



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

September-October 2017

GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

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

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration
a talk by **John Bourgeois**
Executive Project Manager

The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project is the largest tidal wetland restoration project on the West Coast. When complete, the restoration will convert thousands of former commercial salt ponds to a mix of tidal marsh, mudflat, managed pond, and other wetland habitats. The project will also provide flood management and opportunities for wildlife-oriented public access and recreation.



Emmett Fitzgerald
John Bourgeois

The 15,100 acres were acquired from Cargill in March of 2003 using state and federal funds, as well as private funds from the Hewlett, Packard, Moore, and Goldman Foundations. The lands are managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as part of the Eden Landing

Ecological Reserve and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Shortly after acquisition of the ponds, these two organizations and the California Coastal Conservancy launched a four-year public process to design a 50-year restoration vision for the area. The first phase of the project was completed in April 2016 with over 3,700 acres restored. Planning for the next phases of restoration are also nearing completion. Please join us to learn about this fascinating project!

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 Madeline Morrow at madelinemorrow@earthlink.net or the Chapter phone (650) 260-3450.

Save the Date!

Our November General Meeting will include our **annual potluck dinner and Chapter elections**. It will be held on **Saturday, November 4** at the Shoup Garden House.

Gardening Seminar:
Replace Your Lawn
with a Native Plant Garden
October 7 at Evergreen Valley College, San Jose
Register at www.cnps-scv.org
See enclosed flyer for details

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Sale October 21 at Hidden Villa & Call for Volunteers

Our fall plant sale will be held on October 21st from **10am to 3pm** in our recently renovated Jean and David Struthers Native Plant nursery. In addition to a wide selection of plants from our nursery and Grassroots Ecology, there will also be books, t-shirts and posters. For more information, please see the enclosed poster or visit www.cnps-scv.org/plant-sale.

Once again we're asking everyone who can to come and **help with the sale**. **Before the sale**, you may help prepare

the nursery at a few special nursery workdays, including labeling plants and weeding the garden outside the nursery. Check at Signup Genius for dates, tasks and times: goo.gl/KwPVJo.

Please use the same Signup Genius link to volunteer **on the day of the sale**. Most of the tasks don't require expert knowledge of plants, and **you can choose to work one or two hours** or all day. The tasks include setup before the sale, parking, headcount, box check, answering customers' questions, writing sales tags, helping customers to carry our their purchase, and cleaning up after the sale.

The plant sales are always lots of fun to work at, and we provide **lunch** to volunteers. If you have questions please contact:

Coordinator: Toni Gregorio-Bunch at tonig@flash.net or (408) 373-4497

Nursery: Vivian Neou at techchair@cnps-scv.org or (650) 260-3450

Writing sales tags: Georgia Stigall at georgiastigall@yahoo.com or (650) 941-1068

Parking director: Stephen Buckhout at yscottie@pacbell.net or (408) 255-6233

After the sale, the nursery will resume its usual **Wed. and Thu. workdays**, from **11am to 2pm**.

The next **Monthly Member Sale** will be held on **Wed., Sep. 27, 11am to 2pm**. There will be no monthly member sales in August or October.

An inventory of available plants will be updated the week before each sale. Visit www.cnps-scv.org and go to **Events, then Plant Sale**.

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. Continue walking a short distance on that road and you will see the Jean and David Struthers Native Plant Nursery ahead of

you, just past the Dana Center building. Parking is free while volunteering or attending a Member Sale.

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 over 35 free talks throughout the year at public libraries in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. For more info., visit www.cnps-scv.org/gwn.

These programs are made possible by co-sponsoring libraries and volunteers who help with program logistics. If you would like to help organize similar programs at a library near you, contact sdosaka@sustainable-landscape.com.



Vivian Neou

A few of the many volunteers helping with the nursery renovation, Peggy, Stephen, Vivian and Melanie pause for a photo, July 2017

A Tale of Two City Butterflies
a talk by Liam O'Brien

Thu., Sep. 14, 7-8:30 PM, Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View (650) 903-6337

Liam O'Brien, an invertebrate conservationist in the City of San Francisco, will focus on the two largest butterflies in his county - the Western Tiger Swallowtail (*Papilio rutulus*) and the legendary Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*). Liam is interested not only in these winged beauties but also in the zones where humans and *Lepidoptera* converge. It makes for a fascinating story and should spark a good conversation.

