



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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Chapter Election – Vote by May 14

May is election month for the officers who will lead our Chapter from June 1 of this year through the end of May next year. **Elections will occur online**, with each Chapter member entitled to one vote per position. On or about **May 8 each Chapter member will receive a notice** sent to the email address currently on file with the State CNPS office.

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

How to Vote

We will circulate an email when voting begins. That email will contain a link which will take members to a site listing all candidates for each position along with their statements. Each Chapter member may cast one vote per officer position. **Polls will close on Wednesday, May 14**. The results of the election will be announced in late May and in the July-August issue of the *Blazing Star* newsletter.

Chapter members lacking a valid email address may obtain a **paper ballot** by contacting the Leadership Development Committee Chair, Stephen Buckhout, stephen@yscottie.com or (408) 255-6233. Paper ballots

may be returned to the Chapter office, postmarked on or prior to May 15 for **receipt no later than Friday, May 24**.

Candidates running for office and their statements are as follows.

Vivian Neou, Co-President:



I started as a volunteer at our nursery in 2015 and joined the board in January 2016 as Technology Chair. I currently manage the Chapter's nursery and am the Chapter Council Delegate and one of the Chapter's Co-Presidents. I would like to continue to support the Chapter in these roles.

Priya Pharate, Co-President:



I have been serving as the Co-President of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter since June 2024. Along with my responsibilities as Co-President, I organize talks at libraries in the South Bay and handle outreach and publicity for the Chapter. I have served on the Chapter board in various capacities since 2017.

Toni Gregorio-Bunch, Vice President:



I have been an active member with the Chapter and the board for many years. I have served in a variety of positions and believe my experience gives me the skills and knowledge needed to support the president and the board. I strongly believe in this organization and want to continue to support our mission and the growth of our Chapter.

Vivian Neou, Chapter Council Delegate:

See Vivian's candidate statement, above.

Janet Hoffmann, Recording Secretary:

I have been part of the CNPS SCV board since 2018. I have filled in as recording secretary on a number of occasions when the elected secretary was not available to take board meeting notes. I have been filling the position since this past fall since our previous secretary moved away. I am happy to be able to continue to give back to the Chapter in this capacity for the

coming year.

Radhika Thekkath, Past President:

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Chapter board for 15 years, as Recording Secretary, President and lately, Past President. I would like to continue to help with Chapter activities, programs and finances, in the role of Past President. I would be honored to be reelected as Past President again.

Treasurer:

Pending

All the above candidates were identified by the Chapter's Leadership Development Committee. No self-nominated candidate applications were received prior to the *Blazing Star's* press deadline.

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

Help Wanted: Chapter Seeks Treasurer

The treasurer position is vital for the continued functioning of the Chapter. We have a Finance Committee willing to share experience and a bookkeeper to help with the workload. If you are an organized person who has facility with numbers and would be willing to give back to the Chapter in this way, please contact Radhika Thekkath at cnpsradhika@gmail.com to learn more about the position.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**Seed and Cutting Exchange + Plant Sale**

May 27 – 31

This free event provides an opportunity to share and receive both cuttings and seeds of native plants. Browse the diverse offerings, ranging from easy-to-grow to hard-to-find, and go home with cuttings and seeds of new native plants! We will provide coin envelopes for seeds but do bring containers in which to carry cuttings home.

Online Plant Sale: May 27-28
(subject to pickup slot availability)

Plant Sale Pickup: Friday, May 30
(CNPS SCV Nursery)
& Saturday, May 31
(Peninsula Conservation Center)

Seed and Cutting Exchange: Saturday,
May 31 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
at the Peninsula Conservation Center,
3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto.

If you have native plant material from your own garden to share, please bring some. Label it to make it easy to browse – some gardeners attach helpful hints about growing; others display photos of plants in bloom. You may find it convenient to use www.calscape.org for this; there is a link on each plant's information page to make a printable sign for most native species and cultivars.

If you bring cuttings, keep them cool and moist in a bucket of water. **You don't have to bring anything if you don't have any native material to share**, as there is usually plenty for all.

Several popular gardening books will be available for sale during the event, including *Wildflowers of California* from CNPS, *Seed Propagation of Native California Plants* (2021 ed.), by Dara E. Emery, and *California Native Plants for the Garden* by Carol Bornstein, David Fross and Bart O'Brien.

Our Wildflower Ambassadors will be giving out free seed packets and information as well.

