



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

March-April 2014

GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Friday, March 21 at 7:30 PM
Los Altos Library Program Room
13 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

CNPS general meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Chapter President Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or the Chapter phone (650) 260-3450.



**California Ethnobotany:
Historical Uses of Native Plants**
A talk by **John Kipping**

Join us for a talk explaining the relationship of California native plants to indigenous peoples and how these plants can be used today. John Kipping will tell us how native plants can be used for food, medicine, and material sources, especially for basketry. Mr. Kipping will demonstrate Pomo style coiled weaving. His talk will include a display of specimens, books and artifacts. He will also show us how to make manzanita cider.

John Kipping is a naturalist with a keen interest in sharing his passion and knowledge of the biosphere with the community. His background includes a BA and MA in Biological Sciences as well as a 30 year career in teaching at the University of California Extension Natural Environmental Studies Program. For more than 20 years he worked in Natural History education at the Randall Junior Museum, San Francisco Botanical Gardens, and the Audubon Canyon Ranch. John is a certified arborist. He is currently is ship naturalist for Dolphin Charters during the summer in southeast Alaska and British Columbia.

Directions: From Foothill Expy., travel ½ mile on San Antonio Rd. towards the Bay, cross Hillview and turn right into the driveway; library is on the left. From El Camino, travel towards the hills on San Antonio Rd., cross Edith and turn left into the unmarked driveway just before Hillview. The sign on San Antonio Rd. reads “Civic Center, Library and History Museum.” Enter through the lobby of the main entrance.

Spring Native Plant Events!

See the enclosed flyers to learn about our Chapter's events:

Going Native Garden Tour – April 26 - 27

Spring Wildflower Festival – April 12

Spring Native Plant Sale – May 3

Friends of Edgewood has provided a flyer too:

Edgewood Wildflower Walks – March 15 - June 8

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Sale May 3 at Hidden Villa 10am - 3pm; Call for Volunteers

Our Spring Native Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, from **10am to 3pm** at our Hidden Villa nursery in Los Altos Hills. Once again we're asking everyone who can to come and help with the sale. Most of the jobs listed below don't require expert knowledge of plants, and **you can choose to work one or two hours** or all day.

Before the sale, you may help prepare the nursery at three special nursery workdays, including labeling plants and weeding the garden outside the nursery. We'll work from **noon to 3pm** on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 30, May 1 and 2**. On the day of the sale, we will need people to:

- Help set up before the sale (**starting at 8am**)
- Help with parking

- Answer customers' questions about the plants and help them decide which plants to purchase
- Write up the sales tags before customers go to the cashiers to pay for their plants
- Work as cashiers
- Help customers take their purchases to their cars and bring back the wagons and carts to the nursery
- Help clean up after the sale (3-4pm)

The plant sales are always lots of fun to work at, and we provide **lunch** to volunteers. To volunteer on sale day please contact:

Horticultural consultation: Ray Deutsch (650) 365-6136, ray.deutsch@yahoo.ca

Writing sales tags & cashiering: Georgia Stigall (650) 941-1068, georgiastigall@yahoo.com

Parking director: Carolyn Dorsch (650) 804-6162 (evenings) or cdorsch1@aol.com

Miscellaneous: Melanie Cross (650) 847-1350 or Melanie@pcross.com

After the sale, we'll resume our usual **Wednesday and Thursday nursery workdays, from 10am to 1pm.**

Gardening with Natives

Gardening with Natives (GWN), a special interest group within the Chapter, includes a mix of landscape architects, designers, seasoned native plant gardeners and beginners. It offers many talks throughout the year which are free and open to all.

This year's themes are *Maintaining Your Native Garden* and *Native All-Stars*. The monthly speakers will share tips on specific garden tasks or on native plant families and how to care for them. For more information, visit www.cnps-scvc.org/index.php/gardening/gardening-with-natives.

These programs are made possible by co-sponsoring libraries and volunteers who help with program logistics. If you would like to help organize similar programming at a library near you, contact arvind.kumar@cnps.org.

**Ceanothus of the Central Coast,
a talk by Deanna Giuliano**

Wednesday, March 5, 7:00-8:30 PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos (650) 948-7683

Ceanothus is another one of our *Native All-Star* plant groups. Called California lilacs for their aromatic fragrance, the various species of this plant also attract a

wide variety of pollinators to their tiny bluish to whitish flowers. This talk focuses on some of our local Ceanothus from ground covers to shrubs and trees, all of which enhance a garden with beauty for you and habitat for local fauna.

