

## Garden Event

12-8-22, 7pm, In-Person, Annual Horticultural Holiday Celebration, Los Angeles 90027

Description = Southern California Horticultural Society hosts its holiday meeting with a special program on making crepe-paper flowers with Layla Valenzuela, the ever-popular "Freebie" giveaway table, a raffle, vendors and more! New SCGS Board Member Layla Valenzuela has been active in the California native plant community for the last 15 years, and currently works as a horticulturist with Descanso Gardens, where she is in charge of their Natives Garden section. Valenzeula told us "I have always loved plants but my main reason for getting involved with natives is for their ecological benefits. I embrace any way I can to promote these valuable plants and have channeled my other interests into doing so through cooking, baking, floral arranging and crafting. My most recent crafting endeavor has been in making crepe paper flowers. I feel I was drawn to this craft by how realistic these flowers looked and I wanted to challenge my own crafting skills. I began with the California poppy by following a tutorial I found online. It was a success! A new passion was born and I quickly diverged into creating as many templates for native flowers as I could. By going through books, online tutorials and websites, I have created about 12 native species to date that are as close to scale and nature as I can replicate in crepe paper. I am still looking to add many more to my repertoire and recently ventured into making extra large flowers for use as fun photo backdrops and special event props. I currently have the exciting challenge of crafting holiday-themed flowers to share with SCHS members and guests who will be attending our December meeting. Paperwhites are on my very long list of flowers I've been wanting to try, and of course I will be demonstrating the most traditional holiday "flower" of all – the poinsettia! Additionally, I will have finished flower samples on hand for you to examine and which may also be purchased." Other activities the SCHS has planned for the meeting include a garden-themed raffle, vendors, the annual holiday "freebie" table, and of course, refreshments. Meeting schedule = 7pm Doors open, 7:15 announcements, 7:30 program.

NOTE: This program will be in-person. For the safety of our guests (and in keeping with recent L.A. County Health Dept. guidelines) we strongly recommend masks be worn indoors and that vaccine boosters are current.

Cost = Free for members; \$5 guests.

Location = 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles 90027-1414

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