



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

March-April 2023

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Chapter Election – Vote by March 15

March is election month for the officers who will lead our Chapter from June 1 of this year through the end of May next year. For the first time ever, **elections will occur online**, with each Chapter member entitled to one vote per position. On or about **March 1 each Chapter membership will receive a notice** sent to the email address currently on file with the State CNPS office.

Please **check your CNPS email address before March 1** to be sure that you receive a ballot. You can do that by logging in to the membership portal on cnps.org at secure2.convio.net/cnps/site/UserLogin.

(No self-nominated candidate applications were received prior to the February 15 deadline.)

How to Vote

Polls will open when the email announcing the start of voting is distributed. That email will contain a link which will take members to a site listing all candidates for each position along with their statements. Each Chapter member may cast one vote per officer position. **Polls will close on March 15.** Results of the election will be announced in the May-June issue of the *Blazing Star* newsletter.

Chapter members lacking a valid email address can obtain a **paper ballot** by contacting the LDC Chair, Stephen Buckhout, stephen@yscottie.com or (408) 255-6233, and return it to the Chapter office for receipt **no later than Wednesday, March 15.**

Candidates running for office and their statements are as follows:



Radhika Thekkath, President: “I am the current President of the Board of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter and would like to continue serving the Chapter in this role for the upcoming 2023-2024 election cycle. Thank you.”



Priya Pharate, Vice President: “I have been serving as the Vice-President of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter since January 2021, and would like to continue in that role for the upcoming term. Along with my responsibilities as Vice-President, I also handle outreach and publicity for the Chapter.”



Vivian Neou, Past President: “I was the Chapter President from 2019 through 2021 and am the current Past President. I would like to continue to support the chapter in this role. I am also the nursery manager and Technology Chair for the Chapter.”



Brett Tucker, Treasurer: “I am running for reelection as Treasurer to provide continuity for the Chapter and to deepen my involvement in Chapter activities. This past year has provided me an opportunity to fully understand the Chapter finances and to add some of my own improvements to the Treasurer's role. I have enjoyed getting to know many of the active Chapter members. I have also had the pleasure of volunteering at our public events. I look

forward to continuing as an experienced Treasurer and volunteer.”



Patricia Lang, Recording

Secretary: “I am a plant biologist at Stanford, working on how plants can adapt to the changing climate. I have really enjoyed my role as Recording Secretary this last year and would love to continue serving the Chapter in this way also in the next year.”

Radhika Thekkath, Chapter Council Delegate: “I would appreciate continuing as Chapter Council Delegate for the upcoming term.”

Questions concerning the new voting procedure or the self-nomination process should be directed to Stephen Buckhout, at stephen@yscottie.com or (408) 255-6233.

CHAPTER SPRING SHOWS

Growing Natives Garden Tour
Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2
10am - 4pm Each Day

The Growing Natives Garden Tour (GNGT) is once again an in-person event. As a free, self-guided tour of gardens within our Chapter area, the gardens feature a minimum of 70% California native plants. All are welcome, but advance registration is required.

These tour gardens are attractive, water-wise and low maintenance. They also use minimum chemicals and provide habitat for birds, butterflies and pollinators. California’s native plant gardens increase wildlife corridors in fragmented habitats, preserve our natural ecosystem and promote biodiversity in our built environments. They help restore nature, one garden at a time! Native plant tours provide inspiration and information for native gardeners, designers and growers.

Nearly 50 home and public gardens landscaped with California native plants will be open to the public for in-person tours on **Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2, from 10 am to 4 pm**. On Saturday, registered visitors may tour the gardens in these **southern Chapter locations:** Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, San Jose and Santa Clara. On Sunday, registered visitors may

tour the gardens in these **northern Chapter locations:** Los Altos, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo and Sunnyvale.



Cynthia Gingerich

This Los Altos native garden includes blue-flowering ceanothus and a stunning flannel bush. April 2022

If you can’t attend in person on tour days, you can visit online anytime at gngt.org, which has a page for each garden including descriptions, photos, videos and plant lists.

Admission to participate in GNGT is free, but registration is required at gngt.org to obtain tour maps with garden addresses. Register for the tour early to ensure access to late-breaking information. Only one person per group needs to register.