Deanna Giuliano joined the Acterra Native Plant Nursery in 2006 as the nursery manager. Prior to Acterra, Deanna worked for three years at the UCSC Arboretum's native garden doing propagation, wild seed collection, curator duties, plant surveys and garden maintenance. Deanna also worked for Central Coast Wilds for three years as their seed collections curator and assistant manager.

Gray to Green: Native Plants in Parking Strips, a talk by Carrie Jensen

Wed., March 12, 6:00-7:30 PM, Bascom Branch Library, 1000 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose (408) 808-3077

Come learn how you can take your simple parking strip or side garden and turn it into a haven for drought-tolerant native plants and the butterflies and birds that depend on them. You'll see how to remove your lawn, concrete or water-hogging plants in order to create space for a native habitat with color and texture year round. Whether you have full sun exposure or the dappled shade of a street tree, you'll find plenty of plant combinations that will work for your garden.

Carrie Jensen is a landscape designer with H.T. Harvey & Associates and specializes in native plants and habitat restoration. She is also an active member of the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative - Land Use Subgroup and is currently collaborating on a county-wide "Grey2Green Program" with Our City Forest, a San Jose based urban forestry non-profit.

**California Native Gardens through the Years,
a talk by Stephanie Morris**

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 PM, Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, (408) 446-1677

Landscape architect Stephanie Morris will lead us on a journey, showing photos of California native plant gardens from the very beginning stages of planting through to fully established gardens. Learn what happens through the years, both the expected and the unexpected. Find out what we can learn from mature gardens that applies to the design of new gardens. Opportunities and surprises, as well as

struggles, will be discussed for each garden based on interviews with the garden owners.

Stephanie Morris has worked in the field of landscape architecture for 18 years and specializes in ecologically-oriented residential design. She enjoys creating landscapes that reduce water use, require less maintenance, and provide a connection to the natural world. In addition to tending her own California native garden in the Bay Area, she appreciates collaborating with other native plant gardeners and design professionals, in order to further everyone's knowledge.

Using Graywater for Your Native Plants, a talk by Deva Luna

Monday, April 7, 7:00-8:30 PM, Milpitas Library, 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas, (408) 262-1171

With our Governor declaring a drought throughout California, it is imperative that we conserve every precious drop of water. Gray water is a great way to re-use water from inside the house for landscape irrigation outside the house. Come learn how you can install a simple laundry-to-landscape system and what native plants are best suited for this type of irrigation.

Deva Luna is a sustainable and Bay Friendly-certified landscape designer who has been teaching and speaking about horticulture for 15 years. She has a degree in "Plants and Art" and works for EarthCare Landscaping in Cupertino.

Keying with Natives

Join us as we learn and practice methods of identifying the native plants of our region (aka keying). From beginners to more advanced, there are challenges for all. Bring in plant samples if you have some or just come and work with the materials provided. We discuss the various plant books and practice keying with them. Microscopes are also available.

The upcoming dates are **Fridays, March 28 and April 25 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm**. We meet at the Peninsula Conservation Center (PCC), 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. For more information, please contact Dave "Tex" Houston at 350co2now@gmail.com or (650) 303-2777; or Sally Casey at (408) 377-0989.

Seeking Chapter Book Chair

Do you enjoy browsing the books at our Chapter events? Do you have ideas for how to get the right books into the hands of the right people and raise funds for CNPS? Our outgoing Book Chair, Andy Butcher, is looking for one or

more people to learn about and help with book sales, and eventually take over as Chair.

For more information, please contact Andy at spermophilus@gmail.com or (408) 203-5828.

Conservation Committee: LIVECoRPs

The next meetings of LIVECoRPs (our Conservation Committee) will be on **Thursdays, March 20 and April 17 at 7pm** at the Peninsula Conservation Center (3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto). Please come join us!

Edgewood Park Threatened By Gas Pipeline

PG&E planning is underway to abandon an existing major gas pipeline through Edgewood Park (built LONG before the park existed), and replace it with a new, more easily maintainable pipeline. We fully understand and support the need to ensure the safety of this pipeline system; however current plans would involve heavy construction in an 80 foot wide corridor across the entire park, impacting serpentine meadows, habitat for a number of rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species, and many acres which have been painstakingly restored by our Edgewood Weed Warrior program over the past 25 years.

