

California Native Plant Society Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

September-October 2016

GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Friday, September 23 at 7:30 PM Los Altos Library Program Room 13 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

The West without Water: What Past Floods, Droughts, and Other Climatic Clues Tell Us about Tomorrow a talk by Professor B. Lynn Ingram, UC Berkeley

Prof. Ingram describes the tumultuous climate of the American West where extended droughts and catastrophic floods have occurred with regularity over the past two millennia. Looking at the region's current water crisis from the perspective of its climate history, she asks the central question of what is a "normal" climate for the West, and whether the relatively benign climate of the past century will continue into the future. The impact of future climate change on water resources predicts a future in which fresh water may be less reliable. This will have a major impact on the flora and fauna (including humans) of our region.

Dr. B. Lynn Ingram is a professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Science at UC Berkeley, California. The primary goal of her research is to assess how climates and environments have changed over the past several thousand years based on the geochemical and sedimentologic analysis of aquatic sediments and archaeological deposits,



with a particular focus on the western US. She is the coauthor of *The West without Water: What Past Floods, Droughts, and Other Climatic Clues Tell Us about Tomorrow* together with Dr. Frances Malamud-Roam.

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 Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or the Chapter phone (650) 260-3450.

Save the Date!

Our November General Meeting will include our annual potluck dinner, a vote on updated Chapter guidelines, and Chapter elections. It will be held on Saturday, November 12 at the Shoup Garden House in Los Altos.

Native Horticultural Symposium Creating Habitat in the Dryland Garden September 17 at Foothill College Early registration ends August 31 Register at www.cnps-scv.org See enclosed flyer for details

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Native Plant Sale October 15 at Hidden Villa – Call for Volunteers

Our Fall Native Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, October 15, from **10am to 3pm** at our Hidden Villa nursery in Los Altos Hills. Once again we're asking everyone who can to come and help with the sale. Most of the jobs listed below don't require expert knowledge of plants, and **you can choose to work one or two hours** or all day.

Before the sale, you may help prepare the nursery at three special nursery workdays, including labeling plants and weeding the garden outside the nursery. We'll work from **10am to 1pm** on **Wednesday - Friday, October 12-14.** On the day of the sale, we will need people to:

- Help set up before the sale (starting at 8am)
- Help with parking
- Answer customers' questions about the plants and help them decide which plants to purchase
- Help at Box Check to hold customers' plants before purchase
- Write up the sales tags before customers go to the cashiers to pay for their plants
- Help customers take their purchases to their cars and bring back the wagons and carts to the nursery
- Help clean up after the sale (**3-4pm**)

The plant sales are always lots of fun to work at, and we provide **lunch** to volunteers. To volunteer on sale day please contact:

Horticultural consultation: Ray Deutsch (650) 365-6136, ray.deutsch@yahoo.ca Writing sales tags: Georgia Stigall (650) 941-1068, georgiastigall@yahoo.com Parking director: Stephen Buckhout (408) 255-6233 or yscottie@pacbell.net Miscellaneous: Melanie Cross (650) 847-1350 or Melanie@pcross.com

At the Sale

Vendors will include **Coyote Brush Studios** selling California nature-themed temporary tattoos and **Emily Chin** selling handmade pressed-flower notecards and pictures. There will be a **garden talk from 1-2pm**, entitled **Success with Native Plants**.

Free Individual Garden Design Consulting

Gardening with Natives (GWN) will provide free garden design consulting throughout the day. Bring an accurate scaled drawing of your garden or a screenshot from Google Earth, along with *printed* pictures, and your garden's sun exposure and views. We'll give you suggestions on which plants would do best in your garden. Many of these plants will be available for sale that day. We'll also have sample garden plans gathered from various sources that you can use as a template for your own garden design. Three garden designers will be available to help you with your specific plant selections, whether you have deer, gophers, extremely heavy clay, rocky soil, etc.

After the sale, the nursery will resume its usual **Wednesday** and **Thursday workdays** but switch to our NEW winter hours, which are from **11am to 2pm**.

