



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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The Year in Pictures: Your Best Nature Photos of 2025

Sunday, January 18

Social Hour 1:30-2:25 PM

Program 2:30-4:30 PM

**Redwood City Library Community Room
1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City**

Our Chapter has an annual tradition: a winter celebration of the beauty and diversity of native plant habitats and their denizens, as captured in photographs by you. This year, we will meet in person on **Sunday, January 18** to view photos of notable plant and nature excursions during the previous year. All are welcome.

Join us early for our **social hour at 1:30pm**, to mingle with like-minded nature enthusiasts. The **main program starts at 2:30pm**.

If you have memorable photos to share – whether of wildflower displays in the spring or native flora/fauna later in the year – **sign up for a slot**. Slots become available on Wednesday, December 24 and remain open until Wednesday, January 14: www.cnps-scv.org/YearInPics-signup.

Slots are 15 minutes each; plan your photos and discussions accordingly. Presenters will receive a 1-minute-remaining alert. Presenters will be asked to submit their photos/PowerPoint slides ahead of time via Google Drive/Dropbox/OneDrive or other cloud storage. Slides will be downloaded to the presentation laptop in advance of the meeting.



Charley Pow
Wayside Hooker's manzanita (*Arctostaphylos hookeri* 'Wayside'), showing off dense blossoms and attracting a bumblebee. Los Altos home garden, January 2025

This in-person meeting replaces the regular January Zoom meeting of our Chapter's Photography Group. Learn more about this group on page 3.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Seed/Cutting Exchange + Online Plant Sale

Online Sale: January 19-20 california-native-plant-society-santa-clara-valley-chapter.square.site

**Seed and Cutting Exchange + Plant Sale Pickup:
Saturday, January 24 1:00 to 3:00pm
Peninsula Conservation Center (PCC),
3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto**

This free event provides an opportunity to share and receive cuttings and seeds of native plants. Discover the diverse offerings, ranging from easy-to-grow varieties to rare finds, and leave with new native plant cuttings and seeds! We will supply coin envelopes for seeds, but please bring your own containers for transporting cuttings home. We will have an **iris division demonstration** during the event.



Vivian Neou

Seed and Cutting Exchange at the PCC, September 2024

If you have native plant material from your garden that you would like to share, please bring it along. Be sure to label your contributions for easy browsing – helpful growing tips and photos of the plants in bloom are appreciated. You may find it useful to use [Calscape.org](https://www.calscape.org) for this purpose; there is a link on the plant's information page that allows you to create a printable sign for most native species and cultivars. If you bring cuttings, please ensure they remain cool and moist in a bucket of water. **It is not necessary to bring anything if you do not have native material to share**, as there is typically an abundance for everyone.

Several well-known native plant books will be available for purchase at the event, including *Wildflowers of California* from CNPS, *Seed Propagation of Native California Plants* (2021 edition) by Dara E. Emery and *California Native Plants for the Garden* by Carol Bornstein, David Fross and Bart O'Brien. Our Wildflower Ambassadors will also be distributing free seed packets and information.

Online Plant Sale

The CNPS SCV Nursery will conduct an online plant sale (california-native-plant-society-santa-clara-valley-chapter.square.site) starting **Monday, January 19**. You can shop from the comfort of your home, and your plants will be **ready for you on Saturday, January 24 at the Seed and Cutting Exchange**. The store will close when either the pickup capacity is reached or at the **end of the day on January 20**, whichever occurs first.

Scheduled pickup from the plant sale will be available at the **nursery on Friday, January 23** and during the Seed and Cutting Exchange at the PCC **on January 24**.

Once you have fetched your new plants, consider trying out the mud planting technique, as outlined by Krzysztof Kozminski here: www.cnps-scv.org/mud-planting. It is a planting method that is effective throughout the year.

We Could Use Your Help!

Our Chapter is an all-volunteer organization – our activities depend on our many volunteers. If you have been wondering how you could participate more in the group, we have many opportunities. Volunteering is a great way to meet other Chapter members and to learn more about native plants and their conservation.

We are currently seeking a **treasurer**, **library talk helpers**, a **hospitality chair** and people to participate in the **nursery management team**. To learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities visit www.cnps-scv.org/about-us/volunteer-opportunities. If you are interested in giving back to the organization, contact Radhika Thekkath, cnpsradhika@gmail.com to get started.

