



California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

# ***THE BLAZING STAR***

*May-June 2009*

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## **GENERAL MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

Besides our usual **May general meeting and program**, to be held in Half Moon Bay, we'll have an extra presentation on **June 19 at the Saratoga Library**. Read on for details...

### **The Amazing Plants of Coastal San Mateo County** A presentation by Toni Corelli

**Friday, May 15th at 7:30 pm**  
**Half Moon Bay Library**  
**620 Correas Street, Half Moon Bay**

The San Mateo Coast runs along the Pacific Ocean for over 71 miles and has acres of public land with over 25 parks and state beaches. Until now much of the flora has not been documented but for the past two years with the help from volunteers over 600 taxa have been listed for the public lands along the coast.

This presentation will highlight the parks and plants "west of 1" and also show how volunteers in collaboration with State Parks are helping to restore native habitat on the coast. Learn about the diverse plant communities and spectacular wildflowers that occupy this slender stretch of Highway 1 along the San Mateo Coast. Then join us for walks **May 16th and June 14th** (see Field Trips page 6).

**Toni Corelli** is a longtime member of our Chapter of CNPS and has lived and botanized the local flora of the San Mateo Coast for 20 years. To see her photos go to:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/tcorelli/collections/72157603693857503](http://www.flickr.com/photos/tcorelli/collections/72157603693857503).

**Directions:** from Hwy. 280 take Hwy. 92 west to Main Street (Half Moon Bay); turn left (south) on Main Street, then right (west) on Correas. The Library will be on the left (south) side of the street. It should take you less than 20 minutes from Hwy. 280 to Half Moon Bay.

## **Is it a Native?**

Come early for our **plant ID clinic**. Experts will be available starting at **7pm** at both general meetings, to help you identify naturalized plants (those growing without human care) that have been collected with proper permit or landowner permission.

## **Pardon our Growing Pains**

We apologize to those who had to be turned away from our March Program Meeting, as the attendance exceeded our room capacity at Los Altos Library.

Attendance at our General Meetings and Gardening with Natives programs is up. It is a sign of the growing interest in native plants and the environment, and augurs well for our future. Since last summer, local libraries have begun to co-sponsor our programs (Los Altos, Saratoga, Milpitas, and San Carlos). This means they help with speaker's fees, room reservation and setup, and outreach. This is helping us attract new people to our programs.

You will be pleased to know that the Program Committee and the GWN Steering Committee have worked with the library and secured a larger space. We hope to find larger venues that will allow us to continue to offer great programs at no cost to the public. If you have suggestions for other centrally-located venues with 150 person plus capacity that are free or very reasonably priced for non-profit organizations, we'd appreciate your input: email Kevin Bryant at [mtngreen17@verizon.net](mailto:mtngreen17@verizon.net).

## **California's Fading Wildflowers: Lost Legacy and Biological Invasions** A presentation by Dr. Richard A. Minnich

**Friday, June 19th at 7:30 pm**  
**Saratoga Library Community Room**  
**13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga**

Early Spanish explorers in the late eighteenth century found springtime California covered with spectacular carpets of

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wildflowers from San Francisco to San Diego. Yet today, invading plant species have devastated this nearly forgotten botanical heritage.

In his recent book, *California's Fading Wildflowers*, Dr. Minnich synthesizes a unique and wide-ranging array of sources—from the historic accounts of those early explorers to the writings of early American botanists in the nineteenth century, newspaper accounts in the twentieth century, and modern ecological theory—to give the most comprehensive historical analysis available of the dramatic transformation of California's wildflower prairies. At the same time, his groundbreaking book challenges much current thinking on the subject, critically evaluating the hypothesis that perennial bunchgrasses were once a dominant feature of California's landscape and instead arguing that wildflowers filled this role.

As he examines the changes in the state's landscape over the past three centuries, Dr. Minnich brings new perspectives to topics including restoration ecology, conservation, and fire management in an analysis that may change your view of native California.

**Richard A. Minnich** is a Professor in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of California, Riverside. He is the author of *The Biogeography of Fire in the San Bernardino Mountains of California: A Historical Survey* and *Land of Chamise and Pines: Historical Descriptions of Northern Baja California* (both from UC Press).