The next **Monthly Member Sale** day will be held on **Wed., September 7 at the nursery, 10am to 1pm.** There will be no monthly member sale in October.

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 Nursery ahead of you, just past the Dana Center building.

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 free talks throughout the year at public libraries in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

This year's themes are *Month-by-Month Pruning* and *Maintaining Your Native Garden*. For more info., visit **www.cnps-scv.org/index.php/gardening/gardening-with-natives**.

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

> Summer and Fall Bloomers for the Native Garden, a talk by Pete Veilleux

<u>Wed., Sep. 14, 7-8:30 PM</u>, Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View (650) 903-6337

Think that spring is the only time California native plants are in bloom? Think again. Find out about the great buckwheats, California fuchsias, other drought-tolerant natives that happily provide a bevy of blooms all through the hot, dry summer and on into the fall. See how to transition seamlessly from the abundance of spring into an

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equally spectacular flowering towards the middle and end of the year.

Pete Veilleux is a master designer, nurseryman, and photographer. He creates gardens using native plants for long-lasting landscapes that help people get the maximum use and pleasure from their patch of earth. He is the owner and propagator of East Bay Wilds Native Plant Nursery (**www.eastbaywilds.com**) in Oakland and is a tireless advocate of native gardening.

How to Create a Garden to Attract Native Bees and Other Pollinators, a talk by Stephen Rosenthal

Wed., September 21, 7-8:30 PM, Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill (408) 779-3196

Bees are having a hard time out there in the world, what with colony collapse disorder, neonicotinoids, varroa mites, etc. But you can help them by eliminating pesticides in your garden and installing California native plants. Find out how to choose and grow the plants most attractive to bees and other garden pollinators. Learn how easy these natives are to cultivate without chemicals or fertilizers.

Steve Rosenthal is the president of our CNPS Chapter. He's a retired high tech worker and amateur photographer. He volunteers with Alum Rock Park to help restore its native habitat. He got interested in science because the world seemed like the most wonderful puzzle. After he retired, he discovered an even more entrancing puzzle right in his own garden.

Design-It-Yourself Native Plant Garden, a talk by Sherri Osaka

<u>Tuesday, September 27, 7-8:30 PM</u>, Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga (408) 867-6126

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. Pick up some handouts of different designs you can use and modify. And get ready to put pencil to paper!

Sherri Osaka is a licensed Landscape Architect, Bay-Friendly Qualified Designer, and a member of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Landscape Advisory Board. She started her company, Sustainable Landscape Designs, over 19 years ago and lectures on drought-tolerant native plants, graywater and rainwater systems, pervious paving, as well as non-toxic and reusable materials.

Native Plant Gardening for Year-Round Interest, a talk by Deva Luna

<u>Wednesday, October 26, 7-8:30 PM</u>, Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Ave., Campbell (408) 866-1991

Fall is here, the days are cooler and the rain should start soon, making it the best time to plant California native plants. Learn how to select and group plants with varying bloom times so your garden is never without color. You'll enjoy it and so will the bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds! See how to choose different plant forms and include beautiful bark, berry, and seed producing species for maximum interest all year long.

Deva Luna is a sustainable and Bay Friendly-certified landscape designer who has been teaching and speaking about horticulture for 16 years. She has a degree in "Plants and Art" from U.C. Davis and works for EarthCare Landscaping (www.earthcareland.com) in Cupertino.

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. Microscopes will be available.

The upcoming dates are **Fridays**, **September 30 and October 28, 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.

Volunteer Group Spotlight: Field Trip Leaders

This is the fourth in a series of Spotlight articles focusing on groups of volunteers whose efforts benefit us all in our CNPS Chapter.

When you've been to a natural area accompanied by an articulate expert on plants and natural history, the experience is consciousness-changing. You come away with new observations, new knowledge, and an

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understanding of nature that will last a lifetime. This is made possible in our chapter by a dedicated team of field trip leaders.

