



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

November-December 2016

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

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

A Short Walk in the Coast Range
(Natural History of the Coast Range)
A talk by John Muir Laws

Join us for our favorite get-together of the year: the annual potluck dinner and election meeting, followed by a talk by John Muir Laws, which will be our annual **Brenda Butner Memorial Lecture**. The evening is devoted to native plant appreciation, Chapter business, and delectable victuals. It's the party of the year – don't miss it!

Naturalist, educator and artist John (Jack) Muir Laws is in love with the natural world and has lived his life sharing this passion with others. He is trained as a wildlife biologist and is a Research Associate of the California Academy of Sciences. Laws teaches the tools to help people develop as naturalists and stewards and has received several environmental awards for his work. He has written and illustrated books about art and natural history including *The Laws Guide to Nature Drawing and Journaling* (2016), *The Laws Guide to Drawing Birds* (2012), *The Laws Pocket Guide Set to the San Francisco Bay Area* (2009) and *The Laws Guide to the Sierra Nevada* (2007). He is a regular contributor to Bay Nature magazine with his "Naturalists Notebook" column.



John Muir Laws

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. Be sure to bring a plate, drinking glass, and eating utensils for yourself, as well as a bag to take home unwashed dishes.

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 cleanup at the end of the program.

We will also have a **silent auction** of books and other items which will help raise funds for the Chapter. We will only be offering our best donated books for the silent auction, but we would love any other books you would like to donate, which we will sell at our book table. If you have books or other items to donate, please put them in a bag labeled "CNPS Auction" and drop them off at our (unstaffed) office at the PCC at 3921 E. Bayshore Rd. in Palo Alto on or before **Thursday, November 10**, or contact Judy Fenerty at judy@fenerty.com.

CNPS General Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Chapter President Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or the Chapter phone at (650) 260-3450.

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 feet 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. Here is the slate put forth by the Nominating Committee:

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| President | Madeline Morrow |
| Vice President | Vivian Neou |
| Treasurer | Carolyn Dorsch |
| Recording Secretary | Open |

The Chapter Leadership Development Committee (LDC) thanks **all** the officers and chairs who served this year. The committee is actively looking for candidates for one or more **Recording Secretaries for 2017**. We also have other open volunteer positions, including Plant Sale Coordinator and another member for our Program Committee. For more information about any of the open positions please contact LDC Chair Stephen Buckhout at yscottie@pacbell.net or (408) 255-6233.

Chapter Guidelines Vote

Our Board has approved an update to our Chapter Guidelines. The General Membership will vote on this update at our annual potluck meeting.

Our Chapter guidelines are like our constitution: the basic rules for how we are organized and how we perform our activities. They were last updated in 2003. Periodic updating is always needed, but it is sufficiently labor intensive that the intent is to make the new version a good fit for five to ten years. The Chapter Board approved a draft version at our October 13 meeting. The guidelines now go to our members to be voted on at the November 12 General meeting. The main changes are:

- Board selection is more clearly defined, making it simple to determine a quorum
- Board members will be asked to commit to attendance at Board meetings, for more continuity in solving problems
- Dedicated Chapter members who are not committee chairs or officers but wish to contribute as Board members now have a process to become Board members
- Our fiscal year is defined
- Board terms and the budget process are aligned for smoother operations

- The duties of officers, board members and committee chairs are updated to reflect current practices and the needs of the Chapter
- A committee conflict resolution process is defined
- Chapter membership rules are clarified for CNPS family memberships
- Guidelines are aligned with the current version of the state CNPS bylaws

You can download the guidelines from our Chapter website, www.cnps-scv.org. You may also leave a message at our Chapter phone, (650) 260-3450, and we will mail you a paper copy of the guidelines.

For more information please contact Madeline Morrow at madelinemorrow@earthlink.net or (408) 742-1150. If you are a Chapter member, please attend our Annual Meeting and vote on these new guidelines.



Carol Mattsson

Volunteer garden designers advise customers at Fall 2015 plant sale

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Nursery at Hidden Villa

Come help propagate plants for our plant sales by volunteering at one of our nursery work sessions, every **Wednesday and Thursday, from 11am to 2pm** (note winter hours). Bring garden gloves, sunhat, clippers, and liquids 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.

There will be **no workdays** on November 24 and January 2. Starting in January, the schedule will change again. The updated schedule will be available on the Chapter web site (cnps-scv.org) after it is finalized.

