



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

May-June 2017

GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Friday, May 19 at 7:30 PM
Los Altos Library Program Room
13 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

**The Unusual Flora of
the Interior Coast Ranges
A talk by Amelia Ryan**

The central interior coast range in San Benito and Fresno Counties includes many fascinating and unusual plant communities, including those found on Monocline Ridge, Panoche and Tumey Hills, Griswold Hills, Clear Creek, and Pinnacles National Park. Amelia Ryan, most recently an ecologist with Point Reyes National Seashore, will share her stunning photographs of these areas and talk about their unique flora. Amelia will then briefly touch on some of the projects she'll be working on at her new position in Pinnacles National Park.



Ryan O'Dell

Amelia Ryan at Carrizo Plain, April 2017

Amelia Ryan is a Vegetation Ecologist at Pinnacles National Park. She has been with the National Park Service since 2003. Amelia became interested in plants as a child growing up in rural Sonoma County, and earned a B.S. in

Plant Biology plus an M.S. in Ecology and Systematic Biology. A member of CNPS since 2004, she has served on the Marin Chapter board since 2010. Despite only recently moving south of the Bay, Amelia has a deep appreciation of the interior coast range, which she has spent considerable time exploring the over the years.

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.

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. Workdays are on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11am to 2pm**. (We'll continue these hours throughout the summer.) Bring garden gloves, sun protection and a jacket. If you like, bring something to drink and eat. Knowledge of plants is not necessary – your willingness to help is all that is required.

Our next Monthly Member **Plant Sales** will be held on **Wednesdays, May 3 and June 7 from 11am – 2pm**. An inventory of available plants will be updated the week before each sale. Visit cnps-scv.org and go to **Events, then Plant Sale**.

For more information, contact Vivian Neou at techchair@cnps-scv.org or (650) 260-3450.

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 information, visit www.cnps-scvc.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 programming at a library near you, contact sdosaka@sustainable-landscape.com.

Attracting Native Bees to the Native Garden a talk by John Kehoe

Thu., May 11, 7-8:30 PM, Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View (650) 903-6337

We all know about the European honeybee, but what about the native bees that live here in the Santa Clara Valley? These local insects help pollinate our ornamental and edible plants! 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 as well as the Xerces Society. He is a regular volunteer at Ulistac as well as at various CNPS functions, and is passionate about the natural world. His research interests

include studying native bees and their relationships with native plants. He shares these interests by way of his photography on Flickr, CalPhotos at UC Berkeley, and Bumble Bee Watch.

John's book, *Santa Clara Valley Bees (Abridged Edition)*, is available for free download (for iOS devices) on iTunes. The book includes images of many native bees local to our area, along with narratives and tips on bee photography. Learn more at apple.co/2oa2m06.

Native Plant All-Stars, a talk by Rebecca Schoenberger

Mon., May 15, 2017, 7-8:30PM, Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill (408) 779-3196

Did you know that the horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum have identified 100 tough, reliable plants that have been tested in the Arboretum, are easy to grow, don't need a lot of water, have few problems with pests or diseases, and have outstanding qualities in the garden? Many of them are California native plants and support native birds and insects. Our speaker will discuss these "All-Star" native plants and describe their care and growing conditions.

Rebecca Schoenberger is the owner of the landscape company California Nativescapes and has a diverse background in sustainability and natural systems. With an Associate of Science in Park Management and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, she has an extensive knowledge of native plants, including selecting which plants will thrive in specific locations. Rebecca is also a Santa Clara County Master Gardener.

Native Plant Garden Maintenance a talk by Frank Niccoli

Thu., May 18, 6:30-8:00 PM, Pacifica Sanchez Library, 1111 Terra Nova Blvd., Pacifica (650) 359-3397

California native and other drought-tolerant Mediterranean plants have a unique timeframe for garden maintenance. While other plants require a lot of care in the spring after winter dormancy, our native plants require care during different times of the year, depending on their



John Kehoe

Male "long-horned" digger bee on a gumplant flower

growth. Find out the best time to prune, plant, and water your native plants.