Help spread the word! See the **GNGT flyer** here: www.cnps-scv.org/images/flyers/growing-natives-garden-tour2023.pdf.

The tour takes place entirely outdoors, but masks may be required in some gardens.

Call for GNGT Volunteers on April 1 & 2

The 2023 Growing Natives Garden Tour is seeking volunteers for our 21st anniversary tour, which will take place on **Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2**. The tour hours are **10am to 4pm each day**.

As a volunteer you will help to educate garden visitors about the pleasures and benefits of gardening with California native plants. Volunteers also receive a custom designed T-shirt featuring a California native plant and are invited to attend GNGT garden previews throughout the

year. We ask volunteers to select a minimum of one half-day shift. Knowledge of native plants is not required as we have shifts for both greeters and docents.

There will be a virtual, **pretour orientation on Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm**, with more details to be provided to registered volunteers. There will be about 50 gardens to select from. To volunteer please complete the sign-up form at: www.gngt.org/volunteerForm.php.



Cynthia Gingerich

Garden owners and volunteer greeters wearing their 2022 GNGT T-shirts at a 2022 Tour garden.

Annual Wildflower Show
Saturday April 22 10am - 4pm
West Valley College in Saratoga

Our Chapter will hold its 48th annual **Wildflower Show on Saturday, April 22 from 10am - 4pm at West Valley College** in Saratoga. The show's theme is ***Climate Change - What Can I Do?*** This family-friendly event features hundreds of native wildflowers and plants on display as well as a variety of activities for all ages.



A wealth of talks will be offered during the show. Our keynote speaker is Bay Area author Mary Ellen Hannibal, who will talk about the "Big, Little World" of citizen science. Her talk combines deep personal notes with simple explanations for what you can do to make a difference. She is the

author of *Citizen Scientist: Searching for Heroes and Hope in an Age of Extinction*. Other talks and workshops will offer the opportunity to learn about habitat gardening,

rainwater capture, bioblitzes, wildflower arrangements, macrophotography and more.

Participants will also be able to take tours of the Vasona Creek Restoration Project and the Biology Department's new Moon Garden. A selection of native plants and native plant art, T-shirts, books and other related goods will be available for purchase. A SOD (Sudden Oak Death) Blitz Station will be available at the show for people who would like to participate in the 2023 SOD Blitz. More information is available at www.sodblitz.org. The event and parking are all free to the public.

West Valley College is located at 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga, CA. For more information see the schedule at www.cnps-scv.org/wfs. A flyer is available here: www.cnps-scv.org/images/flyers/Wildflower-show-2023.pdf.



Vivian Neou

Volunteers setting up for the 2017 Wildflower Show, selecting labels for plants to be on display

Volunteers Needed for Wildflower Show

Our show depends on volunteers. We are looking for help on Friday before the show and Saturday on show day:

- Show set-up
- Transport of items to and from our PCC office
- Plant runner
- Table tidy-up
- Greeter
- Assist with book sales
- Show take down

If you'd like to help, please sign up at www.cnps-scv.org/volunteer-wfs or contact one of our Wildflower Show organizers: Toni Gregorio-Bunch at tidytip.lp@gmail.com or (408) 373-4497; or Barbara Hunt at barbarahunt@yahoo.com or (408) 921-6495.

We are happy to accept your **used books to sell at the show**. Contact Judy Fenerty at judy@fenerty.com by **Monday, April 17** if you have books to donate.

NATIVE PLANT TALKS

Resumed! In-Person Talks at Libraries

Before the pandemic, our Chapter regularly held in-person talks at local libraries. Topics ranged from native plant gardening, lawn replacement, pollinators and biodiversity. After a 3-year hiatus, the Chapter is happy to announce the resumption of these talks. John Kehoe will kick off the season with his "Gardening for Native Bees" talk.

**Gardening for Native Bees
a talk by John Kehoe**

Tuesday, March 21, 7-8:30 PM, Sunnyvale Library Community Room, 665 West Olive Ave., Sunnyvale

We all know about the European honey bee, but what about the native bees that live here in the Santa Clara Valley? These local insects help pollinate our ornamental and edible plants too! Once you know what to look for, you'll see over a dozen bee species that live in our urban setting – especially among locally-growing native plants. Find out how planting even a few select natives can enrich your garden and attract even more native (and honey) bees.