A viable alternate route exists, just south of the park, and we're working hard with our partners (including San Mateo County, Friends of Edgewood, Committee for Green Foothills, and Creekside Science) to ensure this alternate route is used instead. Stay tuned for more information in the months ahead; we may need your help to ensure that the poorly conceived current plan is diverted before Edgewood suffers the consequences!

Ulistac Update

Thank you to the 70 members who responded to our Action Alert. Santa Clara's City Council received hundreds of emails in support of preserving Ulistac Natural Area. Despite this outpouring of public opinion, Ulistac remains on their list of five sites being studied as possible locations for a sports complex. The consultant's report is expected in March. Stay tuned!

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact LIVECoRPs Chair Linda Ruthruff at ldrruff@hotmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Student Research Conservation Scholarships - Applications due March 28

Our Chapter of CNPS is offering scholarships to students doing research on native plant or plant community conservation, plant ecology, plant community restoration, plant systematics, or other related botanical studies of native plants that grow in habitats in Central and Northern California. Students researching topics related to native plant and native habitat conservation in the San Francisco Bay Area are encouraged to apply.

Academic scholarships of \$1,500 for graduate student research and a \$1,000 scholarship for undergraduate student research are available. Scholarships may be awarded to graduate students or undergraduate research teams (consisting of one or more undergraduates and a supervising faculty member).

Additional information and applications are available on the Chapter website www.cnps-scvc.org under the Education and Scholarships menu, or contact Nora Monette at nmonette@aol.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Rose Marie Jean Rockwood 1951 - 2014

With sadness we report the passing of Chapter board member Rose Rockwood on January 13, 2014, after many years battling the “inconvenience” of cancer.

Rose was born in San Francisco in 1951, and her professional career included Marketing/Communications, small business and start-up technical recruiting, and hospitality/banquet management. In later years, with daughters college-bound, Rose returned to school herself, attending De Anza College and UC Berkeley and earning a degree in Environmental Science. Her studies included field work in Costa Rica to help document flora and fauna new to science.

After receiving her degree Rose often mentioned a desire to do more environmental work, and much to our (and her) delight she was able to do so through our Chapter, most recently serving several years as Publicity Chair. Her energy, creativity, and artistic skills resulted in countless Chapter press releases, many beautiful Wildflower Show posters, better flow of foot traffic at our events, and more.



Toni Gregorio-Bunch

Rose Rockwood and Agi Kehoe
volunteering at CNPS booth June 2009

Above all she inspired us with her dedication, humor, and all out spunk, even in the face of cancer.

Rose is survived by her daughters Vanessa and Marissa, their husbands, and three grandchildren. And her spirit lives on in our chapter as well; we are forever enriched for having known her.

Fanny Arnold

Fanny Arnold passed away on November 18, 2013 at her home in Menlo Park. She was 99. She was a long time member of and supporter of the chapter and of Edgewood Park. Her ranch in San Antonio Valley east of Mt. Hamilton was a popular site for Chapter spring wildflower walks. Her family has suggested donations in her memory can be made to CNPS, 2707 K St, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816 or 3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park

Our 25-year volunteer restoration program at Edgewood Park looks ahead to another fun and productive year...

there's still so *much* we can do to make Edgewood an inspirational showcase of all CNPS stands for! With recent rains, we anticipate the return of our usual targets, and the drought may even allow us to make extra gains on some species when they're most vulnerable. Come share the beauty of Edgewood with us, learn a ton, *and* help keep Edgewood native.

Our **9am Friday** sessions run year round and **5:30pm Wednesday** sessions resume **March 12** after Daylight Savings Time returns.

Monthly **9am Saturday** sessions take place the **3rd Saturday March thru July**, plus National Public Lands Day in September, and include:

| Date | Meet At | Event Theme |
|--------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Mar 15 | Day Camp Kiosk | Spring "Saturday Kickoff" |
| Apr 19 | Day Camp Kiosk | Earth Day and CA Native Plant Week |

For Edgewood Weed Warrior (EWW) schedules, meeting places, and other details you can: visit www.cnps-scvc.org; contact Paul Heiple (650-854-7125, pheiple@gmail.com) or John Allen (jcakwa@earthlink.net) for Friday info; or contact EWW program chair Drew Shell (shell@corp.webtv.net) for Wednesday/Saturday info.