Learning to identify plants through guided plant walks is one of the main reasons why people are drawn to CNPS. These plant identification walks are led by field trip leaders who are both knowledgeable and passionate about sharing their expertise with others. Chapter field trips are typically half-day or all-day hikes through local natural areas; occasionally a field trip may be a several-days-long camping trip to a unique and biodiverse region of California.

It all starts at the biannual field trip planning meeting led by Dee Wong, our tireless and enthusiastic Field Trip Chair. Field trip leaders contribute ideas for future field trips, and the ones they want to volunteer to lead. Every field trip has a leader and a sweep. The leader prepares the written announcement for the Blazing Star and the chapter website, including what we'll see, distance covered and elevation gain/loss, and directions to the meeting place. The sweep is the assistant who makes sure the group stays together and no one gets left behind.

The week prior to the field trip, the leader goes on a prehike to familiarize her/himself with current conditions. He/she may prepare or update the plant list. If the field trip has limited space, the leader tallies RSVPs and manages the waiting list.

The day of the trip, the leader and sweep arrive at the trailhead 30 minutes before the appointed time. They welcome new arrivals and sign them in. They orient all attendees to the day's logistics, restrooms, water, trail route, etc. They teach people how to be safe during the walk: topics may include poison oak identification, ticks and rattlesnake avoidance.

The leader and sweep work together to make sure everyone has a good experience. This means communicating with each and every attendee, pointing out plants and features of interest, and responding to questions. Everyone is encouraged to ask questions, and also to share their own knowledge: this makes a field trip a collaborative learning experience.

Back at the trailhead, the leader and sweep ensure all attendees are accounted for; those two are the last to leave the area. Once home, the leader prepares a trip report for the Field Trip Chair and the CNPS Board, including the attendee count and feedback. If you have been on one or more field trips, you know the vital role the leader and sweep play. We hope you continue to go on field trips to enhance your understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and habitats. If you would like to lead or sweep an upcoming field trip, get in touch with Dee Wong at dee4cnps@gmail.com.

Arvind Kumar wrote this Spotlight on behalf of our Chapter Leadership Development Committee.



Ashok Jethanandani

Field trip leader Vicki Silvas-Young and attendees examine California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*) at the 1st Day of Summer Bird + Plant ID Walk at Lake Cunningham Park

CONSERVATION CORNER

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's conservation committee meets on the **first Thursday** of the month. The next meetings will be on **September 1 and October 6 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 ldrruff@hotmail.com. For **directions** to the PCC, please see the previous Keying with Natives article.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Wednesday Edgewood Restoration

Help restore habitat at Edgewood Park, known for fabulous wildflowers and amazing diversity near Redwood City. We

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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 schedules and meeting places, please visit **eww.cnps-scv.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, including schedules and meeting places visit **eww.cnps-scv.org** 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.

For more information, contact project lead Stephen Rosenthal 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.

The project welcomes volunteers to help with invasive plant removal, mulching, planting, and watering. 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 www.lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/volunteer. The park is located at 2305 S. White Road in San Jose. For directions, visit

www.lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/directions.

EDUCATION NEWS

Applications Available: 2016-2017 Graduate and Undergraduate Research Scholarships

This year the Chapter will again be granting scholarships for students doing research on native plant or plant community conservation, plant ecology, plant community restoration, plant systematics, or other related botanical studies of native plants that grow in habitats 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.

Academic scholarships of \$1,500 for graduate student research and a \$1,000 scholarship for undergraduate student research are available.

Applications are due **October 15, 2016** and scholarships will be awarded by **December 31, 2016**. Recipients are requested to share the results of their study or make a brief presentation on their research by attending a Santa Clara Valley Chapter CNPS Meeting in January or March 2017.

Scholarship information and applications are available at www.cnps-scv.org/index.php/education/scholarships.

Questions regarding the scholarship application can be emailed to Nora Monette at nmonette@aol.com.

