



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

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Habitat Restoration Special Edition

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Talks

Join us for native plant talks, at our in-person talks at local libraries and online via our Native Plant Lecture Series.

First – **We have one library talk to announce:**

Protecting and Perpetuating California's Native Oaks, a Talk by Angela Moskow

Tuesday, July 18 7-8:30 PM, Saratoga Library, Community Room, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

Join us for an in-person talk by Angela Moskow. Angela will begin her presentation with an overview of the importance of native oaks for California's biodiversity. Then she'll discuss how historic oak maps can inform oak restoration and provide an overview of the importance of native oaks for California's biodiversity.

Angela's presentation will then shift to the work of the 72-member California Oaks Coalition, an initiative of the California Wildlife Foundation, which brings together international, national, Tribal, state, regional, and local organizations to conserve and perpetuate the state's primary old growth resource. This part of the presentation will focus on collaborations between California Wildlife Foundation's California Oaks program and the California Native Plant Society, a member of the coalition.

Angela Moskow manages the California Oaks program at California Wildlife Foundation. The foundation is committed to conserving, restoring and maintaining habitats and corridor linkages to ensure biological diversity.

The California Oaks program works to conserve and perpetuate the state's primary old growth resource through the publication and dissemination of informational resources about oaks, preparation of comment letters about projects with oak impacts and advocacy for stronger local and statewide oak protections.



Kathy Kleinsteiber

San Jose's Kirk Park Native Pollinator Garden in May, not much more than a year from weeds to concept to spring wildflowers.

Angela earned a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Philosophy from Oberlin College and a Master of Science in International Agricultural Development from UC Davis.



Angela Moskow

Angela and her brother in the shade of a valley oak in Shasta County, October 2021

Directions to the Saratoga Library: From Highway 85 take the Saratoga Ave. exit (NOT Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road) and travel southwest towards the Village of Saratoga. Stay in the right lane of Saratoga Ave. About 1/2 mile from the highway exit, there will be a two-lane left turn for West Valley College at Fruitvale Ave. Proceed through this intersection in the right lane, and take the next left turn into the library parking lot. The Community Room is at the front right of the library building.

Native Plant Lecture Series

The talks in our CNPS SCV Native Plant Lecture Series (NPLS) cover a broad range of topics with a native plant theme. Whether you're curious about native plants, an experienced or aspiring native plant gardener or a professional botanist, you will find something to interest and educate you in our offerings. From gardening to plant science to conservation to tours of botanical hot spots, if

you're interested in California's native plants, there's something here for you.

If you have a favorite speaker or a topic that you would like to see as part of our series, please send your suggestion to info@cnps-scv.org.

For upcoming talks please see cnps-scv.org/native-plant-lecture-series or join our Chapter's News email group for a weekly update on upcoming activities. (See cnps-scv.org/stay-in-touch for how to join the email group.)

Recordings of past talks may be viewed on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@CNPSSantaClaraValley.

The NPLS organizational committee has periodic meetings on Zoom and welcomes new volunteers. If you have ideas for future talks or are interested in helping set up upcoming talks, please send a message to Vivian Neou at techchair@cnps-scv.org to receive notifications of upcoming meetings.

Plant Sales

We have put the pop-up sales on hiatus. We understand that this news may come as a disappointment, and we apologize for any inconvenience it may cause. We appreciate your understanding, patience, and continued support during this period of transition. We will provide updates about plant sales as they are available.

Photography 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. It is open to all. The group has monthly meetings and an active email list.

The photo group's meetings take place over Zoom, for members to share photos and more – everything from photography tips to organizational ideas to plant hot spots. The next meetings will be on **Fridays, July 28 and August 25 at 7:00pm**. You can learn more and join the email group at: www.groups.io/g/cnps-scv-photography.



Bill Lundgren

A branch of woolly bluecurls (*Trichostema latanum*), taking using flash, at Pinnacles National Park, May 2023

The group has an ongoing #MyPhotoOfTheWeek activity on the email list for group members to share their favorite shots with the group on a weekly basis. Photo Group Chair Bill Lundgren sent us the above #MyPhotoOfTheWeek from a trip he took to Pinnacles National Park.

Save the Date! Potluck November 4

We're looking forward to the return of our annual fall potluck! We've set the date for Saturday, November 4, to hold the potluck at the Shoup Garden House in Los Altos. See future issues of the *Blazing Star* for details.