**Directions:** From Highway 85 take the Saratoga Exit (NOT Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road) and travel southwest towards the Village of Saratoga. Stay in the right lane of Saratoga Avenue. About ½ mile from the highway exit, there will be a two-lane left turn for West Valley College at Fruitvale Avenue. 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.

CNPS general meetings are free and open to the public. For additional information, visit [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org), or contact Chapter President Kevin Bryant at [mtngreen17@verizon.net](mailto:mtngreen17@verizon.net) or (408) 353-8824.

## **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

### **Native Plant Nursery**

Large crowds pushed their way into our small nursery at Hidden Villa on April 4 and plants started to disappear! We had good attendance and many different plants,

including *Calochortus* varieties donated by Sally Casey, quaking aspens donated by Jon Craig, and plants donated by Patricia Evans and Joan Cloutier. Acterra had beautiful specimens of local natives including *Fritillaria affinis* and *Cynoglossum grande*. A high point of the day was a talk by Stephanie Morris entitled "Native Plant Gardening for Beginners." She showed slides of her work and had good advice and handouts. About 60 people attended.

A big thanks goes to all who advised customers, kept order, wrote tags, sold books, parked cars, made lunch, and set up and took down tables etc. If you missed out on the sale, **plants can be purchased** at the nursery during our work sessions **through May** (checks only please; no cash).

Help us to make our fall sale turn out just as well, by volunteering at one of our regular nursery work sessions, which take place **every Wednesday, from 12noon to 3pm. (After June 1 come 10am to 2pm.)** Bring garden gloves, sunhat, clippers, and your lunch. 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](mailto:JeanStruthers@att.net); or Ray Deutsch at (650) 365-6136 or [henrymarsh@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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. Newcomers are always welcome. GWN offers **four** programs for May and June:

### **Beyond Birds: Landscaping for Wildlife Diversity By Mike Koslosky, Naturalist**

**Friday, May 8, 2009, 7-8:30pm**  
**NOTE NEW, LARGER VENUE:**  
**Hillview Community Center**  
**97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, (650) 948-7683**  
**Free admission -- Cosponsored by Los Altos Library**

It's not easy trying to duplicate in our gardens what nature has spent millions of years perfecting. However, we can speed up the process by following nine basic principles of wildlife gardening and identifying 16 components of habitats to make our gardens "wildlife worthy". With the continuing loss of wild land habitats, suburban oases of native plants and garden structural elements are more important than ever in providing mini-refuges for wildlife. Learn how you can meet that challenge by modifying your gardening practices.

Mike Koslosky is a naturalist and freelance writer living in the East Bay. He is especially fond of insects, which by default makes him curious about plants, which leads to being inquisitive about natural history, and which causes him to examine ecological relationships, resulting in trying to understand mankind's impacts on life on earth.

#### **Directions to Hillview Community Center:**

From 280, take El Monte Road exit, and go north. Turn left on Foothill Expressway. Turn right on San Antonio Road. Turn right at Hillview Avenue. Turn left into the first driveway immediately after the soccer field on your left.

### **Garden Design Workshop Plant Community-based Garden Design** A workshop by Katherine Greenberg

**The Greenberg Garden, Lafayette**  
**Sat, May 16 - 2:00-4:30pm**  
**Cost: \$35 general, \$25 CNPS members**

Katherine Greenberg is the President, Pacific Horticulture Foundation; Founder, Friends of Regional Parks Botanic Garden; and Former President, Mediterranean Garden Society. She is a landscape designer of renown, and her garden was featured in the April 2009 issue of Diablo Magazine.

She is offering a special garden design workshop for our chapter at her garden in Lafayette. She will focus on designing a native garden using plant communities as a guide to plant selection. She will also cover native garden maintenance.

**TO REGISTER:** Send your name, address, phone, and email address, along with a check made out to "CNPS Santa Clara Valley Chapter" to: CNPS, c/o Diana Stanley, 4910 Bel Estos Drive, San Jose, CA 95124. The garden address and directions will be emailed to you. Space is limited to 20, first come first served.

### **Alternatives to Lawns**

**A talk by Deva Luna, Sustainable Landscape Designer**  
**Wednesday, June 3 7-9 pm**

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

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 practical how-to notes on lawn removal.