John Kehoe is a longtime member of CNPS, iNaturalist and The Xerces Society. He is a regular volunteer at assorted Grassroots Ecology events as well as at various CNPS functions. His research interests include studying biodiversity, especially native bee ecology. He shares these interests by way of his photography on iNaturalist and Flickr.



John Kehoe

Female yellow-faced bumblebee, feeding on nectar from a sentinel manzanita. Manzanita blossoms require sonication (aka buzz pollination) in order to release pollen and bumblebees are experts at this. European honey bees cannot sonicate. December 2017.

**Gardening for Habitat
a talk by Arvind Kumar**

Tuesday, April 25, 7-8:30 PM, Saratoga Library Community Room, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

Why do we garden? Is it only for beauty and to enhance the curb appeal of houses? Or does the garden also play a role in the local ecology? More and more people are coming to realize that our yards can provide sustenance to wildlife, from butterflies to birds and more, without sacrificing aesthetics. A yard landscaped with well-chosen native plants can not only look good but also provide unparalleled habitat value. Come to this talk to learn the basics of habitat gardening and which native plants in our area are particularly suited for attracting birds and butterflies. A plant list will be available.



A software engineer by training, **Arvind Kumar** has been growing native plants in his home garden in San Jose for 22 years. He coordinates volunteer workdays at the 2-acre Native Garden in Lake Cunningham Park. He is a board member and former president of our CNPS Chapter.



Arvind Kumar

Monarch butterfly seeking nectar from narrow-leaved milkweed in July bloom at Lake Cunningham

Native Plant Lecture Series

In addition to our newly resumed in-person library talks, our CNPS SCV Native Plant Lecture Series (NPLS) continues to cover a broad range of topics with a native plant theme. Whether you're curious about native plants, an experienced or aspiring native plant gardener or a professional botanist, you will find something to interest and educate you in our offerings. From gardening to plant science to conservation to tours of botanical hot spots, if you're interested in California's native plants, there's something here for you.

If you have a favorite speaker or a topic that you would like to see as part of our series, please send your suggestion to info@cnps-scv.org.

We are still scheduling talks for March and April, so please see cnps-scv.org/native-plant-lecture-series or join our Chapter's News email group for a weekly update on upcoming activities. (See cnps-scv.org/stay-in-touch for how to join the email group.)

If you missed our recent NPLS talks, you can view them on our YouTube Channel, at www.youtube.com/c/CNPSSantaClaraValley/videos.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Volunteer with Wildflower Ambassadors

The Chapter's new Wildflower Ambassadors program (WFA) held two onboarding sessions in January to introduce new members to the program and explore ways they can participate. Founding members also joined in to

share their experiences and learn about upcoming events. After a short presentation, the group discussed their various backgrounds and ideas for participation. These included distributing free California native wildflower seeds at events and library talks, serving as docents and greeters on the GNGT, attending field trips to local gardens and inspiring others to try native gardening by sharing ideas on social media.

The group also discussed the new cadence for regular monthly meetings. These will alternate between field trips to native gardens across the region and virtual online Zoom check-ins. Several WFAs offered to give short presentations at the beginning of each check-in so that members can learn from each other. Members were encouraged to invite each other to talks and activities as opportunities arise.



Jennifer Dirking

Wildflower Ambassadors Santina Campi (left) and Cathy Cakebread (right) giving away seeds at our Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration last October

Upcoming WFA engagement opportunities include:

- **Wednesday, March 22, 7pm:** WFA Zoom - Share updates, possible presentation
- **Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, 10am - 4pm:** WFA Activity: Growing Natives Garden Tour (GNGT): Get involved as greeters and docents. See page 2 for more about the Chapter's GNGT.
- **Saturday, April 15, 10am:** WFA Field Trip: Woodside Library Native Garden, Woodside
- **Saturday, April 22, 10am - 4pm:** Wildflower Show, West Valley College, Saratoga (distribute seeds and information). See page 3 for more about the Chapter's annual Wildflower Show.

All are welcome to join the Wildflower Ambassadors, and we hope you'll consider it! Our goal is to have a good time

while inspiring people to start their own native gardens and create habitat for our native bees, butterflies, birds and more.

