



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

July-August 2010

GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Thursday, July 15, 7:00 PM

Note Thursday day and early start time!

**Saratoga Library Community Room
13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga**

**Living Roofs: The State of the Art
Speaker: Paul Kephart,
Executive Director, Rana Creek**

Since its reopening in San Francisco in September 2008, the California Academy of Sciences building has been hailed as the greenest museum in the world. Among its most notable features is its living roof of California native plants. This 197,000 sq. ft. area consists of 1.7 million native plants spread over seven undulating "hillocks." The plants were specially chosen for their suitability to San Francisco's climate and for their value to wildlife.

The living roof was designed and developed by Rana Creek of Carmel Valley. Executive Director Paul Kephart is a trained biologist and dedicated ecologist, with over 20 years of diverse experience in the field of ecological design. Positioned as one of the leading green roof consultants in the Western Hemisphere, Paul applies ecological design

alternatives to conventional development through vegetative building systems. He is recognized as one of the top horticulture experts in California, designing "living roofs" dedicated to watershed management and corridors for migratory wildlife.

Directions: From Highway 85 (North & South), take the Saratoga Avenue exit. At the light, go south on Saratoga Avenue (from 85N turn left on Saratoga Ave; from 85S turn right on Saratoga Ave). Stay in the right lane. Go past the light at Fruitvale. Turn left into the first driveway to enter the library parking lot.

CNPS general meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Chapter President Kevin Bryant at mtngreen17@verizon.net or (408) 260-3450.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Nursery at Hidden Villa

To help prepare for our **Fall Native Plant Sale on October 16**, consider volunteering at one of our nursery work sessions. They take place every **Wednesday**, from **10am to 2pm**. 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 (by phone is best); 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.



Living Roof of California Native Plants
on the California Academy of Sciences Building

Paul Kephart

Gardening with Natives: Coming to a Library Near You

Gardening with Natives (GWN), a special interest group within the Chapter, includes a mix of seasoned native plant gardeners as well as beginners. It offers talks throughout the year which are free and open to all.

In July and August, ten talks on native plant gardening will be offered at libraries throughout the Chapter area. These free talks are a great way to learn about using native plants in the garden, and to exchange notes with like-minded people.

These programs are made possible by cosponsoring libraries as well as neighborhood volunteers who are helping organize each program. If you want to bring similar programming to a library near you, please contact arvind.kumar@cnps.org. For more information visit www.GardeningWithNatives.com.

Thursday, July 1, 7pm

Successful Garden Design with Native Plants. Michael Thilgen, Landscape Architect, is co-founder of Four Dimensions Landscape in Oakland, an award-winning landscape firm that has become a leader in the field of sustainable landscaping, habitat restoration, and native plant horticulture. He will share his passion for "Restoring the Earth, One Garden at a Time" along with design guidelines and maintenance tips. **Milpitas Library, 160 N Main Street, Milpitas.**

Wednesday, July 14, 7pm

Best Kept Secrets: Native Plants for the Garden. Pete Veilleux is a landscape designer, nurseryman, and photographer whose gardens have been featured on the Going Native Garden Tour and the Bringing Back the Natives Tour. **Fremont Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont.**

Saturday, July 17, 2pm

Native Plant Landscaping for Slopes. Geoffrey Coffey is a landscape designer based in San Francisco and co-owner of Bay Natives Nursery. He has written about native plants for publications such as the San Francisco Chronicle. **Brisbane Library, 250 Visitacion Avenue, Brisbane.**

Monday, July 19, 7pm

Native Trees for the Garden. Fran Adams is a landscape designer based in Palo Alto with 20 years of experience. She offers classes in garden design at Palo Alto USD Adult School and at Foothill College. Her gardens have been

featured on the Going Native Garden Tour. **Belmont Library, 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont.**