Professional landscape designer Deva Luna works for EarthCare Landscaping, and has been teaching gardening for 12 years. She loves to help people remove lawns, increase habitat, and save water!

#### **Directions to Fremont Main Library:**

Take 880 to Fremont. Take exit 16 for Stevenson Blvd, and go north. Turn right into the first driveway after the Paseo Padre Pkwy intersection.

### **The Growing Popularity of Native Plant Gardening: Lessons from Theodore Payne** A talk by John Wickham President, Theodore Payne Foundation

**Thursday, June 11 7-8:30 pm**  
**(New) Milpitas Library, 160 N Main Street,**  
**Milpitas, (408) 262-1171 x3616**  
**Free admission**

**Cosponsored by the Friends of Milpitas Library**

A thriving nursery, a native garden tour, farmer's market presence, a wildflower hotline – these are just some of the ways that Southern California-based Theodore Payne Foundation is making native plant gardening affordable and accessible to the masses. Come to this talk to find out how this non-profit volunteer-based organization is spreading the message of water conservation, habitat creation, and pollution prevention and what it means for us right here in the Bay Area. Wildflower seeds will be available.

#### **Directions to the new Milpitas Library:**

From Highway 680 (North and South): Take the Calaveras Boulevard (237) exit WEST. Make a right turn at the Main Street off-ramp. The library is at the end of the off ramp.

From Highway 880 (17) (North and South): Take the Calaveras Boulevard (237) exit EAST. Make a left turn at

Abel Street then a right turn on to Weller Lane. The library is at the end of Weller on Main Street on the right.

For more information on the GWN group, visit its website at [www.GardeningWithNatives.com](http://www.GardeningWithNatives.com). To contact the GWN Steering Committee, email [GardeningWithNatives@yahoo.com](mailto:GardeningWithNatives@yahoo.com) or call Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020.

### Native Hill Garden at Foothill College

Flowers are in bloom, bees and butterflies are busy pollinating, birds are singing to attract mates and declare territories and yes non-native weeds are taking over as usual this time of the year. It must be spring. Many of the weeds have already gone to seed, so this time of the year our main focus is just reducing them, dare I not say eliminating them, as this seems an impossible mission, but all we can do is try, and try we will. Although just to see the abundance of native flowers at their peak of bloom invigorates us to carry on.

As always, 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](mailto: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 on the last Friday of each month**, and **one half hour before** Chapter general meetings. Beginners are always welcome. We can show a way to identify most plants down to their families, and then discuss further ways to distinguish them.

Upcoming meetings are **Fridays, April 24, May 29, and June 26** at the PCC (Peninsula Conservation Center) building in Palo Alto, and before the Chapter General Meetings in May and June (see page 1). For details, contact David "Tex" Houston at [tex009@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tex009@sbcglobal.net) or (650) 303-2777; or Sally Casey at (408) 377-0989.

**Directions to the PCC:** (Peninsula Conservation Center), 3921 E. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto. From Highway 101, take the "San Antonio North" exit, get immediately into the left-hand turn lane, and turn LEFT onto East Bayshore. This will curve around to the left, then right. Turn right on Corporation Way. Then turn into the first driveway on your left, which leads to the PCC parking lot.

### Rare Plant Design – New Products

*By Judy Mason, Chapter Member*

Editor's note: Judy Mason created the new Chapter logo, shown below, that you see on aprons, tote bags, and bookmarks for sale at various Chapter events. Among her many other contributions to the Chapter are teaching wildflower identification classes at Chapter events and creating the popular foldout Wildflower Families Field Guide. Thanks Judy!



It was one of the visions discussed two years ago at a chapter retreat to sell products displaying our local chapter's name. Before I knew what hit me my drafting board was full of ideas. Three months later **aprons, tote bags & bookmarks** featuring rare plants of Santa Clara & San Mateo County were for sale.

My pen had been retired for several years after volunteering to illustrate three local botanical books. Now I had a chance to be creative with color. Since this design is all about our local chapter, featuring representations of rare plants that only occur naturally in our two counties became my goal. Memories filled my mind of my husband Don & I spending many adventurous years 1985-1995 with Toni Corelli (Rare Plant Chair) re-documenting and discovering new rare plant locations. The treasures I chose all have common names of our area: Metcalf Canyon jewelflower, Santa Clara red ribbons, Mount Hamilton jewelflower, Hillsborough chocolate lily, San Mateo thornmint and Santa Clara Valley Dudleya.

