



California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

# ***THE BLAZING STAR***

November-December 2022

## **Event Review: Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Fall Plant Sale**

Wow, what a fun event! The Chapter put on a grand show its 50th anniversary celebration and plant sale at Hidden Villa on October 8, 2022. This wonderful event included speakers, a members' meeting, the fall plant sale, music, food trucks, information booths and more.

Bart O'Brien (President 1985-87) gave a keynote address about the early pioneers who started the Chapter and entertained us with stories about the Chapter's first advocacy and environmental efforts. These early botanists, ecologists and amateur enthusiasts forged a path for the passionate band of volunteers who have followed for the next 50 years!



*Priya Pharate*

Chapter President Radhika Thekkath looks on during cashier training, during setup for the Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration. In the background you can see volunteers setting up other tables.



*Priya Pharate*

Membership meeting at Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration, in Hidden Villa's Dana Center on October 8

Ken Himes (President 1987-89) gave a talk reflecting on the past 35 years of Chapter field trips to see rare and beautiful flora. Present at the event (many as volunteers), were nine past presidents, including three CNPS Fellows Bart O'Brien, Ken Himes and Jean Struthers; as well as Carolyn Curtis, Suzanne Schettler, Judy Fenerty, Arvind Kumar, Madeline Morrow and Vivian Neou.

In our annual Member's Meeting, current Chapter President Radhika Thekkath presented a retrospective of the Chapter's 50 years of engagement in conservation, restoration, horticulture, education and advocacy activities. During the meeting, Georgia Stigall was announced as the recipient of the Chapter's 2022 Outstanding Volunteer Award. We were also proud to learn at the event that the Board of Hidden Villa had passed a resolution recognizing our 50th anniversary – an example of a wonderful partnership as our Chapter's nursery has been located at Hidden Villa for decades.

Other events during the day included Krzysztof Kozminski's (KK) popular mud-planting demonstration in our nursery's garden. A large group gathered to learn KK's planting procedure and see the thriving plants from previous demonstrations.

The Dana Center grounds were busy all day with the gathering of friends. Hidden Villa, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, Sequoia Audubon Society and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority hosted tables at our event. Emily Chin's Pressed Flowers and Coyote Brush

Studios brought beautiful art for sale, based on native flowers and birds. Tasty and delicious food for purchase was available to visitors from Cato's Taco truck and Monki Banana Fresh Fruits and Snacks.

If you were wondering who played the lovely guitar music mid-day, that was Melody Sheppard of the Ladyfingers, usually a duo, but as her partner was ill, Melody still showed up and played soothing music that enhanced the ambiance of the event and relaxed us all.



*Priya Pharate*

Wildflower Ambassador Table in the foreground, more tables in the background, all drawing attention throughout the Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration day at Hidden Villa

Our Chapter tables provided a great mix of offerings:

- New and used books as well as posters, T-shirts, signs and 50-year anniversary pins.
- Our membership table, which gave out commemorative pins and ballots to about 70 existing members, and new membership incentives brought in over 50 new members!
- The seed exchange table was a hot spot throughout the day. Attendees brought and took seeds to plant for themselves or share with friends or other gardens. Judging by the number of seeds dispersed, spring should be fairly floriferous!
- A tasty morning spread was available to sustain the hard-working volunteers and a bake sale table offered even more treats for sale.
- The Wildflower Ambassadors table was abuzz with activity as visitors took free packets of wildflower seeds. A total of 382 packets were distributed!

- The kid's activity table was an exciting place for children to work on nature-based art projects, with drawings, plant materials, and coloring activities.



*Priya Pharate*

Plants purchased online are ready for pickup at the CNPS-SCV nursery at Hidden Villa, during the Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 8, 2022

There was a steady stream of customers picking up orders from the CNPS SCV Nursery and Grassroots Ecology Nursery all day. After many days of order preparation, volunteers at the CNPS SCV Nursery were delighted to see the plants they'd been nurturing for months leave for new homes.

The hardworking parking volunteers kept vendors, volunteers, and visitor's cars flowing smoothly and parked all day without glitches.

**We want to extend a profound thanks to the 65 volunteers including the lead organizers**, who made this day a success: Vivian Neou, Radhika Thekkath, Priya Pharate, Jennifer Dirking, Ramón Curiel, Vicki Silvas-Young, Judy Fenerty, Brett Tucker and Patricia Campbell.

