



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

November-December 2011

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

Saturday, November 12th at 6:00 PM
Shoup Garden House,
400 University Avenue, Los Altos

**Flora East of the Sierran Crest:
a Photographic Journey**
Speaker: Aaron Schusteff

Join us for our favorite get-together of the year: the annual potluck dinner and election meeting, followed by a special photographic journey east of the Sierras and a closer look at its botanical riches. The evening is devoted to native plant appreciation, Chapter business, and delectable victuals. It is the party of the year – don't miss it!

Aaron Schusteff will share images of enchanting plants he has encountered during botanical explorations of the Bodie Hills, the White-Inyo Mountains, Death Valley, and the Western Mojave. See the rarest milkweed in California, a majestic "fuzzy" jewelflower, a bizarre composite with just one floret per head ... and many other delightful treats from "the arid lands east of the crest."

Aaron Schusteff has had a lifelong love of mountains, deserts, and nature in general. In 1998, after too much time spent indoors studying and teaching Mathematics, he immersed himself with a passion in field botany as a way to enrich and enhance his communion with the natural world. At that time he began taking evening classes from Glenn Keator at the California Academy of Sciences, and joining CNPS field trips with chapters throughout the state. Eventually, he took up photography to help document and share his botanical explorations. Many of his plant photos can be viewed on the CalPhotos website at:
calphotos.berkeley.edu/cgi/img_query?query_src=photos_flora_sci&where-photographer=Aaron+Schusteff

The evening begins at 6pm with our annual potluck. Bring your favorite dish, whether it be a salad, main dish, dessert, or beverage; it always works out that we have just the right amount of everything! A label identifying your dish will be helpful. Also, be sure to bring a plate, drinking glass, and eating utensils for yourself, as well as a bag in which to take unwashed dishes home.

We will also have a **silent auction** of books and other items which help raise funds for the Chapter. If you have extra books in fair to good condition, or other items to donate, please put your items in a bag labeled "CNPS Auction" and drop them off at our office at the PCC at 3921 E. Bayshore Rd. in Palo Alto **on or before November 7**. Volunteers will properly label and price the items to be auctioned in time for the meeting.



Aaron Schusteff

Aquilegia pubescens, Pioneer Basin,
John Muir Wilderness, July 28, 2005

If you can help with setup, please **arrive at 5pm** to set up chairs and tables. The potluck feast will begin at **6pm**, followed by the **program at 7pm**. We appreciate your help with clean-up at the end of the program.

CNPS general meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Chapter

President Arvind Kumar at president@cnps-scv.org or (408) 715-7020 home.

Directions: From I-280: take the El Monte exit east. Turn left (north) on University Ave. (just before Foothill Expy.)

The Garden House is 0.6 mile ahead on the left (west) side of the street. **From Hwy. 101:** take the San Antonio exit west/south. Go 3.5 miles. At the 3rd stoplight after crossing El Camino Real (Edith/Main), bear right on to Main St. (not sharp right into Edith). Continue on Main until it crosses Foothill Expy. and turn left immediately on to University Ave. Bear right; the Garden House is 300' ahead on the right.

Chapter Annual Election

The annual potluck is also the time to elect our Chapter officers for the coming year. All Chapter members may run for office—nominations may also be made from the floor at the potluck. Following is the slate put forth by the Nominating & Leadership Committee:

President	Arvind Kumar
Vice President	Toni Gregorio-Bunch
Treasurer	OPEN
Recording Secretary	Radhika Thekkath
Past President	Kevin Bryant

Many thanks go to outgoing Treasurer Julie Scherer, who has served the Chapter so well in the position for two years. Julie has worked diligently during this time to manage our Chapter finances, which have become more complex in recent years with the expanded schedule of Gardening with Natives programs, the addition of the Going Native Garden Tour to the Chapter, the horticulture symposium, and other activities. Julie will continue to advise and support our next Chapter Treasurer.

The Nomination & Leadership Committee also thanks all the officers and chairs who served this year. We look forward to recruiting more of our members to participate in committees and on the Board. Currently, we are looking for interested people for committees for **conservation, publicity, treasury, and membership activities**, and next year's Chapter 40th anniversary celebrations. For more information, contact Arvind Kumar at president@cnps-scv.org.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Fall Native Plant Sale a Success!