Weeding in the Wild March 15 Alum Rock

Give back to nature and make a difference in your community by joining us for a weeding event in Alum Rock Park (in East San Jose). We will be working at the top of the Quick Trail removing invasives. This is one of the highest spots in the park, with a remarkable view, making it a favorite gathering spot. We are starting at the top because weed seeds spread downhill. We'll learn about nature and ecosystems as we work alongside experts in the natural resources field.

Bring water, snack or lunch, heavy work gloves if you have them (we have some), dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Tools will be provided. We will be hiking in about ½ mile with an elevation gain of around 600 ft.

We'll meet at **9am** by the log cabin. Gain free entry by identifying yourself as a volunteer at the kiosk. We expect to be back at the parking lot at **1pm**.

To RSVP and for full directions contact Chapter President and lead for the Alum Park Restoration, Stephen Rosenthal, at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (408) 923-6562.

CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS

Chapter field trips are free and generally open to the public. They are oriented to conservation, protection and enjoyment of California native plants and wildlife, and we adhere to all rules and guidelines for the lands on which we are visiting.

In our region it is very important to be prepared for hiking on rugged and steep terrain, wide temperature ranges and rapidly changing conditions at any time of year. All participants should wear sturdy footwear and carry sufficient water, sun protection, food, clothing layers, personal first aid and other supplies you may need. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in a particular field trip, please contact the trip leader in advance.

Sun Mar 16 10am - 2pm San Bruno Mountain (Brisbane)

Join Ken Himes for a hike on the Summit Loop Trail in San Bruno Mountain County Park. We will see plants of the coastal scrub and coastal prairie plant communities, including the San Bruno Mountain Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos imbricata*).

The Summit Loop Trail is 3.1 miles long with an elevation gain/loss of 725 feet. Wear layers as windy and cool conditions could occur. Bring lunch and liquids. For more information, call Ken at 650-591-8560.

Directions: Take I-280 or Hwy 101 north; if taking Hwy 280, head east on I-380 to Hwy 101 and proceed north to the Old Bayshore/Brisbane exit. Proceed north on Old Bayshore, past the town of Brisbane, until reaching a crest of a small hill. At this point, turn left onto Guadalupe Canyon Pkwy., and proceed uphill to the park entrance (on right). There is a \$5.00 parking fee (self-service kiosk). The hike begins at the entrance station parking lot.

Sat Mar 22 9am - 2pm New Hagen Meadow (San Jose)

Visit and help identify spring wildflowers at this quiet serpentine meadow and seep in the shadow of Mount Umunhum. Join Judy Fenerty and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District staff member Cindy Roessler to explore this property off Hicks Road in the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve.

Since it's a dry year, we're visiting the preserve earlier than we usually do, but we expect to see the rare Mt. Hamilton thistle, Santa Clara Valley dudleya, and leather oak, as well as many other native wildflowers and grasses. We will hike 3 miles round-trip on country roads and old trails with moderate elevation gain and some steeper off-trail hiking once we reach the meadow.

Public hiking trails and access have not been developed for this new property yet, so this **reservation-only** hike will provide a rare chance to visit the site. Bring lunch, sun protection, sturdy shoes, and hiking poles if you have them. We ask those of you who have visited the site on our previous trips to allow space for new participants.

Directions will be sent upon registration. Please be aware that we will meet in San Jose at the Camden Park & Ride lot, and will carpool from there. We will park at the site behind a locked gate, so logistics do not allow participants to arrive late or leave early. We are offering priority to CNPS Santa Clara Valley Chapter members for this trip.

RSVP to Judy Fenerty at judy@fenerty.com or 408-378-6272 to reserve your place.

Sun Mar 23 10am – 2pm Sweeney Ridge (San Bruno)

Join Ken Himes for a hike in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area along Sweeney Ridge, the ridge from where Gaspar de Portola viewed San Francisco Bay on November 4, 1769. Plants of the coastal scrub community will be featured. It should be interesting to compare the coastal scrub habitat with the habitat on the preceding week's hike on San Bruno Mountain.

