



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

May-June 2011

GENERAL MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

We have a BONUS General Meeting to announce in this newsletter: Besides our usual General Meeting on Friday May 20, Michael Mitchell and Rod Yeager will speak on the wildflowers of Monterey County on Friday, June 17.

Friday, May 20, 7:00 PM *note early time*
Los Altos Library Program Room
13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

California Native Plants in School Gardens
*Presentations by Claire Elliott, Vicki Moore
and other guests, followed by a Panel Discussion*

Are you an educator or parent or volunteer interested in establishing a school garden at your local school? Join us for a series of short presentations and a panel discussion on using native plants in school gardens. The featured speakers include Claire Elliott, Senior Ecologist in Acterra's Stewardship Program and Vicki Moore, founder of the Living Classroom Program.

A school garden serves as a living classroom in which students gain an understanding of natural systems through firsthand observation and experience. CNPS promotes the inclusion of native plants in every school garden because native plants help students learn the vital connection between plants and higher life forms such as insects and birds. School gardens foster community spirit by bringing students, school staff, families, local businesses, and organizations together.

Claire Elliott is the Senior Ecologist with Acterra's Stewardship Program. She has 25 years' experience working as an environmental scientist and educator, and assisting school garden programs in local schools. Her teaching has included public outreach related to watershed protection, and three years as an environmental educator at

Hidden Villa, a non-profit wilderness preserve and organic farm. Her educational background includes a bachelor's degree in biology, graduate studies in limnology, and a master's degree in Environmental Engineering and Science from Stanford University.

Vicki Moore has focused her career in environmental advocacy and education. She was the Policy Director and South Bay Field Director for Greenbelt Alliance from 1988-2000, focusing on conserving the region's greenbelt of open lands. Later she shifted to environmental education, first volunteering as a docent for the Environmental Volunteers, then founding the Living Classroom Program three years ago. Her motivation for founding the Program is to instill a greater appreciation and understanding of the natural world for students so that they are environmentally literate while also learning science, math and social studies state standards.

One of our chapter's goals this year is to form a School Garden committee to develop and share expertise and materials for educators, parents, and volunteers who wish to start school native plant gardens. So bring your ideas, experiences, and questions — we hope to have a lively discussion!

See directions to the Los Altos Library on the next page.

Friday, June 17, 7:30 PM
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13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

The Wildflowers of Monterey County
Speakers: Michael Mitchell & Rod Yeager

Of the 5,862 species and subspecies of native plants in California, more than 2,000 are to be found within Monterey County. We will get a glimpse of this incredible

plant diversity from the authors of the new field guide, *Wildflowers of Garland Ranch*.

Garland Ranch offers a microcosm of the plant habitats found throughout the county. Located in Carmel Valley, this regional park comprises 3,464 acres at the northern end of the Santa Lucia mountain range with the Carmel River running along part of its northern boundary. Its 50 miles of hiking trails cover a diverse range of habitats, from the riparian and flood plain to lowland oak woodlands and redwoods, to sage brush and chaparral before reaching the ridge lines at 1,500-2,000', with their exposed grasslands and scrub. Garland Ranch is home to over 350 species of flowering plants. An observant hiker who goes through both the woodland areas and chaparral to the ridges may expect to see close to 100 species on a spring day.

Michael Mitchell moved to Carmel Valley upon his retirement from a lifetime of legal practice in England and California. An enthusiastic photographer and nature lover, he has spent many happy hours photographing and then struggling to identify the local wildflowers. He is a volunteer naturalist with the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.

Rod M. Yeager, MD, after retiring from the practice of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery in Shreveport, Louisiana in 2002 has spent many enjoyable hours exploring the hiking trails in Pebble Beach, California and the surrounding area including Big Sur, Carmel Valley, Salinas Valley and the rest of Monterey County. It did not take long for him to be impressed by the large number and variety of wildflowers seen along the hiking trails and a desire to learn their names evolved. He developed an interest in photography which ultimately resulted in seven books of photographs of wildflowers found in Monterey County as well as a website (www.rodyeager.com).

Copies of the authors' field guide will be available for purchase and signing.

Directions: From Foothill Expy., travel ½ mile on San Antonio Rd. towards the Bay, cross Hillview and turn right into the driveway; the 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.