Wednesday, July 21, 7pm

Natives in Containers. You can dress up even the smallest of spaces with plants in containers. Masterful designer Pete Veilleux of East Bay Wilds will share many examples of native plants in containers, and tips for planting and care. **San Carlos Library, 610 Elm St, San Carlos.**

Saturday, July 24, 2pm

Native Plants for Coastal Gardens. Botanist, author, and gardener Toni Corelli knows coastal native plants intimately from years of hiking, botanizing, and living on the coast. Come to this talk to learn which plants will work well in the milder microclimates of the Bay Area. **Half Moon Bay Library, 620 Correas St, Half Moon Bay.**

Wednesday, August 4, 7pm

Natives in Containers. Pete Veilleux of East Bay Wilds will once more share many examples of native plants in containers, and tips for planting and care, this time at a northern Peninsula location. **Millbrae Library, 1 Library Ave, Millbrae.**

Thursday, August 5, 7pm

Deer-resistant Native Plants for the Garden. Melanie Hopper will list the most deer resistant plants and their use in a Portola Valley landscape. She has lived and gardened in the Los Gatos mountains for 20 years and has been involved in landscaping in California for 25 years. **San Carlos Library, 610 Elm St, San Carlos.**

Wednesday, August 11, 7pm

Birds in the Garden. Toby Goldberg of Audubon will tell you which birds you can expect to see in Bay Area gardens, and what you can do to attract them. Arvind Kumar will follow up with a list of native plants loved by birds. **San Carlos Library, 610 Elm St, San Carlos.**

Wednesday, August 18, 7pm

The Plants and People of Native California. Learn how Native Californians used traditional plant knowledge and management techniques to provide food, medicine, shelter, clothing, tools, and trade goods. Marianne Schonfisch is the coordinator of the Native Plants/Native Ways school program at the Filoli estate in Woodside. **San Carlos Library, 610 Elm St, San Carlos.**

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, July 30 and August 27** 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.



Nora Monette
Timothy Miller accepting Chapter scholarship from Chapter President Kevin Bryant

EDUCATION NEWS

2010-2011 Graduate Scholarship Recipients

By Nora Monette, Scholarship Chair

In May the Chapter awarded three \$1,500 scholarships to graduate students doing research related to plant systematics, plant ecology, plant physiology, and other related botanical studies of plants that grow in habitats in Central and Northern California.

The recipients of the 2010-2011 scholarships are:

C. Matt Guilliams, University of California, Berkeley. Matt is studying the phylogenetic relationships and ecological speciation of the popcorn flowers (*Plagiobothrys* sp. in the *Boraginaceae*). A phylogenetic tree, or evolutionary tree, is a tree showing the evolutionary relationships among various species. He is examining the role of ecology in lineage diversification using molecular techniques. Objectives include examination of ecological differentiation and lineage diversification in vernal pool ecosystems. Matt plans to use an approach that combines molecular phylogenetics, reciprocal transplant experiments and greenhouse studies.

Paul Hankamp, San Francisco State University. Paul is working on the molecular systematics of *Leptosiphon* species in the *Polemoniaceae*, including nine CNPS listed rare species. Many *Leptosiphon* species were formerly classified as members of the genus *Linanthus*. Paul's goal

is to use new gene region data to solve problems of classification in previous morphological and molecular studies. He will be collecting fresh plant material in the field and dry material from statewide herbaria for all 34 species of *Leptosiphon*, most of which occur in California.

Timothy Miller, University of California, Santa Cruz. Tim's research examines the limiting factors for the range of species distributions in the genus *Clarkia*. Using two rare annual species, *Clarkia breweri* and *Clarkia concinna*, he will investigate how population instability and extinction rates relate to location within the species range. The ranges of these two species abut in Santa Clara County in the area around Mount Hamilton. Tim plans to use herbarium records and local information to determine the

location of as many populations as possible. His field work and DNA samples will allow him to examine if populations at the edge of species ranges are less genetically diverse.