The next **Monthly Member Sale** days will be on **Wednesdays, November 2 and December 7 from 11am to 2pm**. We are also offering a **new benefit**: members who plan to buy 10 or more plants can make an **appointment** to stop by the nursery to purchase them during a workday (other times also available). To make an appointment, send email to nursery@cnps-scv.org. Please include a plant list so that the nursery can check inventory before making the appointment.

Due to the overhead in cleaning and sanitizing pots, the nursery **can no longer accept donations of one gallon pots.**

The nursery is **in need of another wire mesh wagon** (similar to the utility cart illustrated here: thd.co/2dGff1Z). The wagon does not need to be new and does not need to have side panels. The nursery can also use medium or small size plastic tubs, similar to those hospitals give out to hold supplies during your stay. You can drop off donations at the nursery during workdays or contact the nursery at nursery@cnps-scvc.org to arrange a pickup.

Melanie Cross stepped down as Nursery Manager after the Fall Plant Sale. She was a steady and kind leader who inspired and nurtured the nursery volunteers while going above and beyond to keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes. We are grateful for her tremendous contributions to the nursery and wish her well. **Vivian Neou** is the new Nursery Manager. She can be reached at nursery@cnps-scvc.org.

Directions: Hidden Villa is located on Moody Road west of Foothill College. From Hwy. 280 in Los Altos Hills, take the Moody Road exit and head west. Two miles west of Foothill College, look for the Hidden Villa sign and driveway on the left. Proceed over the bridge and park in the Dana Center parking lot to your right. The Nursery is just beyond the Dana Center. Parking is free for nursery volunteers and those attending sales.

Nursery Grant Challenge Not Yet Met

December 31 is the last day for qualifying donations made for the purpose of assisting with the renovation of the Chapter nursery. An anonymous donor has offered to match the first \$15,000 donated toward the estimated \$40,000 cost. So far we have received \$8,700 toward our goal of a full match. **Checks** marked to indicate they are donations for the nursery renovation should be sent to the Chapter office at CNPS Santa Clara Valley Chapter, 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Online donors should visit our Chapter website at www.cnps-scvc.org, then follow the Contact Us link to Donate. When donating online, select “Chapter Donation” in the “Designation” box and make a note in the comments section that your gift is for the renovation of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter nursery. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Nursery Manager Melanie Cross and volunteer Tara Lee at October 2016 plant sale at Hidden Villa Nursery

Thank you for helping the Chapter maintain its long history of providing attractive, drought-tolerant California native plants.

Gardening with Natives

Gardening with Natives (GWN), a special interest group within the Chapter, includes beginning and seasoned native plant gardeners, along with landscape architects and designers. GWN offers free talks throughout the year at public libraries in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

This year's themes are *Month-by-Month Pruning* and *Maintaining Your Native Garden*. For more information., visit www.cnps-scvc.org/index.php/gardening/gardening-with-natives.

The GWN programs are made possible by the co-sponsoring libraries and volunteers who help with program logistics. If you would like to help organize similar programming at a library near you, email Sherri Osaka at sdosaka@sustainable-landscape.com.

Maintaining Your Native Garden Year by Year, a talk by Peigi Duvall

Wednesday, November 2, 7-8:30 PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos (650) 948-7683

Garden maintenance tasks change as your California native landscape grows and matures. Early on, you'll be getting your plants off to a good start, watering carefully, and pinching for good form. As they develop, you may need to replace short-lived plants, discover just when to divide those that have loved your garden to the point of getting out of bounds, or modify any irrigation layout to serve full-

grown species. As the garden becomes established you may even need to modify your design based on what has failed despite your best efforts or if one specimen is now shading out its neighbors. Learn how to successfully guide your CA native garden from its youth into its ripened natural beauty.

Peigi Duvall is a certified member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers and a Bay Friendly Qualified Landscaper as well as a member of the California Landscape Contractors Association. She teaches courses through Stanford Continuing Studies on sustainable landscaping with native plants, served as state level Horticulture Program Director for CNPS from 2004-2009 and currently serves on its Horticulture Committee.

