



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

September-October 2013

GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Native Birds, Native Plants: Made for Each Other

A talk by: **Bob Power, Executive Director,
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society**

**Friday, September 20, 7:30 PM
Los Altos Library Program Room
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

The San Francisco Bay Area leads the nation in environmental awareness, education, and advocacy because of grassroots, volunteer-driven organizations like CNPS which work tirelessly to advance the cause of native plants and habitats and the environment as a whole. CNPS is fortunate in that it is not alone in this effort, having many excellent partner organizations to work with. This month we are pleased to present a program by our sister environmental organization, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS).

Executive Director Bob Power will speak to us about Audubon's current priorities, and the areas in which Audubon and CNPS complement each other's efforts. Native fauna depend on native plants for their very existence and survival, a principle that is well understood and internalized at SCVAS, which has devoted considerable staff resources towards habitat conservation. Environmental Advocate Shani Kleinhaus notifies CNPS of upcoming local conservation battles. Programs Coordinator Toby Goldberg lectures widely at area libraries and a key part of her presentation focuses on the importance of planting natives in order to attract and sustain bird populations.



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Bob Power

Bob Power holds a Masters in Management from John F. Kennedy University and did his undergraduate work at Eastern Kentucky University. His previous professional experience includes assignments in both the public and private sectors. Most recently, he was the South and East Bay Trail Director for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. He also managed stores for Recreational Equipment Incorporated (REI) in Cupertino and Berkeley. He is a day leader for the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory's hawkwatch program, and has been a field trip leader for Golden Gate Audubon, San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory and Wild Bird Center.

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 Real**, 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, contact Chapter President Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or the Chapter phone at (650) 260-3450.

Save the Date!

Our November Chapter General Meeting will include our **annual potluck dinner and Chapter elections**. It will be held on **Saturday, November 9** at the Shoup Garden House in Los Altos.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Sale October 19 at Hidden Villa 10am - 3pm; Call for Volunteers

Our Fall Native Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, October 19, from **10am to 3pm** at our Hidden Villa nursery. 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 **10am to 1pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 16, 17 and 18**. On the day of the sale, we will need people to:

- Help set up before the sale (**starting at 8am**)
- Place road direction signs on roads to the sale (**8am**) & retrieve the signs after the sale
- Help with parking in the morning
- 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: Stephen Buckhout (408) 255-6233, yscottie@pacbell.net

Miscellaneous: Melanie Cross (650) 947-1325 or Melanie@pcross.com; Jean Struthers (650) 941-2586 or JeanStruthers@att.net.

Our nursery workdays are from **10am to 1pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays**. After the sale, our workdays switch to winter hours, which are **noon to 3pm**.

Directions: Hidden Villa is located on Moody Road west of Foothill College. From I-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 drive about ¼ mile to the large parking lot on the right. The Native Plant Nursery is at the greenhouse just beyond the visitor center. On the day of the plant sale, follow the directions of the parking monitors as to where to park.

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 theme is *Native Plant Vignettes*, where monthly presenters share tips on designing discrete areas of your garden, such as parking strips or meadows. **Four talks are scheduled during September and October**, so please spread the word. For more information, visit www.GardeningWithNatives.com.

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

Landscaping on Slopes with California Native Plants, a talk by Chris Todd

**Tuesday, September 3, 7:00-8:30 PM, Saratoga Library
13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga (408) 867-6126**

Are you gardening on a hillside and frustrated with the challenges you face? Come learn the basics of fire safety, planting, irrigating, draining, and controlling critters on slopes. Get tips on how to avoid pitfalls that you wouldn't face on flatlands. Hear some surprising new things you should know about fire and native plants versus non-native plants. Learn the benefits of California natives over exotic plants on our beautiful California hills.

Chris Todd of Garden Escapes by Chris Todd has been designing sustainable, drought-tolerant, and native gardens since 2000, after earning a degree in horticulture and landscape design from Foothill College Horticulture program. Native plants are a major part of her water-efficient landscapes, as well as client education on managing their environment in a healthier way. Chris lectures on California native plants, water-efficient landscape ordinances, and soil for various organizations throughout the Bay Area.