Timothy attended the May 14th General Meeting to accept his award and presented a brief overview of some basics about plant population theory and his research program. Several members spoke with Timothy after the meeting and shared information on species distribution in parts of Santa Clara County. It was a great opportunity to hear about current research efforts and Timothy's presentation was well received.

This is the Chapter's 11th year of providing graduate scholarships. Every year the Scholarship Committee is impressed with the quality of research being undertaken by students working with native plants in Central California. Congratulations to Matt, Paul and Timothy!

CONSERVATION NEWS

Santa Teresa Rare Plant Treasure Hunt

By Don Mayall, Rare Plants Chair, Santa Clara County

Karen Cotter, Santa Clara County Parks natural resource technician, led CNPS members and other volunteers on a two-day rare plant treasure hunt in Santa Teresa County Park in May. The treasure hunters documented the presence of five species listed by the California Department of Fish and Game as rare or endangered. These species

were the most beautiful jewelflower (*Streptanthus albidus* ssp. *peramoenus*), the Santa Clara Valley Dudleya (*Dudleya setchellii*), the Mount Hamilton thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *campylon*), smooth lessingia (*Lessingia micradenia* var. *glabrata*), and Hall's bush mallow (*Malacothamnus hallii*). Although rare elsewhere in the state, these plants were fairly plentiful in this unusual park.

Santa Teresa County Park is an open space area of about 1,700 acres in the hills on the west side of the Santa Clara Valley. Serpentine is one of the dominant substrates, resulting in unusual displays of wildflowers and rare plants. This park has long been a traditional CNPS spring hike location. It was once home to the rare Bay checkerspot butterfly. Listed as threatened by the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the butterfly's last remaining habitat is currently Coyote Ridge on the other side of the valley. The habitat was lost at Santa Teresa as nonnative grasses choked out the butterfly's host plant, the native plantain.



Gifted Home Schooler Rochelle Litchfield with jewelflower and GPS

Don Mayall

Now, the County plans to restore the butterfly habitat there. One step in this process is the reintroduction of managed cattle grazing. Such grazing is what allows the butterfly habitat and the fields of spring wildflowers to prosper on Coyote Ridge. Before the restoration could begin, the County needed baseline data on the rare plants. Karen Cotter learned of CNPS Rare Plant Treasure Hunts and asked for our help.

Wednesday April 28 and Sunday May 2 were the days picked for the hunt. Karen enlisted park rangers, Friends of Santa Teresa Park, CNPS members, and a group of students and parents, the Bay Area Gifted Home Schoolers. The state Rare Plant Botanist supplied a map of reported rare plant populations overlaid on a park map. Our Chapter publicized the hunt in its newsletter and by email. Karen, however, did all the planning and organizing.

Despite the threat of rain, 19 participants including five members of our CNPS Chapter showed up at 10am for instructions from Karen. We formed teams, each with an "expert" plant identifier (CNPS members took on this assignment), a GPS position reader, a data recorder, and helpers. Karen gave everyone color pictures of the rare plants that we would be looking for, and California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) reporting forms. She also

passed out GPS units and gave instructions on their use. The students grasped this technology quicker than adults and become the GPS readers on most teams.

On the first day we found 364 most beautiful jewelflower plants, 212 Santa Clara Valley dudleya, 160 Mt. Hamilton thistle, 50 smooth lessingia and 53 individual Hall's bush mallow. At the urging of CNPS participants, the location of 200 List 4 serpentine helianthus in a seep along with the thistle was documented. As we were winding up, the rain

that had been threatening all day finally hit. One group was caught by a cloudburst, still quite a ways from the trailhead. A couple of umbrellas were lost causes. But not treasure hunting. The hunters were ready for more.

Sunday turned out to be a day of sunshine. We had nine people counting and we found five Hall's bush mallow, 1,170 dudleya and 987 lessingia. Karen took on the task of checking and submitting the survey forms to CNDDB.