CNPS general meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, leave a message on our Chapter phone at (408) 260-3450 and someone will return your call.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Nursery at Hidden Villa

Thanks to our volunteers, our customers, partner organizations, and the lovely weather, we had another fantastic plant sale on April 16.

To help the nursery recover, and to propagate plants for our **Fall Native Plant Sale on October 15**, consider volunteering at one of our nursery work sessions. They take place every **Wednesday**, from **noon to 3pm**. Bring garden gloves, sunhat, clippers, and your lunch if you like. Other tools will be provided at the nursery. Knowledge of plants is not necessary; your willingness to help is all that's required.

Plants may be purchased during the nursery workdays through the end of May. Please plan to pay by check.

For more information, contact Jean Struthers at (650) 941-2586 or JeanStruthers@att.net (by phone is best); or Ray Deutsch at (650) 365-6136 or ray.deutsch@yahoo.ca.

Directions: Hidden Villa is located on Moody Road west of Foothill College. From Hwy. 280 in Los Altos Hills, take the Moody Road exit and head west. Two miles west of Foothill College, look for the Hidden Villa sign and driveway on the left. Proceed over the bridge, and park in the visitor center parking lot to your right. The Native Plant Nursery is at the greenhouse just beyond the visitor center.

Gardening With Natives, May-June

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

A total of six talks are scheduled during May and June throughout the Chapter area – from Cupertino, Los Altos, and Woodside to Milpitas and Fremont to San Carlos, Belmont, and Half Moon Bay! Please spread the word. For more info., visit www.GardeningWithNatives.com.

Gardening by Plant Community: The focus on gardening by plant community continues with one talk each month followed by a weekend walk through the same plant community. In May we cover redwood forests; the focus in June is coastal habitats. This combination of a gardening talk followed by a plant walk is to inspire gardeners to go on plant exploration hikes, and hikers to plant native plants

in their home gardens. See the Field Trips section later in this newsletter for more information on the scheduled hikes.

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

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Garden Plants From the Redwood Forest, a talk by Matt Teel

The Coast Redwood Forest plant community is home to a wide variety of native plants suitable for gardens in the greater Bay Area. This talk will cover the most popular perennials, shrubs, and ground covers in cultivation, as well as some of the rarer plants, in order to interest both beginners and enthusiasts. Matt Teel is the plant propagator at Yerba Buena Nursery and has over a decade of horticultural experience working with California native plants. (Look under Field Trips for a plant walk on Sunday, May 8). Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga. (408) 867-6126.

Saturday, May 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Native Plants for Brisbane Gardens, a lecture by Geoffrey Coffey

Join us for a talk and slide show of modern residential landscapes in the San Francisco Bay Area with a focus on the use of locally appropriate plant species such as those growing natively on San Bruno Mountain. Geoffrey Coffey is the president of Madroño Landscape Design Studio, a modern landscape design/build firm, and he is a principal of Bay Natives nursery, an online purveyor of choice local native plants. Brisbane Library, 250 Visitacion Ave., Brisbane. (415) 467-2060.

Thursday, May 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Habitat Gardening with Native Plants, a talk by Nancy Bauer

Native plants provide incomparable habitat value to wildlife because they have coevolved for centuries and millennia. You can attract birds, bees, and butterflies by introducing native plants to your garden. Nancy Bauer has been teaching and writing about wildlife habitat gardening since 1998. She is the author of *The Habitat Garden Book: Wildlife Landscaping for the San Francisco Bay Region*. San Carlos Library, 610 Elm Street, San Carlos. (650) 591-0341 x237.

Thursday, June 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Garden Plants From Coastal Habitats, a lecture by Dr. Glenn Keator

The Coastal native plant community is home to a wide variety of native plants suitable for gardens in the greater Bay Area. This talk will cover the most popular perennials, shrubs, and ground covers in cultivation for Coastal gardens. Dr. Keator has written over a dozen books on California native plants and is a teacher at Merritt College, a lecturer, and a field guide. (Look under Field Trips for a plant walk on Saturday, June 4). San Carlos Library, 610 Elm Street, San Carlos. (650) 591-0341 x237.