Converting a Lawn to a Native Plant Garden, a talk by Deva Luna

**Thursday, Sep. 19, 7:00-8:30 PM, Morgan Hill Library
660 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill (408) 779-3196**

Tired of your lawn, but don't know what to put in instead? Come to this talk and be inspired to create a beautiful garden - without mowing or fertilizing! See a variety of no-lawn landscaping styles and ideas, get professional landscaping tips on removing a lawn, using native lawn alternatives, and sheet mulching to prevent weeds in your new garden, all while having fun.

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. Her passions include California native plants, greywater, edible landscaping, herbs, and "quirky yard art."

Gardening, Cooking, & Healing with Native Plants of California, a talk by Alicia Funk

**Monday, Sep. 23, 10:00-11:30 AM, Woodside Library
3140 Woodside Road, Woodside (650) 851-0147**

The native people of California lived sustainably for thousands of years by using California native plants. The author of the landmark new book *Living Wild: Gardening, Cooking and Healing with Native Plants of California*, will show you how to grow, harvest, and incorporate California native plants into your day-to-day life. Snacks will be available to sample.

Alicia Funk has an MBA and 20 years of expertise in the field of natural living and wellness. She is the editor of six books, including *The Botanical Safety Handbook*, *Herbal Medicine*, *The Expanded Commission E Monographs* and *The ABC Clinical Guide to Herbs*. **Note that this is a morning meeting!**

Native Gardens to Attract Butterflies and Other Pollinators, a talk by Nancy Bauer

**Wed, October 16, 7:00-8:30 PM, Campbell Library
77 Harrison Ave., Campbell (408) 866-1991**

Nancy Bauer jumpstarted her journey into California natives when well-known San Francisco butterfly gardener Barbara Deutsch shared compelling stories and images of vibrant gardens alive with butterflies and other pollinators. Native plants are key to supporting monarchs and other lepidopteras and can be reliable, no-care treasures that benefit local ecology as they beautify your garden.

Nancy Bauer has taught classes for the San Francisco Botanical Garden, UC Davis Master Gardener Program, National Wildlife Stewardship Program, and numerous other garden and nature organizations throughout the Bay Area. She is author of *The Habitat Garden Book: Wildlife Landscaping for the San Francisco Bay Region*.

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 next meeting dates will be **Fridays, August 30, September 27 and October 25, from 6:30pm to 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.

Directions to PCC: From Highway 101, take the "San Antonio North" exit, get immediately into the left-hand turn lane, and turn LEFT onto East Bayshore. This will curve around to the left, then right. Turn right on Corporation Way. Then turn into the first driveway on your left, which leads to the PCC parking lot. The meeting rooms are on the first floor.

Conservation Committee: LIVECoRPs

It has been a busy two months for LIVECoRPs (our Conservation Committee). Committee members have been involved in our usual diverse range of projects including a restoration project in Alum Rock Park that involves propagating, weeding and planting (and soliciting volunteers); working with a company on expanding their use of native plants in the landscaping plans of their new campus; consulting with our two local Open Space Districts



Toni Corelli

Congdon's tarplant (*Centromadia parryi* ssp. *congdonii*)
at Sunnyvale Baylands Park

in their multi-year visioning process; commenting on Environmental Impact Reviews (EIRs) for proposed building projects and working together with other environmental organizations and a city on improving the habitat value of a proposed mitigation project.

Our rare and endangered plant surveyors had an especially productive time. Please see the Rare Plant News article, next in this newsletter, for an exciting update.

We are a dedicated and enthusiastic bunch. We meet on the **third Tuesday** of the month, **7pm** at the Peninsula Conservation Center in Palo Alto (PCC). Our next meetings will be **September 17 and October 15**. Please come join us.

For questions, comments or concerns, please contact LIVECoRPs Chair Linda Ruthruff at ldruff@hotmail.com. For **directions** to the PCC, please see the Keying with Natives article above.

RARE PLANT NEWS

Rare discoveries in Santa Clara County

Tarplant is a rather unappealing name for a little yellow composite and its other common name, spikeweed, does not sound any better. Congdon's tarplant (*Centromadia parryi*



Volunteers surveying for Congdon's tarplant at Sunnyvale Baylands Park August 2, 2013

ssp. congonii 1B.1) is considered seriously endangered in California, and especially so in Santa Clara County. The reason is that it grows near the Baylands where demand for land is great. Several large developments have resulted in loss of habitat for the tarplant. As a result, the Chapter's rare plant hunters have made surveying for the plant a priority. On August 2 volunteers Toni Corelli, Janell Hillman, Ann Lambrecht, Zsuzska Nagyfejeo, Woody Collins and Don Mayall gathered to look for the Congdon's tarplant at Sunnyvale Baylands Park.