How to Propagate Native Plants: Seed & Cutting Exchange, a talk by Deanna Giuliano

Thu., Nov. 10, 7:00-8:30 PM, Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino (408) 446-1677

One of our most popular events, the seed and cutting exchange arrives just in time to sow seeds and take advantage of the upcoming rains (fingers crossed!). Our speaker will discuss starting native plants from seed and cuttings. After the program, we'll swap plant material. Bring any seeds or cuttings that you'd like to share with others, and containers to carry what you want to bring home.

Deanna Giuliano has nurtured thousands of native plants since taking the reins of the Grassroots Ecology (then Acterra) Native Plant Nursery in 2006, and has overseen the application of new protocols to ensure pathogen-free nursery stock. Deanna has served as president of the Santa Cruz Chapter of CNPS, and remains active in CNPS initiatives such as Rare Plant Treasure Hunts. She previously worked for Central Coast Wilds and the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum.

Pruning Your Native Shrubs and Subshrubs, a hands-on demonstration by Jocelyn Cohen

Thu., Nov. 17, 7-8:30 PM, Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View (650) 903-6337

A native garden looks most pleasing when it has a human touch. Shrubs and trees are at their best with occasional pruning and shaping, and now is the time to do it, before

the rains come. During this presentation, you'll learn about the different forms of many native plants and how to bring out their best characteristics – and health – through proper pruning.

Jocelyn Cohen has extensive experience with land restoration, tree care, aesthetic pruning, organic gardening and soil rebuilding. She teaches workshops at the East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden. Her business, Poetree Landscapes & Arboriculture, combines tree care and preservation with aesthetic pruning, garden design and landscape restoration.

Creating a Rain Garden for CA Native Plants, a talk by Alan Hackler

Monday, December 5, 7-8:30 PM, Milpitas Library, 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas (408) 262-1171

We don't know how much rain we will get this season, but we can be prepared for it. Don't let that rain water run off your roof, down your driveway and into the streets, storm drains, and creeks where it may cause flooding. Instead direct it into your garden, allowing it to percolate downward, recharging our local aquifers and purifying the water as it passes through the soil. Learn how rain gardens keep water on site, yet away from buildings, how to construct them, and which California native plants are best suited for them.

Alan Hackler is the owner of Bay Maples, a design-build firm and native plant nursery in the South Bay. His own rain garden has been on the Going Native Garden Tour and he has built many rain gardens for clients. Alan studied permaculture and environmental studies, and is a Build-It Green member with LEED and Graywater accreditations.

Make a Holiday Wreath with CA Native Plants, a demonstration by Sherri Osaka

Tue., Dec. 13, 6:30-8:00 PM, Pacifica-Sanchez Library, 1111 Terra Nova Boulevard, Pacifica (650) 359-3397
Note the earlier start time!

By selecting a variety of native foliage and berries from your garden, you can create a beautiful holiday wreath and recycle materials that you have on hand. Come watch while the speaker discusses what types of plants to use, shows how to secure your greenery to a frame, and demonstrates how to tie a big beautiful bow before hanging it up.

Sherri Osaka is a licensed Landscape Architect, Bay-Friendly Qualified Designer, and started her company, Sustainable Landscape Designs, over 19 years ago. She is the chair of the Gardening with Natives subgroup of our Chapter of CNPS and enjoys crafting in her spare time, while avoiding plastic and recycling all manner of materials.



Carol Mattsson

Examining plants within the shaded area of the Hidden Villa Nursery, at October 2016 plant sale

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. Microscopes will be available.

The upcoming dates are **Fridays, November 18 and December 16, from 6:30 - 8:30pm**. We meet at the Peninsula Conservation Center (PCC), 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. For more information, please contact Joe Cernac at joecernac@sbcglobal.net or (408) 292-5465.

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

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's conservation committee meets on the **first Thursday** of the month. The next meeting will be on **November 3rd at 7pm** at the PCC in Palo Alto. Note we will not have a meeting in December.

Please join us in our important work! For questions, comments or concerns, please contact Conservation Chair Linda Ruthruff at ldruff@hotmail.com. For **directions** to the PCC, please see the previous Keying with Natives article.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Wednesday Edgewood Restoration

Help restore habitat at Edgewood Park, known for fabulous wildflowers and amazing diversity near Redwood City. We pull weeds so native plants have plenty of room to flourish. No experience is required; sturdy gloves are recommended. You might also want to bring sunscreen, water, a hat, layered clothing and wear long sleeves/pants.