Frank Niccoli has been a gardener for over 50 years and is the past president of the founding chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association. He was voted Member of the Year by his peers in 2001 and 2004. He has written the curriculum for and teaches numerous horticulture classes at Foothill College.

**Colorful Native Perennials and Groundcovers
for the Garden
a talk by Stephanie Morris**

Tuesday, May 23, 7-8:30PM, Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga (408) 867-6126

Native perennials and groundcover provide those splashes of color that we so appreciate in the garden. Most of these plants need very little care besides some deadheading, pruning and watering. After 20 years of designing with California native plants, the speaker has developed a list of favorite colorful, low care plants. Come and see how to make your garden buzz with interest!

Stephanie Morris has worked in the field of landscape architecture for 21 years and specializes in ecologically-oriented residential design. She enjoys creating landscapes that reduce water use, require less maintenance, and provide a connection to the natural world. In addition to tending her own California native garden in the Bay Area, she appreciates collaborating with other native plant gardeners and design professionals, in order to further everyone's knowledge.

**Design-It-Yourself Native Garden
a talk by Deva Luna**

Tue., June 6, 7-8:30PM, Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley (650) 851-1701

You are finally ready to remove your lawn in order to save water, lower your maintenance time, and create habitat. But you want to create the design yourself. Come to this talk, and learn the principles of garden design. See an example of a design from start to finish. Learn about free online designs that you can download and modify. And get ready to put pencil to paper!

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.

**Creating a Bee-Friendly Garden
a talk by Christopher Jadallah**

Mon., June 12, 6:30-8:00PM, Pacifica Sanchez Library, 1111 Terra Nova Blvd., Pacifica, (650) 359-3397

Come hear about the abundant benefits of native bee habitat gardening! Learn about the biology and ecology of bees and their important role in our ecosystems. See some of the most common bees found in urban areas and learn how gardeners can use California native plants to attract these valuable pollinators to their own gardens.

Chris Jadallah is a researcher at the UC Berkeley Urban Bee Lab. The Lab's mission is to protect and restore native bees by furthering the understanding of the relationships between bees, flowers, and people. Chris works on several of the Lab's research projects in urban and agricultural sites around the state and also participates in outreach. He recently earned a B.S. in Conservation and Resource Studies from UC Berkeley and has a background in ecology and environmental education. Also look for the Lab's book, *California Bees & Blooms: A Guide for Gardeners and Naturalists*, available at your local library.

**Easy-to-Grow Native Plants,
a talk by Nancy McClenny**

Wednesday, June 28, 7-8:30PM, Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Ave., Campbell (408) 866-1991

Are you new to growing drought-tolerant native plants? Do you want to include them in your garden for beauty, habitat and sustainability, but don't know where to begin? Come to this talk and learn about the many easy-to-grow native trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals for the home garden. Include these in your garden this fall for low-water use next summer!

Nancy McClenny has exchanged growing bacteria and fungi in Petri dishes for exploring the science, beauty, and survival strategies of California native plants. After taking courses in California native flora from Foothill and Merritt Colleges, and having volunteer experiences with CNPS, Gamble Garden, the East Bay's Regional Parks Botanic Garden and Acterra, Nancy delights in digging in the dirt and sharing her garden experiences with others. Her Palo Alto garden has appeared on the Going Native Garden Tour for three years.

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, May 26 and June 30, 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 CORNER

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's conservation committee meets on the **first Thursday** of the month. The next meetings will be on **Thursdays, May 4 and June 1 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.

Rare Plant Hotspots in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties

By *Elan Alford, Rare Plants Chair, San Mateo County*

To see the full-length version of this article, with links to the original PDFs which you may enlarge for detail, please visit the Chapter website's rare plants page, at www.cnps-scv.org/index.php/conservation/rare-plants.