As Rare Plant Coordinator of our Chapter of CNPS, I am very grateful that Karen Cotter and Santa Clara County Parks made this activity their own. CNPS cannot possibly monitor all the listed plants in this county. But when land managers make such monitoring part of their mission, then and only then can rare plant conservation become a realistic goal. I particularly appreciated that the school group came with us so the knowledge of one generation can be passed down and entrusted to the next.

SPRING CHAPTER EVENTS REVIEWS

Going Native Garden Tour - Record Numbers

The Going Native Garden Tour (GNGT) is a joint project of our Chapter and the Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County. The eighth annual tour took place on April 18, featuring 67 open gardens – a record number! The 4,673 registrants who signed up for this free event made 12,447 visits to the gardens.

Three hundred volunteers contributed 1,200 hours of their time at the gardens where they answered questions about gardening with native plants, conserving water, sustainability, and attracting wildlife. Many visitors expressed interest in on-site rainwater harvesting strategies.

Once again this year, various initiatives enhanced the tour experience for registrants and volunteers. Volunteers received custom-designed organic cotton t-shirts. Nine nursery sponsors conducted native plant sales on tour day, and donated a portion of the proceeds to the tour. An on-line survey was conducted after the tour, and a prize drawing encouraged people to input their comments. Many positive remarks were received about tour gardens, the tour day plant sales and the overall experience.

To learn more about this tour, including how to volunteer, submit your garden and gain inspiration from garden photos and descriptions, go to www.goingnativegardentour.org

Wildflower Show - Behind the Scenes

This was a challenging year for the Spring Wildflower Show. We normally hold it in the Hospitality Management cafeteria on the Mission College campus, but that building is undergoing construction and was not available. After much searching (and at least one "bouncing") we ended up in the cafeteria in the Campus Center.

The Campus Center cafeteria is smaller than the Hospitality Management space, but it is very well lit because its southern and eastern walls are glass. We had numerous suggestions to hold the show there every year. We will have to evaluate how best to use the limited space.

We had tables for partner organizations, a table for Gardening with Natives, a kids' activities table (popular with the adults too!), book sales, and several vendors. Central Coast Wilds sold plants on the patio outside. We also had classes on wildflower family identification, Edgewood flowers, and gardening with natives.

At least 75 volunteers helped organize the show, set up on Friday, staff the show on Saturday and Sunday, and clean up Sunday afternoon. We counted about 700 visitors coming in through the front door, and a few more came in through the side and back doors. We displayed about 400 species this year, fewer than average because we didn't know how well they would fit.

Two weeks before the show we had no idea where it would be held, and yet by the time the show opened, there was no

hint of the frantic planning efforts needed to move it to another building at the last moment. This was thanks to the great support from Mission College staff (especially Carolyn Kuri, Kurt Hibner, and Jean Replicon) and the dedicated efforts of the Wildflower Show planning committee. The committee is taking a well-deserved break now but will be meeting again soon to start planning for the 2011 show.

Spring Native Plant Sale - A Team Effort

The last of the three big events this spring, the annual Spring Plant Sale, was held on May 1st at Hidden Villa in Los Altos. Months of volunteer work led up to the sale. Early Saturday morning a small army of volunteers descended upon the nursery. There were jobs for all, from placing the street signs, setting up the tables and shade tents, guiding the phalanx of hopeful customers, making lunch for the volunteers, answering gardening questions, writing up plant tickets and book sales, cashiering, etc.

Congratulations and thanks to our indefatigable nursery managers, Jean Struthers and Ray Deutsch, and their corps of diligent volunteers. Their efforts provide much of the financial backing that supports our Chapter's activities year-round. Another round of applause goes to Kevin Bryant for his talk on growing native plants, which drew in many native plant gardeners. Finally, a special thanks goes to the loyal parking attendants, the men and women in orange, who kept us in good graces with our Hidden Villa host.

The non-profit Acterra nursery brought in their locally native plants for sale. In addition to selling lots of great California natives we signed up thirty new members! The interest in native plant gardening undoubtedly has been spurred by events like this as well as the Going Native Garden Tour and the various gardening lectures we have offered this spring.