Our last **5:30pm Wednesday** weeding session will take place **November 2**. Wednesday evening sessions will return after Daylight Savings Time resumes next spring. For schedules and meeting places, please visit www.cnps-scvc.org or call Wednesday leader Ken Himes at (650) 591-8560.

Friday Edgewood Restoration

We offer MORE weeding opportunities at Edgewood Park during our year round **Friday 9am** sessions. For more information, including schedules and meeting places visit www.cnps-scvc.org or phone Paul Heiple at (650) 854-7125.

Alum Rock Park Volunteers

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

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

For more information, contact project lead Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or the Chapter phone at (650) 260-3450.

Lake Cunningham Native Garden

The California Native Garden project in Lake Cunningham Regional Park aims to control invasive plants in a 1.5-acre area and beautify it with California native wildflowers, perennials, shrubs, and trees. The project also aims to create a sustainable, low-maintenance landscape, encourage

community participation and ownership, and to create habitat for birds and wildlife.

The project welcomes volunteers to help with invasive plant removal, mulching, planting, and watering. Workdays are every **Saturday and Sunday, 9am to noon**. If you enjoy physical activity and being outdoors with a view of the lake, the garden and wildlife, please join us!

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

IN MEMORIAM

James (Jim) Jungo Sugai *June 19, 1919 – June 27, 2016*

Our Chapter remembers and honors Jim Sugai for many years of service. Some of our memories include:

Jim was always a quietly useful worker at the Chapter nursery. Originally (Spring 1996) he helped install the greenhouse and would come with his truck and mower to clean up around the nursery before our sales. He helped hand water and maintain the plants until volunteers installed the nursery's irrigation system.

Jim was honored in 2011 by Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss for his years of work in several venues, including more than 25 years at Hakone Gardens and with our Chapter of CNPS. Many of us in CNPS are hiking with the handcrafted bamboo hiking staffs he made.

Jim was a trail maintenance volunteer who salvaged native plants that were in the trails. He would bring them to our Wildflower Show to display, and I was the lucky recipient of two large manroots from Jim at the end of the show. He was always cheerful, always helpful, always active. A great friend of nature and of people.

I was so fortunate to meet Jim and his wife Kik (Kikue) through CNPS in the 1990s, and to enjoy many encounters since at various events, my own home a few times in those early Gardening with Natives years and so on. Jim was the epitome of grace, wisdom, humor at no one's expense, teaching & enriching, and so much more.

One of my first CNPS field trips in the mid-1990s was to Stile Ranch led by Jim Sugai. During a break, Jim pointed

out to me some natural feature I'd asked about, making me feel included and important. In more recent years, Jim and Kik were regular attendees at our newsletter mailing parties, helping to label, seal and stamp our paper newsletters for mailing to members.

Our own Blazing Star newsletters from the mid 1990s mention Jim Sugai as a regular volunteer at Native Hill, trimming back shrubs that were growing into the pathways, and trimming back the California poppies so they would rebloom in the fall. There are several mentions of Jim leading field trips, including to Stile Ranch with Sally Casey in March 1997, with Dick Gehrler in March 2001 and to Gazos Creek with Toni Corelli in May 1997.

The Blazing Star reports in summer 1997 that our "escaped exotics committee" is making progress against German [Cape] Ivy in Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, thanks to the help of Jim Sugai along with three others in recent work sessions.

You may read more remembrances about Jim at: legacy.com/obituaries/mercurynews/obituary.aspx?pid=180519480. Thank you Jim. We miss you.

CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS

Chapter field trips are free and generally open to the public. They are oriented to conservation, protection and enjoyment of California native plants and wildlife, and we adhere to all rules and guidelines for the lands on which we are visiting.

In our region it is very important to be prepared for hiking on rugged and steep terrain, wide temperature ranges and rapidly changing conditions at any time of year. All participants should wear sturdy footwear and carry sufficient water, sun protection, food, clothing layers, personal first aid and other supplies you may need. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in a particular field trip, please contact the trip leader in advance.

Reminder: Sun Oct 30 10am – 3:30pm Uvas Canyon County Park (Morgan Hill)

Join Dee and Ken Himes on a 3-4 mile hike in this mostly shady woodland of mixed evergreens including redwoods, madrones, sycamores, alders, and big-leaf maples ... See the September – October Blazing Star newsletter our the Chapter website for details. Open to all, no RSVP required.