Tuesday, June 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Native Perennials for the Garden, a talk by Stephanie Curtis

Beautiful and vibrantly colorful California native perennials require little input from the gardener, yet provide unmatched habitat value for birds, butterflies, bees, and other beneficial insects. Learn about popular, cultivated native perennials from the major plant communities of the Bay Area. Stephanie Curtis is the owner of Curtis Horticulture, a landscape construction firm specializing in the design and maintenance of native plant landscapes. Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Ave., Campbell. (408) 866-1991.

Thursday, June 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Container Gardening With Native Plants, a talk by Pete Veilleux

Dress up even the smallest of spaces with native plants in containers. Masterful designer, nurseryman, and photographer Pete Veilleux of East Bay Wilds nursery will share many examples of native plants in containers, and tips for planting and care. San Carlos Library, 610 Elm Street, San Carlos. (650) 591-0341 x237.

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, for further examination of the intricate details of the specimens.

We usually meet on the last Friday of each month, from **6:30pm - 8:30pm**. The upcoming dates are **Fridays, May**

27 and June 24. We meet at the Peninsula Conservation Center (PCC), 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. For more information, please contact Dave "Tex" Houston at tex009@sbcglobal.net or (650) 303-2777; or Sally Casey at (408) 377-0989.

Native Plant Symposium a Success

Our Chapter's first ever symposium on native plant gardening and design -- held at Foothill College on February 19 -- was successful on many fronts. The best practitioners in the field accepted our invitation and shared their knowledge through informative talks and enchanting slides. A capacity audience of 325 listened with rapt attention, despite facility issues with heating and audio malfunction.

With the support of the Horticulture Department, our Chapter returned after several years to Foothill College, a location with deep ties to CNPS. Thirteen committee members and 23 volunteers logged 650 volunteer-hours over 8 months to put this event together.

The event raised the level of native plant gardening knowledge as well as funds for the Chapter. One of the happy outcomes of the symposium is that our Chapter has instituted a \$500/year CNPS scholarship for a horticulture student at Foothill College. Thanks to all who participated in one way or another to make this event a success.

IN MEMORIAM

Olive Zappacosta, a long time member of CNPS, passed away at her home on February 13 at the age of 92. For years Olive was the core of our Chapter's Wildflower Show. She was instrumental in developing the plant label cards and she was the organizer of the specimens on the tables. For many years she led a group collecting for the Wildflower Show at Almaden Quicksilver County Park.

Olive was a botanist who studied with Mildred Mathias at UCLA and was one of the few early women botanists. She was a devoted recorder of the plants of Almaden Quicksilver and Santa Teresa County Parks. At one of our General Meetings Olive received a surprise award from the Santa Clara County Parks Department. She led many field trips to Stile Ranch as well as to Almaden Quicksilver Park.

More recently, Olive has been our newsletter mailing party host. Your newsletter editor remembers Olive baking delicious cookies for the mailing parties in the 2000's when Mary Alice Bethel was the host. Thanks to the assistance of Olive's daughter

Janet Stevenson, Olive enjoyed greeting her friends and listening in on discussions while joining in assembling the printed newsletters for mailing.



Participants at the February 2011 California Gardens Symposium fill Foothill College's Smithwick Theater

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park

Spring is in full swing, and with all the winter rains the weeds are in full swing too, so it's time to kick our efforts into high gear! Come pitch in and make Edgewood an inspirational showcase of all CNPS stands for... have some fun, get some sun, and learn a ton!

Our **9am Friday** sessions run year round; **5:30pm Wednesday** sessions continue through Daylight Savings Time; and monthly **9am Saturday** sessions are the **3rd Saturday, March thru July**.

For schedules, meeting places, and other details visit our Weed Warriors website at edgewood.thinkersrus.net, contact Paul Heiple at (650) 854-7125 or pheiple@gmail.com, or email John Allen at jcakwa@comcast.net.

Sat Jun 4 Fountain Thistle Work Party (San Mateo) 10am-noon

Join leaders Ken Himes and Jake Sigg, of Santa Clara Valley and Yerba Buena Chapters, on the return to our

ongoing restoration work at this site, the intersection of I-280 and Hwy. 92. This will be our fifth visit, and the rewards for our work are very visible. The challenge this time will be to find any pampas grass seedlings, which should be few--or absent! Australian tea tree, *Leptospermum laevigatum*, will be an ongoing problem. Whereas pampas grass seeds are exceedingly short-lived, the tea tree has a longer-lived seed bank whose exact longevity is unknown to us.

