



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

January-February 2010

MEMBERS' NIGHT AND GENERAL MEETING

**Friday, January 22nd at 7:30 PM
Los Altos Library Program Room
13 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

**Topic: Members' Night Slide Show -
Highlights of 2009**

We had another lower-than-average rainfall season for our area in 2008-09, but what did that mean for the wildflower displays in the Bay Area? What about other parts of the state, where in a few places the rainfall totals were higher than normal? And some of us had adventures outside of California and can't help but look at and photograph native plants and beautiful scenes wherever we go.

Share the interesting and beautiful scenes you found in 2009 with others at this always popular members' night meeting. Photos of anything, any place, or anyone related to native plants in 2009 are welcome.

If you'd like to share photos or other materials, please RSVP by Sunday, January 17th by emailing Kevin at mtngreen17@verizon.net or calling (408) 348-9470, and let him know how many photos/what type of materials, and approximately how many minutes you'd like. Time allotted per person will depend on how many participants RSVP.

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 Kevin Bryant at mtngreen17@verizon.net or (408) 348-9470.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Nursery

Our 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 henrymarsh@yahoo.com.

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

Gardening with Natives

Gardening with Natives (GWN) is a special interest group within the Chapter, and includes a mix of seasoned native plant gardeners as well as beginners. The group is open to all, and newcomers are always welcome.

Coming Soon to a Library near You!

Gardening with Natives is growing. We offer 12 regular programs a year, on the first Thursday of each month, alternating between four libraries: San Carlos, Los Altos, Saratoga, and Milpitas. Thanks to volunteers who have stepped forward, in 2010 we will offer additional programs at the following libraries: Cupertino (April 12), Campbell

(February 9, June 17, October 21), and Fremont (March 10, July 14, November 10).

If you would like to see native plant gardening programming at your local library, and can volunteer time towards organizing it, please contact Arvind Kumar (chhaprahiya@yahoo.com) to find out how.

Ohlone Basketry A Talk by Linda Yamane

Thursday, January 7, 7-8:30pm

CORRECTION | Los Altos Youth Center,
1 N San Antonio Road, Los Altos
Cosponsored by Los Altos Library

A native Californian of Rumsien Ohlone descent, Linda Yamane is a basketmaker, artist, historian, author, musician, and speaker. She is the author of the children's book, *Weaving a California Tradition: A Native American Basketmaker*, and the coauthor of *In Full View: Three Ways of Seeing California Plants*.

Linda Yamane will talk about the history of the Ohlone people, the original inhabitants of the Bay Area, and the many uses of native plants, including creating some of the world's most intricate baskets.

Directions to Los Altos Youth Center: From I-280, take El Monte Road exit towards Los Altos, turn left at Foothill Expy turn right on San Antonio Rd. Go for 0.6 mile, past the light at Edith/Main, turn into the first driveway on your right (Civic Center) and park. The Youth Center will be on your right.

Ulistac Natural Area: A Local Treasure A talk by Jeanne-Michele Salander

Thursday, February 4, 7-8:30pm

**Milpitas Library, 160 N Main Street, Milpitas
Cosponsored by Milpitas Library**

Ulistac Natural Area is a 40-acre parcel in the City of Santa Clara with six acres of **mixed oak habitat** and a one-acre **bird and butterfly garden**. Come to this slide show and talk to learn about its history and about the native plant gardening practices and plant successes at Ulistac.

Jeanne-Michele Salander was instrumental in the creation of Ulistac Natural Area in 1996. After years working on land use issues as an Audubon volunteer, she became an active Ulistac restoration project leader in 2000. Jeanne-

Michele will describe the multi-partnered community coalition that enlivens the Ulistac Restoration and Education Project. Plant lists will be available.