Liam O'Brien was a trained stage actor (who appeared in *Les Misérables* on Broadway), who now uses his "stage presence" and self-described "loud voice" to champion the cause of local *Lepidoptera*. His encyclopedic knowledge of butterflies and moths is entirely self-taught, his boundless enthusiasm for sharing that knowledge is thoroughly infectious and his ability to foster projects that bring together humans and butterflies is unique.

Water Features for the Garden
a talk by Deva Luna

Wednesday, Sep. 20, 7-8:30 PM, Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill (408) 779-3196

Water features add interest to the garden, supply needed water to wildlife and mask ambient noise. They can be as simple as a bird bath and as complex as a recirculating waterfall. Attend this talk to get some ideas for a water feature in your garden.

Deva Luna is a sustainable and Bay-Friendly certified landscape designer who has been teaching and speaking about horticulture for over 20 years. She has a degree in Plants and Art from U.C. Davis and works for EarthCare Landscaping (www.earthcareland.com) in Cupertino.

Aesthetic Pruning and Design for the Native Garden, a talk by Leslie Buck

Tuesday, September 26, 7-8:30 PM, Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga (408) 867-6126

Rather than pruning plants into abstract forms, learn how the Japanese design with local plants to create some of the most natural-looking gardens in the world. The lecturer will pull from her memoir, *Cutting Back—My Apprenticeship in the Gardens of Kyoto*, to illustrate how the Japanese use primarily a native plant palette, how the gardens of Japan evoke the wild landscape, and the tricks Japanese garden craftsmen use to design with native plants over time. She will show images of Kyoto gardens in historic buildings, monasteries, private homes and an emperor's villa.

Leslie Buck is a garden designer and aesthetic pruner, who specializes in natural design in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has over two decades of gardening experience and a fine art degree from U.C. Berkeley and the Bordeaux School of Fine Arts in France. In 2000, Leslie studied with Uetoh Zoen, one of the oldest and most highly acclaimed landscape companies in Japan. Her book will be available for sale and signing that night.

Garden Tools and Their Care Speaker to be Announced

Monday, October 16, 7-8:30 PM, Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave, Sunnyvale (408) 730-7300

Good garden tools can make a huge difference in the amount of work it takes to care for a garden. Keep them sharpened, clean, and oiled, so they last a lifetime, saving you time and money. Learn which tools to keep in your arsenal, how to shop for quality products, and how to choose ones that fit you well. The speaker for this talk will be announced.

Propagation: Seed and Cutting Exchange a talk by Patricia Evans

Wednesday, October 25, 7-8:30 PM, Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Ave., Campbell (408) 866-1991

The fall rains are starting and this is the time that native seeds sprout and native plants start growing underground. It's also the perfect time to plant your seeds, divide the Douglas irises and take hardened cuttings of monkeyflowers. Hear about different methods of propagating native plants just in time to prepare for spring bloom and planting season. 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.

Patricia Evans, owner of Natural Landscape Design, is a graduate of the Foothill College Ornamental Horticulture program. Previously, she served on the boards of Gamble Garden and the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. She has also taught "Garden Design for Homeowners" for Palo Alto Adult Education. She specializes in native plants and sustainable landscaping.

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. We discuss the various plant books and practice keying with them. Microscopes are also available.

The upcoming dates are **Fridays, August 25, September 29 and October 27, 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 jocernac@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.

President's Message

By Chapter President Madeline Morrow

In 2003 Georgia Stigall's president's message read:
Who Are Our Members?

The California Native Plant Society is increasingly known for having “something for everyone.” And indeed this is true! We are brought together by our shared love and concern for the conservation and restoration of native plants, as well as sharing both the joy and practicality of native plant gardening.

This is a very serious effort in which we are involved. And yet, as part of our efforts, we have many rewarding and fun times

working together toward our shared goals. Our Chapter has terrific teamwork and camaraderie, about which we can all be proud.

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So just as CNPS has something for everyone, it is also true that everyone has something for CNPS! Therefore, we invite the following:

Individuals, groups, lifters & haulers (to move equipment, chairs, displays, books, etc.), photographers, botanists, organizers, families, database administrators, computer techs, educators, communicators, artists, hobby gardeners, writers, restorationists, horticulturalists, facilitators, professionals, amateurs, geologists, linguists, hikers, office volunteers, wildlife advocates, librarians, naturalists, historians, star gazers, journalists, seeders, philanthropists, carpenters, navigators, policy experts, vegetation monitors, backpackers, taxonomists and ... everyone else.

