



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

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GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

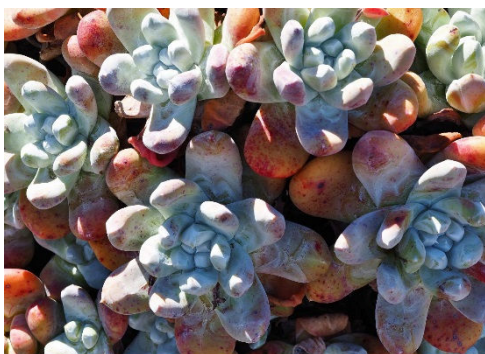
Friday, September 21 at 7:30 PM
Los Altos Library Program Room
13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

**At the Edge of California
and the Edge of Existence:
Poaching of Cedros Island Dudleya**

a Talk by **Michael Uhler**
Regional Parks Botanic Garden

Siemprevive de Isla de Cedros (*Dudleya pachyphytum* [*Crassulaceae*]) is the most intriguing and charismatic *Dudleya* species and it is also one of the rarest. It occupies a small, very specialized portion of only one island in the Pacific off the coast of Baja California, Mexico on Isla de Cedros. It is now ever closer to being extirpated as a group of poachers removed a huge portion of our entire global population. In the final days of May 2017, Mexican authorities performing a routine search of a 55-foot long freightliner tractor trailer rig in Baja California discovered a profound illegal shipment. In the enclosed trailer they counted 64 cardboard boxes loaded with a total of 4,756 rosettes of the extremely rare plant.

Four perpetrators were subsequently arrested in connection



Michael Uhler
A beautiful raft of *Dudleya pachyphytum*
from Isla de Cedros

with this large-scale smuggling act and the rosettes are now, thankfully, in safe hands. What percentage of the entire population does this represent and can the planned

repatriation ever return this population to its former health? Michael Uhler traveled to the crime scene to view first-hand the site of this unconscionable act and to determine the answers to the above questions.

Michael Uhler has been a Gardener at Tilden Botanic Garden for 13 years. Michael has been seeking wild places his entire life, and Isla de Cedros is his favorite wild place in Baja California. Michael invites you to share his favorite images from this insular treasure as well as a tragic tale of loss related to *Dudleya pachyphytum*.

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.

CNPS general meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Chapter President Madeline Morrow at madelinemorrow@earthlink.net or the Chapter phone (650) 260-3450.

Save the Date!

Our November General Meeting will include our **annual potluck dinner and Chapter elections**. It will be held on **Saturday, November 10** at the Shoup Garden House.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Sale October 20 at Hidden Villa & Call for Volunteers

Our fall plant sale will be held on Saturday, October 20th from **10am to 3pm** at our CNPS SCV Native Plant nursery. In addition to a wide selection of plants from our nursery and Grassroots Ecology, there will also be books, t-shirts and posters. Coyote Brush Studios will offer their popular prints, cards, stickers and temporary tattoos. Larry Voss

will be selling bulbs. For more information, please see the enclosed poster or visit www.cnps-scv.org/plant-sale.

Once again we're asking everyone who can to come and **help with the sale**. **Before the sale**, you may help prepare the nursery at a few special nursery workdays, including labeling plants and weeding the garden outside the nursery. Check at Signup Genius for dates, tasks and times: www.bit.ly/SG-fps18.

Please use the same Signup Genius link to volunteer **on the day of the sale**. Most of the tasks don't require expert knowledge of plants, and **you can choose to work one or two hours** or all day. The tasks include setup before the sale, parking, headcount, box check, answering customers' questions, writing sales tags, helping customers to carry out their purchase, and cleaning up after the sale.