The site is steep and, in parts, slippery. Wear appropriate footwear. Bring water and sun protection. **To sign up** and obtain the meeting location please RSVP to Jake at jakesigg@earthlink.net or (415) 731-3028.

CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS

Chapter field trips are generally free and 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 & 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 May 1 Whitehouse Creek "Cascade Field" (Pescadero) 10am - 3pm

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

The field trip to McNee Ranch State Park is now CHANGED to Whitehouse Creek because of the Dream Machines event that will be taking place north of Half Moon Bay on the same day.

INSTEAD COME TO - The Wildflowers of Whitehouse Creek, also called "Cascade Field," that is a part of Año Nuevo State Park. This area is a richly diverse flower field that has been managed by State Parks with controlled burns for the last several years.

Meet at the yellow gate on the ocean side of Highway 1, two miles north of the Año Nuevo main entrance, (about 26 miles south of Hwy. 1/Hwy. 92 intersection). Contact Toni Corelli (650) 464-1289 or corelli@coastside.net for more information. Bring lunch and water; wear layers.

Sat May 7 Blue Oak Ranch Reserve (Mount Hamilton Range) 10am - 3pm Optional Overnight Camping to Sunday morning, May 8

Join us for a return visit to the University of California Blue Oak Ranch Reserve in the Mount Hamilton Range, east of San Jose. This 3,260-acre property is normally not open to the public, but is maintained as an area for scientific research. The reserve contains four threatened plant communities: valley oak woodlands, blue oak woodlands, wildflower field, and native perennial grasslands. It contains 73 vascular plant families and 462 taxa of vascular plants, of which almost 80% are native. And May is a wonderful time for wildflowers!

This year we will have both a one-day field trip and an optional overnight camping opportunity at Ranch headquarters. For both events, we will meet at the Ranch gate on Mt. Hamilton Road on **Saturday at 10am**. The field trip **concludes at 3pm**, and we can expect to be back in the valley by 4pm. Bring lunch and liquids.

To reserve a place on the field trip and/or camping trip, please contact Judy Fenerty at judy@fenerty.com, or (408) 378-6272. Directions and details will be emailed prior to the event.

Sun May 8 Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park (Felton) 10am - noon

Take a stroll through an old-growth redwood grove to view many 1,000+ year old trees and meet some of the species of the redwood plant community. Kevin Bryant will lead this easy interpretive hike over mostly level ground in and around the Redwood Loop. We will also take in some views of the San Lorenzo River riparian woodland, including several large western sycamore trees. The walk is expected to be approximately 2 miles in length.

Directions: Take Hwy. 17 south to the Mt. Hermon Rd. exit. Go through Scotts Valley to Felton, where Mt. Hermon Rd. ends, turn right, and quickly get into the left hand lane. Turn left onto Hwy. 9 and go about 0.6 miles to the entrance of Henry Cowell Redwoods SP, which is a left turn off of Hwy. 9. The entrance fee to park in the lot is \$10. Some parking is available outside the park on Hwy. 9, about a 10 minute walk to the park gift shop. **We will meet at 10am** at the park gift shop. For more info. contact Kevin Bryant at mtngreen17@verizon.net or (408) 348-9470.

Fri - Sun May 13 - 15 Sierra Foothills (Mariposa) Car Camping

The town of Mariposa is located at the intersection of Highway 140 and Highway 49, a 3-hour drive from the Bay Area. The town itself is at 1,800 ft elevation although some

of the surrounding countryside can be higher. The plan is to arrive in Mariposa on Friday the 13th. Early arrivals **on Friday** can spend a few hours botanizing at Radhika's 10-acre oak woodland property with open meadows and a riparian corridor along the Agua Fria Creek that runs through the property.

On Saturday, we will drive to Trumbull Peak in Stanislaus National Forest and join the Sierra Foothills Chapter on their field trip. Trumbull Peak is at 5,000 ft. elevation and is the centerpiece of an historic and botanic Special Interest Area in the Stanislaus National Forest. It sits on the rim of the Merced River Canyon and is home to over 100 species of wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. The trip is timed to catch peak bloom of the wildflowers and three state-listed rare plants. Sturdy non-slip shoes are essential. **On Sunday** we will botanize at lower elevations catching some different species and different blooms.