Are you inspired to find out how you can be a part of our activities? Check out our website to find out where we need help, and contact us: visit www.cnps-scvc.org/index.php/about-us/officers-and-chairs.

Help Shape the Future of CNPS in Santa Clara Valley

Last November at our annual meeting and potluck, we voted on and adopted a new version of our Chapter guidelines. Chapter guidelines are like our constitution: the basic rules for how we are organized and how we perform our activities.

The new Chapter guidelines call for two board members to be elected at our annual meeting in November, in addition

to Chapter officers and appointed board members. To get on the ballot you simply must be a Chapter member. The term for such board members is one year. Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm.



South San Francisco Bay salt ponds
on the left 2006 before restoration, on the right 2014 after restoration

If you are a CNPS member looking to make a contribution, consider joining our board. Your perspective will help us be a stronger force for conservation in the Santa Clara Valley!

If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Chapter president Madeline Morrow at madelinemorrow@earthlink.net or (408) 741-1150.

Opening: Chapter Outreach Coordinator

We are looking for a member to fill this important role. The Outreach Coordinator promotes our Chapter events and the work of CNPS through various public forums. The Coordinator works with Chapter volunteers to staff information tables at community events such as San Jose State Earth Day, Pacheco State Park Wildflower Day, Mountain View Arbor Day and other nature and gardening related events.

The Coordinator decides which events the Chapter should participate in, and then sends out an email to members asking for volunteers to staff an information table.

This is a fun position that lets you share your enthusiasm for CNPS with the general public and engage with Chapter members. This position does not require any knowledge of plants, and it does not involve a substantial time commitment.

If you are interested in this position and would like to receive more detailed information please contact Toni Gregorio-Bunch at tonig@flash.net or call 408-373-4497.

Volunteer Recognition Picnic September 30

Please join us for our Chapter's first Volunteer Picnic Potluck at Stevens Creek County Park. If you've ever helped with a Chapter activity – restoration, garden tour, nursery, plant sales, wildflower shows, field trips etc., you're a volunteer! This is our way of recognizing and

thanking our many wonderful volunteers – the Chapter wouldn't be able to function without you. It's also your chance to catch up with fellow volunteers as well as meet new ones. We'll have a Gift Basket Giveaway, as well as other fun activities.

We'll **start at 11am and finish up by 4pm**. Space is limited, so please RSVP soon. **For directions and to sign up**, please visit goo.gl/2nnD4K. If you have questions, please contact Toni Gregorio-Bunch, at tonig@flash.net or (408) 373-4497. We look forward to seeing you!

CONSERVATION CORNER

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's conservation committee meets on the **first Thursday** of the month. The next meetings will be on **Thursdays, September 7 and October 5 at 7pm** at the PCC in Palo Alto.

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.

A Win for Conservation

Last year, a 30-acre parcel in North Coyote Valley was in danger of being developed into a 414,000 sq. ft. distribution center with 70 truck bays. This project would have impacted the important serpentine habitat of Coyote Ridge with a huge increase in truck and vehicle traffic causing increased nitrogen deposition, resulting in increased weed growth. It also would have impacted a critical wildlife migration corridor connecting two mountain ranges and the important riparian habitat of Fisher Creek.

A coalition of environmental organizations, including our Chapter of CNPS, along with neighboring communities, mounted a year-long campaign to stop the project. The Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) saw an opportunity to begin protecting this vanishing valley floor habitat and maintain habitat linkages so important to adaptation to climate change. In June 2017 POST announced the acquisition of this property. A real win for us and our region's biologically diverse habitat!

Sat October 7 9am – 12pm Rare Plant Monitoring Training (Milpitas Area)

Join Chapter Rare Plant chair, San Mateo County, Elan Alford and Carolyn Dorsch for a late season field training

session on monitoring rare plants. We will search for target species and practice using the CNDDDB (California Natural Diversity Database) rare plant dataforms.

Our target will be Satan's goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii* var. *diabolica*). No prior experience is necessary. Bring water, sun protection, binoculars, a ruler or measuring tape and plant keys or guidebooks if you have them. We will provide pencils, forms and clipboards.