To learn more, visit the Wildflower Ambassadors web page at www.cnps-scv.org/wfa or contact WFA program Chair Jennifer Dirking, at wildflowers@cnps-scv.org.

CNPS SCV Nursery at Hidden Villa

The nursery continues to raise funds for the Chapter through sales from its online store at california-native-plant-society-santa-clara-valley-chapter.square.site.

The online store is usually open for browsing, but is only open for **ordering** during our periodic pop-up sales. Current Chapter members are notified by email before each pop-up sale starts. Each pop-up sale lasts only until all of our pickup slots are filled (typically just two or three days), so make sure that your membership is up-to-date if you would like to receive a notice before each sale.

In addition to plants, the nursery's online store includes Growing Natives Garden Tour and Chapter T-shirts, books, labels and plant signs. Orders can be scheduled for pick-up at the nursery or delivered between Belmont and San Jose. Proceeds from plant sales are the major source of funding for Chapter activities and scholarships.

Photography Group

Our Photography Group is a great place to meet other native plant enthusiasts while improving your photographic skills and learning more about our native plants. It is open to all. The group has monthly meetings and an active email list.

The photo group's meetings take place over Zoom, for members to share photos and more – everything from photography tips to organizational ideas to plant hot spots. The next meetings will be on **Fridays, February 24, March 24 and April 28 at 7:00pm**. You can learn more and join the email group at: www.groups.io/g/cnps-scv-photography.

The group has an ongoing **#MyPhotoOfTheWeek** activity on the email list for group members to share their favorite shots with the group on a weekly basis. Charley Pow sent us this **#MyPhotoOfTheWeek** (lower down on the page) after observing hummingbirds, this bushtit and other birds loving the abundant blossoms of a Dr. Hurd manzanita in his Los Altos home garden.

Scholarship Recipients 2022-2023

By Karen Cotter, Scholarship Committee Chair

For the 23rd year of providing scholarships to deserving graduate and undergraduate students researching California's native plants and ecosystems, the CNPS SCV Board increased each scholarship – to \$2,000 for graduate research and \$1,500 for undergraduate research.

Funding for the scholarships comes from members' donations, nursery sales and targeted donations to support the Sally Casey Shooting Stars Scholarship and the Don Mayall Conservation Scholarship.

The recipients of the 2022-2023 student scholarships and their projects follow. See future issues of the *Blazing Star* for more information on their research and dates for the scholarship winners to give short presentations.

Donald Mayall Conservation Research Scholarship Winner - \$2,000

Andrew Frank, San Jose State University
“*Erysimum franciscanum* – Morphological Effects Based on Water Availability”

Sally Casey Shooting Stars Graduate Research Scholarship Winner - \$2,000

Krti Tallam, Stanford University
“Computational Marine Plant Biology – Carbon Fluxes in Eelgrass Environments”

Graduate Research Scholarship Winner - \$2,000

Sierra Phillips, UC Davis
“Evaluating Hydro-Physical processes, Hydrology and Topographic Effects on Cottonwood Seedling Recruitment in the Lower Yuba River”

Graduate Research Scholarship Winner - \$2,000

John McLaughlin, San Jose State University
“The Bryophyte Flora of Henry W. Coe State Park”



Charley Pow
A bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*) hunts for insects and spiders in a Dr. Hurd manzanita

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's next Conservation Committee meetings will be held via Zoom on **Tuesdays, March 14 and April 11, from 7:00 to 8:30pm.**

Please join us in our important work! For questions, comments or concerns, contact Conservation Committee Chair Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch@cnps-scv.org or (650) 804-6162. If you are interested in joining our committee meetings on Zoom, please email Carolyn for the link.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Alum Rock Park Restoration

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."

Our workdays take place every **Monday and Wednesday, from 8:30am to about noon.** Sometimes we have special extra workdays.

No experience is necessary. All tools and instruction will be provided. Please bring a filled water bottle and snacks; wear closed toe shoes and long pants.

Note: Alum Rock Park is closed indefinitely due to the recent heavy rains. For now we are holding workdays outside the park along Penitencia Creek.