CONSERVATION CORNER

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's next Conservation Committee meetings will be held via Zoom on **Tuesdays, July 11 and August 8, from 7:00 to 8:30pm.**

This committee covers many issues affecting native plants: conservation, advocacy, legislation, habitat restoration and rare plants. The committee meets once a month to provide information and support for all of these conservation issues and efforts. Members of our committee work on projects throughout the Chapter area, coordinating with our state CNPS program staff and other conservation organizations.

Please join us in our important work! For questions, comments or concerns, contact Committee Chair Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch@cnps-scv.org or (650) 804-6162, or Conservation Chair Judy Fenerty at judy@fenerty.com. If you are interested in joining our committee meetings on Zoom, please email Carolyn for the link.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Alum Rock Park Restoration

In early May, Steve Rosenthal received an award from the City of San Jose to thank him for all the work he's done improving Alum Rock Park. About 100 people attended the award ceremony, which honored about ten other people who had done work benefitting the city.

Steve doesn't improve Alum Rock Park all by himself. He leads the team of volunteers and coordinates with the City of San Jose to weed, plant and maintain trails as part of our Chapter's Alum Rock Park habitat restoration project. Steve has provided us with this update on what the project has been doing recently.

No one had been maintaining the trails since the January storm damage closed the main road within the park. Instead, Steve's crew worked outside the park, along Penitencia Creek until April, when they were allowed back to their usual work site along the Todd Quick Trail. The crew found an abundance of rain-fed, overgrown weeds there, some nearly blocking the trail.



Cheeseweed found upon returning to habitat restoration site in April 2023, since cleared away by our Alum Rock Park volunteer crew

Fortunately, regular volunteer Chuck cut down the weeds on either side of a segment of the trail, using a weed whacker he brought in on a trailer of tools, hauled via his electric-assist fat tire bicycle. This innovative means of tool transport regularly saves the volunteers a lot of tool carrying by hand along the 1.5-mile trail to the work sites.



Left: overgrown trail. Right: trail cleared by volunteer via weed whacker. April 2023



A seep provides water that supports these seep spring monkeyflowers and rushes. May 2021



Volunteer Chuck bringing tools on his bike trailer, February 2022

Of course the extra winter rainfall benefitted not only the weeds but the native plants as well. Along the Todd Quick Trail there's a seep that in dry years supports a small population of seep monkeyflowers. This population has expanded greatly this spring due to the rains.

Downslope from the seep, two years ago, near a good-sized redwood, Steve's crew cleared out the weeds and planted natives including gumweed and California phacelia. This spring Steve noted that these plants covered an area three to four times their original size, with no additional help from humans.

Also downslope from the seep, there was a large pine tree that had fallen. The crew cut the tree into smaller pieces, to restore access to this area so they can remove weeds and plant new plants. Water runs down from the seep into the saddle at the left of the photo (above), which makes for a moist environment that supports a variety of plants.



Volunteers sawing up a recently fallen pine tree and rolling away the pieces, to make room to weed and plant. October 2021

Sound interesting? Steve invites new volunteers to join the project. Our workdays take place every **Monday and Wednesday, from 8:30am to about noon**. Sometimes we have special extra workdays.

No experience is necessary. All tools and instruction will be provided. Please bring a filled water bottle and snacks; wear closed toe shoes and long pants.

Forms and **reservations** are required to volunteer. For more information, including meeting location, contact Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (650) 260-3450.



Silvery blue butterfly (*Glaucopsyche lygdamus*) photographed in Alum Rock Park March 2021. This image reminds your editor of the now extinct Xerces blue butterfly. The conservation group known as the Xerces Society is named after the Xerces blue.

Photographer credit goes to Stephen Rosenthal for all photos in this article.

Lake Cunningham Native Garden

The California Native Garden project in Lake Cunningham Regional Park controls invasive plants in a 2-acre area and beautifies it with California native wildflowers, perennials, shrubs and trees.



Arvind Kumar

Fifty volunteers from Google came to the park and helped pull curly dock and other invasives. Here we see some of the volunteers at work. June 2023.

Workdays continue on **Saturdays from 8am - 10am**. New volunteers are welcome; City-issued guidelines are followed. During the summer, the work is mainly weeding. For complete **details, directions and to RSVP**, see our

Chapter's Meetup page at www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter.