Native Plant Talks

Join us for our native plant talks, in-person at local libraries and online via Zoom and YouTube. Whether you're curious about native plants, an experienced or aspiring native plant gardener, a professional botanist or beginning naturalist, you will find something to interest and educate yourself in our offerings. From gardening to plant science to climate change to tours of botanical hot spots, there's something here for you.

We have no talks scheduled for January or February. Recordings of our virtual talks and some of our library talks may be viewed on our YouTube channel, at www.youtube.com/@CNPSSantaClaraValley.

We occasionally schedule additional talks. You can learn about these talks by subscribing to our Chapter News email list. To subscribe, see "Stay in Touch" on page 8.

The organizing committee has periodic meetings on Zoom and welcomes new volunteers. If you have ideas for future talks or are interested in helping set up upcoming talks, please send a message to Priya Pharate at priya4cnps@gmail.com to receive notifications of upcoming meetings. By the way, the **next quarterly program meeting will be Monday, January 12, 7:00 – 8:30pm** on Zoom.

Photography Group

Our Photography Group is a great place to meet other native plant enthusiasts, improve photographic skills and learn more about our native plants and best places to view them. Discussions range from photography tips to organizational ideas to plant hotspots. The group is open to all and has an active email list.

The photo group's meetings usually take place over Zoom on the fourth Friday of the month. Our January meeting will be replaced by the special **in-person "The Year in Pictures"** meeting, on **Sunday, January 18**, as described on page 1. Our next Friday Zoom meetings will be on **Fridays, December 19 and February 27 at 7:00pm**. You can learn more and join the email group at: www.groups.io/g/cnps-scv-photography.



Janet Hoffmann

Come to Native Plant ID in January to explore redwood forest plants such as trillium, fetid adder's tongue and fringe cups, pictured here.

San Pedro Valley Park March 2023.

Native Plant ID

After a December break for the Holidays, Native Plant ID returns on **Tuesday, January 27**.

Bruce Homer-Smith will present an introduction to plants of the redwood forest. Bring samples of redwood forest plants that you are interested in identifying from property where you have permission to collect. The Chapter has 10x hand lenses that we can use to look at small plant parts or bring your own lens. Also bring any reference books that you like to use. We are planning a follow-up field trip at a date to be determined after the class.

At our **Tuesday, February 24** session we will revisit the genus *Arctostaphylos* (manzanitas) and **hopefully schedule a field trip** to look at some *Arctostaphylos* in the field. Any species (preferably not hybrid) *Arctostaphylos* samples will be appreciated for that session.

Over the years our Chapter members have planted *Arctostaphylos* in the Capitancillos Drive Native Plant Demonstration Garden, in Cataldi Park and in Kirk Park, all in San Jose. Learn more at www.cnps-scv.org/capitancillos. The latter two native plant gardens are under regular care by Chapter volunteers. See the Chapter Service Outings section of this newsletter, starting on page 5, to learn more about these two projects.

Native Plant ID meets the **fourth Tuesday** of the month at the Peninsula Conservation Center, 3921 E Bayshore Rd, Palo Alto. Join other native plant enthusiasts in a fun and educational atmosphere, as we hone our skills at plant identification (aka "keying"). For details, contact Janet Hoffmann at janet@cnps-scv.org.

GROWING NATIVES GARDEN TOUR

**Register for the 24th Annual
Growing Natives Garden Tour
Saturday April 18 (Southern Gardens) and
Sunday April 19 (Northern Gardens)
10:00AM to 4:00PM Each Day**

Our annual Growing Natives Garden Tour (GNGT) is coming up in April 2026. It is a free, self-guided tour of gardens within our Chapter area that feature a minimum of 70% California native plants. All are welcome but advance registration is required to receive addresses.

These tour gardens are attractive, water-wise and low maintenance. They also use a minimum of chemicals and

provide habitat havens 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 18 and Sunday, April 19, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.**

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.

Call for GNGT Volunteers on April 18 & 19

The 2026 Growing Natives Garden Tour (GNGT) is seeking volunteers for our 24th annual garden tour, which will take place on **Saturday, April 18** (Southern Gardens) and **Sunday, April 19** (Northern Gardens). The tour hours are **10:00am to 4:00pm each day**. There will be about 50 gardens on the tour.

As a volunteer you will be part of an event that educates 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, pre-tour orientation in late March, with more details to be provided to registered volunteers.