There will be a gain/loss of 600 feet during our 6-mile hike along the ridge. Wear layers as windy and cool conditions could occur. Bring lunch and liquids. For more information call Ken at (650) 591-8560.

Directions: Take I-280 north to Skyline Blvd. (Hwy 35) and proceed north on Hwy 35 to Sneath Lane. Turn left onto Sneath Lane and proceed two miles to the Sneath Lane trailhead parking lot. We will then conduct a car shuttle for a one-way hike along the ridge, and return to the Sneath Lane trailhead.

Fri-Sun Apr 4 - 6 Carrizo Plain National Monument Car Camp (San Luis Obispo County)

Shed no tear O shed no tear!

The flower will bloom another year.

Weep no more – O weep no more!

Young buds sleep in the roots white core. –John Keats

Carpets of bloom or not, we will enjoy the flora and fauna of Carrizo, in canyons and along the ridges. This will be a joint trip with Desert Survivors, limited to 12 CNPS members.

Contact Leaders Carolyn Dorsch and Michael Yantos for more info., and to **reserve a place**. Cdorsch1@aol.com, (650) 804-6162 (eves), or yantosarchitect@att.net.

Sun Apr 13 11am – 1:30pm Sign Hill (South San Francisco)

Liam O'Brien, San Francisco's "Butterfly Guy," will give an enthusiastic in-field course in Butterfly 101 while we explore Sign Hill's plant communities in search of some of the first mission blues (*Icarica icariodes missionensis*) of the season.

Join co-leaders Chuck Heimstadt and Loretta Brooks, active San Bruno Mountain Watch volunteers, to learn butterfly behavior, host plants, how to distinguish between Mission Blues (an endangered species) and silvery blues (*Glaucopsyche lygdamus*), and more.

Butterflies only fly when it's sunny, so overcast skies or stiff breezes will postpone the walk until April 27th - and inclement weather on April 27th will cancel this walk.

Bring lunch, as we will take a break to enjoy the view. Be prepared for the weather: bring warm clothing and layers. For more information, contact Chuck or Loretta at chuckheimstadt@yahoo.com.

Directions: We'll meet at 11am at the Stonegate (west) entrance to Sign Hill Park. Take the Hwy 101 Oyster Pt. exit, turn west onto Hillside Boulevard in SSF, then left onto Stonegate and continue uphill and to the left until you reach the end of Ridgeview Court. There is a parking area with seven spaces and plenty of street parking.

Sat-Sun April 19-20 Mt. Diablo State Park (Contra Costa County)

Join Andy Butcher in an exploration of the highest peak in the East Bay, including a tour of the area burned in 2013. Due to the various plant communities found on the mountain and because of the recent fire, this is a good opportunity to see a diverse variety of spring wildflowers. There is an option to join the group for the day, or stay overnight and camp, joining in the group fraternization, discussion and fun.

Andy has reserved camping space for up to seven other CNPS members for Friday and Saturday night. People may also reserve their own campsite separately.

For more information about the trip, camping, trailhead meeting locations, no-host carpooling, etc. contact Andy at spermophilus@gmail.com or (408) 203-5828.

Sun Apr 20 10am - 2pm Coyote Lake (Gilroy)

This is our annual trip to the serpentine area at the north end of Coyote Lake, in Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. If we get enough rain we expect to see displays of tidy tips, cream cups, poppies and wild onion.

We will hike 3 miles on the Calaveras, Harvey Bear and Coyote Ridge trails. There will be short sections of trail with moderate incline. Last year near the start of the hike, near the dam, we saw a bald eagle nest with young. This serpentine area is documented in the Chapter website's Coyote Lake photos, here: bit.ly/1eRGFdX.

Please contact Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (408) 923-6562 **for reservations and directions** to the trailhead. The group will be limited to 25 people.

Sun May 4 10am – 2pm Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park (Gilroy)

Join Woody Collins for a moderately paced hike on the Mendoza, Mummy Mountain and Coyote Ridge trails in the Mendoza Ranch section of Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park.

This 4 mile, 427 foot elevation gain hike will take us through valley grassland and up an oak-studded ridgeline with spectacular views of the south Santa Clara Valley, Coyote Lake and Palassou Ridge. This varied habitat supports a wide range of native plants including several stands of *Balsamorhiza macrolepis* var. *macrolepis*, big-scale balsamroot, CNPS 1B.2, S2.