Our fall native plant sale at Hidden Villa October 15 turned out to be a lovely day, thanks to our customers, volunteers, and the warm sunny weather.

There are still some great plants left. If you missed out on the sale please visit the nursery to purchase plants during

any of our **Wednesday workdays (noon-3pm) through the end of November**. Please pay by check. Thanks to all who volunteered—parking, tag writing, cashiering, plant advising at the sale—and especially to the nursery volunteers who grew the plants before the sale. We even gained 18 new Chapter members!

Help us prepare for next spring's plant sale: our regular native plant nursery work sessions 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.

For more information, contact Jean Struthers at (650) 941-2586 or JeanStruthers@att.net; 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 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 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

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 talks throughout the year which are free and open to all.

A total of four talks are scheduled during November and December throughout the Chapter area – from Cupertino and Los Altos, to Milpitas and Fremont. Please spread the word far and wide to your friends, neighbors, and loved ones. 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.

Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Woodside Library Native Plant Garden
A 20-year Perspective, a talk by Tina Dreyer

When the Woodside Library was built in 1968, Timmy Gallagher along with members of the Woodside Atherton

Garden Club created the Woodside Library Native Plant Garden. Now California species flourish in a Redwood grove, an Oak woodland setting, a Coastal section, and a sunny Chaparral area. Garden plants are tagged with botanical and common names, so visitors can see examples of these mature specimens and will be inspired to grow them in their yards. Today, this charming garden has truly become a community resource, hosting plant sales and serving as an outdoor classroom for school children and college landscape design students.

Tina Dreyer manages the team of volunteers that tends the garden and has been involved since its inception. She will tell its history through slides and commentary. **Note that this talk will be held at the Los Altos Library and not in Woodside.**

Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.
(650) 948-7683.

Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Easy to Grow Native Plants
A talk by Arvind Kumar

Are you new to native plant gardening? Do you want to include drought-tolerant, low-maintenance native plants in the garden, but don't know where to start? Come to this talk and learn about easy-to-grow native plants (trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals) for the home garden. Arvind Kumar has been gardening with native plants for over 10 years, and is the president of our Chapter.

Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont.
(510) 745-1401.

Thursday, December 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Native Plant Propagation,
A talk by Deanna Giuliano
plus Seed & Cutting Exchange

With the rainy season and cooler weather just beginning, now is the time to start seeds of California native plants in order to enjoy plenty of blooms in the spring. During this program, you will not only learn how to propagate by a professional nurserywoman, but you can also participate in our annual seed and cutting exchange.

Deanna Giuliano has been a native plant nursery specialist for eight years and has managed the Acterra Restoration Nursery in Palo Alto for the past five years.

After the talk ... Bring native plant seeds and cuttings from your garden to show and tell and share, and take something new home. The offerings range from easy-to-grow to hard-to-find. Don't have any to share? No problem – there is usually enough for all, and then some.

Milpitas Library, 160 N Main Street, Milpitas. (408) 262-1171 x3616.

Monday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
An Ecosystem in Your Garden
A talk by Jim Howard

Convert your yard into a beautiful native wildlife habitat and watch how quickly the creatures make it their favorite spot! It's easy and inexpensive to create food, water, and shelter for native insects and birds. This presentation includes photos of a local backyard restoration project, and provides some important lessons for the beginning habitat gardener.

Jim Howard is the District Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in San Mateo County. He has degrees in Environmental Management and Forest Management.

Cupertino Library, 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino. (408) 446-1677.

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.

The upcoming dates are **Fridays, November 11 and December 9, 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.

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.

Chapter scholarship supports graduate study of rare, serpentine endemic plants.

By Suzie Woolhouse, Master's Candidate, San José State University. Suzie is also our Student Liaison to the Chapter Board.