If you would like to support our Chapter's scholarship program in future years and **contribute to the scholarship fund**, a check written to "CNPS," with a note to "SCV Ed. Scholarship" may be mailed to: CNPS Santa Clara Valley Chapter, 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Company matching programs are welcome!

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

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water, sun protection, food, clothing layers, personal first aid and other supplies you may need. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in a particular field trip, please contact the trip leader in advance.

Sun Sep 18 9am – Noon Beginners Bird and Plant Identification Walk at Lake Cunningham Park (San Jose)

Fourth in a series: First Day (Almost) of Fall

Do you love being outdoors? Do you want to deepen your appreciation of nature by learning the names of birds and plants around you? As fall begins, join us for a beginner's bird and plant identification walk through Lake Cunningham Park.

Lake Cunningham is a major destination for waterfowl and migratory birds and its native garden is home for many resident birds due to 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 is 4 miles round trip on a level path. Bring a hat, water, your bird and plant list, and binoculars. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Parking fee is \$6.

Space is limited. **Please RSVP** to Arvind Kumar at arvind.kumar@cnps.org to reserve your spot and to receive **directions** and details. Cosponsored by CNPS, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority.

Sun Oct 30 10am – 3:30pm Uvas Canyon County Park (Morgan Hill)

Join Dee Wong and Ken Himes on a 3-4 mile hike in this mostly shady woodland of mixed evergreens including redwoods, madrones, sycamores, alders, and big-leaf maples. There are also isolated populations of Oregon grape (*Berberis nervosa*) here, which is more commonly found north of the Golden Gate. We expect to see different types of fruiting bodies and some fall color changes.

We'll meet at the park entrance. The hike will be moderate in intensity, with an elevation gain of about 700 feet. We will walk at a fairly leisurely pace, stopping for lunch about half way. Be sure to wear good hiking shoes. A walking stick could be useful. Bring a lunch and plenty of water. There is a \$6+ fee per car (bring exact/extra change). For more information contact Ken at (650) 591-8560.

Directions: From Hwy. 101, take Bernal Rd. west. Turn left on Santa Teresa Blvd. Travel south 3 mi. and turn right

onto Bailey Ave. Follow Bailey 3.0 mi. to McKean Rd. Turn left onto McKean. (McKean becomes Uvas Rd. 2.2 mi. south of Bailey.) From Bailey travel 6 mi. south on McKean/Uvas Rd. and turn right onto Croy Rd. Continue 4.4 mi. on Croy, through Sveadal (a private resort), to reach the Park entrance. For more about the park visit www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/ UvasCanyon.aspx.

GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR

Gardens Wanted for the 2017 GNGT

Saturday, April 22 for Southern Gardens Sunday, April 23 for Northern Gardens



- Are **California native plants** a big part of your garden (60% or more)
- Is your garden environmentally friendly and chemical free?
- Does your garden provide wildlife habitat and support life?

If so, we invite you to submit your garden for the next Going Native Garden Tour. Share your enthusiasm for plants that are attractive to humans, birds, and pollinators – and enjoy the compliments from tour visitors. This free tour educates visitors on the value of native plant landscaping – for water conservation, habitat creation, low maintenance, and beauty.

Submit your garden by October 31 by filling out the garden submission form at **www.goingnativegardentour.org.**

Save a Tree!

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

Current and past Blazing Star newsletters are always online at the Chapter website's newsletter page: www.cnpsscv.org/index.php/blazing-star-newsletter.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT **BLAZING STAR**

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Email: carol.mattsson@gmail.com Phone: (408) 255-3767

ONGOING HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS

Join local volunteers at your favorite parks to help restore habitat for native flora and fauna. Projects include planting California natives, trail maintenance and of course, plenty of weed pulling! Contact the listed organizers for details.