To volunteer for the 2026 tour, please complete the volunteer sign-up form at: gngt.org/GNGT/VolunteerDispatch.php.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Community College Scholarship Program

Our Chapter provides a \$1,500 scholarship for community college students who have a goal of studying or working in a field that includes a focus on native plants such as environmental science, ecology, restoration, park management or horticulture. The scholarship is intended to help with scholastic related expenses such as books and tuition. The application is open to students whose primary residence is in San Mateo or Santa Clara County, or are attending, or have applied to a college in one of these counties. Applicants must have taken a course in California native plants or plan to take one in the next year.

Applications are due by February 15, 2026. The application and more information can be found here: www.cnps-scv.org/cc-scholarship. Email Janet Hoffmann, janet@cnps-scv.org with questions.

CONSERVATION CORNER

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's next Conservation Committee meetings will be held over Zoom on **Mondays, January 5 and February 2, from 7:00 to 8:30pm.**

This committee covers many issues affecting native plants: conservation, advocacy, legislation, habitat restoration and rare plants. The committee meets once a month to provide information and support for these conservation issues and efforts. Members of our committee work on projects throughout the Chapter area, coordinating with our state CNPS program staff and other conservation organizations.

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

Fountain Thistle Work Party Report

On Saturday November 29 we held our fall habitat restoration work party at the Caltrans fountain thistle site. Fountain thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *fontinale*) is a rare and endangered native plant, rated 1B.1, that grows in an unusual habitat, serpentine seeps and serpentine riparian habitat. This is quite different from the typical rocky dry

serpentine habitat. The Caltrans site is on a steep slope along Hwy. 92 where it meets I-280.

Over ten years ago Jake Sigg of the Yerba Buena Chapter and Ken Himes of our Chapter began a collaborative habitat restoration project of the two chapters for fountain thistle. Previously jubatagrass (*Cortaderia jubata*) had taken over the serpentine seeps and had displaced fountain thistle. By coming out twice a year, spring and fall, to remove jubatagrass and other invasive plants, the fountain thistle has recovered.

This fall we had another successful work session. Eleven participants from both chapters removed around 30 jubatagrass small plants and preserved fountain thistle habitat. For more information, contact Donald Thomas at donethomasd@gmail.com.



Donald Thomas

Volunteers from the Yerba Buena and Santa Clara Valley Chapters of CNPS weed mostly jubatagrass away from endangered fountain thistle, near the intersection of Hwy. 92 and I-280, November 2025

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Alum Rock Park Restoration

Come help us weed non-native, 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 at 8:30 am**, and on the **second Saturday morning** of each month. No experience is necessary. All tools and instruction will be provided. Please bring a filled water bottle, snacks, sunscreen, sunhat and insect repellent if you need it; wear trail/off-trail footwear, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.

Forms and **reservations** are required to volunteer. Start by visiting the City’s volunteer opportunities page at www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/parks-recreation-neighborhood-services/get-involved/volunteer-with-us. Scroll down the page to find Alum Rock Park Trail Crew as one of the options. The next **Saturday** workday is **January 10, from 8:45am to noon**.

For the Monday/Wednesday workdays, our actual meeting spot can vary and on rare occasions we may cancel due to weather or dangerous conditions. **Please contact Todd Hayes at ultratoddh@gmail.com before you attend**, for more information and instructions on where to park.

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 take place on **Saturdays from 8:00 to 10:00am**. New volunteers are welcome; City-issued guidelines are followed. The work depends on the season, mainly weeding and mulching year-round, but some planting

in winter. For **details, directions, a waiver for first-timers and to RSVP**, see our Chapter’s Meetup page at www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter.

Edgewood Restoration

Help restore habitat at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, near Redwood City, known for fabulous wildflowers and amazing diversity. Weeders see far more than weeds: they get to be up close to the native plants, some of which are seen **only** by weeders.

Sturdy gloves are recommended; you might also want to bring sunscreen, water, a hat, layered clothing and wear long sleeves/pants.

We weed year-round **every Friday at 9:00am**. Our 5:30pm Wednesday sessions will resume in March, after Daylight Savings Time resumes. For an overview, please visit www.cnps-scvc.org/restoration/edgewood-park.

To participate, join the email list and sign the electronic volunteer agreement, by sending an email to weed-

warriors-coord@friendsofedgewood.org. Please check the email list for each weeding session's meeting place. For questions about Friday sessions, contact Paul Heiple at pheiple@gmail.com or (650) 854-7125. For questions about Wednesday sessions, contact Alf Fengler at afengler@pacbell.net.