## Thoughts on the SF Flower & Garden Show

By Ellen Edelson, Booth manager & Yerba Buena Chapter member

This year's San Francisco Flower and Garden Show CNPS booth was a great success. We had a good location and received a lot of foot traffic. Marin, San Francisco, Solano, East Bay and Santa Clara Valley chapters were all represented.

As for the results, I am very pleased: we took in 16 memberships on site and I am optimistic that several others will come in as a result of our booth.

I am very grateful to all of the 35 volunteers who helped make it happen. Everyone was knowledgeable and enthusiastic! Thanks to Santa Clara Valley Chapter volunteers who helped out in this event: Paul and Linda Heiple, Carolyn Curtis, Don Mayall, Patrick Pizzo, Jeffrey Caldwell, Lee Ellis, Jean Struthers, and Ann Harding. Also a special thanks to Toni Gregorio-Bunch for all her help.

## CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

### Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park

Come enjoy the spring and early summer wildflowers, while protecting sensitive habitats at Edgewood Park.

**Friday morning** habitat restoration sessions occur year-round, and start at **9am**. Our **Wednesday evening** sessions, starting at **5:30pm**, continue throughout the summer, until the end of Daylight Savings Time.

We will again be having spring/summer **Saturday sessions starting at 9am** on the **3rd Saturday of the month**:

Date	Meeting Place
May 16	Old Stage Day Camp Kiosk
June 20	West Kiosk
July 18	West Kiosk
September 26	West Kiosk

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

### SJSU Botany Garden - New Website

By Chapter member Nishanta Rajakaruna

Thanks to all those who braved the wet weather to help us plant 30 new species in our Botany Garden on March 1. The Garden is now home to about 100 species of native

plants! Special thanks go to Dr. Rodney Myatt, a mainstay of the Garden and botany department for many years.

As promised, several students from Biology and Environmental Studies have launched a website for the Botany Garden, at [www.biology.sjsu.edu/facilities/garden](http://www.biology.sjsu.edu/facilities/garden)

Thanks also to everyone who donated money and plants. We are still accepting donations to cover the cost of the new plants. To donate please contact me at [nishanta.rajakaruna@sjsu.edu](mailto:nishanta.rajakaruna@sjsu.edu) or (408) 924-4834.

Also, if you are interested in **helping us weed Wednesdays at 4pm** please contact Suzie Woolhouse at [szwoolhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:szwoolhouse@yahoo.com).

## 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.**

### Wed April 29 7pm An Evening with the Grasses

Come to De Anza College for a two hour class taught by Sally Casey, specializing in the grass family. Bring your own flowering grasses you wish to identify.

The class will be from **7-9pm. Space is limited**; call Sally Casey (408) 377-0989 (best after dark) for further information or to **sign up**. A grass walk follows on **Sunday, June 7**; see below.

**Directions:** The class will be in the **Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies**, in room 120 on the first floor (KC120). Hint: it's the most westerly room in the building.

The Kirsch Center, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd. in Cupertino, is located near the corner of McClellan and Stelling within the DeAnza College Campus. From Hwy 85 south, exit at Stevens Creek Blvd. and turn left (west) onto Stevens Creek. In 1/2 mile turn right onto Stelling, in

1/2 mile turn right on McClellan, then take your next right (north) onto the campus and the Kirsch Center will be in view straight ahead and a bit to the right, with the parking lot ahead and to your left. Take the next left onto the De Anza College Pkwy. and the next right into the parking lot. Day parking costs \$2 and you can purchase your permit from the machine in the lot.

### **Sat May 16 10am San Mateo Coast**

Join Toni Corelli for a walk to three different areas along the San Mateo Coast. Meet at **Wilbur's Watch** (Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) property) along Hwy. 1 near Pigeon Point Lighthouse. The areas we will visit will be easy trails with diverse plants through coastal habitats, and beautiful vistas of the ocean.