Monday, November 7, 7:00 PM
Field Trip Planning Meeting
 PCC, 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto

Join Field Trip leader Dee Himes to begin planning 2017 hikes and camping trips. All trip leaders, trip sweeps and botany enthusiasts are invited to attend this meeting. Share your favorite places to visit next year. Let's start filling up the 2017 calendar! If you have suggestions for trips, please contact Dee at dee4CNPS@gmail.com or call (650) 670-7797 (eves).

Sun December 18 9am – Noon
Beginners Bird and Plant Identification Walk at Lake Cunningham Park (San Jose)

Fourth in this year's series: First Day (Almost) of Winter

As winter begins, join us for a beginner's bird and plant identification walk through Lake Cunningham Park.

Lake Cunningham is a major destination for waterfowl and migratory birds and its native garden is home for many resident birds due to its habitat value. On this walk, Vicki Silvas-Young will show you how to identify the common birds of our area, as well as the native plants they depend on for food, shelter, and nesting places.

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

Space is limited. **Please RSVP** to Arvind Kumar at arvind.kumar@cnps.org to reserve your spot and to receive **directions** and details. Cosponsored by CNPS, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Activities from Other Organizations

Become an Edgewood Docent

Wildflower Walk Docents lead interpretive nature walks at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve throughout the year, but especially during our famous spring wildflower season. No previous training is required to become a docent. We will help you gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead walks and interpret the preserve's natural resources.

Each January through April, a series of eight Wednesday evening classes are paired with Saturday morning field

hikes. The course covers Edgewood's geology, plants, and wildlife, along with its history, preservation, and ongoing restoration. Along the way, you'll develop the interpretive strategies and skills that make for a great walk experience. The program's design will provide you with a rich context for understanding and communicating the special nature of Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve.

If you'd like to enrich your own life and the lives of others with a closer connection to the natural world, if you are excited by the opportunities for challenge, adventure, and community that an Edgewood Docent enjoys, please consider joining us!

For more information or to **register for the training**, contact the Docent Training Coordinator, Sandy Bernhard, at docent-trainer@friendsofedgeswood.org.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, December 3, 2016

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Phone: (408) 255-3767

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FIRST-CLASS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

Oct 30 Sun Uvas Canyon field trip (6)

Nov 2 Wed Monthly Member native plant sale (2)

Nov 2 Wed Last Wed. Edgewood weeding 2016 (5)

Nov 2 Wed GWN – Year to Year - Duvall (3)

Nov 3 Thu Conservation Committee meeting (5)

Nov 7 Mon Field trip planning meeting (7)

Nov 10 Thu GWN – Propagation - Giuliano (4)

Nov 12 Sat **Annual Meeting & Potluck - Laws** (1)

Nov 17 Thu GWN – Pruning Shrubs - Cohen (4)

Nov 18 Fri Keying with Natives (5)

Dec 3 Sat **Newsletter submittal deadline**

Dec 5 Mon GWN – Rain Gardens - Hackler (4)

Dec 7 Wed Monthly Member native plant sale (2)

Dec 13 Tue GWN – Holiday Wreath - Osaka (4)

Dec 16 Fri Keying with Natives (5)

Dec 18 Sun Lake Cunningham beginner's walk (7)

Dec 22 Thu **Newsletter Mailing Party - 10am PCC**

Dec 31 Sat Nursery Grant Challenge ends (3)

Mon & 3rd Sats Alum Rock weeding (5)

Wed & Thu Nursery workdays (2)

Fri AM Edgewood weeding (5)

Sat & Sun AM Lake Cunningham workdays (5)

Next Board meeting: **Thu., Dec. 8 at 7:00pm**. This will be our annual budget meeting. Please bring food to share. Location TBD. Before the end of the year we will also have two special Board Nursery Meetings: the first one will be **Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00pm** at the PCC in the library. Date and location of the second meeting is TBD.

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

For more information contact Madeline Morrow at MadelineMorrow@earthlink.net or (650) 260-3450.

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The Society, working with its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding and to preserve the rich heritage of the native flora for future generations. Membership is open to all. Individual memberships are \$45.00 per year. If you have questions about your newsletter subscription, please contact membership@cnps-scv.org. Address changes may be submitted to cnps@cnps.org; please put "member address change" in the subject line.

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