Tilak

Volunteers use wheelbarrows to fetch mulch to spread over cardboard sheeting at Cataldi Park Native Garden in San Jose, November 2025

Cataldi Park Native Garden

Join us to restore habitat in San Jose's Cataldi Park. This project aims to remove invasive plants and restore California native plants in a 1/2-acre area on the western end of Cataldi Park in San Jose.

Volunteer workdays take place on **Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00am**. New volunteers are welcome; City-issued guidelines are followed.

Activities depend on the season. We start planting in late fall after the first rain and continue into the winter months as needed. Spring is the time for controlling weeds and taking care of the young saplings. During the summer and early fall, we irrigate/water the plants, prune established plants and sheet mulch adjacent areas in preparation for planting.

In November, volunteers fixed the fence and pruned shrubs in the native garden. A group of ten students from San Jose State University came to help. Along with other volunteers,

they sheet-mulched areas cleared of weeds (some 1,000 sq. ft.) using two cardboard rolls and wood chips provided by San Jose's Adopt-A-Park program. Volunteers also planted twelve new *Arctostaphylos* (manzanita) plants.

New Volunteers are Welcome

Wear a hat and garden shoes and bring water to stay hydrated. Work gloves will be provided.

For details, directions, a waiver for first-timers and to RSVP, visit our Chapter's Meetup page at www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter.

Kirk Park Native Plant Pollinator Garden

Visit the Kirk Park Native Plant Pollinator Garden in San Jose in just about any season and you will likely find pollinators on the many species of native flowers. While it is almost winter, the Kirk Park garden is still full of life. Dark-eyed juncos hop around among the wildflower seedlings. Blue-bellied lizards skitter through the garden. There are flowers and berries on many plants. And monarch butterflies are still in the garden in all their life phases.

Monarchs in December???

Yes, this is the time of year when monarch butterflies are expected at their overwintering sites along the coast, so

As Seen at the Kirk Park Native Plant Pollinator Garden on November 26, 2025



Monarch Caterpillars
on Narrowleaf Milkweed and log



Monarch Chrysalis
on California Buckwheat



Monarch Butterfly
on Redwood Tree



Toyon Berries



Lacy Phacelia and Clarkia Seedlings



John Dourley Manzanita

why are they still at Kirk Park at the beginning of December? In years past, our native milkweed would have gone dormant by now, but the warm October and early November weather has kept the milkweed growing. With nice, fresh milkweed leaves, the monarch butterflies seem to be confused and continue to lay eggs, so now we have an abundance of fat monarch caterpillars. The milkweed, which is the only plant monarch caterpillars can eat, is finally going dormant. We are hoping that the caterpillars will be able to find enough to eat so they can pupate.

There is hope for the late chrysalises. On a warm, sunny day last January, two monarch butterflies emerged from their chrysalises while volunteers were tending the garden.

Focus on Manzanitas

Manzanitas are one of the earliest blooming plants in the garden, with the earliest blooming varieties, such as John Dourley, already in full flower. We currently have ten varieties of manzanitas to extend the flowering season, including bigberry, brittleleaf and bishop manzanitas and the garden selections John Dourley, Howard McMinn, Sentinel, Dr. Hurd, Austin Griffiths, Myrtle Wolf and Paradise.

Plant of the Month: Toyon

Toyon is a large, easy-to-grow shrub that has the most beautiful red berries this time of year. The toyon is beloved by only to humans for their bright, holiday color, but also by birds for their abundant berries. With a toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) in your garden, you may see flocks of cedar waxwings gorging on the berries. You may even see a waxwing couple passing a berry back and forth until one finally eats it.

In summer, toyons produce an abundance of very fragrant white flowers, which attract an amazing variety of pollinating insects.

Community volunteers regularly care for this native plant garden. We are always happy to have help at the garden! **We meet regularly on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00am**, weather permitting, for light maintenance such as weeding, watering; and occasionally we have plants or seeds to plant or mulch to spread. If you would like to help out, please sign up for our **Saturday** workdays on the [CNPS-SCV Meetup page](#). The garden is located along the north edge of Kirk Park in San Jose. Park along Briarwood Drive near Wawona Drive.

For more information or to volunteer at **new pollinator gardens** getting started in San Jose and beyond, contact KirkParkGardens@gmail.com.



Charley Pow

Cedar waxwing on Toyon in Los Altos home garden. December 2022. The berries' acidic, astringent taste provides some protection. However, our California wildlife evolved with our native plants, so some birds can gobble down the harsh-tasting toyon berries like candy. Many of the toyon berries are already gone.