I would like to thank the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CNPS for the Graduate Student Scholarship – it has been a huge help! The research for my Master's entails detailed studies on three rare plants (all CNPS list 1B.2) that are found on serpentine in the Northern Sierra Nevada, California. Two are strict serpentine endemics in the Mint Family (Lamiaceae), *Monardella follettii* (Jeps.) Jokerst and *Monardella stebbinsii* Hardham and Bartel, and are restricted to approximately 30 and 10 populations, respectively. *Monardella follettii* is widespread on serpentine in Plumas National Forest while *Monardella stebbinsii* is only found along the North Fork of the Feather River in an area of less than 5 square miles. *Lewisia cantelovii* J. T. Howell (Montiaceae) is found both on and off serpentine and is more widespread throughout 5 different Counties in the Northern Sierra. Understanding the organism is critical for conservation and management of rare species. This research will provide important baseline data to the USDA Forest Service for management of these little known rare taxa.

For all taxa, I visited a minimum of five populations per species in order to describe their breadth of habitat requirements. Sites were located using GPS units. At each site I collected soil and leaf tissue from five plants in order to examine elemental concentrations. Above ground habitat characteristics that were recorded include slope, aspect, percent cover of shrubs, herbs, rocks and canopy. All associated species were recorded at each site.

For the two *Monardellas*, I also looked at rates of germination and selfing. Germination trials were conducted at SJSU in soil from both species home sites. In order to determine if they are able to self-pollinate, a pollen enclosure bagging experiment was conducted in the field.

As both species proved to be primarily outcrossers, I did pollinator observations at peak flowering to determine the pollinators and examine differences between the two species. *M. stebbinsii* appears to have less pollinator success when compared to *M. follettii* and this may be contributing to its rarity.



Suzie Woolhouse

A species of bee in the genus *Bombus* visiting *Monardella follettii*. *M. follettii* had a greater diversity of larger pollinators visiting its flowers that appeared to be providing more successful pollination.

With *Lewisia cantelovii*, I examined differences in functional traits between serpentine and non-serpentine populations in the field and conducted a reciprocal transplant in the greenhouse at SJSU. *L. cantelovii* has shown evidence of local adaptation to soil type as well as significant differences in functional traits between soil types in the field. This evidence points to the potential for edaphically distinct ecotypes in this species which if proven to be genetically distinct could warrant further conservation and taxonomic revision of this species.

The funds from this scholarship were used to attend the 7th International Conference on Serpentine Ecology in Coimbra, Portugal (icse2011.ultramafic-ecology.org). In addition to being a fantastic learning experience, I gave a paper and a poster presentation and was able to get helpful feedback from the international serpentine ecology community.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Arvind Kumar



Having lived in California 29 years, I look forward to the rains with eager anticipation. Gardening becomes easy because the ground is soft and easily dug. It is the best time of year to plant and propagate and weed – without breaking a sweat.

In open space reserves, the cool temperatures beckon the explorer within. It is a quiet and magical time to be

outdoors: among the native plants and wildlife, among the buckeyes at their silvery best, festooned with shiny brown ornaments, among the flocks of cedar waxwings gorging on brilliant red toyon berries.

At the end of this calendar year, let us look back on our accomplishments and lessons learned.

The year started off with our Chapter's first ever Horticulture Symposium at Foothill College on February 19. Over 300 people turned out to learn from the leading figures in native plant horticulture. (As organizers, we learned some valuable lessons, too.) Thanks to the symposium, our Chapter was able to fund a CNPS Horticulture Scholarship at Foothill College for three years.

April is our busiest month, but this year was special as we celebrated the first Native Plant Week in California's history with three major events: the semiannual Native Plant Sale, the Going Native Garden Tour (69 gardens, 9,900 garden visits), and the 39th Annual Wildflower Show.

We lost some long-term friends and supporters this year: Olive Zappacosta was a major contributor to the Chapter, particularly our Wildflower Show; Charles Baccus was a steady presence at the Native Plant Sales, delighting us with his eclectic bulb selection.

This year, we met at 7 general meetings, 34 native plant gardening talks at local libraries, and 26 field trips to locations near and far. The Field Trip Leadership training class graduated its first batch of students. Volunteers put in thousands of hours removing invasive plants at Edgewood County Park and other open space preserves. With Chapter backing, the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan moved forward. We continued to award research scholarships to graduate students in botany and environmental sciences. You received 6 issues of the information packed *Blazing Star*, delivered on time.