The long and rainy spring provided good planting conditions this year and allowed us the opportunity to extend our Plant Sale with additional sales of plants at several of our meetings. Sally Casey single-handedly raised and sold over 500 plants on behalf of the Chapter at various events this season.



Carolyn Dorsch
Kids' Activities Table
at the 2010 Wildflower Show

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park

Come pitch in and make Edgewood an inspirational showcase of all CNPS stands for... have some fun, get some sun, and learn a ton! Our **9am Friday** sessions run year round; **5:30pm Wednesday** sessions continue through Daylight Savings Time; and our last monthly **9am Saturday** session for the season will be **July 17**, meeting at the West Kiosk.

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

Thank You Phil Higgins! Native Hill Workday Organizer

Our Chapter is losing one of our dedicated volunteer leaders Phil Higgins, who has served as the workday volunteer organizer at Native Hill, at Foothill College. Phil took over this position from Ellie Gioumousis six years ago, who also was a great steward of the garden for many years. Phil has worked tirelessly at maintaining the plants, scheduling work days and organizing volunteers. He has helped get College students involved in the hill, and brought new faculty members on board, most recently Lisa Schultheis and Gillian Shultz, both Biology Instructors.

Over the years Phil became an expert on the garden, developing intimate knowledge of every plant and learning about each one's individual needs in order for it to thrive. It is due to Phil's continued support that Native Hill has continued to survive and thrive. Thank you Phil for your dedication and hard work during these past years!

Looking for Native Hill Workday Organizer

We are currently looking for someone who would like to take over as the volunteer workday organizer for Native Hill. The organizer would schedule two days a month for plant maintenance work. Maintenance work consists mainly of weeding, pruning, mulching, and sometimes planting new plants and making sure they are watered

during the summer months. The organizer would also coordinate with the Foothill Facility Manager, and once dates are set he/she would send out an announcement to the volunteer list.

If you are interested in this volunteer position or have questions, please contact Toni Gregorio-Bunch at tonig@flash.net or (408) 373-4497.

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.



The Citta garden in Cupertino, which received 258 visitors in the 2010 Going Native Garden Tour

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 July 17 9:30am Point Lobos State Reserve

Join Docents Ann & Art Muto on a natural history walk in the "greatest meeting of land and water in the world," Point Lobos State Natural Reserve near Carmel. Learn about the animals, marine life, geology, human history and, of course, the plants. Check out Art's book, *Wildflowers of Point Lobos State Reserve* to see which plants are expected to be in bloom.

The walk will cover 3 miles **in approximately 4 hours**, including a short lunch/snack break. Trails are relatively flat and are generally on even surfaces, but there are a few stairways and short rocky sections. Wear layered clothing as clouds and fog are common during the summer. Bring a snack or lunch. Binoculars will be helpful. Allow at least 90 minutes to drive to Point Lobos from San Jose. A \$10.00 entrance fee is charged for passenger cars.

Sign up soon as the group size is limited to 20 participants. For more information contact Art Muto (408-257-7865) or asmuto@yahoo.com; or Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com.

Tue Jul 20 6:30pm Field Trip Planning Meeting

We'll meet from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Peninsula Conservation Center (PCC). For the first half hour we'll plan fall field trips. From 7-8:30pm we'll discuss **developing and recruiting new leaders for field trips**.

Anyone interested in our field trip programs is encouraged to attend. For questions, contact Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com, (650) 804-6162.

Sat-Sun July 31-Aug 1 Butterfly Valley-Red Hill

Join San Jose State grad student and Chapter Student Liaison Suzie Woolhouse on a visit to the Quincy area. We will see some of the areas of her botanical research on various serpentine formations in the beautiful foothills of the Sierra Mother Lode. We will visit Butterfly Valley and Red Hill, a huge ultramafic area with many rare plants, in an area ranging in elevation from 4,500-6,400 feet. We may also visit another serpentine area that burned in the Storrie Fire of 2000.