The state-level CNPS Important Plant Areas (IPA) Initiative is identifying conservation priority areas. It is covered in the 2015-2016 Conservation report available on the state CNPS website. The goal is to create a statewide database and comprehensive map of the most important plant conservation targets. It seems that the idea germinated at the state level after the East Bay Chapter

produced their publication, *Guidebook to the Botanical Priority Protection Areas* by Heath Bartosh, Lech Naumovich, and Laura Baker.

I used California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) Rarefind records and analyzed this data to create rare plant hotspot maps for our Chapter counties. The CNDDDB is a natural heritage program and state rare plant inventory, administered by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The map I created shows the areas with the highest data point density. Map data can inform us on

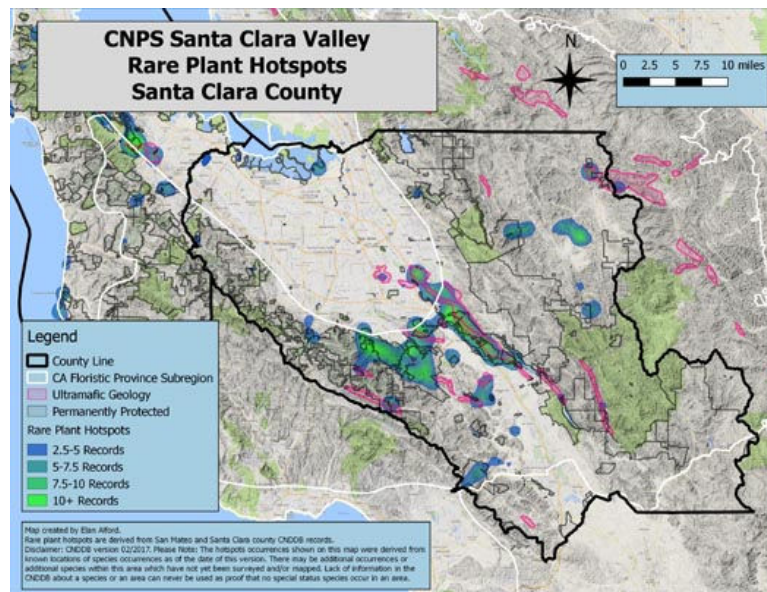
where conservation efforts can be focused. My hope is that this initial analysis helps to raise interest in rare plants and can aid state CNPS goals.

On the maps there are three California Floristic Province subregions represented in the two counties: Central Coast, San Francisco Bay, and Inner Coast Range. Ultramafic geologic areas are shown because these are areas likely to support serpentine

vegetation, with serpentine endemic species and plant assemblages. Areas of permanently protected lands are provided from the Greenbelt Alliance's 2017 report and data in *At Risk: The Bay Area Greenbelt*. The protected areas include lands such as parks, open space, and preserves. Many hotspots are identified in permanently protected lands.

Why are the hotspots located in these places of the county? My first impression was that the two counties hold many hotspots and the highest density of rare plant records appear centered on areas of ultramafic geology. The maps also suggest to me that accessibility may also be a factor. Because the rare plant data must be observed, someone must be able to get to the places to record the data. For example, the Highway 1 corridor in San Mateo County and the Highway 130 corridor in Santa Clara County both have hotspots along these roads, yet neighboring regions with fewer roads do not have hotspots.

For information on public parks in which you may find rare plants, I recommend that you consult Toni Corelli's



Checklist of the Vascular Plants of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, California.

Some places I can recommend as a best bet to find rare plants, based on accessibility and proximity to trails, are Pomponio State Beach for coastal marsh milkvetch (*Astragalus pycnostachyus* var. *pycnostachyus*); Anderson Lake County Park for coyote ceanothus (*Ceanothus ferrisiae*); Santa Teresa County Park for smooth lessingia (*Lessingia micradenia* var. *glabrata*), Mt. Hamilton fountain thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *campylon*), and Santa Clara Valley dudleya (*Dudleya abramsii* ssp. *setchellii*); Edgewood Natural Preserve for fragrant fritillary (*Fritillaria liliacea*); and Water Dog Lake Park for Western leatherwood (*Dirca occidentalis*).