### **Election Results and Upcoming Changes**

An update to our Chapter Guidelines was approved at the Member's Meeting that was held during our October 8 50th Anniversary Celebration. The most significant change in the revised guidelines moved authority to make updates to the Chapter's guidelines from a vote of the membership to our Chapter's board. Other changes include:

- Changing the Chapter's fiscal year to align with the state office's fiscal year, which runs from April 1 through March 31;
- Updating the leadership term to run from June 1 of the election year through the following May 31;
- Updating the composition of the Executive Committee to include all officers: President, Vice

President, Treasurer, Chapter Council Delegate,  
Past President and Recording Secretary;

- Removing the requirement to hold a specific number of membership meetings each year.

Our new guidelines are available on the Chapter's website at [www.cnps-scv.org/2022-chapter-guidelines](http://www.cnps-scv.org/2022-chapter-guidelines).



*Priya Pharate*

Members voted here! Volunteers Carrie McCormack and Annie Bedichek at the 50th Anniversary Celebration Membership table

If you voted on October 8, you may have noticed that it was a referendum for our Chapter guidelines and did not include an election of Chapter officers. That's because the update to the Chapter's guidelines shifted our leadership term from the calendar year to June 1 of the election year through the following May 31.

**Going forward, we will no longer have officer elections in November.** We will therefore **not** have a potluck in November this year.

Our next election will be held online in March 2023. Paper ballots will be available by request. Since ballots will be sent out electronically, please make sure that your email address is up-to-date by logging in on the member's portal at [secure2.convio.net/cnps/site/UserLogin](http://secure2.convio.net/cnps/site/UserLogin). If you have problems updating your information or logging in on the portal, please contact the CNPS Senior Membership Coordinator, Barbara Lezon, at [blezon@cnps.org](mailto:blezon@cnps.org).



### 50th Anniversary Pins – Get Yours

Current Chapter members who attended our Celebration on October 8 had the opportunity to pick up one of our commemorative

50th Anniversary pins. If you're a current Chapter member who was not able to make it on October 8, you can still get a free commemorative pin. We don't have the resources to mail them, but if you purchase plants at our nursery, you can pick one up there – just let the volunteer who loads your plants know that you didn't get one at the Celebration. Our board members are also helping to distribute them, so please ask if you encounter one of them.

## NATIVE PLANT LECTURE SERIES

The talks in the CNPS SCV Native Plant Lecture Series (NPLS) 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](mailto:info@cnps-scv.org).

We are still scheduling talks for November and December, so please see [cnps-scv.org/native-plant-lecture-series](http://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](http://cnps-scv.org/stay-in-touch) for how to join the email group.)

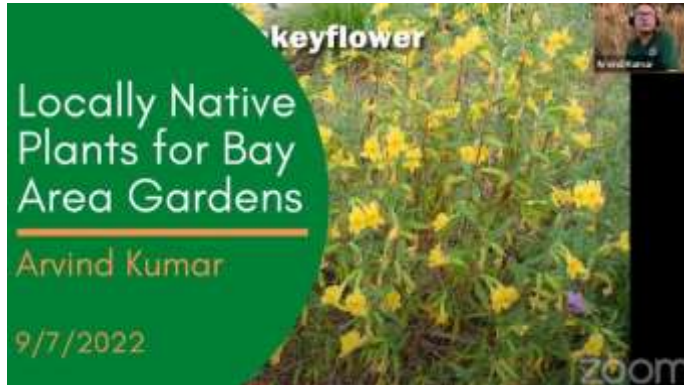
If you missed our recent talks, you can view them on our YouTube Channel (see end of article for link):



### The Amah Mutsun: Traditional Knowledge to Steward Mother Earth, a talk by Rick Flores

For thousands of years the Native peoples of California's Central Coast managed, stewarded, and sustained ecosystems and plant populations. This talk focuses on the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band's efforts to revitalize their

culture through the relearning of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) and the formation of the Amah Mutsun Land Trust ([www.amahmutsunlandtrust.org/](http://www.amahmutsunlandtrust.org/)). **Watch:** [youtu.be/QsBFRSceeRU](https://youtu.be/QsBFRSceeRU).



### Locally Native Plants for Bay Area Gardens, a talk by Arvind Kumar

The Bay Area is home to a great diversity of native plants that have evolved to fill its many ecological niches: microclimates, soils, aspects, and hydrology. This talk will introduce you to locally native plants that are suitable for the home garden: plants that are beautiful, easy to grow and with great habitat value. **Watch:** [youtu.be/M1ap5zS1I4](https://youtu.be/M1ap5zS1I4).

