

## Garden Event

5-4-24, 9am-1:30pm, Three Tours of Alfred Hockenmaier Garden, San Fernando Valley

Description = The Southern California Horticulture Society's (SCHS) "Coffee In The Garden" offers three tours of the hidden botanical gem that has been in the same family for three generations in the heart of the San Fernando Valley. The garden includes mature citrus and avocado as well as many stone fruit. Rainwater is harvested from both the roof of the house as well as the garage for a total of 7,435 gallons of storage. There are vegetable gardens, a desert garden, greenhouses, small stream and pond, something different at every turn! Alfred Hockenmaier is an award-winning orchid grower. At the recent Santa Barbara International Orchid Show last March, he won the trophy for Best Vanda of Show for his Vanda MV Tannis 'Kirk'. The garden is his life's work as he has been committed to adapting the garden to an ever-warming climate. Be sure to have a couple of his mother's freshly baked German Christmas cookies that have become a staple at his open houses. This event is divided into three tours, limited to 30 people each. First tour is from 9am-10:30am; second tour is from 10:30am-12noon. Third tour is from 12noon-1:30pm. We will start a waitlist if a tour fills up. SCHS will be providing coffee, cold drinks and light refreshments. Carpooling is encouraged due to limited street parking.

Cost = Free for SCHS members; \$15 for non-members and guests. Registration is required to create a list for check-in at the event. The garden address and directions will be provided upon receipt of registration. Online registration closes on Thursday, May 2 at 5pm. Register at <https://www.socalhort.org/event-5707718>

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