Ulistac Natural Area

Jeanne-Michelle Salander

Directions to Milpitas Library: From I-680 (North and South): Take the Calaveras Blvd. (237) exit WEST. Make a right turn at the Main St. off-ramp. The library is at the end of the off ramp. From I-880 (17) (North and South): Take the Calaveras Blvd. (237) exit EAST. Make a left turn at Abel St. then a right turn on to Weller Lane. The library is at the end of Weller on Main St. on the right.

Alternatives to Lawns By Deva Luna

**Tuesday, February 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Avenue, Campbell
Cosponsored by Campbell Library**

Tired of your lawn, but don't know what to put in instead? Come to this talk and be inspired to create a beautiful yard — without mowing or fertilizing! See a variety of no-lawn landscaping styles and ideas, get professional landscaping tips, and have fun. Sustainable landscape designer Deva Luna works for EarthCare Landscaping, and has been teaching gardening for 11 years. She is an ardent plant lover — of California native plants, herbs, edibles, Mediterraneans, and so many more.

Directions to Campbell Library: from I-880/Hwy 17: Take the Hamilton Ave. exit. Northbound travelers turn left on Hamilton, drive over Highway 17, and turn left on Salmar. Southbound travelers continue straight through the intersection onto Salmar. Once on Salmar, drive south until it turns into Harrison. Continue left on Harrison, past Grant. The library is on the right.

For more information on the Gardening with Natives group, visit its website at www.GardeningWithNatives.com. GWN maintains a Yahoo group with over 800 members, a true resource for native plant gardeners in our area. To join the Yahoo group, visit groups.yahoo.com/group/GardeningWithNatives. To contact the GWN Steering Committee, email GardeningWithNatives@yahoo.com or call Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020.

Native Hill Garden at Foothill College

Our Chapter maintains a large California native plant garden called Native Hill at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. Volunteers plant, weed, mulch and prune the plants on occasional Saturday and Sunday morning workdays.

If you would like to volunteer at the garden or be added to the email list to be notified of upcoming workdays, contact Phil Higgins at phidor@juno.com or (650) 941-4752.

Keying with Natives

Join other native plant enthusiasts in a fun and educational atmosphere, as we hone our skills at plant identification (aka "keying"). We meet **6:30pm-8:30pm** usually on the last Friday of each month.

Upcoming meetings are **Fridays, January 29 and February 26** at the PCC building in Palo Alto. For details, contact David "Tex" Houston at tex009@sbcglobal.net or Sally Casey at (408) 377-0989.

Directions to the PCC: (Peninsula Conservation Center), 3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto. From Hwy. 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.

Chapter Council Report

By Toni Gregorio-Bunch, Chapter Vice President-Elect

On December 5th and 6th our Chapter hosted the quarterly State CNPS Chapter Council meeting at Santa Clara University. This was the first time since 2001 that the Santa Clara Valley Chapter has hosted the Council. It was a lively and fully packed two-day event, with meetings and presentations scheduled from Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon, with a field trip following at Jasper Ridge. It was a good turnout, with some 92 registrants attending meetings and the annual banquet Saturday night. The Chapter also hosted the State Vegetation Committee and the State CNPS Board of Directors in meetings on Friday at the PCC and SCU.

Saturday night's banquet was held in Nobili Hall on the SCU campus. Attending guests included the first CNPS state president, Dr. Mac Laetsch, now a retired UC Berkeley professor. The keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Stuart Weiss, who gave a great presentation on the Bay Checkerspot butterfly at Edgewood and Coyote Ridge.

Some of the topics discussed were the new Mission and Vision Statements; CNPS brand marketing; education programs; horticulture and native gardens issues; and invasive species challenges.

Special guest speaker Dr. Justen Whittall of SCU gave a presentation on his plant genetics and conservation research. Cindy Roessler, Sr. Resource Manager for the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District spoke about the District's activities and programs.

The committee that organized this Chapter Council was made up of Kevin Bryant, Judy Fenerty, Arvind Kumar, Rose Rockwood and Toni Gregorio-Bunch, with special help from Diana Stanley and Larry Levine. There was also lots of support by volunteers that helped during the meeting, including Stella Yang and Stephen Buckhout, Georgia Stigall, and Ingrid Graeve for selling books and Emily Chin for her flower displays. Many more Chapter members attended the meeting.