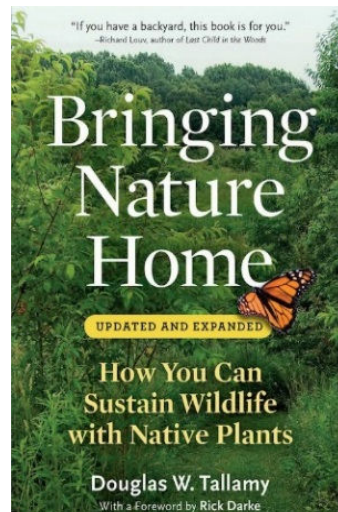
Attendance is limited to 15 people. For questions or to **reserve your spot**, please contact Élan at elan.reine@gmail.com or Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com or (650) 804-6162 (eves.)

Bringing Nature Home

A book review by Jean Struthers, Chapter board member

The book *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas Tallamy, an entomologist at University of Delaware, is about making your garden into habitat for the local insects and birds. When I first read it, I thought it was all about East Coast insects and plants and did not apply to me. But the message applies to all of us. The fast growth of

urbanization is displacing wild habitat all over the US and the way we plant our gardens is critical for the insects which belong here. Those insects in turn support birds and other animals.



Dr. Tallamy studied insects and their eating choices. He found that if given a choice between a native plant and an exotic one, the bugs always chose the native. His lab studied many kinds of insects and the native

plants they ate. He studied the chemistry of the leaves. He also wrote about the number of non-native plants which become invasive and smother out the native trees and shrubs – think Cape ivy.

The loss of wild habitat plus escaped exotics are depleting the food sources that our small creatures depend upon. Commercial nurseries supply ornamental plants from all over the world which do no good for our native bees and butterfly larvae. The bugs and birds are dependent upon native plants. Even seed-eating birds use the bugs for feeding their young in their nests.

So putting natives in our gardens helps many species. Dr. Tallamy has plant lists at the end of the book, but nothing about California natives, unfortunately. I can understand why, since California has so many microclimates and elevations. (See Calflora's "What Grows Here" search, at www.calflora.org/wgh/.) Here we can plant California natives from other climates which are actually not native here. But a short walk in our local open spaces will give us some knowledge of what we need to plant for our local insects.

IN MEMORIAM

Our dear friend **Don Mayall** passed away on June 28 at the age of 85. Don was a Chapter leader, friend, and mentor to many of us. Don quickly became a leader in our Chapter after becoming a CNPS member in the 1980s, and held many positions in our Chapter over the years, including President and Rare Plant Chair. He was also active at the state level and was honored as a CNPS Fellow in 2011. Along with his wife, Carolyn Curtis, he participated in the campaign to make Edgewood Park a natural preserve, and went on to advocate successfully for preservation status for Coyote Ridge in San Jose, another rare plant hotspot.

Those of us in CNPS who worked with Don over the years know that a mere list of his activities doesn't capture the whole story – he inspired and encouraged all of us to advocate fearlessly for the protection of native plants. We will miss him greatly!

Please visit our website for a tribute to Don: www.cnps-sev.org/index.php/conservation/rare-plants/324-donald-mayall. A memorial gathering is planned for **October 8, 2017**. Donations to CNPS may be made in Don's memory at: support.cnps.org.



Judy Fenerty

Don Mayall on a Rare Plant Treasure Hunt in the San Antonio Valley, behind Mt. Hamilton, April 2016



Judy Fenerty

Don Mayall volunteering at Chapter native plant sale 2012

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Sat Oct 28 10am - 12:30pm Fountain Thistle Work Party (San Mateo)

Join leaders Ken Himes and Jake Sigg, of Santa Clara Valley and Yerba Buena Chapters respectively, on the return to our ongoing restoration work at this site, the intersection of I-280 and Hwy. 92.

We work to restore the rare, federally endangered fountain thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *fontinale*) by removing brush and trees that would like to take over this herbaceous community. This session, we'll increase our list of target plants, by learning to identify and remove the non-native, invasive, perennial wallaby grass, *Rhynchospora caespitosum*.

We meet at the end of Lessingia Court in San Mateo. If you can't locate it on Google or Mapquest, email jakesigg@earthlink.net, or (415) 731-3028. Optional camaraderie over Greek pizza afterwards.

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.

Sun Sep 24 9am - 12pm Beginner's Bird and Plant Identification Walk at Lake Cunningham Park

Join us for a beginner's bird and plant identification walk through Lake Cunningham Park. The park is a major

destination for waterfowl and migratory birds and its native garden draws many birds for 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 will be 4 miles round trip on a level path. Bring a hat, water, your plant and bird lists and binoculars. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Parking fee is \$6.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Arvind Kumar at chhprahiya@yahoo.com to **reserve your spot** and to receive directions and details. This walk is cosponsored by CNPS, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.