There are amazing resources in our Chapter, and it can be quite easy to get out and see a rare plant. A good bet would be visiting a park in one of the hotspots. Or, if you want to get out and discover something new, there are several areas where we have little data. Consider joining in on the exploration efforts in the Chapter's Rare Plant program.

For more information on this project please contact Elan at elan.reine@gmail.com.

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 **5:30pm Wednesday sessions** continue until the end of Daylight Savings Time. For more information 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 please visit www.friendsofthewood.org/habitat-restoration on Wednesday of each week or phone Paul Heiple at (650) 854-7125.

Alum Rock Park Volunteers

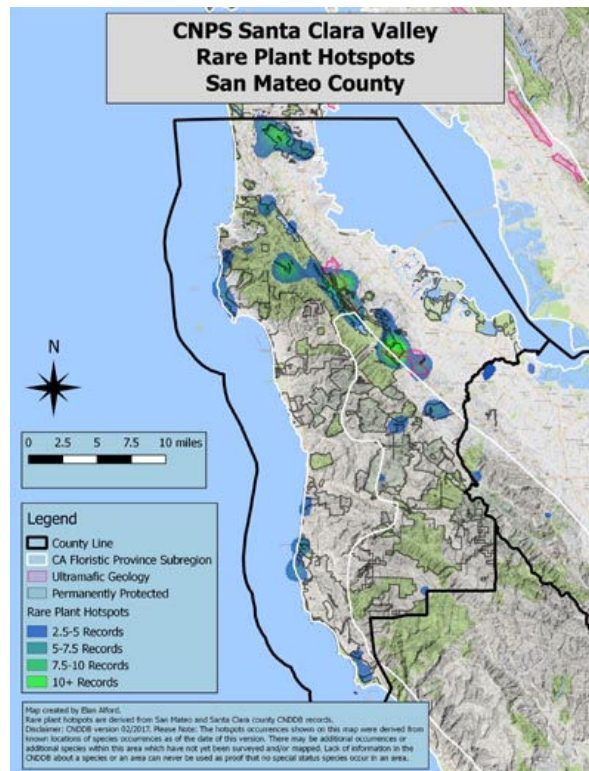
Come help us weed out invasive plants at this natural gem of San Jose. Our habitat restoration efforts allow the native plants to “come to light.”

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.

Recently, there has been a tremendous amount of damage to the trails and roads in Alum Rock Park due to mudslides. As a result the park was closed to the public in March, but is now open. The Visitor's Center is red-tagged due to slide material up against the building, but YSI is currently intact.

The good news is that we can get into the park to continue restoration work. In spite of the weather, **workdays continue on Mondays and third Saturdays**. More volunteers are coming to the park to work because of their concern for the condition of the park. One of the volunteer groups who came to help clean up was from the Park Management program of West Valley College. Project lead Stephen Rosenthal even helped clean up poison oak plants from mudslide debris!

Stephen has found an excellent method to seed areas that are difficult to access. His method is to form a ball of wet soil and an erosion control seed mixture, then use a slingshot to “plant” the soil/seed ball in the difficult to access area. Doing this prevents erosion that would result from walking on steep barren slopes. This erosion control seed mixture, supplied by the City of San Jose, is composed of California brome, blue wildrye, three weeks fescue and tomcat clover.



For more information, contact Stephen 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.

We are focusing on invasive control through mulching and weeding, with the help of volunteers from the neighborhood, local high schools and community groups such as Silicon Valley Volunteers. 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 lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/volunteer. The park is located at 2305 S. White Road in San Jose. For **directions**, visit lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/directions.

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.