If you would like to find out more about what Chapter Council is all about, go to cnps.org, scroll to the bottom of screen and click on the Chapter Council link to read more.

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

CNPS SCV Research Scholarship Rescues UCD Graduate Student from Incorrect Conclusions

Brynne Lazarus, a graduate student at U.C. Davis, is a Chapter scholarship recipient. Brynne may be reached at belazarus@ucdavis.edu.

The New Idria serpentine formation located within the BLM's Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) is one of stark beauty and stark contrasts. Densely-vegetated serpentine chaparral gives way in many areas to barrens – nearly devoid of vegetation but for the occasional shrub island (in many cases made even more barren by OHV use). Attaining a better understanding of soil properties that perpetuate this pattern is one aspect of my graduate work at UC Davis. This knowledge is essential for restoration of serpentine soils degraded by logging, mining, and OHV use.

I collected and characterized soils in vegetated areas and adjacent barrens as well as in shrub islands within those barrens. I also grew a native shrub (*Ceanothus cuneatus*), a native perennial forb (*Achillea millefolium*), and an invasive annual grass (*Bromus madritensis* ssp. *rubens*) in soils collected from completely barren and densely vegetated areas. I watered well, eliminating possible differences in water-holding properties between the soil types. Still plant growth was 5, 16, or 20-fold greater (for *Ceanothus*, *Achillea* and *Bromus*, respectively) in soil from vegetated areas than in soil from barren areas, indicating that chemical differences between the soils are important.

My initial data from soil analyses suggested that differences in plant-available nutrients (e.g., nitrogen, potassium, calcium) and not heavy metals (i.e., nickel, cobalt, and chromium) were responsible for these differences in



New Idria serpentine barrens with shrub/tree islands *Brynné Lazarus*

growth. Fortunately, a grant from the CNPS's Santa Clara Valley chapter made it possible for me to measure leaf and root concentrations of all these elements in the plants I had grown. Lo and behold, *Bromus* and *Achillea* grown on barren serpentine soil had higher leaf and root heavy metal concentrations than their counterparts grown on serpentine soil collected from vegetated areas. *Ceanothus* responded differently – root sequestration of heavy metals by this native shrub seemed to protect its leaves from heavy metal toxicity. Its poorer growth on barrens soil may be explained by low nutrient availability.

What does this all mean? Although I still need to explore these data more thoroughly before coming to a firm conclusion, it seems possible that heavy metal toxicity

plays a role in perpetuating the pattern of barren and vegetated areas in the New Idria serpentine formation. I am very thankful to have received this scholarship, without which these new and exciting results would not have come to light.

CONSERVATION NEWS

Seeds of Hope for San Mateo Thornmint

By Christal Niederer and Drew Shell

Edgewood Park in San Mateo County is a very special place, as shown by over 20 years of preservation and restoration work by our chapter. But did you know there's a plant found *only* at Edgewood? In fact, discovery of the federally endangered San Mateo thornmint (*Acanthomintha duttonii*) helped *save* Edgewood from becoming a golf course, providing critical evidence the site was worth preserving. Formerly found on San Francisco Water District property and in Emerald Hills, this diminutive annual mint now occurs only at Edgewood, and sadly is in steep decline. An estimated 53,000 plants were observed in 1998, but in 2008 just 249 were counted. The primary culprit? Invasion by non-native Italian rye grass (*Lolium multiflorum*).

This dire situation spurred biologists from Creekside Center for Earth Observation (CCEO) to begin an intensive propagation and restoration effort, funded by a Preventing Extinction grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. And CNPS volunteer weeders have been providing "boots on the ground" as needed to help with the effort, as well as pushing back other looming invaders at the periphery of the habitat like hedgedog dogtail grass (*Cynosurus echinatus*) and yellow star-thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*).