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 and cancellations, as well as information about newly added field trips.

For field trips listed here that require **reservations**, please visit our Chapter's **Meetup group**, here: www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/. **We open the RSVPs one week before the event.** Find your event within the group and tap/click the "Attend" button to reserve your spot.

For January and February, our first field trip will be our **annual New Year's walk to Franklin Point**, part of Año Nuevo State Park. For the trip description, see page 10 of the November-December 2025 *Blazing Star* or our Chapter's **Meetup group**.

Tue Jan 13 7:00 – 8:30pm Field Trip Planning Meeting (In Person and Via Zoom)

Please join us at our next field trip planning meeting, to identify leaders and trips with a focus on the first half of 2026 and perhaps into the summer. Please bring a list of trips that you would like to lead and be prepared to encourage others with trips you'd like to attend.

Leaders with all levels of plant experience are encouraged. One does not need to be a botanist or a plant expert to lead. Co-leaders, sweeps and folks interested in organizing and assisting with trips are all welcome.

To join us in person please meet at the Raptor Room, ground floor, at the Peninsula Conservation Center, 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. To attend by Zoom, please register at cnps-scv.org/activities/field-trips/planning-zoom/.

All members are welcome to join in the discussion. For further information email field trip chair Nabeel Al-Shamma at nabeel@alshamma.com.

Sat Feb 28 10:00am – 1:00pm *Dirca* Walk at Eaton Park (San Carlos)

Join Rare Plants Chair Don Thomas on a visit to Eaton Park in San Carlos, where we hope to re-discover a population of *Dirca occidentalis*, Western leatherwood, last seen by us on a field trip in 2015. Along the way, we will walk up the trail for some great views. (There are some steep sections.) We should be finished by about lunch time, but it is suggested that participants bring lunch and water.

There is an optional additional hike afterwards in the adjacent Big Canyon Park. To learn more about these two

parcs, including a trail map, see City of San Carlos' brochure about the parks here: [Eaton-BigCanyon Brochure 2023](#). Heavy rain cancels. For more information contact Don Thomas at donethomasd@gmail.com.



Dee Shea Himes
Dirca occidentalis blossoms at Waterdog Park in Belmont, December 2021

RSVP is required to join the hike. No drop-ins please and space is limited. See the instructions at the beginning of this Field Trips section to **RSVP on Meetup**.

Directions: Meet at 10:00am at the Eaton Ave. entrance to Eaton Park, at the very end of Eaton Ave. in San Carlos. Eaton Ave. can be reached by way of El Camino Real or Alameda de las Pulgas, between Edgewood Rd. and Brittan Ave. Driving directions and parking tips are provided on the Meetup page.

NEWSLETTER, ETC.

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-scv.org/stay-in-touch for information on how you can continue to receive email to stay informed.

This *Blazing Star* newsletter is published **mostly** online only, at: www.cnps-scv.org/blazing-star-newsletter. Our next paper version will be the May-June 2026 issue.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, February 14

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

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| Jan 5 Mon | Conservation Committee meeting (4) | Feb 24 Tue | Native Plant ID meeting (3) |
| Jan 12 Mon | Quarterly Program meeting – Zoom (3) | Feb 27 Fri | Photo Group photo sharing (3) |
| Jan 13 Tue | Field Trip Planning meeting (8) | Feb 28 Sat | Dirca Field Trip San Carlos (8) |
| Jan 18 Sun | Year in Pictures – in person (1) | M+W+2nd Sat | Alum Rock workdays (5) |
| Jan 19-20 Mon-Tue | Online plant sale (1) | Fridays | Edgewood restoration workdays (5) |
| Jan 23 Fri | Pick up online plants at Nursery (2) | Saturdays | Lake Cunningham Garden workdays (5) |
| Jan 24 Sat | Seed & Cutting Exchange PCC (1) | Saturdays | Cataldi Park Garden workdays (6) |
| Jan 27 Tue | Native Plant ID meeting (3) | Saturdays | Kirk Pollinator Garden workdays (6) |
| Feb 2 Mon | Conservation Committee meeting (4) | | |

The next Chapter board meeting will be an **in-person retreat at the PCC on Sunday, January 25. Social time starts at 9:30am; the actual meeting will be 10:00am until 4:00pm.** The February board meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 19 at 7:00pm** over Zoom. Board meetings are open to all Chapter members and their guests.

For more information contact Priya Pharate at priya4cnps@gmail.com or Vivian Neou at techchair@cnps-scv.org.

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

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