### Finding and Appreciating Bay Area Plant Galls, a talk by Michael Hawk and Dr. Merav Vonshak

Michael Hawk (Nature's Archive podcast and Jumpstart Nature) and Dr. Merav Vonshak (BioBlitz Club) talk about gall biology, common host plants and gall inducers. They discuss how you can find and identify galls, with numerous examples including gall look-alikes. **Watch:** [youtu.be/2McvQJOJ0tI](https://youtu.be/2McvQJOJ0tI).

Recordings of other past talks may be viewed on our YouTube channel as well: [www.youtube.com/c/CNPSSantaClaraValley/videos](https://www.youtube.com/c/CNPSSantaClaraValley/videos).

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### 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](http://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.

You can verify the status of your membership on the CNPS member portal, which is available from [the "My Profile" link on www.cnps.org](https://www.cnps.org).



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 **Fridays, October 28, November 18 and December 16 at 7:00pm**. You can learn more and join the email group at:



Bill Lundgren

#MyPhotoOfTheWeek: Vinegar weed (*Tricostema lanceolatum*) found morning of October 4 in Coyote Valley OSP. Photo group comment: "I can smell it from here!"

[www.groups.io/g/cnps-scv-photography](http://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.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Research Scholarship Applications**

Our Chapter offers scholarships to both graduates and undergraduates doing research on native plant or plant community conservation; plant ecology; plant systematics; or rare plants that grow in Central and Northern California.

Students researching topics related to native plant and native habitat conservation in the San Francisco Bay Area are encouraged to apply. **Applications are due Monday, November 21.** Check [www.cnps-scv.org/research-scholarships](http://www.cnps-scv.org/research-scholarships) for more information.

### **Horticulture Scholarship Applications**

Our Chapter is pleased to continue its new annual horticultural scholarship. The application will **open on January 2, 2023** and the deadline to get your applications submitted is **March 31**.

After January 2, check for updates on our Horticulture Scholarship page at [www.cnps-scv.org/education/scholarships/32-scholarships/390-horticulture-scholarship](http://www.cnps-scv.org/education/scholarships/32-scholarships/390-horticulture-scholarship).

## **GROWING NATIVES GARDEN TOUR**

### **Garden Submittal Deadline November 7**

The 2023 Growing Natives Garden Tour (GNGT) is still looking for new gardens as well as returning gardens for the 2023 Tour. We have **extended the deadline for garden submission to Monday, November 7.** We encourage all home, school and community gardeners to submit their application.



The garden selection team will be starting our visits soon. We ask that California natives be the focal point of the garden, with at least 70% of the garden being native plants. The gardens must not contain invasive plants and we

encourage gardens that demonstrate sustainable gardening practice and show water conservation and habitat value for wildlife. Aesthetically pleasing design is another quality we look for, whether your garden is do-it-yourself or professionally designed.

Garden owners or managers from southern San Mateo County and Santa Clara County are encouraged to apply. To do that, visit [GNGT.org](http://GNGT.org), scroll the page up a bit, then tap/click on “Submit Your Garden For The 2023 Tour.”

## **CONSERVATION CORNER**

### **Conservation Committee**

Our Chapter’s next Conservation Committee meetings will be held via Zoom on **Tuesdays, November 8 and December 13, 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](mailto: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 some special extra workdays.

For new volunteers, we suggest trying us out on a **second Saturday workday.** You can sign up on the city’s Eventbrite site at [www.eventbrite.com/e/alum-rock-trail-crew-tickets-227808700957](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/alum-rock-trail-crew-tickets-227808700957). The site lists current vaccination and masking requirements. Volunteer Service Agreement forms must be filled out and are available at the link. All persons under 17 must have a parent signature.

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.

If you’re ready to volunteer on a more regular basis, or want to **volunteer on a Monday or Wednesday**, there’s a one-time form to complete with the City of San Jose,

[www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/82740/637819206850000000](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/82740/637819206850000000). All volunteers need to be fully vaccinated (subject to change per government guidelines).

For more information contact Stephen Rosenthal at [sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 1.5-acre area and beautifies it with California native wildflowers, perennials, shrubs and trees.

Workdays continue on **Saturdays from 8 - 10am**. New volunteers are welcome; City-issued guidelines and COVID-19 best practices are followed. In fall 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](http://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 in person even during the pandemic. As with our other projects, we follow government guidelines and COVID-19 best practices.

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](mailto: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. **Please bring a face mask in case wearing one is required for COVID-19 safety.**

**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](http://www.cnps-scv.org/activities/field-trips) for changes, cancellations, COVID rules 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/](http://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.