The plant sales are always lots of fun to work at, and we provide **lunch** to volunteers. If you have questions please contact:

Coordinator: Toni Gregorio-Bunch at tidytip.lp@gmail.com or (408) 373-4497

Nursery: Vivian Neou at techchair@cnps-scv.org or (650) 260-3450

Writing sales tags: Georgia Stigall at georgiastigall@yahoo.com or (650) 941-1068

Parking director: Stephen Buckhout at yscottie@pacbell.net or (408) 255-6233

After the sale, the nursery will resume its usual **Wednesday workdays**, from **11am to 2pm**.

The next **Monthly Member Sales** will be held on **Wednesdays, August 29 and September 26, 11am to 2pm**. There will be no member sale in October.

As a reminder, member sales are **credit card only** payment, while the public plant sale also accepts **cash and checks** as payment. An inventory of available plants will be updated the week before each sale. Visit www.cnps-scv.org and go to Events, then Plant Sale.

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 Dana Center parking lot to your right. Continue walking a short distance on that road and you will see the CNPS SCV Nursery ahead of you, just past the Dana

Center building. Parking is free while volunteering or attending a plant sale.

At the Plant Sale: *Free Individual Planting Design Consulting with Agi Kehoe, Sherri Osaka and Linda Ruthruff*

Bring an accurate scaled drawing of your garden or a screenshot from Google Earth, along with printed pictures and your garden's sun exposure and views. One of our designers will give you 15-30 minutes of free suggestions on which plants would do best in your garden, plus suggestions for your habitat garden. Many of these plants will be available for sale that day.

We'll also have sample garden plans gathered from various sources that you can use as a template for your own garden design. Our designers can also help you with your specific plant selections, whether you have deer, gophers, extremely heavy clay, rocky soil, or other challenges.

Gardening with Natives

Gardening with Natives (GWN), a special interest group within the Chapter, includes beginning and seasoned native plant gardeners, along with landscape architects and designers. GWN offers over 35 free talks throughout the year at public libraries in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. For more info., visit www.cnps-scv.org/gwn.

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

**Pruning Native Perennials
a talk by Patricia Evans**

Wednesday, September 5, 7-8:30 PM, Sunnyvale Library, 665 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale (408) 730-7300

Pruning is one of the garden tasks that requires the most skill, timing and labor in the garden. Proper pruning affects the health and vigor of plants, and can take a garden from "good" to "great." Learn when and how to prune your perennials and see examples of good and bad pruning done right before your eyes.

Patricia Evans, owner of Natural Landscape Design, is a graduate of the Foothill College Ornamental Horticulture program. Previously, she served on the boards of directors of Gamble Garden and the Association of Professional

Landscape Designers. She has also taught “Garden Design for Homeowners” for Palo Alto Adult Education. She specializes in native plants and sustainable landscaping.

**The Edible Native Garden
a talk by Frank Niccoli**

**Tuesday, September 25, 7-8:30 PM, Saratoga Library,
13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga (408) 867-6126**

Modern life depends entirely on plants from all over the world, but the plants that nourished the native people of California for thousands of years were only our local plants. Learn what plants these people used for food, medicine, and material sources. You'll find that the speaker has a passion for California ethnobotany.

Frank Niccoli has been a gardener for over 50 years and is the past president of the founding chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association. He was voted Member of the Year by his peers in 2001 and 2004. He teaches numerous classes at Foothill College.

**Simple Water Features for the Native Garden
a talk by Deva Luna**

**Thu., October 4, 7-8:30 PM, Mountain View Library,
585 Franklin St., Mountain View (650) 903-6337**

Water features add interest to the garden, supply needed water to wildlife, and mask ambient noise. They can be as simple as a bird bath and complex as a recirculating waterfall. Come to this talk to get some ideas for a water feature in your garden.

Deva Luna is a sustainable and Bay-Friendly certified landscape designer who has been teaching and speaking about horticulture for over 20 years. She has a degree in Plants and Art from U.C. Davis and works for EarthCare Landscaping (www.earthcareland.com) in Cupertino.

**Native Plants for the Redwood Garden
a talk by Frank Niccoli**

**Tuesday, October 9, 7-8:30 PM, Redwood City Library,
1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (650) 780-7018**

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.