After a short level stretch, we'll make a gentle ascent up the ridge to a picnic table overlooking Coyote Lake, the South Valley and the Santa Cruz mountains. A short but somewhat steeper descent leads down to the Coyote Ridge Trail, a gently rolling trail that also supports a patch of *Balsamorhiza* and leads back to the parking area. For more information, contact Woody at ewoodycollins@att.net or (408) 225-9039.

Directions: We'll meet at **10am** at the Mendoza Ranch Entrance to the Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. Take Hwy 101 south from San Jose to Gilroy. Take the Leavesley Rd. Hwy 152 W exit and turn left on Leavesley Rd; go 1.8 mi. to New Rd. Turn left on New Rd. and go 1/2 mi. to Roop Rd. (the second right). Turn right on Roop Rd. and proceed 3.5 miles into the foothills. Turn left onto the Mendoza Ranch Entrance road and proceed to the parking area. The Mendoza Ranch entrance is about 30 minutes from the South Hwy 85 / US 101 junction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Activities from Other Organizations

**Coastal Wildflower Day - April 12
Half Moon Bay State Beach, 95 Kelly Avenue
10 am to 4:30 pm.**

Celebrate spring with fun activities for all ages. Tour a native plant garden and nursery. Enjoy games for children including scavenger hunts and planting native strawberries. Go on an easy walk to the nearby coastal bluff top to learn about the native plants and restoration efforts in the coastal dunes and bluff. There will be native plants and seeds from the coast available to take home for a donation to support the nursery and state parks.

Sponsored by California State Parks and the Coastside State Parks Association. Our Chapter of CNPS will have an

information booth about native plants and events. Parking at the beach is \$10 unless you have a State Park pass.

CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2014

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Lupine at Half Moon Bay Dunes

Avis Boutell

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, April 5, 2014

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FIRST-CLASS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

Mar 5 Wed GWN - Ceanothus - Giuliano (2)
Mar 12 Wed GWN - Parking Strips - Jensen (2)
Mar 15 Sat Edgewood Saturday weeding (3)
Mar 15 Sat Weeding in the Wild - Alum Rock (4)
Mar 16 Sun San Bruno Mountain field trip (5)
Mar 20 Thu GWN - Native Gardens - Morris (2)
Mar 20 Thu LIVECoRPs (conservation) meeting (3)
Mar 21 Fri General Meeting - Kipping (1)
Mar 22 Sat New Hagen Meadow field trip (5)
Mar 23 Sun Sweeney Ridge field trip (6)
Mar 28 Fri Keying with Natives (3)
Mar 28 Fri Scholarship applications due (3)
Apr 4-6 Fri-Sun Carrizo Plain field trip (6)
Apr 5 Sat Newsletter submittal deadline (7)
Apr 7 Mon GWN - Graywater - Luna (3)

Apr 12 Sat Wildflower Festival (see poster)
Apr 13 Sun Sign Hill butterfly walk (6)
Apr 17 Thu LIVECoRPs (conservation) meeting (3)
Apr 19 Sat Edgewood Saturday weeding (3)
Apr 19-20 Sat-Sun Mount Diablo field trip (6)
Apr 20 Sun Coyote Lake field trip (6)
Apr 24 Thu Newsletter Mailing Party - 10am PCC
Apr 25 Fri Keying with Natives (3)
Apr 26-27 Sat-Sun Going Native Garden Tour (poster)
Apr 30-May 2 Wed-Fri Special Nursery Workdays (1)
May 3 Sat Spring Native Plant Sale (see poster)
May 4 Sun Coyote Lake Bear Ranch field trip (7)
Wed & Thu noon - 3pm Nursery work sessions (2)
Wed 5:30pm, Fri 9am Edgewood Park weeding (4)

The next Chapter Board meeting will be **Thursday, April 10 at 7:00pm** at the PCC, 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto.
 Chapter Board meetings are open to all Chapter members and their guests.
 For more information contact Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net.

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The Society, working with its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding and to preserve the rich heritage of the native flora for future generations. Membership is open to all. Individual memberships are \$45.00 per year. If you have questions about your newsletter subscription, please contact membership@cnps-scv.org. Address changes may be submitted to cnps@cnps.org and please put "member address change" in the subject line.

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