Deb Kramer

Coyote Creek flowing in Henry Coe State Park

Sun Oct 29 10am – 4pm Woody Plants of St. Joseph’s Hill Open Space Preserve (Los Gatos)

Join Ken and Dee Himes on an early fall discovery trip through this Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Preserve. St. Joseph’s Hill has exceptional woody plant diversity including one of the few places to see scrub oaks (*Quercus berberidifolia*) and leather oaks (*Q. durata*) growing in close proximity. We expect to see mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*), big berry manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glauca*) and other shrubs commonly found on the eastern slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

We will be hiking about 4.5 miles with about 700 feet of elevation changes including a steep incline at the trailhead.

Bring snacks, a sack lunch and liquids for the day. Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Hiking poles are recommended. Heavy rain cancels.

Directions: From Hwy. 17: Take the Bear Creek Rd. exit, cross over the highway, and go 0.4 mi. north on 17 to Alma Bridge Rd. Proceed across the dam to the parking area at Lexington Reservoir Park. Parking is \$6 so bring exact

change. The trail to St. Joseph’s Hill starts across the road from the boat launching area at the north end of the reservoir. A map of the preserve is available at www.openspace.org/sites/default/files/map_SJH.pdf.

For more information call Ken at (650) 591-8560 or email Dee at dee4cnps@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Activities from Other Organizations

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful is a nonprofit organization bringing together community groups and public agencies to restore San Jose’s Coyote Creek through action projects, education events and outings. The group has just started a program called “Explore Coyote Creek,” to offer in depth walks along diverse sections of the creek. Visit www.KeepCoyoteCreekBeautiful.org to learn more, including an events calendar, or contact Executive Director Deb Kramer at deb@KeepCoyoteCreekBeautiful.org or (408) 372-7053.

CNPS members may be interested in collaborative native habitat restoration for Coyote Meadows Park. The planning process, funded through a Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority grant, engages the greater San Jose community to conduct community and stewardship planning to convert a 50-acre plot of open space near downtown San Jose, into a low-impact park, including trails, demonstration gardens, and birdwatching. Walks and community workshops are taking shape, so please join us. To learn more, visit www.CoyoteMeadowsSJ.org.

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful has several **volunteer positions open**, including social media volunteer, photographer, videographer, blogger and creek cleanup management. Contact Deb to learn more.

Save a Tree!

CNPS members can log in to support.cnps.org and edit their profile to receive this newsletter by email only. Look for “Chapter Newsletter” near the bottom of “My Profile.”

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Email: carol.mattsson@gmail.com

Phone: (408) 255-3767

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FIRST-CLASS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

Aug 25 Fri Keying with Natives (3)
Sep 7 Thu Conservation Committee meeting (5)
Sep 14 Thu GWN – Butterflies – O'Brien (2)
Sep 20 Wed GWN – Water Features – Luna (2)
Sep 22 Fri **General Meeting – Restoration** (1)
Sep 24 Sun Bird & plant walk Lake Cunningham (6)
Sep 26 Tue GWN – Pruning & Design – Buck (3)
Sep 27 Wed Monthly Member Plant Sale (2)
Sep 29 Fri Keying with Natives (3)
Sep 30 Sat **Volunteer Recognition Picnic** (4)
Oct 5 Thu Conservation Committee meeting (5)
Oct 7 Sat **Gardening Seminar** (1 + flyer)
Oct 7 Sat **Newsletter submittal deadline** (7)

Oct 7 Sat Rare Plant Monitoring Training (5)
Oct 16 Mon GWN – Garden Tools & Their Care (3)
Oct 21 Sat **Native Plant Sale** (1 + flyer)
Oct 25 Wed GWN – Seed/Cutting Exchange (3)
Oct 26 Thu **Mailing Party – 10am PCC**
Oct 27 Fri Keying with Natives (3)
Oct 28 Sat Fountain Thistle Restoration (6)
Oct 29 Sun St. Joseph's Hill field trip (7)
Mon & 3rd Sat Alum Rock Weeding
Tue & Wed Nursery work sessions (1)
Wed & Fri Edgewood Weeding
Saturdays Lake Cunningham workdays

The next Chapter Board meetings will be **Thursdays, Sep. 14** (special) and **Oct. 12** (standard) 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.

For more information contact Madeline Morrow at madelinemorrow@earthlink.net.

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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