The park was thought to contain the only remaining population of this species in Santa Clara County. In 2001,

Chapter members had counted 8,000 Congdon's tarplant there. On the 2nd of August we counted more than 6,000 at the same location.

Then Janell Hillman, a Santa Cruz Chapter member, told us she had seen what she believed was a population of Congdon's tarplant at the end of the runway at the Palo Alto Airport and led our survey crew to that location. The Congdon's tarplant was inside a chain-link fence, but close enough to identify. This is a brand new location for the county, and now we have two thriving populations in Santa Clara County.

Earlier in the month, Janell had electrified us with her discovery of San Joaquin spearscale (*Atriplex joaquiniana* 1B.2) by Soap Lake on the southern boundary of Santa Clara County. This plant had not been seen at this location since 1896! This occurrence is on the Santa Clara County rare plant list, though Janell thought this particular sighting was just across the line into San Benito County.

The watchful eyes of rare plant volunteers and other chapter members have made this a great year for the documentation of some of our rarest plants.

Editor's note: The terms 1B.1 and 1B.2 are rare plant classifications from the CNPS Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants. The number 1 after the decimal point in 1B.1 means "seriously endangered in California." For more information visit www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/ranking.php.

Toni Corelli

Botanist Toni Corelli conducts our rare plants training. She may be reached at corelli@coastside.net or (650) 726-0689.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park

Come help remove non-native weeds from Edgewood Park and provide critical habitat for the endangered species.

- Our **9am Friday** sessions run year round.
- **5:30pm Wednesday** sessions continue through Daylight Savings Time. That means our last Wednesday weeding session will be October 30.

- Our season's last **9am Saturday** session will be **September 28** -- meet at the West Kiosk.

For Edgewood Weed Warrior schedules, meeting places, and other details, visit edgewood.thinkersrus.net; contact Paul Heiple at (650) 854-7125 or pheiple@gmail.com; email John Allen at jcakwa@comcast.net for Friday info; or contact EWW program chair Drew Shell at shell@corp.webtv.net for Wed/Sat information.

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 Sep 15 Sharsmith Herbarium 9:30am - Noon
Join Curator Toni Corelli to visit the Carl W. Sharsmith Herbarium at San Jose State University, along with Assistant Curators Teri Barry and Lars Rosengreen.

The herbarium is named for botanist Carl Sharsmith, who started the herbarium and collected and mounted over 15,000 specimens. On display will be a selection of herbarium sheets showing specimens collected in our area. Learn how the collection is cared for and how to mount plant specimens that can be added to the collection. Afterwards we will visit the native garden outside Duncan Hall.

Directions/Location/Parking: Duncan Hall, on East San Salvador St. between 4th and 7th Street. in downtown San Jose. The herbarium is in Room 345. The closest parking is on the street (read signs to see parking limits) or pay for parking at the 4th (West) or 7th (South) Street Garages. Duncan Hall is located between those two parking structures. For map visit www.sjsu.edu/map/interactive/.

The trip is limited to 20 people, so **sign up** with Toni Corelli at corelli@coastside.net or (650) 726-0689. For

more about the herbarium and to search for specimens visit www.sjsu.edu/herbarium/.

Sun Sep 29 Monte Bello Open Space Preserve (Skyline-west of Palo Alto) 9:30am - 2pm

Take a fall stroll with leaders Michael Yantos and Carolyn Dorsch. We will do a 3.7 mile loop, observing the seasonal changes as we pass through oak and madrone woodlands. The preserve has an abundant variety of mature oaks: both the valley oak and the Oregon oak are present here, as well as canyon live oak, interior live oak, and tan oak. We'll look for a variety of understory shrubs among the bays and big leaf maples. Hopefully we'll catch the beginning of the fall color season.

The trails are in good condition, with some moderate elevation gains, but we will go at a leisurely pace. We will have a lunch stop. Be sure to bring water and wear good hiking shoes.

