENTED BY:

**Dan Bifano**

- **WEDNESDAY -**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**  
7:00 PM



**The Club House**  
**Pt. Dume Club,**  
29500 W Heathercliff Road, Malibu

The Malibu Garden Club is pleased to have Master Consulting Rosarian **Dan Bifano** at our September meeting.

Dan is a Master Rosarian and has grown roses for over 50 years. He is also a Horticultural and Arrangement Judge for the American Rose Society and judges nationally and internationally. He has been designing professionally for about 20 years in Santa Barbara, Malibu and Bel Air.

If there is an A-List of clients for a rosarian then it belongs to Dan Bifano. If you don't know about him - he's been on the Oprah show many times where she refers to him as "Dan the Rose Man" and brought to life her *Legend Rose*. He is in Barbara Streisand's own book and takes care of her multi-acre rose garden and helped her choose the rose that bears her name.

A cocktail has been named after him, though don't ask your local bartender to mix this one up. The Dan Bifano is a custom organic mix of alfalfa meal, cottonseed meal, fish meal, blood meal, chicken manure and worm castings -- stirred, not shaken. The exact amounts of the fertilizer ingredients are a well-guarded secret.

Come to our meeting.... Learn about Dan's approach to organic gardening, his favorite roses.... You don't want to miss this one!

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### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

(subject to change)



October 1st: **Dues are due!**

October 5th: **Monrovia Growers New Plant Introductions** with Nicholas Staddon. Door prizes & more!

November 2nd: **Daylilies** with Bill Wilk from the L.A. County Arboretum. Enjoy learning about daylily cultivars. Bill will be bringing seedling plants for everyone!

**Garden Club Sharing Table:** every meeting bring something, take something home...plants, cuttings, pots, extra fruit or veggies from your garden, anything garden related .... or not....



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## THANK YOU TO LAURA TAYLOR !! OUR AUGUST SPEAKER

What a great time we had with Laura and her Husband, Greg. Everyone loved learning all about tomatoes and her secret recipes. What a charming, fascinating, educational and delicious night!

Thanks so much Laura and Greg!!



Photos courtesy of Aaron Landworth

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN - DUES ARE DUE - OCTOBER 1ST

Please help support our club by renewing your dues.

\$ 25 /1 person

\$ 30 / household

\$ 60 / sustaining

\$150 organization or business

Dues may be paid:

via our website: [www.malibugardenclub.org](http://www.malibugardenclub.org)

via the mail: send check to

Malibu Garden Club

PO Box 4171, Malibu CA 90264

In person at one of our monthly meetings.

*Please note: if you paid your dues after May 31, 2011 you are covered until October 1, 2012 and you may re-new then.*

## BOARD ELECTIONS ARE APPROACHING AND WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL THE FOLLOW- ING POSITIONS:

Secretary

Garden Tour Sub Committee

Publicity

Please let us know if you are interested in helping! We'd love to have you!!

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

Roses have a long and colorful history. They have been symbols of love, beauty, war, and politics. The rose is, according to fossil evidence, 35 million years old. In nature, the genus *Rosa* has some 150 species spread throughout the Northern Hemisphere, from Alaska to Mexico and including northern Africa. Garden cultivation of roses began some 5,000 years ago, probably in China. During the Roman period, roses were grown extensively in the Middle East. They were used as confetti at celebrations, for medicinal purposes, and as a source of perfume. Roman nobility established large public rose gardens in the south of Rome. After the fall of the Roman Empire, the popularity of roses seemed to rise and fall depending on gardening trends of the time. During the fifteenth century, the rose was used as a symbol for the factions fighting to control England. The white rose symbolized York, and the red rose symbolized Lancaster, as a result, the conflict became known as the "War of the Roses." Roses were in such high demand during the seventeenth century that royalty considered roses or rose water as legal tender, and they were often used as barter and for payments.