Edgewood Restoration

Help restore habitat at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, known for fabulous wildflowers and amazing diversity near Redwood City. Weeders see far more than weeds: we get to be up close to the native plants, some of which are seen **only** by weeders.

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 the end of Daylight Savings Time. We also weed year-round **every Friday at 9am**. For an overview, visit www.cnps-scv.org/restoration/edgewood-park. **New volunteers** please contact Paul Heiple at pheiple@gmail.com or (650) 854-7125.

Please check the mailing list for each weeding session's meeting place. Contact Paul to join the mailing list.

Cataldi Park Native Garden

Cataldi Park is a 39-acre park in the Berryessa area of San Jose that is popular with neighborhood residents for walks, picnics, exercise, and sports. A large portion on the western end of the park is barren and not maintained by the park staff. Our Chapter plans to convert a half acre of this barren area into a native garden, with the first phase of the project being on a quarter acre.

The goals of the Cataldi Park native garden project are to create a habitat for native plants and pollinators including monarch butterflies, and to spread awareness about native plant habitats and pollinators among volunteers and visitors.



Veena

Portion of the park to be landscaped, before mulching

This volunteer-led project is sponsored by our Chapter of CNPS and supported by the City of San Jose’s Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department. The Adopt-a-Park program of the Department organized a volunteer event in March to kick off the project.



Veena

Volunteers spreading out cardboard for sheet mulch, during the volunteer kickoff workday, March 2023



Arvind Kumar

Volunteers wheelbarrowing in mulch

25 volunteers each worked for 2.5 hours on a Saturday morning on preparing around 1,500 square feet of the site for fall planting. Park staff had previously mowed the target area. During the event, volunteers laid down cardboard for sheet mulching, wheelbarrowed wood chips from existing piles in the park and spread the mulch on the cardboard.

The project has obtained a grant from the Xerces Society in the form of a wildflower grassland kit. The kit contains 600 small herbaceous transplants (mostly ‘plugs’) including milkweed, flowering forbs and some grasses. In the first phase of the project, we will plant these plugs between late October to December 2023. The project is also a recipient of a BeautifySJ award from the City of San Jose, which will fund other supplies for Phase 1 of this project.



Arvind Kumar

Volunteers spreading mulch



Arvind Kumar

Booth at volunteer kickoff, March 2023. The City of San Jose’s Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department supports our Cataldi Park project.

We will start regular Saturday morning work sessions at the park in July. Activities will include mulching the remaining area, setting up irrigation and in the fall, planting. If you are interested in volunteering, please email tilaknama108@gmail.com.

Biodiversity in a San Jose Turf Grass Park

By Kathy Kleinstein, Kirk Park Pollinator Garden organizer

Kirk Park, a small neighborhood park in San Jose, is now home to an expanding pollinator garden and is fast becoming a biodiversity hot spot. The park is on the grounds of a former elementary school with turf grass surrounded by a cement walkway. Until recently, the walkway was surrounded by a big weed patch.



Ashok Jethanandani

Kathy Kleinsteinber shows Arvind Kumar around the Kirk Park Pollinator Native Plant Garden in San Jose, late May 2023. Volunteers planted the plants last October.

With the help of many community volunteers, most of whom I didn't know a year ago, and with permission from the City of San Jose, we have converted a bit of the weed patch into a pollinator garden, all inspired by Doug Tallamy.

I first heard about Doug Tallamy at the 2022 CNPS-SCV Wildflower Show. Jennifer Dirking was showing his book, *Nature's Best Hope*, to someone at her wildflower seed table. At the time, I was too timid to speak to her and too paranoid of COVID to watch her indoor presentation, but I photographed the book cover and found it as an ebook at the library and started reading it that same day.

I was hooked.

I had already filled my own yard with bird-friendly native plants, which, as it turns out, are also pollinator-friendly plants. When I walked through my neighborhood park and looked at the weedy perimeter, I had an epiphany.

I designed a project with the following goals:

Improve Biodiversity — in our neighborhood and beyond.

Educate — our neighbors about pollinators and the benefits of native plants.

Inspire — members of our community and beyond to consider creating their own projects at their homes and public spaces.

Grow community — by providing a bit of nature for enjoyment and participation in our local park.

