

# Leaflet

The Newsletter of the Hancock Park Garden Club

October, 2007

**Garden Memories.** Each year, new members are invited to share a garden memory in the newsletter. It's a nice tradition that helps us get to know each other better. The following memory belongs to Gina Brandt.

*Many years ago, my father transplanted a beautiful, multi-trunked flowering pear tree (Pyrus kawakamii) from his yard to my first house. When we moved, the tree moved with us, and was transplanted again. Every spring, without fail, my beautiful flowering pear had the most glorious display of white flowers. We lived in Brentwood for too many years for that tree to move with us again, this time to Hancock Park.*

*So when it came time to landscape our home, I planted 15 large, gorgeous flowering pears amongst the new sycamores (Platanus racemosa), olive trees (Olea europaea 'Wilsonii'), Japanese maples (Acer palmatum 'Atropurpureum') and several purple flowering plum trees (Prunus 'Krauter Vesuvius'). Some of the flowering pears had big single trunks, others had multi-trunks or were low branching, and still others were espaliered against the walls of our neighbor's property. Ornamental pear trees tolerate poor soil, but the clay soil in Hancock Park proved challenging despite our bringing in truckloads of new soil and soil amendments. Some years, my flowering pear trees barely bloomed, and in other years they suffered from fire blight and needed careful spraying.*

*When my father died this past January, I felt lost at times and often sad. Then in spring, we had a sudden early burst of flirty white flowers all over my yard. Every one of my flowering pear trees was filled with a heavy display of glorious flowers. This spring was warm; and when the wind blew, the flower petals danced in the breeze, covering my yard with a blanket of white petals. I felt that my father was with me, surrounding me with his love. It was the most wonderful feeling to look at my trees. - Gina Brandt*

**Attention Hollywood Hikers:** Your fearless leader, Jennifer Fain, is ready for another trek. How about the second Tuesdays of the month? All those interested in a mild hike, either this month or another, should phone or email her. It is highly likely that she will avoid the Griffith Park area!

## HPGC Calendar

**Tuesday, October 16, 2007**

**10:00 a.m.\*** at Patty Lombard's

*\* Please note: Board meetings will start promptly at 10:00 a.m., come for coffee at 9:45 a.m.*



**Regular Meeting: 10:15 a.m.**

**Tuesday, October 23rd**

**Program: Debra Prinzing, author** of four gardening books whose articles have appeared in Fine Gardening, Sunset, Better Homes & Gardens and Cottage Living magazines, among others. Her latest book, *Designing a Garden of Abundance* will be available for purchase.

**Membership:** Having warmly welcomed Carolyn, Gina, Rosie and Sue Ellen and put them quickly to work, the membership cycle begins again! Are there friends in the 'hood that you would like to see as candidates for the HPGC? Review the Guidelines for Membership Proposals and the Timeline on pages 39-40 of the roster, and then call Membership Chairman, Mary Elizabeth Callaghan. Please invite possible candidates to be your guests at meetings so that we can meet them. *To protect the feelings of all involved, your friends should not know that they are being proposed. All membership proposals and proceedings are strictly confidential!*

**Calling all pots.** If you have pots in good condition to donate for our upcoming plant sale, please call or email Priscilla Wright ASAP. We will come pick them up if you like. Remember, you can take a tax deduction.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Barn Studio** seminar and garden tour honoring the works and talent of **Robert Burle Marx, Brazilian Landscape Architect.**

Seminar: Saturday, October 20th 8:30 am – 2:00 pm; Self-guided Tour: Sunday, October 21st 10:00am – 2:00 p.m.

**Beverly Hills 2007 Garden & Design Showcase at Historic Greystone Estate,** Fri. Oct. 26-Nov. 11, 10am-3pm.

**The Huntington's 2007 Fall Plant Sale,** Sat. & Sun., Oct. 13th & 14th, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**The Arboretum Halloween Family Festival,** Sat. & Sun. October 27 & 28, 2007, 10am - 2pm both days.

### October Meeting

**Tuesday, October 23rd at 10:15 a.m.**

at P.J. Clark's  
327 Lorraine Blvd

**Program:** Debra Prinzing, Author of "Designing a Garden of Abundance"  
*Books will be available for purchase. Please remember to bring your check books.*

**Lunch: 12:00 noon**

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### October Meeting & Luncheon Reservation

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will attend \_\_\_\_\_ No, I cannot attend \_\_\_\_\_

Guests are welcome

Please RSVP by October 19th with the enclosed envelope or by email to patricialombard@mac.com

Non-residents, please include a luncheon check for \$20