See above for **Frank Niccoli's** bio.

**Maintaining your Native Garden
a talk by Stephanie Morris**

**Wednesday, October 24, 7-8:30 PM, Campbell Library,
77 Harrison Ave., Campbell (408) 866-1991**

Learn how to maintain your water-conserving garden and spend less time doing it! Topics will include the proper planting and care of California native and other low-water use plants. Pruning techniques and drip irrigation systems will also be discussed. Hear why healthy soil is so important and learn how sheet mulching can reduce the time you spend weeding.

Stephanie Morris has worked in the field of landscape architecture for 21 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.

**Native Buckwheats: Bonbons for Bees
a talk by Sherri Osaka**

**Thu., November 1, 7-8:30 PM, Mountain View Library,
585 Franklin St., Mountain View (650) 903-6337**

The buckwheat family is a beautiful group of California native all-star plants. It is one of the largest genera in California with over 125 species. In the garden, few plants can equal buckwheats for sheer habitat value. They are host plants and nectar plants for butterflies and moths and are a bonanza for bees and other pollinators looking for summer nectar.

As if the wildlife value isn't enough, buckwheats are highly ornamental plants that are very useful and versatile in the garden. Learn about some of the most popular species and hear how to plant, prune, and care for them.

Sherri Osaka is a licensed Landscape Architect and Bay-Friendly Qualified Designer who started her company, Sustainable Landscape Designs, over 20 years ago. She is our Chapter's GWN chair and received the 2018 Water Champion distinction from the Silicon Valley Water Conservation Award Coalition.

Keying with Natives

Join us as we learn and practice methods of identifying the native plants of our region (aka keying). We use the

current edition of *The Jepson Manual*, of which there will be copies to share. Bring your own copy and a hand lens and plant samples if you have them. Microscopes are also available.

The upcoming meeting dates are **Fridays, August 24, September 28 and October 26, from 6:30 - 8:30pm**. We meet at the Peninsula Conservation Center (PCC), 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. For more info., please contact Joe Cernac at joecernac@sbcglobal.net or (408) 292-5465.

Directions to the PCC: From Hwy. 101 take the San Antonio Rd. exit and head north. Take the next left onto East Bayshore, which will curve left then right. Take the next right onto Corporation Way. The entrance to the PCC parking lot is the first driveway on the left. The meeting rooms are on the first floor.

New Chapter Photo Group

Our Photography Group is a great place to meet other native plant enthusiasts while improving your photographic skills and learning more about our native plants. The group has monthly meetings, photography outings and an active online discussion group.

We announce activities to our online discussion group (groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/cnps-scvc-photo-group), so if you'd like to receive updates, please join via the **web interface** or **by email**. Learn more by visiting the Photography Group page at our website: www.cnps-scvc.org/index.php/field-trips/336-photography.

Open Chapter Positions

Would you like to help create great experiences for Chapter volunteers and meeting attendees? We invite you to join one of our teams that has the following open positions.

Wildflower Show 2018 Assistant Coordinator: We are looking for an assistant coordinator to help run and manage next year's Wildflower Show. Vivian Neou, one of two Wildflower Show Coordinators, will be stepping down after next year and we are looking for someone to help organize future shows.

This position would involve, but not be limited to, working with West Valley College Biology Department, contacting vendors, arranging for supplies to be brought to and from the show, creating the show schedule and working with plant collectors. For more information about this position please contact Toni Gregorio-Bunch at tidytip.lp@gmail.com or (408) 373-4497; or Vivian Neou at techchair@cnps-scvc.org.

Fall Plant Sale Assistant Manager: We are looking for an Assistant Plant Sale Manager to work with the current Manager, Toni Gregorio-Bunch. Toni is planning to step down as the Sale's Manager after this year.