I volunteered at the CNPS-SCV project at Lake Cunningham Park and with the Master Gardeners at Martial Cottle Park to learn more about creating a pollinator garden in a public space.

I got permission from the City to work on the weed patch and put up a sign, "Future Home of the Kirk Park Native Plant Pollinator Garden." And I started weeding.

People I didn't know would stop and talk. Pretty soon I had people offering to help out.

I talked with more people in the first six months of the project than I had talked with in the previous six years. (I am more of a hermit than a community organizer by nature.) Pretty soon, we had grown not only a garden, but also a community.



Ladybug on California phacelia in new Kirk Park Native Pollinator Garden



On the mulching workday in October 2022, over 50 community members came out to help!

We weeded, mulched and planted an area approximately 30 feet wide by 100 feet long, with most of the planting happening in fall 2022. Then our volunteers got ambitious and removed Bermuda grass and ivy on either side of the pollinator garden. We now have permission and grants to plant a new and even larger area this fall.

We are slated to receive a Xerces Pollinator Habitat Kit, which will provide us with 72 free climate-smart native plants chosen by Xerces for their value to monarchs and

other pollinators. These kits are available for projects on public lands and other specified areas. (See [xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/habitat-kits/california](https://www.cnps.org/pollinator-conservation/habitat-kits/california).)



Volunteers planting in the garden, during one of the community planting days held in October 2022

We also have been chosen for a BeautifySJ grant through the City of San Jose to purchase plants to supplement the Xerces plants. (See www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/parks-recreation-neighborhood-services/get-involved/funding-opportunities-procurements/beautify-sj-grant-program.)

Last year we got a grant through Happy Hollow Foundation, community donations and a corporate matching grant. (See happyhollow.org/explore/conservation/progress-for-pollinators/.)



Volunteers transported mulch in wheelbarrows, from a GIANT pile of mulch delivered 250 feet away, to the garden, during the October 2022 mulch workday

If you are interested in coming out to see the garden, it is always open. We are generally there working on **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am to noon.**

Kirk Park is on the corner of Foxworthy Ave. and Briarwood Dr. Our garden is behind the old school building and athletic field. Park on Briarwood Dr. near Wawona Dr. and walk about 250 feet down the cement walkway perpendicular to Briarwood.

We hope to soon be getting a huge load of mulch that we will need help spreading and we will be planting many plants in the fall. We regularly do light weeding and watering as well as heavier weeding to remove some of the invasive plants. **If you have questions or are interested in helping out,** please email Kathy at KirkParkGardens@gmail.com.

All photos in this article credited to Kathy Kleinsteiber unless otherwise noted.

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



On the community tree planting day in March 2023, volunteers planted four valley oaks in the area near where our expanded garden will be planted this fall.



One of the many plant labels in the garden

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.

Cell service is mainly restricted to cities and major highways. To find your way to an outing, please do not rely solely on your phone.

Check our field trips page www.cnps-scv.org/activities/field-trips for changes, cancellations and additional field trips.

For field trips listed here that require **reservations**, please make them at our Chapter's **Meetup page**, here: www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/. Find your event within the page and tap/click the "Attend" button to reserve your spot.

Sun Aug 20 9:30am – 1:30pm Bean Hollow State Beach (Pescadero)

Plant Community Walk: Coastal Bluff Scrub

Why do plants grow where they grow? In nature, plants grow in readily identifiable communities or associations united by location (soil, topography and microclimate). Join Arvind Kumar and Ashok Jethanandani as we explore the coastal bluff scrub plant community at Bean Hollow State Beach. **Beginners interested in plant identification are welcome**; prior knowledge of native plants or botany is not required.



Arvind Kumar

Coast angelica (*Angelica hendersonii*) against a backdrop of lizard tail (*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*) and coast gumplant (*Grindelia stricta* var. *platyphylla*) at Bean Hollow State Beach, June 2018

We will take the Arroyo de los Frijoles Trail that goes from Bean Hollow Beach to Pebble Beach, and back. We expect to see coffeeberry, sagebrush, coyote brush, angelica, buckwheat, gumplant, seaside daisy, yarrow and more. The distance covered will be 1.5 miles with 45' of elevation gain.

Bring a hat, water, a bag lunch and your favorite trail accessories (camera/smartphone/hand lens/binoculars/field guide/none). Dress in layers and appropriately for possibly foggy/windy weather. There is no drinking water in the park, so please bring your own.