Online Plant Sale

Our CNPS SCV nursery is having an online plant sale at california-native-plant-society-santa-clara-valley-

[chapter.square.site](#), starting **Tuesday, May 27**. The store will close when we reach our pickup capacity or at the **end of the day on Wednesday, May 28** – whichever comes first.

In addition to plants, the nursery's online store includes books, labels and plant signs. **There is a minimum order of \$40.**

Pick your plants up with a *scheduled* pickup at the CNPS SCV Nursery on **Friday, May 30** or the Exchange at the Peninsula Conservation Center on **Saturday, May 31**. No drop-in pickups or sales.

The Peninsula Conservation Center is located at [3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto](#). The meeting rooms are on the first floor.



Vivian Neou

Participants considering the seed table, at last January's Seed & Cutting Exchange

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 you in our offerings. From gardening to plant science to climate change to tours of botanical hot spots, there's something here for you.

Our virtual talks are livestreamed simultaneously to Zoom and YouTube. View talks on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@CNPSSantaClaraValley (no registration needed) or join on Zoom by registering at the Zoom link provided in each lecture's description. Most of

our upcoming talks are listed below. Recordings of our virtual talks and some of our library talks may be viewed on our YouTube channel.

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 9.

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.

Get Inspired!
Install Native Plants
a Talk by Stephanie Morris
(In Person Only)

Thursday May 8 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Cupertino Library Community Room (Second Floor), 10800 Torre Ave., Cupertino

If you've wanted to learn how to install native plants, this talk is for you! Come get inspired and learn how to do it yourself, including an overview of the process, lawn removal options, sheet mulching and step by step photos of planting California natives. Information on types of drip irrigation will also be presented along with photo examples of project installations.

This is Talk #2 in a three-part series. Talk #3 on July 24 will cover native plant garden maintenance: pruning and garden cleanup. Talk #1 on native plant design basics was previously presented in March and will be available in the future on the Chapter's YouTube channel.

Stephanie Morris has been designing California native plant gardens since 1999 in the Bay Area. Her goal is to design creative, beautiful landscapes that are ecologically oriented and practical. Areas of particular focus include suggesting plants for pollinators, converting lawns to drought tolerant plants, incorporating California native plants within existing gardens and combining edible plants with native plant gardens.



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 last Friday of the month. Our next meetings will be on **Fridays, May 23 and June 27 at 7:00pm**. You can learn more and join the email group at:

www.groups.io/g/cnps-scv-photography.

The group has an ongoing #MyPhotoOfTheWeek activity on the email list for group members to share their favorite shots with the group on a weekly basis. Photo Group leader William Lundgren sent us the following #MyPhotoOfTheWeek.



William Lundgren

White-crowned sparrow singing its heart out,
Pt. Lobos, February 2025

Native Plant ID

Native Plant ID is a group that meets once a month on the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm** at the Peninsula Conservation Center, 3921 E Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto. Upcoming meetings **May 27** will focus on *Salvias* and **June 24** will focus on *Asteraceae*. Join other native plant enthusiasts in a fun and educational atmosphere, as we hone our skills at plant identification. For more details visit our website or contact Janet Hoffmann at janet@cnps-scv.org.

Welcome Susan Kelso to Chapter Board

We are happy to announce that our Chapter has a new board member, Susan Kelso. She was voted in at our March 30 board meeting.

Sue's interest in wildflowers was "seeded" by frequent springtime family visits to a local wildflower preserve in Pennsylvania and a lovely, though non-native, garden at her grandma's house in Wisconsin. An interest in travel and photography developed during a tech career in Silicon Valley, where she began to discover California native plants after an early retirement. More recently, she has been known to drive a full day or more with a primary objective of finding and photographing a specific taxon, accompanied by a happy-dance for first-time observations in any of several favorite genera.



Sue is a member of our Field Trip Committee and is active in our Photography Group. She reports that it feels like a natural progression to get more involved in CNPS and discover new ways to give back to the native plant movement.

CONSERVATION CORNER

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's next Conservation Committee meetings will be held via Zoom on **Mondays, May 13 and June 2**, from **7:00 to 8:30pm**. (Note the May meeting will be a week later than usual.)

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.

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Fountain Thistle Work Party May 31

Join Don Thomas and other members of the Santa Clara Valley and Yerba Buena CNPS Chapters for our spring fountain thistle habitat restoration work party **near the intersection of I-280 and Hwy. 92**. We'll meet on **Saturday, May 31 and work from 10am to noon**.