This position would involve organizing volunteers, and arranging the setup of tables, canopies and vendors the day of the event. The Plant Sale is not only one of our most important events of the year, but also one of our most fun. It is held outdoors at our Chapter nursery at Hidden Villa Ranch in Los Altos. For more information about this position please contact Toni Gregorio-Bunch at tidytip.lp@gmail.com or (408) 373-4497.

Program Committee Team Member: Be a part of our team that organizes native plant programs for CNPS members and the general public. The team brainstorms ideas for speakers, reaches out to them and drafts talk descriptions and speaker bios. Our talks are usually at the Los Altos Library and we work with the library to arrange the dates and room setup. The team also sends out program descriptions and bios to the library, prepares Chapter publicity and arranges honoraria and speaker dinners.

A team of four or five people will ensure this job is (at most) a two to three hour per month commitment. Experienced former program committee members will mentor you, so it will be easy to get started. This is a great job if you would like to educate the public about native plants. It can be done mostly via email and phone.

For more information about this position please contact Madeline Morrow at madelinemorrow@earthlink.net or (408) 741-1150.

Chapter Potluck Picnic September 15

Please join us for a Chapter Social at Stevens Creek County Park for members, volunteers and friends. If you've ever helped with a Chapter activity—restoration, garden tour, nursery, plant sales, wildflower shows, field trips etc., you're a volunteer! Let's get together without any program but hanging out and socializing. If you're thinking about joining CNPS, come and hang out with us too! We'll have some fun activities, but feel free to just sit, eat and talk.

We'll start at **11am and finish up by 3 pm**. Space is limited, so please RSVP soon. For directions, details on how the potluck will work, and to sign up, please visit www.cnps-scvc.org after **September 1**. If you have questions, please contact Madeline Morrow, at madelinemorrow@earthlink.net or (408) 741-1150. We look forward to seeing you!



GNGT 2019

We are looking for a few good gardens for the Going Native Garden Tour. The GNGT is a free self-guided tour with an open garden format. Attendees pre-register online to receive addresses for the 50 to 60 gardens that will be open over the weekend. For 2019 the dates will be **Saturday, May 4** for the southern area and **Sunday, May 5** for the northern area.

If your garden is at least a year old, contains at least 60% California native plants, is chemical free and environmentally friendly and provides wildlife habitat, please consider showing your garden on the tour. For more information, including the garden submittal form, please visit www.gngt.org.

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's **Conservation Committee** meets on the **Tuesday** following the first Thursday of the month. The next meetings will be on **Tuesdays, September 11 and October 9** at **7:30pm** at the PCC in Palo Alto.

Please join us in our important work! For questions, comments or concerns, please contact Conservation Committee Chair Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com or (650) 804-6162. For **directions** to the PCC, see the previous Keying with Natives article.

SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH

In December 2017, Alexandria Igwe, a graduate student at the University of California, Davis, was awarded the Donald Mayall Graduate Research Scholarship by our Chapter. Alexandria (Allie) has shared this brief summary of the purpose of her research along with some preliminary results for this newsletter.

Native Plant Roots and Serpentine Soil

By Alexandria Igwe, UC Davis

Soil found at Coyote Ridge, McLaughlin Natural Reserve, Hopland Research and Extension Center and Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve have one thing in common: they were created through the weathering of ultramafic rock. Soil created from ultramafic rocks, serpentine soil, covers about 1% of California, but 13% of the state's endemic plant species call it home. Serpentine soil is easily identified when it exists next to nonserpentine soil. There is usually a

sharp change in vegetation from oaks and tall grasses in nonserpentine soil to small wildflowers and sparse trees in serpentine soil. In general, serpentine and nonserpentine soil can be considered a world divided. Many plants that exist on one soil type cannot survive on the other. Still, there are a class of serpentine-indifferent plants that are able to grow on both serpentine and nonserpentine soils.