Directions: Meet at the Preserve's main entrance on Page Mill Rd., 7 miles west of I-280 and 1.5 miles east of Skyline Blvd. The entrance is on the left (east) side of the road as you drive up from the valley. For more information about Monte Bello Open Space Preserve please visit www.openspace.org/preserves/pr_monte_bello.asp

To sign up for the hike, or for any questions, contact Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com or (650) 804-6162 (eves); or Michael Yantos at (650) 743-2807.

Sat Nov 2 Crystal Springs Watershed 8:30am – 4pm

Join leaders Jake Sigg and Ken Himes in this joint CNPS Yerba Buena/Santa Clara Valley Chapter trip. We have designed this trip to combine sightseeing with working. Lots of sightseeing, only a couple hours working.

The grasslands/wildflower areas in the coast ranges are disappearing. In the absence of the frequent burning practiced by the native peoples, most grassy areas proximate to the coast are converting to shrubs or forests. We owe so many of our coastal wildflower areas to the frequent burning by the natives and we are now gradually losing them because there is no substitute technology for preserving them, now that prescribed fire is no longer possible. The loss of these coastal prairies would be tragic, as they harbor a great variety of wildflowers in a matrix of many species of perennial bunchgrasses. Many animals like hawks, owls, and coyotes need these open foraging grounds.

We expect to spend one or two hours cutting down small bushes encircling these postage-stamp-sized areas, pushing their perimeters back a few feet. Then we'll strike out on a six-mile roundtrip hike along Pilarcitos Creek to see the historic old Stone Dam. Even late in a dry year there is much to see in this fog-influenced area.

Tools and gloves will be supplied; bring lunch and lots of liquids. We expect this to be a rewarding day.

The trip is limited to 20 people. **To save your spot** and for directions to the meeting place please RSVP by email to jakesigg@earthlink.net, or call him at (415) 731-3028. The following Saturday, Nov 9, will be a rain date.

GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR 2014

Submit Your Garden

Since 2003, the Bay Area's pioneering native garden tour has showcased gardens featuring California native plants. Each tour features 40-70 gardens, most of them private home gardens, which are open on tour day in a do-it-yourself, open house format. The gardens on the tour demonstrate reduced water use, reduced chemical and pesticide use, improved habitat, and the unique aesthetic appeal of gardens designed with California native plants.

If you live in Santa Clara County or San Mateo County, and California native plants are a significant percentage (50% or more) of your garden, we invite you to submit your garden for inclusion in the **Going Native Garden Tour 2014, which will be held April 26 and 27**. Northern gardens will be open on the 26th and southern gardens on the 27th. You can submit your garden by visiting www.goingnativegardentour.org and clicking on the link on the home page for garden submissions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Activities from Other Organizations

Sierra Foothills Chapter Hosts Gardening with Natives Symposium Sat Sep 14

The Sierra Foothills Chapter of CNPS is hosting a symposium focused on growing native plants in the home landscape on Saturday, September 14 in the Mother Lode community of Sonora. The keynote speaker will be seed producer and author Judith Larner Lowry. Other speakers include Julie Serences, an expert on pollinators; Mary

Anderson, who is a retired nursery owner and consultant; and author Helen Popper.

For more information about the symposium, see the event listing and link to PDF brochure at www.cnps.org/cnps/horticulture/calendar/event_single.php?item_id=427. Or contact Patti Hohne at (209) 753-4313 or phohne@gmail.com.

CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2013

We have several open Board and Committee Chair positions, and we would like to get more help with our Program Committee, Publicity Committee and Going Native Garden Tour Committee. For more information, or to volunteer in other ways, such as by running for a Chapter Office in 2014, please contact any of the officers listed below.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, October 5, 2013

**Email: mattsson@surfpix.net
Phone: (408) 255-3767**

ONGOING HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS

Join local volunteers at your favorite parks to help restore habitat for native flora and fauna. Projects include planting California natives, trail maintenance and of course, plenty of pulling weeds! Contact the listed organizers for details.

Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education Center in Alviso

Upland habitat restoration: remove invasives, plant CA natives. Tuesdays 9:30am - 2pm; Garden workdays twice a quarter on Saturdays. www.fws.gov/refuge/don_edwards_san_francisco_bay and click on "Visit" and "Events Calendar." Genie_Moore@fws.gov (408) 262-5513 x100

Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve

Invasive species removal Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings. For details see page 5 or edgewood.thinkersrus.net

Alum Rock Park Volunteers

Invasive removal and restoration at Inspiration Point. 3rd Saturdays (except Apr. & Oct. on 2nd Sat). 8am - noon. Stephen Rosenthal sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net. groups.yahoo.com/group/alumrockparkvolunteers

Lake Cunningham Park's Native Garden

Tasks include weeding invasive plants, mulching, watering, propagation and planting. 2305 S. White Road, San Jose. Sunday mornings: 9am to 12noon Oct 1 through May 31, or 8am to 11am Jun 1 through Sep 30. Wednesday mornings: contact Susan Sundberg sundberg27@yahoo.com groups.yahoo.com/group/lakecunninghamvolunteers

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Projects include weeding, trail repair and fence reconstruction. volunteer@openspace.org or (650) 691-1200. See website for signup form and calendar: www.openspace.org/volunteer/outdoor_service_projects.asp

Magic - Stanford Dish Oak Habitat Stewardship

Plant oaks and other native plants; mulch and remove invasive species; water oaks and other new plantings.

Saturday mornings 10am, winter and spring. Thursday evenings 5:15pm, summer and early fall. Details and sign up: Robin Bayer, Magic. robin@ecomagic.org.

Acterra: Arastradero Preserve in Palo Alto

Projects include habitat restoration, adopt a plot or stretch of creek to steward, help out at nursery.

Acterra's project locations include **San Francisquito Creek, McClellan Ranch/Blackberry Farm,**

Permanente Creek (Mountain View), **Redwood Grove** (Los Altos), **Bay Trail** (East Palo Alto) and now **Foothills Park.**

See website for listings & signup link, or contact Stewardship Director Alexv@acterra.org or 650-962-9876 x315 acterra.org/programs/stewardship/get_involved.html

Santa Clara County Open Space Authority
Activities include habitat

improvement and land stewardship. Contact Volunteer Programs Supervisor Dana Litwin at volunteer@openspaceauthority.org or (408) 224-7476 x27 www.openspaceauthority.org/volunteer/resourcevolunteers.html

Ulistac Natural Area Restoration Workdays

Watering, weeding, mulching, and planting oaks and native plants in Santa Clara. 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday mornings each month. 9am - 1pm in summer, 10am - 2pm in winter. ulistac@gmail.com or (408) 482-7608. For updates check **Facebook "Ulistac Natural Area."**

Edgewood Adopt-A-Highway

I-280 at Edgewood Road Park & Ride. 1st Saturday or 1st Sunday each month 8:30am. adoptahighway-coordinator@friendsofedgewood.org or (650) 369-2222. www.friendsofedgewood.org/adopt-a-highway



David Tharp

OSA volunteers removing weeds at Coyote Ridge

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FIRST-CLASS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

Aug 30 Fri Keying with Natives (3)

Sep 3 Tue GWN - Slopes - Todd (2)

Sep 15 Sun Sharsmith Herbarium Field Trip (5)

Sep 17 Tue LIVECoRPs (conservation) meeting (3)

Sep 19 Thu GWN - Converting Lawn - Luna (2)

Sep 20 Fri **General Meeting – Power** (1)

Sep 23 Mon GWN - Cooking & Healing - Funk (3)

Sep 27 Fri Keying with Natives (3)

Sep 28 Sat Edgewood Saturday weeding (5)

Sep 29 Sun Monte Bello OSP Field Trip (5)

Oct 5 Sat Newsletter submittal deadline (6)

Oct 10 Thu Chapter Board meeting

Oct 15 Tue LIVECoRPs (conservation) meeting (3)

Oct 16 Wed GWN - Pollinators - Bauer (3)

Oct 19 Sat **Fall Native Plant Sale** Hidden Villa (1)

Oct 24 Thu **Newsletter Mailing Party - 10am PCC**

Oct 25 Fri Keying with Natives (3)

Nov 2 Sat Crystal Springs sightseeing/working (5)

Wed & Thu 10am-1pm Nursery work sessions (2)

Fri morns., Wed eves. Edgewood Park weeding (4)

The next Chapter **Board meeting** will be **Thu., October 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**. Please put "member address change" in the subject line.

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