These efforts reached a major milestone in early November, when CCEO scientists, park staff, and volunteers from Friends of Edgewood and CNPS collaborated to plant 12,500 tiny but precious thornmint seeds near the existing population. Seed came from plants grown at Berkeley's UC Botanical Garden (using seed collected years ago from Edgewood), and was planted in test plots with various treatments (scraping, hand weeding, control) to determine optimal restoration techniques for the site. By late

November, after 3 weeks of careful hand watering, tiny little thornmint seedlings were observed!

Restoration and seeding at Edgewood will continue in coming years, and reintroduction at other suitable sites near Edgewood may be attempted as well. And though San Mateo thornmint is too specialized to ever become widespread in our area, it's hoped these efforts will at least ensure it remains forever part of the wildflower heritage we hand to future generations. Hats off to the dedicated team at CCEO, as well as to our chapter volunteers!



Acantomintha duttoni
Niall McCarten & CNPS

PS: While we'd love to share this project up close, we ask you to respect this rare and delicate plant by staying on the trails at Edgewood.

Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

As of January 1, 2010, all cities and counties must adopt a Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance as mandated by California State Assembly Bill 1881. Each community is addressing the State Legislation in its own individual way as per constraints of lot size, slope and building codes, and with an eye to compliance with State Water Resource Control Board's storm water runoff permit parameters.

It appears that industry is addressing water use and storm water pollutant runoff more seriously than are suburban homeowners. For example, homeowners can upgrade or adjust their lawn irrigation systems to save some water, but they can save a lot more by totally removing turf and replacing it with drought tolerant native or Mediterranean plants.

The need for water conservation is very real. Members are encouraged to contact their city planning department or council members to learn more about their local ordinance and give their comments.

For more information contact Jean Struthers, who is serving on the Los Altos Hills committee, at (650) 941-2586 or JeanStruthers@att.net; or Libby Lucas (Chapter Conservation Chair, Santa Clara County) at JLucas1099@aol.com.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park

Join us as we remove invasive exotic plants and protect Edgewood's sensitive habitats. **Friday weeding sessions, starting at 9am**, occur year-round. Wednesday evening sessions will resume next spring.

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

CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS

Chapter field trips are 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.

Sat Jan 9 10am Año Nuevo State Park

Join us as we revive a Chapter tradition of welcoming the New Year with a walk and picnic at Año Nuevo State Park on the San Mateo County coast. The park is located south of Pescadero and just north of the Santa Cruz County line.

Meet in the parking lot (day use fee collected) **at 10:00am**. Latecomers will find us on the trail through the coastal prairie. We'll also enjoy sea cliff vegetation, raptors, songbirds and marine mammals. Pack a lunch; low tide is at 12:38pm, so we'll picnic on the beach in the area in which seal tour reservations are not required.

As an "exploratory" field trip, the ending time and depth of botanical discussion will depend on participants, but the complexity of natural history at Año Nuevo is engaging at any level! Bring binoculars and layers for variable conditions including wind, sun and fog.

Heavy rain or State Park budget-related closure cancels; there will be a **status message** on (650) 941-1068 starting at 7am on January 9. For more information or to RSVP

(appreciated but not required) contact Georgia Stigall at (650) 941-1068 or GeorgiaStigall@yahoo.com.

Sat Jan 16 9:30am

Picchetti Ranch and Stevens Creek County Park

Join Stella Yang and Kevin Bryant on a hike to see Western leatherwood, *Dirca occidentalis*, at its southernmost known location. The hike is around 8 miles, a greater distance than most Chapter field trips, but the trail is relatively level and we'll hike at an easy pace. If it rains the trails may be a little slippery but we'll be rewarded by waterfalls.

Meet at 9:30 am at the parking lot of Picchetti Ranch Preserve. We expect to be **back by 2:30pm**. For more information, contact Stella at yscottie@pacbell.net or (408) 255-6233; or Kevin at mtngreen17@verizon.net or (408) 348-9470.