How does our Chapter do all this without paid staff? Through the efforts of many volunteers, some spending a few hours per year to others who work a few hours a month. The Chapter area covers two large, populous counties; the only way for the Chapter to accomplish its mission and spread native plant information far and wide is with the help of local volunteers engaged in local communities in neighborhoods, cities, and towns.

We welcome your participation. Get involved in any capacity you are able. Can you host CNPS talks at your local library? Can you help publicize CNPS events by notifying local media? Can you lead or support a plant hike

through your favorite open space area? Can you join or start a weeding party in your neighborhood? The best part about volunteering for CNPS is that as you spread the word about native plants, you end up receiving a first-class education yourself from some of the nicest, most knowledgeable, and inspiring native plant experts around.

You, our members and our volunteers, are the real strength of our Chapter. You have made our Chapter the second largest in the state. Your efforts continue to make a difference to the larger community. Thank you.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Baccus

Long time Chapter member Charles Baccus passed away September 11. He survived his cancer one year, post diagnosis.

Charles could often be seen at our Chapter's native plant sales selling bulbs. We knew he had arrived when we saw his antique blue Citroën car in the parking lot. Charles worked for years at the Agnews Center as a landscaper and grounds keeper. After Agnews closed he ran a bulb nursery in his back yard. He also had a collection of old Citroën cars.

When Charles came to volunteer at our Chapter nursery he always had good advice. At the start of the nursery he gave us the shade cloth which we put over the tables at the back of the nursery and over the greenhouse for summer protection. One day he came and took a look at our holey wheelbarrow and took it home and made a wood box on it for our soil.

One Chapter member recalls the wonder he felt when he first saw the landscaping at Charles' and his wife Dee's home in San Jose on one of the first GNGT's ... bulbs and annuals in bloom *everywhere!*

Charles was one of a kind, and generous in sharing his knowledge and plants. We will always be grateful for his generous help with the nursery and we will miss him.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park

Join us as we restore sensitive habitats at Edgewood Park and enjoy late season wildflowers. Weeding sessions take place at the following times:

- **Friday mornings** throughout the year, **starting at 9am**
- Wednesday evening weeding will return in spring with the return of Daylight Savings Time.

For details, contact Paul Heiple at (650) 854-7125 or pheiple@gmail.com, or email John Allen at jcakwa@comcast.net.

Restoration Opportunities in Santa Clara County

The rains have begun! This is the ideal time of year to begin restoring our beautiful California landscape by removing non-native invasive plants (weeds!) that displace native plants and change the ecosystems we so love. There are several volunteer opportunities in Santa Clara County and Debra Welch (Invasive Plants Chair for Santa Clara County) invites you join in at one of these (non-Chapter) events.

Local land managers select projects they've prioritized by being beneficial to wildlife and native plants and where native plants will return, usually by themselves. To volunteer, sign up with the land manager for your chosen project. Register as a volunteer for MROSD or Santa Clara County Parks and then for each event. When you do, they will tell you where to meet.

Please also contact Debra if you plan to attend, need help signing up, and/or have other ideas for projects in Santa Clara County. She will attend the December 3 event and maybe others. Contact her at (408) 353-8352 or DebraWelch@yahoo.com.

Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District Events - Broom Removal

Date	Time	Where
Saturday, November 19	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Sierra Azul
Saturday, December 3	9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Stevens Canyon Ranch Area
Saturday, December 10	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Hill
Saturday, December 31	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Bear Creek Redwoods

To sign up for the above projects, visit www.openspace.org/volunteer/volunteer_signup.asp and sign up as a "preserve partner." Then email volunteer@openspace.org or call (650) 691-1200. Paul McKowan is the Volunteer Coordinator for MROSD.

Habitat Restoration at Almaden Quicksilver Park

Santa Clara County Parks is hosting one habitat restoration event **in November, on the 12th from 9am to 1pm** at Almaden Quicksilver Park. Volunteers will meet at the Hacienda entrance parking lot, on Almaden Rd. just south of the community of New Almaden.

Visit www.parkhere.org/portal/site/parks to sign up. Hint: start by choosing "Volunteer Here" from the left menu. If you have trouble finding the signup form, email Debra and she will send the links to you. Or phone John George at (408) 355-2299.