Gilia capitata (globe gilia), *Plantago erecta* (California plantain), and *Trifolium willdenovii* (tomcat clover) are examples of serpentine-indifferent plants. These plants and other plants that grow in serpentine ecosystems are certainly a treasure to observe, but part of their ability to thrive in both soil types lies below-ground where eyes seldom wander. The plants use their roots to associate with microbes that promote plant growth in challenging environments. In serpentine soil, large amounts of magnesium can potentially poison plants by blocking calcium uptake. In nonserpentine soil, high plant density means plants have to survive potentially toxic chemicals produced by other plants while trying to absorb essential plant nutrients. By providing food to the microbes in the form of carbon-rich root exudates, the plants are able to attract soil microorganisms that decrease the effects of toxic metals and increase access to essential nutrients. This interaction helps create the gorgeous vegetation appreciated in California serpentine environments.



Alexandria Igwe

Native serpentine-indifferent plants and their associated roots. From left to right: globe gilia, California plantain, and tomcat clover.

Invasive plant species outcompete native species in many environments by changing the soil microbial community so that it is harder for native plants to survive. To support native plant communities, I explore the relationship between serpentine-indifferent plants and their microbial communities in serpentine and nonserpentine environments. My research has taught me that bird's-eye gilia (*Gilia tricolor*) and California plantain each use a different set of

microbes depending on the soil environment in which they grow. The bull clover (*Trifolium fucatum*), on the other hand, uses the same set of microbes in both environments. Microbes are responsible for a lot of processes in soil that help or hinder native plant growth. This information can be used to assist restoration efforts by ensuring the soil microbial community is friendly for native plants on either soil type.



Alexandria Igwe

Neighboring serpentine and nonserpentine sites at Hopland Research and Extension Center. The top half of the photo is nonserpentine with lush oaks and the bottom half of the photo is chaparral serpentine.

Overall, there is still much to be learned about serpentine ecosystems and the plants that adorn them. Continued exploration on serpentine soil is possible thanks to Donald Mayall and CNPS.

A more detailed version of Allie's article may be found at cnps-scvc.org/index.php/education/scholarships#igwe.

We thank Allie for her research and look forward to hearing more about her interesting work in serpentine habitat as her studies are completed. Allie may be reached at aigwe@ucdavis.edu.

Graduate and Undergraduate Students:

Applications for the Chapter's 2018-2019 **research scholarships** are due **November 23**. Information and scholarship applications are available at www.cnps-scvc.org/index.php/education/scholarships.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Edgewood Restoration

Help restore habitat at Edgewood Park, known for fabulous wildflowers and amazing diversity near Redwood City. Sturdy gloves are recommended; you might also want to bring sunscreen, water, a hat, layered clothing and wear long sleeves/pants.

Our **5:30pm Wednesday sessions** continue until Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4. We also weed year-round **every Friday at 9am**. For more information including meeting places, contact Wednesday leader Ken Himes at (650) 591-8560 or Friday leader Paul Heiple at pheiple@gmail.com or (650) 854-7125.

Alum Rock Park Volunteers

Come help us weed out invasive plants at this natural gem of San Jose. Our habitat restoration efforts allow the native plants to "come to light."

We have weeding sessions **every Monday morning** and an **Inspiration Point Walk-and-Weed Day the third Saturday morning** of each month. Please visit the Yahoo Group "Alum Rock Park Volunteers" to check the schedules. The group introduction lists what to bring and gives directions to the meeting places.

For more information contact Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (650) 260-3450.

Lake Cunningham Native Garden

The California Native Garden project in Lake Cunningham Regional Park controls invasive plants in a 1.5-acre area and beautifies it with California native wildflowers, perennials, shrubs and trees. The project aims to create a sustainable, low-maintenance landscape, encourage community participation and ownership, and create habitat for birds and wildlife.

Workdays take place every **Saturday, 9am - noon**.

Volunteers are welcome by appointment. To sign up, visit lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/volunteer. The park is located at 2305 S. White Road in San Jose. For **directions**, visit lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/directions.

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.