Directions to Picchetti Ranch parking: From the intersection of I-280 and Foothill Expy., go 3.5 miles southwest (toward the mountains) on Foothill Blvd./Stevens Canyon Rd. Turn right on Montebello Rd. The Preserve parking is 0.5 miles up Montebello on the left.

Sun Jan 31 10am

Stanford Trees and Landscape History

Join co-leaders John Rawlings and Andy Butcher for an outing that will visit some of the oldest cultivated trees and shrubs on the Stanford University campus. We'll start at **10am**, in front of Memorial Church in the Main Quad at the end of Palm Drive and, as time allows, follow Lomita Mall to the Cantor Center (starting point of last year's field trip). Plan for about three hours.

We will highlight landscape changes from the pre-European period to the development of the University in this area, which is part of the San Francisquito Creek watershed. We will also note the historical and current use of native plants on campus.

Andy will also lead a visit to nearby Frenchman's Garden on Frenchman's Lane at the intersections with Gerona and Estudillo, Stanford. This is a California native garden designed by Antonia Bava. A slideshow of the garden may be viewed at www.abava.com/expertise/cultural.

Plant lists are on the web: trees.stanford.edu/treewalks/treemaps.htm (Inner Quad tree map; Cantor Arts Center tree map); and trees.stanford.edu/Arboretum1909.htm (checklist of trees and shrubs growing in the Arizona Garden/Mausoleum/Angel of Grief area in 1909 and 2008).

For more information, contact Andy at AndyButcher@sbcglobal.net or (408) 203-5828.

Directions: Maps and driving instructions are available at www.stanford.edu/dept/visitorinfo/plan/maps.html.

Most A and C parking spaces are available for the public (for free) on weekends.

Sat Feb 6 11am

Los Gatos Canyon: Plant ID-ing for Beginners

Join trip leader Kevin Bryant on a hike up Los Gatos Creek Canyon to meet some of the interesting plants that call the area home. Meet big berry manzanita, Indian warrior, and maidenhair fern, just to name a few, and hear tips on easy ways to ID (identify) some of the plants that occur here (Kevin promises not to use scientific names unless asked).

This easy hike will be less than 3 miles (some slow steady climbing will be involved), and will last approx. 2 to 3 hours. Trip size is limited, and an RSVP is required to receive directions to the trailhead, which will be somewhere in the Town of Los Gatos. Contact Kevin at mtngreen17@verizon.net, or at (408) 348-9470 to **make your reservation**.

Sat Feb 20 10am San Pedro Valley County Park

Join Co-leaders Toni Corelli and Alf Fengler on an early spring outing at San Pedro Valley County Park. We will explore the Hazelnut Trail and return along the Middle Fork of San Pedro Creek on the Weiler Ranch Trail.

We can expect some early blooms: Montara manzanita (*Arctostaphylos montaraensis*), pink-flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum* var. *glutinsum*), Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja affinis*), and others.

The trip will be an easy 5-mile loop hike through coastal scrub and chaparral plus some riparian woodland. It will include an elevation gain and loss of about 600 feet and is expected to **last until 2pm**.

For more information contact Alf Fengler at afengler@acm.org or (650) 345-7045.

Directions: The Park is located at 600 Oddstad Blvd. in Pacifica. From the South Bay, take I-280 north then merge onto Skyline Blvd./CA-35 via exit 14 toward Pacifica. After 3.5 miles turn left onto Sharp Park Rd. down towards the coast. Follow the signs for Cabrillo Hwy./CA-1 south toward Santa Cruz. Go for 2.5 miles then turn left at Linda Mar Blvd., go for 2 more miles until the road ends at Oddstad. Turn right and then immediately left into the

park. County Park day use fee is \$5 per vehicle. **Meet at 10am** in front of the Visitor Center. Bring water and a lunch. Heavy rain cancels.

Sun Mar 7 10am Rise of the Sporophytes!