### Sun Nov 20 10am - 3pm Woody Plants of Castle Rock (Skyline – Santa Cruz Mountains)

Join Ken and Dee Himes on this fall hike along Skyline Ridge. Several woody plant communities, including Broadleaf-Evergreen and Chaparral will be observed along this 3.5 to 4 mile moderately-paced walk with +/-350 feet in elevation change. We'll look for late fall colors from black oak and bigleaf maple trees, and we'll see if we can find late season blooms of California fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*). We'll also look for redwood penstemon (*Keckiella corymbosa*) if still in bloom.

Bring a lunch or snacks and fluids. Wear sturdy shoes and we recommend bringing hiking poles, as part of the path crosses over sandstone outcroppings.

Space is limited so please **reserve your spot** by going to our [Chapter's Meetup page](#) to sign up. There is a \$10 vehicle day-use fee, so please bring exact change in cash or use your CA State Park Pass.

To see rules and regulations of the park, visit [www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=538](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=538). For the park brochure, visit, [www.parks.ca.gov/pages/538/files/CastleRockSPFinalWebLayout082117.pdf](http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/538/files/CastleRockSPFinalWebLayout082117.pdf).

### Thu Dec 15 10am - 1pm Carl W. Sharsmith Herbarium at San Jose State University (San Jose)

Please join us for a winter tour at the Department of Biological Sciences, Carl W. Sharsmith Herbarium at San Jose State University.

The tour will be led by Lars Rosengreen, Greenhouse Manager and Curator; and Ben Carter, Director and Associate Professor. Founded in 1945 by Dr. Carl Sharsmith, the herbarium at San Jose State University houses a collection of more than 27,000 pressed plants (18,000 vascular plants and more than 9,000 bryophytes).



Richard Tiede

Lars Rosengreen, second from left, helping attendees learn about mounting plant specimens at SJSU Herbarium during the Chapter's 2013 Herbarium tour.

Many specimens were collected over Dr. Sharsmith's long career as a university professor and natural history ranger at Yosemite National Park. The herbarium is actively curated and a member of the Consortium of California Herbaria. Most of the specimens are California natives, with a focus on plants found in the Bay Area and the Sierra Nevada.

As part of the visit, you will have a chance to view notable specimens in the collection as well as view taxa that may be of special interest to attendees. You will also have a hands-on opportunity to learn how to mount and preserve specimens, and learn about the process of imaging them and adding them to the herbarium's collection.

**This is a CNPS members-only tour.** Please be sure your CNPS membership is current. Space is limited to 20, and RSVP is required to join us for the tour; no drop-ins please. **To register** or for more information, please email Dee Himes at [dee4cnps@gmail.com](mailto:dee4cnps@gmail.com). A detailed email will be sent to you a few days before the tour.

### **Sat Dec 17 9am - Noon Beginner's Bird and Plant ID Walk at Lake Cunningham Park (San Jose)**

At the onset of winter, join us for a beginner's bird and plant identification walk through Lake Cunningham Park. The lake is a major destination for waterfowl and migratory birds, and the park's 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 so please **reserve your spot** by going to our [Chapter's Meetup page](#) to sign up. This walk is co-sponsored by CNPS, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

**Directions:** Meet at the **Marina parking lot at 9am**. The Marina parking lot is on the western shore of the lake, next to Raging Waters, at the opposite side of the park from the main entrance on 2305 S. White Road. The parking fee is \$6. In Google Maps, search for "Lake Cunningham Marina" (37.3353176 -121.8120059) to be directed to the Marina.



Ashok Jethanandani

Birdwatching on the Lake Cunningham bird and plant ID walk, September 25, 2022

### **Sun Jan 1 10am - 2pm New Year's walk to Franklin Point, part of Año Nuevo State Preserve (Hwy 1 coast – southern San Mateo County)**

Join other CNPS members as we celebrate a Chapter tradition of welcoming the New Year with a walk to and BYO picnic at Franklin Point, which is part of the Año Nuevo State Preserve on the San Mateo County coast. We will be exploring our surroundings as we casually walk towards Franklin Point, which is the most botanically interesting area of the park.

We will be starting from the North Whitehouse Creek Trailhead which is located south of Pescadero on Highway 1, just north of the Santa Cruz County line.

We'll enjoy ocean views, California native plants and raptors, songbirds and maybe marine mammals. Coastal prairie flora we expect to see includes silver bur ragweed (*Ambrosia chamissonis*), California goldenbush (*Ericameria ericoides*), coastal sagewort (*Artemisia pycnocephala*) and Argentina anserina (*Potentilla anserina*).