Fountain thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *fontinale*) is a federally endangered plant species that grows in an unusual specialized habitat, serpentine seeps, and is only found at our work location and in a few other nearby locations on the Peninsula.

Fountain thistle's recovery here is a restoration success story. Once almost completely displaced by jubatagrass (Andean pampas grass), it has largely recovered here, as a result of the work done by CNPS volunteers. The CNPS project is a cooperative of our Santa Clara Valley and Yerba Buena Chapters. However, fountain thistle is still under threat from invasion by new jubatagrass seedlings, by other non-native plants and by woody plants threatening to convert the area to shrubland or woodland.



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Crystal Springs lessingia, seen at CNPS fountain thistle worksite, October 2019

In addition, the bordering dry serpentine zone is habitat to another rare plant, Crystal Springs lessingia (*Lessingia arachnoidea*), which is threatened by invasion of yellow star-thistle, fennel, tufted wallaby grass (*Rytidosperma caespitosum*) and other non-native plants. We should be able to observe some late-flowering spring wildflowers.

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

and layered clothing. If you have them, bring tools, such as trowels, spades and shovels. Some tools will also be provided.

We'll meet at the end of Lessingia Court in San Mateo. For more information, contact Don Thomas at donethomasd@gmail.com.

Edgewood Restoration

Help restore habitat at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, known for fabulous wildflowers and amazing diversity near Redwood City. Weeders see far more than weeds: we 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**. During Daylight Savings Time we also weed on **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**. For an overview, please visit www.cnps-scw.org/restoration/edgewood-park.

To participate, join the email list and sign the electronic volunteer agreement, by sending an email to weed-warriors-coord@friendsofthewood.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.

Cataldi Park Native Garden

Join us to restore habitat in San Jose's Cataldi Park. Wear a hat and garden shoes and bring water to stay hydrated. Work gloves will be provided.

We planted more than 100 native plants in the garden last winter. Activities this spring will include weeding, sheet mulching to control weeds, watering, irrigation setup and general maintenance.

How to Volunteer

Workdays are usually held at **9:00am on Saturdays**. If you're interested in volunteering, check the dates and sign up at our Chapter's Meetup page, at www.meetup.com/california-native-plant-society-santa-clara-valley-chapter/.

First-timers: Please bring a signed waiver form, available at lakecunninghamnativegarden.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/2021-volunteer-service-agreement-adoptapark-version.pdf.

Workdays are sometimes rescheduled or canceled. Always RSVP to confirm and check the latest updates Friday night. If you can't make it, please change your RSVP so we know and wait-listers get a chance.

Kirk Park Pollinator Garden

Community volunteers regularly care for this native plant garden at Kirk Park in San Jose. 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.

The park is open every day, so please come visit! The garden is located along the north edge of the park. If you would like to help out, please sign up for our **Saturday** work days on the [CNPS-SCV Meetup page](#). If we know you are coming, we can be sure to have tools available for you to use. We can also notify you if, for some reason, we will not be meeting. New volunteers will need to fill out a form for the City.

Other San Jose Park Gardens That Could Use a Helping Hand

We are working with volunteers at other gardens throughout the area who are creating new native plant pollinator gardens in their neighborhood parks. In April, volunteers at Houge Park started working on **Sunday mornings from 9:00am to noon** to remove weeds in a large patch that will soon become a new native garden. To learn about future workdays at Houge Park, please email HougeNatives@gmail.com.

We will also be helping with sheet mulching at future gardens at Cahalan Park and Solari Park in May and June and could use some extra hands. If you are interested in these projects, please email KirkParkGardens@gmail.com for more information.

Helping out at one of our park projects is a great way for high school students and scouts to get service hours!

Hope to see you in the garden soon!

Annual Wildflowers and a Very Hungry Caterpillar

Photos taken at Kirk Park on March 30, 2025



Kathy Kleinstieber

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 one **Saturday morning** per month. 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.

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. You will see Alum Rock Park Trail Crew as one of the options. The next workday is **Saturday, May 10**. For more information, contact Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (650) 260-3450.

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 page**, 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 page and tap/click the “Attend” button to reserve your spot.

Sat May 24 9:30am – 1:30pm Beginner’s Walk North Whitehouse Trail to Franklin Point (part of Año Nuevo State Park, Hwy 1)

Join co-leaders Toni Gregorio-Bunch and Vicki Silvas-Young on a short beginners walk to botanize and picnic at Franklin Point, located in the northern part of the Año Nuevo State Park on the San Mateo County coast. We will be exploring the surroundings as we walk to Franklin Point, which is the most botanically interesting area of the park.