Sat May 6 10am – 1:30pm Grass Walk at Edgewood Park (Redwood City)

Come see (and identify!) our native grasses at Edgewood Natural Preserve, well known for its unique and beautiful plants and its great plant diversity. Join botanist Sally Casey and co-leader Alf Fengler on this easy walk. Pack

water, lunch, comfortable walking shoes and an interest in grasses.

If you have a hand lens, please bring it with you, since many important grass features are quite small. Also, if available, bring the new *Field Guide to the Grasses of California* by James P. Smith, Jr. which we will use for identification to species.

The hike distance will be about 2 miles with gentle slopes. We will stop for lunch near the highest point of the trip.

This trip is limited to 18 people, as the trails are quite narrow. For more information or to **reserve your spot** and get directions, contact Alf Fengler at afengler@acm.org or (650) 345-7045.



Away field trip attendees posing in front of Blue Oak Ranch community center, before heading out on the day's hike, April 2017. *Photo: Zac Harlow, Director of BORR*

May 7-13 Sun - Sat Joshua Tree Camping

Join us for one last look at the 2017 super-bloom at the higher elevations of Joshua Tree National Park. Trip leaders Joe Cernac and Ken Himes will botanize from the La Panza Range in central San Luis Obispo County (and possibly through the Carrizo Plain) to Mt. Pinos, eastern Antelope Valley to the Poppy Preserve, and finally Joshua Tree National Park. We will car camp at various locations along our way. This itinerary is subject to change, depending on weather and conditions.

This trip is **limited to CNPS members** only. *If you are not a member and want to sign up, what better way to become a member and experience our away trips?*

To **reserve your spot** or get more information, please contact Patricia Evans at paevans@stanfordalumni.org or (650) 949-2801.

Sun May 21 10am - 12pm Bean Hollow State Beach (Hwy 1)

Join Kevin Bryant and Toni Corelli for a day at the beach. We will explore the peak flowering season atop the coastal bluffs. This will be an easy and relaxing stroll on a level trail, with a few elevation changes of +/- 10feet. Total distance is less than 2 miles round trip. In addition to the botanical beauties, we probably will see other marine life, so bring binoculars. Bring lunch if you want to stay afterward, joining others for a picnic on the beach.

Directions: We will meet at Bean Hollow State Beach at **10am**. The beach is located 17.5 miles south of Half Moon Bay and three miles south of Pescadero on Hwy 1. There are two parking lots for Bean Hollow State Beach, one mile apart from each other. We will be at the southern lot (Bean Hollow), which is larger.

For more information, contact Toni Corelli at corelli@coastside.net or (650) 464-1289; or Kevin Bryant at mtngreen17@gmail.com or (408) 348-9470. More information about the state beach can be found at State Parks: www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=527.

Sun Jun 18 9am - 12pm Beginner's Bird and Plant ID Walk at Lake Cunningham Park #2 in a Series: First Day of Summer (San Jose)

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@cnps.org to **reserve your spot** and to receive directions and details. This walk is organized jointly by CNPS, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

Jul 1-4 Sat – Tue Ebbetts Pass, Alpine Lake and Calaveras Big Trees State Park

Fred and Patricia Evans invite you to join them at their cabin in Arnold for three days of wildflower hikes over the July 4 weekend.

We will explore Inspiration Point at Alpine Lake, Calaveras Big Trees State Park, and the Pacific Crest Trail at Ebbetts Pass. It will be spring at the pass at elevation of 8,736 feet and the wildflowers will be amazing! This itinerary is subject to change, depending on weather and conditions.

The cabin sleeps 17 (dorm style). There is room for tents in the yard, and two small RVs or vans can hook to electricity in the driveway. Dinners will be potluck and popcorn is provided.

This trip is **open to CNPS members only**. For more information or to **reserve your spot**, contact Patricia Evans at paevans@stanfordalumni.org or (650) 949-2801.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, June 3, 2017

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The next Chapter Board meetings will be **Thursdays, May 11** and **June 8 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-sc.v.org. Address changes may be submitted to cnps@cnps.org; please put "member address change" in the subject line.

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