For all events, wear long pants, sturdy hiking shoes, and sun or rain protection. Water is provided, but bring a water bottle. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 Nov 6 Rancho Cañada del Oro 9 am – 2 pm
Join Steve Rosenthal and Arvind Kumar for a guided plant identification walk through Rancho Cañada del Oro, one of the newer open space preserves in Santa Clara County.

Trails offer spectacular views of the Diablo Range and Mt. Hamilton and go through a variety of native habitats: grassland, oak woodland, sage-chaparral scrub, and riparian. We expect to see many fruiting plants, including toyon, coffeeberry, buckeye, holly-leaved cherry, oaks, bay laurel, madrone, and snowberry. We will start with the Serpentine Loop Trail, switch to the Longwall Canyon Trail, and return via the Mayfair Ranch Trail. The distance covered will be 4.3 miles with 500' of elevation gain.

Native plant lovers will enjoy the wide variety of habitats and plants. Beginners interested in plant identification are welcome; prior knowledge of native plants or botany is not required. Bring water and a bag lunch. Dress in layers, and appropriately for late fall weather. Heavy rain cancels.

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

Field Trip Planning Meeting

Tue Dec 6 6:30-8:30pm - PCC Palo Alto

It's time to start planning for 2012 trips. All are welcome to join in on planning hikes and field trips for the winter/spring season. If you are interested, please come to the meeting or contact us. We offer training and other resources to help anyone who wants to get involved with these activities.

For further information contact Carolyn Dorsch, Field Trip Chair. Phone (650) 804-6162 (evenings) or email cdorsch1@aol.com.

Directions to the PCC (Peninsula Conservation Center), see directions following the Keying with Natives article, earlier in this newsletter on page 3.



Please join CNPS members from around the state at the CNPS Conservation Conference at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego. The conference sessions will be held from **January 12-14, 2012**, with pre-conference workshop and field trips scheduled on **January 10-11**. The 2009 CNPS Conservation Conference in Sacramento was a big success, and we're all looking forward to another great event!

Highlights of the Conference include featured speakers Peter Raven, Louise Jackson, Bruce Pavlik, and David Chipping, in addition to 220 presentations, 14 skill-building workshops, several field trips, numerous exhibitors and

vendors, scientific and chapter conservation posters, a silent auction, poetry, botanical art, photography, and music! Students interested in native plants will have many opportunities to participate and volunteer at the conference. Our chapter has contributed to the conference scholarship fund—students can find more information about applying for funds at: www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2012/students.php.

Members who cannot travel to San Diego can participate by becoming a sponsor of the conference, donating to the student scholarship fund, or by donating items for the silent auction.

Pre-registration for the conference **ends January 9**. Members are encouraged to take advantage of the CNPS discount and stay at the Conference hotel near other participants. Room discounts apply through Dec. 16 or as soon as the room block is filled. For more information please visit www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2012. We look forward to seeing you there!

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, December 3, 2011

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- Nov 2 Wed** GWN – Library Garden - Dreyer (2)
- Nov 6 Sun** Rancho Cañada del Oro walk (6)
- Nov 7 Mon** Silent auction donation deadline (1)
- Nov 8 Tue** GWN – Growing Plants - Kumar (3)
- Nov 11 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)
- Nov 12 Sat** Almaden Quicksilver workday (6)
- Nov 12 Sat** **Annual Meeting & Potluck** (1)
- Nov 19 Sat** MROSD broom removal workday (6)
- Dec 1 Thu** GWN – Propagation – Giuliano + Seed & Cutting Exchange (3)

- Dec 3 Sat** MROSD broom removal workday (6)
- Dec 3 Sat** **Newsletter submittal deadline** (7)
- Dec 6 Tue** Field trip planning meeting (7)
- Dec 8 Thu** **Chapter Board meeting**
- Dec 9 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)
- Dec 10 Sat** MROSD broom removal workday (6)
- Dec 12 Mon** GWN – Ecosystem - Howard (3)
- Dec 31 Sat** MROSD broom removal workday (6)
- Wed afts** Nursery work sessions (2)
- Fri morns** Edgewood Park weeding (5)

The next Chapter **Board meeting** will be **Thursday, December 8 at 7:00pm** at the PCC, 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. It will be our annual budget meeting. 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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