Dateline: Edgewood - Oceanic invaders swarm land! Drastically alter climate! Fundamentally shift course of ALL LIFE ON EARTH!... No, it's not a disaster flick... It's the amazing story of plant life on our planet!

Join Drew Shell for this romp through time and botanical adaptation... our "classroom" will be Edgewood County Park, and we'll certainly look at anything interesting it has to offer at this time of year, but our primary focus will be the major twists and turns of 500 MILLION YEARS of plant evolution. We'll cover about three miles in about three hours.

This special, educational hike is **limited** to 15 people. **CNPS members** (with immediate family or one guest) have priority until one week before the hike. **To sign up** or get more info, contact Drew Shell (shell@corp.webtv.net) or Carolyn Dorsch (650) 804-6162.

Save the Dates!

For details on these upcoming field trips, check the next issue of this newsletter or the Chapter website at www.cnps-scw.org.

Date	Leader	Location
Sunday Mar 14	Ken Himes	San Bruno Mountain
Saturday- Monday Mar 27-29	Michael Yantos Carolyn Dorsch	Golden Valley and Grass Valley Wilderness -- desert wildflowers southeast of Ridgecrest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Activities from Other Organizations

Edgewood Docent Training Begins Jan 20

Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve (FOE) will offer docent training in January for their spring Wildflower Walks. Edgewood is wonderful resource containing several plant communities in addition to the Serpentine grasslands that are the highlight of our Wildflower Walks. Docents are vital to FOE's ability to attract and educate the public about preservation and restoration projects as well as the bright serpentine flowers they see as they drive past on Interstate 280.

FOE's training provides **Wednesday evening** presentations (in Redwood City) by very knowledgeable speakers; **Saturday hikes** through Edgewood led by these speakers; and a binder full of facts about the Natural Preserve. The training materials cost \$25.

To register or for more information, please email Mary Wilson at docent-trainer@friendsofthewood.org or leave a phone message at 1(866) GO EDGEWOOD.

CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2010

At our November general meeting, we elected our officers for 2010 (see table below).

The Chapter acknowledges and thanks outgoing Chapter Vice-President Arvind Kumar and outgoing Chapter Treasurer Paul Heiple. Paul served as the Chapter's careful and dedicated treasurer for the past 8 years.

Contact information for all officers and chairs is on the Chapter website at www.cnps-scw.org. Click on "Officers & Chairs" in the left column of the home page.

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

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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, or send your signup request to judy@fenerty.com.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, February 6, 2010

**Email: mattsson@surfpix.net
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- Jan 9 Sat** Año Nuevo Field Trip (5)
- Jan 16 Sat** Picchetti Ranch Walk (6)
- Jan 22 Fri** **Members' Night** (1)
- Jan 29 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)
- Jan 31 Sun** Stanford Tree Walk (6)
- Feb 4 Thu** GWN - Ulistac - Salander (2)
- Feb 6 Sat** Los Gatos Canyon Beginner's Walk (6)
- Feb 6 Sat** **Newsletter Deadline** (7)

- Feb 9 Tue** GWN - Lawn Alternatives - Luna (2)
- Feb 11 Thu** **Chapter Board meeting**
- Feb 20 Sat** San Pedro Valley Walk (6)
- Feb 26 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)
- Mar 7 Sun** Edgewood Evolution Walk (7)
- Wed afts** Nursery work sessions (1)
- Fri morns** Edgewood Park weeding (5)
- Via Email List** Native Hill work sessions (3)

The next Chapter Board meeting will be **Thursday, February 11 at 7:00pm**
 at the Peninsula Conservation Center, 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto
 Chapter Board meetings are open to all Chapter members and their guests.

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The Society, working with its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding and to preserve the rich heritage of the native flora for future generations. Membership is open to all. Individual memberships are \$45.00 per year. If you have questions concerning a new membership, renewal of a current membership, or if you wish to report a **change of address**, please contact the Membership Chairperson, CNPS, 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303 or email henryMarsh@yahoo.com.

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