Butterfly Valley is named for the shape of the valley as seen from the air and best known for the large populations of carnivorous plants that grow in this area. The area supports over 500 species of trees and herbaceous plants that include the carnivorous California pitcher plant or cobra lily, bladderworts, and sundews, as well as orchids, lilies, and ferns. Red Hill is a mountain of serpentine and peridotite rising 4,000 feet above the Feather River, affording spectacular views of Mt. Lassen, Bucks Lake Wilderness, and the Feather River Canyon.

We will be car camping (no services, no water) in the Feather River Canyon area. Alternatively, lodging is available in nearby towns Twain, Belden and Quincy, about 45 minutes to 1 hour away.

Sign up soon as the group size is limited to 15 participants. Suzie will only have limited email and phone access as she will be doing field research during the summer. To sign up or get further information, contact Kevin Bryant at mtngreen17@verizon.net, (408) 348-9470; or Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com, (650) 804-6162.

Sat Aug 14 10am Portola Redwoods State Park

Join Carolyn Dorsch and Michael Yantos as we cool off under the redwoods in this easy summer hike. The park, near La Honda, centers around two creeks: Peters and

Pescadero, which meander through a basin at the base of Butano Ridge. Douglas-fir and oaks cloak the ridges while redwoods, huckleberry and ferns cluster in the cooler riparian bottomlands.

We will hike about 4 miles, with little elevation gain, along the year-round-running Pescadero Creek. While strolling under these majestic giants we will discuss the redwood forest ecology and plants in this special habitat.

The hike is expected to end **around 2pm**. We'll stop for lunch about halfway. Be sure to bring water and wear good walking shoes.

For more information and to **reserve your spot** contact Carolyn at cdorsch1@aol.com, (650) 804-6162; or Michael at yantosarchitect@att.net, (650) 743-2807. Limited to 15 participants.

CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2010

To learn more about volunteering with the Chapter, to ask any other 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-sev.org. On the home page you will also find contact information for all officers and chairs and a link to our **new Chapter Facebook page**.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, August 7, 2010

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

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- Jul 1 Thu** GWN - Garden Design - Thilgen (2)
- Jul 14 Wed** GWN - Native Plants - Veilleux (2)
- Jul 15 Thu General Meeting - Kephart** (1)
- Jul 17 Sat** Edgewood Saturday Weeding (6)
- Jul 17 Sat** Point Lobos Field Trip (6)
- Jul 17 Sat** GWN - Slopes - Coffey (2)
- Jul 19 Mon** GWN - Trees - Adams (2)
- Jul 20 Tue** Field Trip Planning Meeting (7)
- Jul 21 Wed** GWN - Containers - Veilleux (2)
- Jul 24 Sat** GWN - Coastal Gardens - Corelli (2)
- Jul 30 Fri** Keying with Natives (2)
- Jul 31-Aug 1 Sat-Sun** Butterfly Valley Field Trip (7)

- Aug 4 Wed** GWN - Containers - Veilleux (2)
- Aug 5 Thu** GWN - Deer-resistant - Hopper (2)
- Aug 7 Sat** **Newsletter Deadline** (7)
- Aug 11 Wed** GWN - Birds - Goldberg (2)
- Aug 12 Thu** **Chapter Board meeting**
- Aug 14 Sat** Portola Redwoods Field Trip (7)
- Aug 18 Wed** GWN - Native People - Schonfisch (2)
- Aug 27 Fri** Keying with Natives (2)
- Wed afts** Nursery work sessions (1)
- Wed eves & Fri morns** Edgewood Park weeding (6)
- Via Email List** Native Hill work sessions (6)

The next Chapter **Board meeting** will be **Thursday, Aug 12 at 7:00pm**
 at the PCC, 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto
 Chapter Board meetings are open to all Chapter members and their guests.

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