Forms and **reservations** are required to volunteer. For more information, including meeting location, contact Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (650) 260-3450.

Lake Cunningham Native Garden

The California Native Garden project in Lake Cunningham Regional Park controls invasive plants in a 2-acre area and beautifies it with California native wildflowers, perennials, shrubs and trees.

Workdays continue on **Saturdays from 8am - 10am.** New volunteers are welcome; City-issued guidelines are followed. In winter now, the work is mainly weeding and mulching. For complete **details, directions and to RSVP,** see our Chapter's Meetup page at www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter.

Edgewood Restoration

Our long-term habitat restoration work at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve continues weekly. For now, the project is not looking for new volunteers; only experienced "regulars" are attending workdays. Check the project emails for the latest news or contact project leader Paul Heiple at pheiple@gmail.com or (650) 854-7125.

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.

Cell service is mainly restricted to cities and major highways. To find your way to an outing, please do not rely solely on your phone.

Check our field trips page www.cnps-scv.org/activities/field-trips for changes, cancellations and additional field trips.

For field trips listed here that require **reservations**, please make them at our Chapter's **Meetup page**, here: www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/. Find your event within the page and tap/click the "Attend" button to reserve your spot.

Sat Mar 4 10am – 4pm San Bruno Mountain State and County Park (Brisbane)

Join co-leaders Ken and Dee Himes along the Summit Loop trail to see early flowering plants in the coastal scrub and coastal grassland plant communities.

The hike will be about 4 miles in distance with an elevation change of about 800 feet. Dress warmly in layers as it can be very windy and wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Hiking poles are recommended. Bring snacks and a sack lunch, and liquids for the day. Heavy rain cancels.

For more information call Ken at (650) 933-6319 or email kenrhimes@gmail.com; or Dee at dee4cnps@gmail.com.

Directions: From Hwy. 101 northbound, take Bayshore/Brisbane exit and proceed north on Bayshore Blvd., past the town of Brisbane. Make a left turn onto Guadalupe Canyon. Pkwy., and follow it uphill (west) about a mile and a half to the park entrance. **We will meet at 10am** inside the parking lot just beyond the entrance kiosk. There is a \$6 day use parking fee. Bring exact change.



Dee Shea Himes

Ken Himes (left) and other participants on April 2018 San Bruno Mountain field trip.

Link to park map: goo.gl/maps/mxei2DG9ghM5Cqo58

Park website: www.smcgov.org/parks/san-bruno-mountain-state-county-park

Sun Mar 19 9am - 12noon Bird and Plant ID Walk at Lake Cunningham Park (San Jose)

At the onset of Spring, join us for a **beginner's** bird and plant identification walk through Lake Cunningham Park. This lake is a major destination for waterfowl and migratory birds and its native garden draws many birds due to its habitat value. On this walk, Vicki Silvas-Young will show you how to identify the common birds of our area, while Arvind Kumar will identify the native plants that they depend on for food and shelter.

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.

Space is limited. No drop-ins please. **To complete the required RSVP**, please visit our [Chapter's Meetup page](#). Driving directions and parking tips are provided on the Meetup page. We'll meet at the Marina parking lot at **9am**. Cosponsored by CNPS, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

Wed March 29 9:30am Red Hills (Tuolumne County)

Red Hills is a foothill Sierran serpentine region in Tuolumne County, about a two-hour drive from the Bay Area. Join co-leaders Janet Hoffmann and Joe Cernac as we observe, heads bowed to the ground, this flora-rich area.

We will walk two sections, observing what we hope to be an early peak blooming, at the shoulder season between winter and spring. Rare serpentine endemics *Eriogonum tripodum*, *Chlorogalum grandiflorum* and *Allium tuolumnense* are present. Hopefully bitterroot (*Lewisia rediviva*) will be in bloom.

We will meet at the main parking lot at **9:30am**. There is a restroom at the parking lot.

Space is limited. No drop-ins please. For more information including directions and to **reserve your spot**, please email the trip leaders. Janet may be reached at janet@hoffmann.net and Joe may be reached at joecernac@scglobal.net.

Park website: www.blm.gov/visit/red-hills-recreation-management-area

Fri - Sun Apr 7 - 9 Hite Cove Trail and Mariposa Overnight Field Trip (Mariposa County)

Editor's note: As of press time, **this trip is full**. Contact Radhika to get on the waitlist.