Ulistac Natural Area – City of Santa Clara

Volunteers remove invasive species and plant California native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers. First Saturdays and third Sundays. Summer hours 9am – noon, winter hours 10am – 1pm. Check website for current times, sign up forms and details.

ulistac@gmail.com (408) 416-8907 www.ulistac.org

Save the Bay

Wetland restoration: Volunteers plant native seedlings and remove invasive species from key sites along the Bay, and assist in our native plant nurseries. Palo Alto, Oakland, and Hayward. bayevents@savesfbay.org or (510) 463-6850. www.savesfbay.org/ volunteering.

San Bruno Mountain Watch

Restore multiple

remarkable ecosystems on San Bruno Mountain. Volunteer opportunities multiple days each week. **Stewardship Mountaineers** gather every Saturday from 10am to 1pm to remove invasive vegetation or plant native plants supplied by nursery. Wednesday nursery workdays 10am to 12:30pm Check events page at website for workday details and directions. **www.mountainwatch.org/volunteer.**

Edgewood County Park -- Redwood City

Invasive species removal Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings. For details see page 4 or **eww.cnps-scv.org.**

Alum Rock Park Volunteers, San Jose

Invasive removal and habitat restoration. Weeding sessions every Monday morning. Inspiration Point Walk-and-Weed third Saturdays. For details see page 5, visit Yahoo Group to check schedules, or contact Steve Rosenthal at sailinSteve@sbcglobal.net. groups.yahoo.com/group/alumrockparkvolunteers.

Lake Cunningham Park's Native Garden

Tasks include weeding, mulching, watering, propagation and planting. 2305 S. White Road, San Jose. Saturdays and Sundays: 9am to noon. Please RSVP to Arvind at chhaprahiya@yahoo.com in advance to confirm date/time. www.lakecunninghamnativegarden.org.



Volunteers on San Bruno Mountain plant native host and nectar plants to improve grassland habitat for the endangered mission blue and callippe silver spot butterflies, in February of 2016

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Projects include invasive plant removal,

Invasive plant removal, planting native vegetation, fence repairs and trail maintenance. volunteer@openspace .org or (650) 691-1200. See website for calendar and signup links: www.openspace.org/ outdoor-serviceprojects.

Magic - Stanford Dish Oak Habitat Stewardship

Plant oaks and other California natives in winter, weed and mulch in spring, water in summer and early fall (and other times of year if necessary), survey and do other tree care year-round. Saturdays 10am – 1pm. Details and sign up: Robin Bayer robin@ecomagic.org.

Grassroots Ecology (formerly Acterra)

Ariel Cherbowsky

Help with planting, weeding, creek monitoring or installing rain gardens and rain barrels. See website for calendar and registration links; or contact volunteer@grassrootsecology.org or 650-419-9880. grassrootsecology.org/volunteer.

Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

Activities include removing invasive plants, helping at the OSA nursery, and replanting and restoring habitat. Contact Volunteer Programs Administrator Dana Litwin at volunteer@openspaceauthority.org or (408) 224-7476 x27. www.openspaceauthority.org/volunteer/ resourcevolunteers.html. Santa Clara Valley Chapter California Native Plant Society 3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Oct 12, 13, 14 Pre-sale nursery workdays (2) Oct 15 Sat Fall Native Plant Sale (1+flyer) Oct 15 Sat Scholarship applications due (5) Oct 26 Wed GWN – Year-Round Interest - Luna (3) Oct 27 ThuNewsletter Mailing Party - 11am PCC Oct 28 Fri Keying with Natives (3) Oct 30 Sun Uvas Canyon field trip (6) Mon & 3rd Sats Alum Rock weeding (5) Wed & ThuNursery workdays (2) Wed & Fri Edgewood weeding (4) Sat & Sun Lake Cunningham workdays (5)

Next Board meetings: **Thursdays September 15** and **October 13 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 or (650) 260-3450.

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The Society, working with its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding and to preserve the rich heritage of the native flora for future generations. Membership is open to all. Individual memberships are \$45.00 per year. If you have questions about your newsletter subscription, please contact **membership@cnps-scv.org**. Address changes may be submitted to **cnps@cnps.org**; please put "member address change" in the subject line.

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