The trip is limited to 16 people. You can join our group campsite at the Mariposa Fairgrounds, or stay at one of the many inns or motels in the area. Contact trip leader Radhika Thekkath at rthekkath@yahoo.com or (650) 996-0224 to **reserve your spot** and for a more detailed description of the trip.

Sun May 15 Grass Walk at Edgewood County Park (Redwood City) 10am - 1:30pm

Come see our native grasses at Edgewood, known for its unique and beautiful diversity of grasses. This will be an easy walk led by our own grass expert Sally Casey.

We'll **meet at 10am** at the intersection of Edgewood Road and Cañada Road. Pack water, lunch, comfortable walking shoes and an interest in grasses. The hike distance will be about 2 miles with gentle slopes. For more information contact Sally at (408) 377-0989.

Directions: From I-280, take the Edgewood Rd. exit in Redwood City and head west. Proceed about 1/2 mile to the end of Edgewood Rd., its intersection with Canada Rd.

Sun May 22 Mt. Madonna County Park (Gilroy) 10am - 3pm

Join us for a field trip to explore the diverse habitats of Mount Madonna County Park east of Gilroy. Mount Madonna is a 3,688-acre park in southern Santa Clara County that features beautiful redwood forests, oak woodlands, chaparral, and grasslands, as well as four species of manzanita. We will also visit the serpentine area on the Merry Go Round Trail. The hike will be moderately strenuous, up to 6 miles and up to 1,200 feet of elevation gain/loss.

For more information and **to sign up**, contact Judy Fenerty at judy@fenerty.com or (408) 378-6272. Directions will be sent prior to the hike. County Park information and maps are available at **www.parkhere.org**.



Kevin Bryant Leading Chapter Field Trip to Coyote Ridge, April 2011

Carol Mattsson

Sun May 22 The Cedars (Sonoma County) 10am - 4pm

Join Matt Teel and Roger Raiche for an exploration of Roger's amazing property, The Cedars. The Cedars, so named by early explorers for its extensive stands of Sargent Cypress, is a roughly 10 square mile area of Sonoma County consisting entirely of serpentine and its parent rock peridotite. Many rare plants, including several disjunct or endemic

species, await us for a rare opportunity to visit this remote, privately owned and botanically unique piece of California.

This trip is limited to 20 participants. Details and directions will be given to confirmed participants; expect a 3 hour drive from the SF peninsula. High clearance 4WD vehicles are needed to access the property; participants with unsuitable cars may leave their vehicles safely at a neighboring ranch and carpool in. If you have a high clearance 4WD, please let Matt know when reserving your space. Springs and pools are abundant; bring a swimsuit if you like. Participants should be prepared for steep, rugged terrain and mainly single track trails.

We are offering **priority to Santa Clara Valley Chapter members** for this trip. Contact Matt at mat_teel@yahoo.com or (650) 851-4691, **to sign up**. If you are not a Chapter member and are interested in attending, please email Matt to get on the waiting list. If

there is still room 10 days prior to the trip, we will accommodate whomever we can.

Sun Jun 5 San Bruno Mountain (Brisbane)

10am - 1pm

Join Ken Himes to explore the summit portion of San Bruno Mtn. We will hike the east Summit Trail (1/2 mile long and mostly level) and a portion of the Ridge Trail, and extend the hike (and time) to the southeast if there is interest. Plants of the coastal scrub community will be featured. Many of these plants have been used horticulturally throughout California. We will also consider the potential of lesser known plants that occur in this community.

Wear layers as windy and cool conditions could occur. Bring lunch and water. For more information, call Ken at (650) 591-8560.

Directions: From Hwy. 101 northbound, take the Old Bayshore/Brisbane exit and proceed north on Old Bayshore, past the town of Brisbane, until reaching the crest of a hill. Turn left onto Guadalupe Canyon Pkwy. and proceed uphill (west) about a mile and a half to the park entrance. There is a \$5 day use/parking fee. The hike begins near the entrance station parking lot.