Radhika Thekkath invites you to join her for three days at her family's vacation log house and cabin in Mariposa to explore wildflowers on the 15-acre private property. The property is a three-hour drive from the Bay Area and located at 2800 ft. elevation. Everyone will be accommodated using a combination of beds and tents, based on a first come basis.

We will also take a moderate hike of 6.5-miles round-trip on the Hite Cove trail off Highway 140. It has been five years since the Ferguson fire came through here. A plant list from last year will be sent out to participants before the trip.

This trip is for CNPS members only (please ensure your membership is up to date [or join](#)). Space is limited. No drop-ins please. **To reserve your spot** and for additional trip information, please contact Radhika at cnpsradhika@gmail.com. Detailed trip information will be emailed to registered participants closer to the trip date.

Hite Cove Trail: www.yosemite.com/what-to-do/hite-cove



Radhika Thekkath

Mariposa field trip participants exploring a wash containing yellow *Eschscholzia caespitosa*. At 2,000 feet elevation, April 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Activities from Other Organizations

Edgewood Wildflower Walks

Join Friends of Edgewood in March, April, and May for one of their free springtime wildflower hikes. Expert volunteer docents will help you explore Edgewood Natural Preserve’s serpentine grasslands and oak woodlands. Edgewood is known for profuse spring wildflowers and rich biodiversity near Redwood City. To learn more, visit friendsofedgeswood.org/springtime-wildflower-hikes. Help **spread the word** by printing and posting the flyer found here: www.cnps-scvc.org/images/flyers/edgewood-walks2023.pdf.

Stay in Touch!

Some late-breaking events don’t make it into the newsletter and are announced electronically. Stay informed by making sure that your contact information is correct.. Please visit www.cnps-scvc.org/stay-in-touch for information on how you can continue to receive email to stay informed.

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CHAPTER LEADERSHIP FOR 2022-2023

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To see the full list of Chapter officers and chairs, please visit www.cnps-scvc.org/leadership.

<p>DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT <i>BLAZING STAR</i></p> <p>Saturday, April 8</p> <p>carol.mattsson@gmail.com or (408) 255-3767</p>
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FIRST-CLASS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

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| <p>Mar 1 Wed Ballot link emailed to members (1)</p> <p>Mar 4 Sat San Bruno Mountain field trip (7)</p> <p>Mar 14 Tue GNGT Pretour Volunteer Orientation (2)</p> <p>Mar 14 Tue Conservation Committee meeting (7)</p> <p>Mar 15 Wed Ballot submission deadline (1)</p> <p>Mar 19 Sun Lake Cunningham bird & plant ID (8)</p> <p>Mar 21 Tue Native Bees Talk – Kehoe (4)</p> <p>Mar 22 Wed Wildflower Ambassadors meeting (5)</p> <p>Mar 24 Fri Photo Group photo sharing (6)</p> <p>Mar 29 Wed Red Hills field trip (8)</p> <p>Apr 1 Sat GNGT (southern gardens) (2)</p> | <p>Apr 2 Sun GNGT (northern gardens) (2)</p> <p>Apr 8 Sat Newsletter submittal deadline</p> <p>Apr 11 Tue Conservation Committee meeting (7)</p> <p>Apr 15 Sat Wildflower Ambassadors field trip (5)</p> <p>Apr 17 Mon Wildflower Show book donations due (3)</p> <p>Apr 22 Sat Wildflower Show (3)</p> <p>Apr 25 Tue Habitat Gardening talk – Kumar (4)</p> <p>Apr 28 Fri Photo Group photo sharing (6)</p> <p>Mons & Weds Alum Rock workdays (7)</p> <p>Saturdays Lake Cunningham workdays (7)</p> |
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The next Chapter board meetings will be **Thursdays, March 16 and April 13 at 7:00pm** over Zoom.

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

For more information contact Radhika Thekkath at cnpsradhika@gmail.com.

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 \$50.00 per year. If you have questions about your newsletter subscription, please contact membership@cnps-scv.org. Address changes may be submitted to membership@cnps.org. Please put "address change" in the subject line.

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