Expected dune flora includes yellow sand verbena (*Abronia latifolia*), pink sand verbena (*Abronia umbellata*), seaside heliotrope (*Heliotropium curassavicum*) and American dunegrass (*Elymus mollis*). We also expect to see sea cliff bluff lettuce (*Dudleya farinosa*) and fleshy jaumea (*Jaumea carnosa*).

As this is a day to have fun sharing nature at the beach with fellow Chapter members, the end time and depth of botanical or fauna discussion may depend on participants preferences.

Bring binoculars and layers of clothing for variable coastal conditions including wind, sun, precipitation and fog. We will be walking on sand dunes. Bring a lunch or snacks and



Carol Mattsson

Carolyn Dorsch and Ken Himes examining vegetation at Año Nuevo State Park during our Chapter's 2017 New Year's Day field trip.

fluids. Extreme bad weather cancels.

Space is limited so please **reserve your spot** by going to our [Chapter's Meetup page](#) to sign up. Driving directions and parking tips are provided on the Meetup page.

Before signing up, please read the Año Nuevo State Park restrictions at [www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=523](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=523). Note that there are no bathrooms at Franklin Point. Flush toilets are located at the main entrance of Año Nuevo State Park, which may require payment to enter. For more information, contact Dee Himes at [dee4cnps@gmail.com](mailto:dee4cnps@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Field Trip Planning Meeting (Zoom)**  
**Thursday, January 5, 7 – 9pm**

### Stay in Touch!

Due to COVID-19, the Chapter remains virtual for many of our events. Please visit [www.cnps-sc.v.org/stay-in-touch](http://www.cnps-sc.v.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-sc.v.org/blazing-star-newsletter](http://www.cnps-sc.v.org/blazing-star-newsletter). Our next online **and** paper version will be the 2023 March-April issue.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*News and Activities from Other Organizations*

**Santa Clara Valley Audubon and  
 Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter  
 Present a free Zoom symposium  
 Light at Night: A Glowing Hazard  
 Wednesday, November 16, 1 - 4 PM**

The use of LED lighting technology is causing an unintended, yet pervasive and harmful effect: the over-lighting of our nights. Learn about the biological (including plants) and human effects of light at night and strategies that can guard our health and environment while providing safe and practical lighting solutions. Our speakers are global experts in light pollution and bird-safe building and lighting design.

Our Chapter of CNPS is a supporter of this event. To learn more, including a list of speakers and to receive a link to RSVP, visit [www.scvas.org/event-calendar/light-at-night-symposium-a-glowing-hazard](http://www.scvas.org/event-calendar/light-at-night-symposium-a-glowing-hazard).





**CHAPTER LEADERSHIP FOR 2022-2023**

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To see the full list of Chapter officers and chairs, please visit [www.cnps-scv.org/leadership](http://www.cnps-scv.org/leadership).

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

**Saturday, December 10**

**carol.mattsson@gmail.com or (408) 255-3767**

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Supporter	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 Benefactor	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Student or Fixed Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant ID

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**FIRST-CLASS**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** (page # in parentheses)

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| <p><b>Oct 28 Fri</b> Photo Group photo sharing (4)</p> <p><b>Nov 7 Mon</b> GNGT Garden submittal deadline (5)</p> <p><b>Nov 8 Tue</b> Conservation Committee meeting (5)</p> <p><b>Nov 18 Fri</b> Photo Group photo sharing (4)</p> <p><b>Nov 20 Sun</b> Castle Rock woody plants hike (6)</p> <p><b>Nov 21 Mon</b> Research Scholarship apps. due (5)</p> <p><b>Dec 10 Sat</b> <b>Newsletter submittal deadline</b></p> <p><b>Dec 13 Tue</b> Conservation Committee meeting (5)</p> | <p><b>Dec 15 Thu</b> SJSU Sharsmith Herbarium field trip (6)</p> <p><b>Dec 16 Fri</b> Photo Group photo sharing (4)</p> <p><b>Dec 17 Sat</b> Bird + Plant ID walk L. Cunningham (7)</p> <p><b>Jan 1 Sun</b> Franklin Pt. Año Nuevo field trip (7)</p> <p><b>Jan 2 Mon</b> Horticulture Scholarships apps. open (5)</p> <p><b>Mons, Weds &amp; 2nd Sats</b> Alum Rock workdays (5)</p> <p><b>Saturdays</b> Lake Cunningham workdays (6)</p> |
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The next Chapter board meeting will be **Thursday, December 15 at 7:00pm** over Zoom.

There will be no board meeting in November.

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

For more information contact Radhika Thekkath at [president@cnps-scv.org](mailto:president@cnps-scv.org).

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