

## Garden Event

6-11-26, 7:10pm, Zoom Online Webinar, Penstemons -- Great Wildflowers for the Garden with Panayoti Kelaidis

Description = The Southern California Horticultural Society welcomes Panayoti Kelaidis, the Director of Outreach at the Denver Botanic Garden (DBG), who will be sharing his extensive knowledge of penstemons in a program illustrated by his own beautiful photos. Penstemons occur across a vast range of habitats from subtropical deserts to alpine peaks, in forests, and even growing in moist bogs – as well as in Southern California. Given this diverse range it is easy to understand why Kelaidis has stated “there is a penstemon for every garden – including yours!”. Kelaidis is widely known as a champion for Western native plants, and has introduced hundreds of plants from the Southwestern United States into cultivation. During this evening’s presentation, he will be focusing on the genus *Penstemon*, of which there are almost 300 species. Kelaidis began his career at DBG in 1980 as curator of the Rock Alpine Garden, where he designed and oversaw the initial plantings of this extensive space. He has since designed plantings for many of the gardens at DBG, as well as for public and private gardens throughout Colorado, and has received numerous awards, including the 2003 Liberty Hyde Bailey medal of the American Horticultural Society, one of the highest honors in American horticulture. Additionally, as a plant explorer, many of his plant introductions have been marketed by Plant Select, a company he helped found in 1997. He takes particular pride in sharing the plants and information he has accrued through many channels: he has lectured in nearly 150 cities in nine countries, and has been featured in dozens of television, newspaper and magazine pieces. Kelaidis’ private garden has been highlighted many times by the Garden Conservancy, where he serves as Rocky Mountain ambassador.

Schedule = 7:10pm Announcements, 7:15pm Plant Forum, 7:30pm Program

Cost = Free.

Registration link:

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Location = Online only. This program will be online only and recorded. The entire presentation will be archived and subsequently made available for viewing on our YouTube channel. See [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)

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