The walk is expected to end at **3pm**. For more information, contact Toni Corelli at [corelli@coastside.net](mailto:corelli@coastside.net) or (650) 726-0689. Also visit the POST Wilbur's Watch page (with links to other POST outings) at [www.openspacetrust.org/activities/tour\\_hiking.html](http://www.openspacetrust.org/activities/tour_hiking.html).

**Directions:** From Hwy 92 or Hwy 84, take Hwy 1 south past Pescadero. Immediately across from Pigeon Point lighthouse, turn left onto Pigeon Point Rd., and follow as it curves around to the right. You'll see the ramp to the parking area on your left 0.8 mile from the Hwy 1 junction.

### **Sun May 17 9am Mount Hamilton**

Enjoy a day of roadside botanizing with short hikes at some of the stops on Mount Hamilton. The west side, with several elevation changes, explores different plant communities with many wildflowers. The east slope, steep and dry, has its own interesting flora. Expect to see service berry, silk tassel, virgin's bower, gooseberries, lupines, penstemon, Clarkia, and many more.

The trip will last all day, with approximately 65 driving miles round trip. Mount Hamilton Road is a steep, narrow, twisting mountain road. Meet in the OSH parking lot at 3000 Alum Rock Ave. at **9am**. The trip will be mostly driving. Bring lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Riders will share gasoline costs with drivers.

For more information contact trip leader Kevin Bryant, at [mtngreen17@verizon.net](mailto:mtngreen17@verizon.net), or (408) 353-8824.

### **Fri-Tues May 22-26**

#### **California Floristic Province in Oregon**

Join co-leaders Ken Himes and Kevin Bryant on another journey to surround ourselves in the rich botany and

beautiful scenery of the **State of Jefferson**. This time we'll visit a portion of the California Floristic Province that occurs outside of our state's political boundary. We'll be exploring around the cities of Cave Junction and Grants Pass in Josephine County, Oregon. This area of the Klamath Range contains an amazing diversity of plants, ultramafic and volcanic soils, and the intersection of three floristic provinces: California, Pacific Northwest, and Great Basin.

We will combine driving tours with hikes of up to 4-5 miles per day, seeing a wide range of habitats, finding endemic plants like *Kalmiopsis leachiana*, visiting areas burned by the Biscuit Fire of 2002, and hunting for species of *Sedum* clinging to the rocks. We'll be keeping a count of the number of conifers and orchids we observe. CNPS will reserve a campground, with costs to be split among attendees, and motel accommodations are available in Cave Junction.

To **reserve your spot** and receive trip details, email Kevin Bryant at [mtngreen17@verizon.net](mailto:mtngreen17@verizon.net), or call Ken Himes at (650) 591-8560.

### **Sat May 30 1pm Ring Mountain, Marin County**

Join Kevin Bryant as we explore this serpentine treasure that is picturesquely perched above San Francisco Bay. We hope to catch the very rare Tiburon Mariposa lily *Calochortus tiburonensis* in bloom, plus lots of other serpentine species. This is the only place in the world *C. tiburonensis* has ever been found growing in the wild.

The hike is approx. 3-4 fairly easy miles, and should last about 4 hours.

**Directions:** For a no-host carpool, meet at Edgewood Road Park and Ride off Hwy. 280 at **11:30am**. Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and continue on Hwy. 101. In Corte Madera, exit at Paradise Drive. The previous exit is Tiburon Blvd./Mill Valley. Go right on Paradise Drive about 1 mile past all the houses and a school on the left to the wide gravel pull-off just past Westward Drive. Look for the Marin County Open Space entrance sign, which is where we will meet.

For more information, contact Kevin at (408) 353-8824 or [mtngreen17@verizon.net](mailto:mtngreen17@verizon.net). A link to County of Marin Open Space Preserves with a map of Ring Mountain can be found at [www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/PK/Main/os/osdring.cfm](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/PK/Main/os/osdring.cfm).

### **Sun Jun 7 10am Grass Walk at Los Trancos**

Join Sally Casey to explore the native grasses at Los Trancos Open Space Preserve. Bring a hand lens if you

have one available, a sack lunch and water. Meet at **10am** in the Preserve parking lot on Page Mill Road, or meet to carpool at **9:30am** at the Park and Ride Lot at the intersection of Page Mill Road and Hwy 280.

The hike distance will be about 2 miles with minimal elevation gain. The walk should be completed by **2pm**.