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## EVENTS IN OUR AREA

**9/3 & 4 - Dahlia Show and Sale:** Sponsored by the South Coast Dahlia Society. Dahlias, native to Mexico, will be on display and for sale. 12-4pm. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula. [www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org](http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org)

**9/10 - Harvest Basics:** Get ready for autumn planting: Learn how and when to harvest your crops with Display Horticulturist Mike Brown. Crop rotation, soil amending and composting will be key topics. Class starts in the classroom, then moves out to the Gardens. 11 am. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. [www.descansogardens.org](http://www.descansogardens.org) (818)949-4200

**9/10 - Using California Native Plants for Medicine and Food:** Join us as we welcome author and respected anthropologist and ethnobiologist Jan Timbrook from the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Jan will discuss some of the local plants of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and their traditional and modern medicinal uses. Nopalito co-owner Antonio Sanchez follows Jan's lecture with a discussion of various edible native plants and how to grow them, complete with samples of seasonal native plant dishes and beverages for late Summer! Nopalito Nursery, Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, 4221 East Main Street (next door to Nopalito Nursery), Ventura. [www.nopalitonursery.com](http://www.nopalitonursery.com)

**9/10 & 11 - Annual "Salvia Spectacular" Plant Sale:** More than 125 varieties of Salvia are on sale at this annual event. 10am to 4pm. Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. [www.fullertonarboretum.org](http://www.fullertonarboretum.org)

**9/12 - California Native Plants that Grow Well in Our Area:** You can expect to see many samples of foliage and ask as many questions as you want. Get our your pencils and shopping lists so you will be ready to plant. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula. [www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org](http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org)

## EVENTS IN OUR AREA (CONT'D)

**9/17 - Gardening with California Native Bulbs:** The California flora is rich with flowering bulbs. Learn which are best for shade or sun, dry spots or moist areas. 9-11am. Theodore Payne Foundation, 10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley. [www.theodorepayne.org](http://www.theodorepayne.org)

**9/17 & 18 - Orchid Show:** Sponsored by the South Bay Orchid Society. Commercial growers will be on hand to sell as well as showcase their outstanding flowering plants. Thousands of orchids will be offered for sale. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula. [www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org](http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org)

**9/17 - Fall Organic Vegetable Garden:** Learn the importance of planning your garden, maintaining garden vitality, and prepping the garden for the next season. Become an organic gardener and understand the benefits. Classroom lecture and garden talk in Nature's Table led by Display Horticulturist Mike Brown. Part of the Anticipating the Equinox series of programs. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. [www.descansogardens.org](http://www.descansogardens.org) (818)949-4200

**9/17 - Organic Fruit and Vegetable Gardening:** Learn how to grow fruits and vegetables organically in your home garden. This class focuses on seasonal production and covers a variety of topics including weeds and insects, disease ID, treatment and prevention, tool maintenance. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org)

**9/24 - A Celebration of Roses:** We invite everyone to bring roses to share (blooms cut and placed in a jar with a little water) along with the roses of VCRS members. The roses are not to be judged, but shared and enjoyed. There will be a viewing of the rare video "Quest for the Rose" ( produced by Phillips and Rix) as well as one-on-one demonstrations of flower arrangements. Visit with Consulting Rosarians who will be available to discuss roses and answer questions. Rose artifacts and garden memorabilia, such as copper bird houses and rose decorated items, as well as very rare roses will be available for purchase. A limited number of the special polyantha rose "September Celebration" by David Ziesak will be available for sale. 9am—2pm. Ventura County Educational Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo. [www.venturarose.org](http://www.venturarose.org)

**9/24 - Tour Native Plant Landscaping at the Theodore Payne Foundation and Descanso Gardens:** Spencer Westbrook will lead an expedition to tour 2 famous gardens focused on native plants. The guided tour will start around 1:30. Meet at the Ocean View Mall in Ventura at Mimi's Café at 9am. [www.cnpsci.org](http://www.cnpsci.org)



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## WANT TO RECEIVE OUR E-NEWSLETTER?

Would you like to be on our e-mail list or know someone that would? Email [info@malibugardenclub.org](mailto:info@malibugardenclub.org)

## HAVE ANY NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

If you have any events or news you would like to add to the next newsletter, please email me at: [info@malibugardenclub.org](mailto:info@malibugardenclub.org)

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO FILL BOARD AND

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## MALIBU GARDEN CLUB'S MISSION

The Malibu Garden Club is a non-profit organization whose mission is to aid in the beautification of Malibu, promote civic development and improvement, present scholarships to deserving students of horticulture, landscape architecture or related fields along with creating and promoting goodwill & friendship among local residents.