Directions: The park is located 3 miles south of the town of Pescadero off Hwy 1. Take Hwy. 92 west to Half Moon Bay, then turn left on Hwy. 1 and go south for 18 miles, 3 miles past the town of Pescadero. **We will meet in the parking lot at 9:30 am.** Carpooling is recommended.

Space is limited. No drop-ins please. **To complete the required RSVP**, please visit our [Chapter's Meetup page](#). Driving directions and parking tips are provided on the Meetup page.

Field Trip Report: Woods Trail Through a Gardener's Eye

By Arvind Kumar, trip co-lead

On May 7, twenty four people joined us for this walk through Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve. It started under cool, cloudy skies but ended with sunshine. The main lot was full at 9:30am but the overflow lot in Almaden Quicksilver Park had plenty of space.



Arvind Kumar

Fernald's iris (*iris fernaldii*) along Woods Trail

Stephanie Morris led the shorter version of the walk (~3 hours), and Arvind Kumar led the longer version (5 hours). There was a lot to see. Buttercups galore, globe lily starting to flower, blue dips, sticky monkeyflower, blue witch, larkspur, morning glory, blue eyed grass, leptosiphon, tomcat clover, stonecrop and coastal wood fern. We saw many striking stands of Fernald's iris.

A bonus plant on the longer hike was jimbrush (*Ceanothus oliganthus* var. *sorediatus*) in full bloom, attracting many pollinators. We saw that buckbrush (*C. cuneatus*) had gone to seed.



Ashok Jethanandani

Landscape Architect Stephanie Morris pausing with field trip participants along Woods Trail in Sierra Azul OSP

Many thanks to Stephanie, Vicki Silvas-Young, Janet Hoffmann and Ashok Jethanandani for making this possible. We were pleased to have Agi & John Kehoe and Patricia & Fred Evans attend. Much good knowledge was shared.

IN MEMORIAM – DAVID STRUTHERS

Written by Carol Mattsson, as told to her by Jean Struthers

Jean Struthers has lost her dear husband and our Chapter has lost one of its key volunteers. David Struthers passed away on May 10 of this year. He was one of the builders of our native plant nursery at Hidden Villa, the maker of our Wildflower Show plant ID card holders, occasional Plant Sale parking volunteer and much, much more.

David also has been President of the Los Altos Library Friends, served as Los Altos Hills Library Commissioner and was on the Los Altos Hills finance committee, and a math and science high school teacher, most recently at Gunn High School in Palo Alto, from 1962 until his retirement at age 62 in 1993.

David and Jean met as new first year teachers at Richmond Junior High. David taught Science and Jean taught Art. Their classrooms were across the hall from each other. When they found they both lived in Berkeley, they started carpooling to work together.

After Hidden Villa designated the land for the nursery site at Hidden Villa, Chapter volunteers dismantled, moved and reassembled the greenhouse and office shed to the new site. David and other volunteers reassembled the office shed. The office shed had to go during the nursery's more recent phytophthora reconstruction led by Vivian Neou, but David also built the tables in the shade cloth area of the nursery that remain in service to this day. To design the tables, David went to Elkhorn Nursery, noted the table structure there, then copied it to create our own sturdy, well-braced wooden tables.

(You can read more about our CNPS SCV Nursery's history in the March-April 2008 issue of the Blazing Star, here: www.cnps-scv.org/images/BlazingStar/bs0308.pdf.)

David also helped to build the fence surrounding the nursery and did lots of "schlepping" of AV equipment such as microphones when Jean was Chapter President. David liked to go on CNPS hikes even though he didn't know that much about plants. Over the years, he and Jean led a couple of "away" field trips to Carson Pass with an overnight stay in their cabin near Lake Tahoe.



David Struthers, center, voting with other CNPS members at our Chapter potluck at the Shoup Garden House in Los Altos, November 2019

David Struthers also built most of the plant ID card holder blocks that we see at our annual Wildflower Show. During the years when we held the Wildflower Show at the Foothill College cafeteria, Jean was WFS co-chair, and noted that we didn't have enough blocks to hold all the plant ID cards. Dave said he'd make more blocks and looked around at home for suitable material. He found the

shutters from their old house, with their 1 x 1” slats made of pine, easy to cut, and he used that wood to make the simple, functional plant ID blocks that we use today.