Sun Jun 19 Beginner's Woody Plant Walk - Alum Rock Park (San Jose) 9am - 2pm

SPECIAL CNPS MEMBERS ONLY WALK

Alum Rock Park was once a tourist attraction with spas, a swimming pool, and a light rail terminus; today it is a scenic and serene city park returning to its original natural state.

Join Arvind Kumar for a plant walk along Alum Rock Park's cool and shady South Rim Trail. On this hike, our focus will be on identifying woody shrubs and trees. We expect to see several native oaks, bay laurel, gray pine, holly-leaved cherry, buckeye, coffeeberry, holly-leaved redberry, blue elderberry, toyon, hillside gooseberry, sticky monkeyflower, and blue witch, among others. Beginners interested in basic plant identification are welcome. The distance is 2 miles with 600' of elevation gain. Bring water and a bag lunch.

Space is limited to 20 participants. **RSVP to Arvind** at arvind.kumar@cnps.org or (408) 715-7020 to **reserve your spot** and for directions to the meeting place. **This is a CNPS members only walk**; memberships will be accepted at the trailhead.

Field Trip Training Begins Tuesday May 31

Our Field Trip Training Program is being created to expand our supply of volunteer leaders and assistants. Our goal for this year is to offer a short program that covers topics sufficient for a new leader to be able to lead a beginner's nature hike. Chapter members interested in learning to lead field trips for beginners, or others wanting to brush up their leadership skills are invited to sign up. No previous experience is necessary.

The program will be conducted over two evenings, **Tuesday May 31st and Monday, June 6th** at the PCC (Peninsula Conservation Center) in Palo Alto. There will also be one **Saturday morning hike** following up the evening meetings, to reinforce and expand on the topics discussed at the earlier sessions. Several experienced field trip leaders from our Chapter will be the instructors for the evening or field sessions.

If you are interested in signing up for this program, or have any further questions, please contact Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com, or (650) 804-6162 (evenings).

CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2011

To learn more about volunteering with the Chapter, to ask questions or to give suggestions, please contact any of the officers listed below.

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To join our Chapter email list please use the signup link at the bottom of our Chapter home page at www.cnps-scw.org.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, June 4

Email: mattsson@surfpix.net

Phone: (408) 255-3767

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(page # in parentheses)

- May 1 Sun Whitehouse Creek walk (5)
- May 3 Tue GWN - Redwood Forest - Teel (3)
- May 7 Sat Blue Oak Ranch hike & camp (5)
- May 8 Sun Henry Cowell Redwoods walk (5)
- May 13-15 Fri-Sun Mariposa field trip (6)
- May 14 Sat GWN - Brisbane Gardens - Coffey (3)
- May 15 Sun Edgewood grass walk (6)
- May 19 Thu GWN - Habitat Gardens - Bauer (3)
- May 20 Fri General Meeting - School Gardens (1)
- May 21 Sat Edgewood weeding 3rd Saturday (4)
- May 22 Sun Mt. Madonna hike (6)
- May 22 Sun The Cedars field trip (6)
- May 27 Fri Keying with Natives (3)
- May 31 Tue Field Trip training program begins (7)

- Jun 2 Thu GWN - Coastal Habitats - Keator (3)
- Jun 4 Sat Fountain Thistle Work Party (5)
- Jun 4 Sat Newsletter submittal deadline (7)
- Jun 5 Sun San Bruno Mountain hike (7)
- Jun 9 Thu Chapter Board meeting
- Jun 14 Tue GWN - Perennials - Curtis (3)
- Jun 17 Fri General Meeting - Mitchell/Yeager (1)
- Jun 18 Sat Edgewood weeding 3rd Saturday (4)
- Jun 19 Sun Alum Rock woody plant walk (7)
- Jun 24 Fri Keying with Natives (3)
- Jun 30 Thu GWN - Container Gardening (3)
- Wed afts Nursery work sessions (2)
- Weds eves, Fri morns Edgewood Park weeding (4)

The next Chapter **Board meeting** will be **Thursday, June 9 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.

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 concerning a new membership, renewal of a current membership, or if you wish to report a **change of address**, please contact the Membership Chairperson, CNPS, 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303 or email ray.deutsch@yahoo.ca.

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- Plant ID

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