We have just a couple of field trips to announce as we go to press. We may announce more trips via the Chapter news email list. See the end of this newsletter for how to sign up.

Sun Sep 23 9am - 12pm Beginner's Bird and Plant ID Walk at Lake Cunningham Park (San Jose)

As fall begins, join us for a beginner's bird and plant identification walk through Lake Cunningham Park. The lake is a major destination for waterfowl and migratory birds, and the park's native garden draws many birds for its habitat value. On this walk, Vicki Silvas-Young will show you how to identify the common birds of our area, as well as the native plants they depend on for food, shelter and nesting places.

The distance will be 4 miles round trip on a level path. Bring a hat, water, your plant and bird lists and binoculars. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Parking fee is \$6.

Space is limited. Please **RSVP** through the CNPS SCV Meetup site: www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter. This walk is organized jointly by CNPS, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

Sat Oct 13 9am - 11am

October Native Plant Stroll (San Jose)

Join Patrick Pizzo and Vivian Neou for a tour of the native plant gardens in Jeffrey Fontana Park and along Capitancillos Drive. These gardens provide beautiful examples of plants that do well in San Jose and look good even during our hottest months. Pat is the driving force behind both of these gardens; you'll hear about their evolution and learn from his experiences. This is a great way to prepare for our fall plant sale the following weekend.

A description of the gardens and associated plant lists can be found at www.cnps-scv.org/fontana and [/capitancillos](http://www.cnps-scv.org/capitancillos).

Space is limited, so please **reserve your spot** by visiting Eventbrite here: www.bit.ly/EB-onps. For more info., please contact Vivian at techchair@cnps-scv.org.



Vivian Neou

Patrick Pizzo, left, leads a tour for CNPS SCV Nursery volunteers in Jeffrey Fontana Park in San Jose July 2018. The park features five berms or "islands" which demonstrate California native plants and shrubs as an alternative when trees are inappropriate.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, October 6, 2018

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FIRST-CLASS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

Aug 24 Fri Keying with Natives (4)

Aug 29 Wed Monthly member plant sale (2)

Sep 5 Wed GWN – Pruning – Evans (2)

Sep 11 Tue Conservation Committee meeting (5)

Sep 15 Sat Chapter potluck picnic (4)

Sep 21 Fri **General meeting:** Dudleya – Uhler (1)

Sep 23 Sun Plant ID walk Lake Cunningham (7)

Sep 25 Tue GWN – Edible Natives – Niccoli (3)

Sep 26 Wed Monthly member plant sale (2)

Sep 28 Fri Keying with Natives (4)

Oct 4 Thu GWN – Water Features – Luna (3)

Oct 6 Sat **Newsletter submittal deadline** (9)

Oct 9 Tue GWN – Redwood Gardens – Niccoli (3)

Oct 9 Tue Conservation Committee meeting (5)

Oct 13 Sat October native plant stroll (7)

Oct 20 Sat **Fall Native Plant Sale** (1)

Oct 24 Wed GWN – Maintenance – Morris (3)

Oct 25 Thu **Newsletter mailing party - 10am PCC**

Oct 26 Fri Keying with Natives (4)

Nov 1 Thu GWN – Buckwheats – Osaka (3)

Nov 10 Sat **Annual meeting & potluck** (1)

Nov 23 Fri Scholarship applications due (6)

Mon & 3rd Sat Alum Rock weeding (6)

Wed Nursery work sessions (2)

Wed & Fri Edgewood weeding (6)

Sat Lake Cunningham workdays (6)

The next Chapter board meeting will be **Thursday October 11 at 7:00pm** at the PCC, 3921 E. Bayshore Road. in Palo Alto. (There will be no November board meeting.) Board meetings are open to all Chapter members and their guests.

For more information contact Madeline Morrow at madelinemorrow@earthlink.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-scvc.org. Address changes may be submitted to cnps@cnps.org; please put "member address change" in the subject line.

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