David was also an avid bicyclist. Right after Foothill Expressway was built there was a sign that read “No Bikes, No Pedestrians, No Horses.” The Expressway was built at a time when cities thought bicycling was only for children, with no concept of accommodating adults who wanted to commute by bike. Jean and David campaigned to open the Expressway to bikes and along with other like-minded citizens, got it done!

David was born in 1931 and was married to Jean for 64 years. We already miss his cheerful smile, but we are grateful for and inspired by the legacy of service he has left for us to follow.

NEWSLETTER ETC.

Stay in Touch!

Some late-breaking events don’t make it into the newsletter and are announced electronically. Stay informed by making sure that your contact information is correct. Please visit www.cnps-scv.org/stay-in-touch for information on how you can continue to receive email to stay informed.

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To see the full list of Chapter officers and chairs, please visit www.cnps-scv.org/leadership.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, August 12

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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 weed pulling! Contact the listed organizations for details.

Alum Rock Park Volunteers – San Jose

Monday and Wednesday mornings. See article on page 3 for details or contact Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (650) 260-3450.

Cataldi Park Native Garden – San Jose

New project! Saturday morning work sessions begin in July. See article on page 5 for details or contact Tilak at tilaknama108@gmail.com.

Edgewood County Park – Redwood City

Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. See article on page 5 for details or contact Paul Heiple at pheiple@gmail.com or (650) 854-7125.

Grassroots Ecology

Volunteer with us to improve local ecosystems at our habitat restoration projects in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. We offer opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds. Register to volunteer at www.grassrootsecology.org/volunteer

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful – San Jose

Help restore Coyote Creek by joining us to remove trash and non-native plants, plant native plants and advocate for a healthy Coyote Creek. Choose an event from www.KeepCoyoteCreekBeautiful.org/events1. Deb Kramer, deb@keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org, (408) 372-7053.

Kirk Park Native Pollinator Garden – San Jose

New project! Wednesday and Saturday mornings. See article on page 6 for details or contact Kathy Kleinsteiber at KirkParkGardens@gmail.com.

Lake Cunningham Park's Native Garden

Saturday mornings. See article on page 5 for details.

Magic – Planting for the Second Hundred Years

Plant oaks and other California natives, weed, mulch, water, survey and do other tree care. Saturday mornings.

For details and to sign up, contact oaks@ecomagic.org. www.ecomagic.org/projects

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Projects include invasive plant removal, planting native vegetation, fence repairs and trail maintenance. Thursday and/or Saturdays 9am – 1pm. For more information or to register visit volunteer.openspace.org/need/ or contact volunteer@openspace.org.



Christian Tensuan
Grassroots Ecology volunteers show off their yellow star-thistle bouquets after a day of weeding, July 2022

San Bruno Mountain Watch

Restore remarkable ecosystems on San Bruno Mountain and nearby. Weeding, planting, nursery workdays: Check volunteer events web page for workday details: www.mountainwatch.org/upcomingevents. Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, ariel@mountainwatch.org. (415) 467-6631.

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Land Steward volunteers assist Authority staff with trail maintenance, habitat restoration, fencing and cleanup projects. Learn more at www.openspaceauthority.org/volunteers/volunteer-opportunities-for-individuals/ or contact gcomstock@openspaceauthority.org or (408) 224-7476 x 517.

Ulistac Natural Area – Santa Clara

Volunteers remove invasive plants and plant California native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers. First Saturdays 10am - 1pm. Contact ulistac@gmail.com www.ulistac.org Facebook: [Ulistac Natural Area](https://www.facebook.com/UlistacNaturalArea)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

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Jul 28 Fri Photo Group photo sharing (2)
Aug 8 Tue Conservation Committee meeting (3)
Aug 12 Sat **Newsletter submittal deadline**
Aug 20 Sun Bean Hollow State Beach walk (9)

Aug 25 Fri Photo Group photo sharing (2)
Mons & Weds Alum Rock workdays (3)
Saturdays Lake Cunningham workdays (5)
Weds & Fris Edgewood workdays (5)
Saturdays Cataldi Park Garden workdays (5)
Weds & Sats Kirk Park Garden workdays (6)

The next Chapter board meetings will be **Thursdays, July 20 and August 17 at 7:00pm** over Zoom.

Board meetings are open to all Chapter members and their guests.

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