**Directions:** Take Page Mill Road west from I-280. The parking lot is 7 miles west of I-280 on the right side, just past the entrance to the Monte Bello Open Space Preserve. For more information, contact Sally Casey at (408) 377-0989 (best after dark).

### Sun Jun 14 10am San Mateo Coast

Join Toni Corelli for a walk at **Montara State Beach** and McNee Ranch State Park. The areas we will visit will be easy trails with diverse plants through coastal habitats, and beautiful vistas of the ocean.

The walk is expected to end at **2pm**. For more information, contact Toni Corelli at corelli@coastside.net or (650) 726-0689. Also visit the Montara State Beach page at [www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=532](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=532).

**Directions:** Highway 1 approximately 10 miles north of Half Moon Bay: we'll meet at the Montara State Beach parking lot, west of Highway 1, just south of the Outrigger restaurant.

### Save the Dates! July 3-5 Ebbetts Pass

Kevin Bryant and Patricia Evans will lead a trip to Ebbetts Pass in July. For details, check the next issue of this newsletter or the Chapter website, at [www.cnps-sc.v.org](http://www.cnps-sc.v.org).

## CNPS NEW MEMBER SPECIAL!

**New members** who join CNPS through June 30 at the \$45 level and above will receive their choice of a free **CNPS wildflower poster**. Choose from:

- Wildflowers of the Desert
- Wildflowers of the Redwood Forest
- Wildflowers of the Coast

Join online and choose your poster at [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org). Or print a membership form at [www.cnps.org/cnps/join](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/join), fill it out, indicate your poster choice and mail it in.

Already a member? Reduce CNPS' renewal mailing costs by renewing your CNPS membership online using a credit card. As an option, you may set your membership to

**renew automatically** year after year. Go to [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org) and click on the JOIN button.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*News and Activities from Other Organizations*

### Keeping our Baylands Wet and Wild

Join the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Redwood City Library in celebrating the Bay Area's most important natural resource - wetlands! Activities include touring the library's new Wetlands Interpretive Center, a wetlands film festival, and activities for kids including live animals and bird watching.

**Saturday, May 9th, 10am - 4pm**

Redwood Shores Branch Library  
399 Marine Parkway, Redwood City  
650.780.5740 - [www.redwoodcity.org/library](http://www.redwoodcity.org/library)

The Sierra Club has invited our Chapter to help staff a table at the event. If you can **volunteer**, please contact Toni Gregorio-Bunch at tonig@flash.net or (408) 373-4497.

## CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2009

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

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To join our Chapter email list please send your request to [judy@fenerty.com](mailto:judy@fenerty.com).

## **DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR***

**Saturday, June 6, 2009**

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

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Apr 29 Wed** Grass Workshop De Anza College (5)

**May 8 Fri** GWN - Landscaping - Los Altos (2)

**May 15 Fri General Meeting** - Half Moon Bay (1)

**May 16 Sat** San Mateo Coast - Wilbur's Watch (6)

**May 16 Sat** Edgewood Saturday weeding (5)

**May 16 Sat** GWN - Workshop - Lafayette (3)

**May 17 Sun** Mount Hamilton field trip (6)

**May 22-26 Fri-Tue** CA Floristic Province trip (6)

**May 29 Fri** Keying with Natives (4)

**May 30 Sat** Ring Mountain hike (6)

**Jun 3 Wed** GWN - Lawn Alternatives - Fremont (3)

**Jun 6 Sat** Newsletter Deadline (7)

**Jun 7 Sun** Los Trancos Grass Walk (6)

**Jun 11 Thu** GWN - Payne Foundation - Milpitas (3)

**Jun 11 Thu** Chapter Board meeting

**Jun 14 Sun** San Mateo Coast walk - Montara SB (7)

**Jun 19 Fri** General Meeting - Saratoga (1)

**Jun 20 Sat** Edgewood Saturday Weeding (5)

**Jun 26 Fri** Keying with Natives (4)

**Wed afts** Nursery work sessions (2)

**Wed & Fri** Edgewood Park weeding (5)

**Via Email List** Native Hill work sessions (4)

The next Chapter Board meeting will be **Thursday, June 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.

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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](mailto:henryMarsh@yahoo.com).

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