Some of the 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*) and American dunegrass (*Elymus mollis*). In the coastal scrub community expected species are bee plant (*Scrophularia californica*), coast buckwheat (*Eriogonum latifolium*), maybe sea cliff bluff lettuce (*Dudleya farinosa*) and fleshy jaumea (*Jaumea carnosa*).

Bring your choice of optics and layers of clothing for variable coastal conditions including wind, sun, precipitation and fog. We will be walking on sand dunes for short stretches of this 3-mile hike. For dining on the beach bring food, fluids and something to sit on. Note that there are no bathrooms at Franklin Point. However, flush toilets are located at the main parking lot of Año Nuevo State Park, which will require payment to enter to use the facilities.

RSVP is required to join us for the walk. No drop-ins please and space is limited. See the instructions at the beginning of this Field Trips section to **RSVP on Meetup**. **Driving directions** and parking tips are provided on [our Chapter’s Meetup page](#).

Before signing up, please read the Año Nuevo State Park Welcome page at www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=523. For more information, please contact Toni at 408-373-4497 or Vicki at mrmngwrblr@gmail.com.

Sat Jun 21 9:00am-12:30pm “Power to the Pollinators” Summer Native Plant Community Vernal Pool Tour (Fremont)

At this time of year, the dry vernal pools at the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge are dotted with saline tolerant, warm-season perennials. Join botanists from the Refuge to see plants such as alkali heliotrope (*Heliotropium curassavicum*), alkali mallow (*Malvella leprosa*) and alkali weed (*Cressa truxillensis*). Super bloomers like common spikeweed (*Centromadia*

pungens) and alkali heath (*Frankenia salina*) display masses of flowers, providing important sources of nectar to pollinators.



USFWS

California goldfields surround a vernal pool in Fremont, early May 2024

We'll also seek out rare or unusual plants including Congdon's tarplant (*Centromadia parryi* ssp. *congdonii*), San Joaquin spearscale (*Extriplex joaquinana*) and *Atriplex* species.

This tour takes place in the Refuge's Warm Springs Unit in Fremont. Come see some of the many unique plants of the South Bay's largest vernal pool grassland.

RSVP is required to join the walk. Since this walk is **open to CNPS members only**, please ensure your **CNPS membership** is current. Or visit www.cnps.org to become a member. No drop-ins please and space is limited. To register, please contact Aidona Kakouros at aidona_kakouros@fws.gov. Please indicate in your email 1) that you are interested in the "Power to the Pollinators" tour, 2) how many guests you are bringing, 3) your CNPS Chapter and 4) preferred email to send directions and any other notifications related to the event you are interested in. Directions to the meeting site will be provided nearer to the event date.

Sun Jun 22 9:00am - Noon Bird and Plant ID Walk at Lake Cunningham Park (San Jose)

With the onset of summer, join us for a beginner's bird and plant identification walk through Lake Cunningham Park. This lake is a major destination for waterfowl and migratory birds and its native garden draws many birds due

to its habitat value. On this walk, Vicki Silvas-Young will show you how to identify the common birds of our area, while Arvind Kumar will identify the native plants that they depend on for food and shelter.

The distance is 2 miles round-trip on a level path. Bring a hat, water, your bird and plant lists and binoculars. Wear comfortable walking shoes. **Parking fee is \$6, cash or credit card.**

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

Driving directions and parking tips are provided on [our Chapter's Meetup page](#). Note that **we will be meeting in Parking Lot A** on the east side of the park. This event is cosponsored by CNPS, Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

Thu June 26 10:00am - 2:00pm Sierra Azul Mount Umunhum Trail (San Jose)

Enjoy the San Jose hills hiking through Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve with Tom Lee. The trail passes through serpentine grasslands, chaparral and oak woodlands, each offering a variety of native plants. The trail is 2.8 miles long with an elevation gain of 357 feet. The trail has moderate terrain and ends at the Guadalupe Creek Overlook of the South Bay.

Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, appropriate layering and a hat. Bring snacks, a sack lunch and liquids for the day.

RSVP is required to join us for the walk. No drop-ins please and space is limited. To register, see the instructions at the beginning of this Field Trips section to **RSVP on Meetup.** **Driving directions** are provided on Meetup.



Nabeel Al-Shamma
Golden eardrops (*Ehrendorferia chrysantha*), Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve, June 2024

We'll meet at the Bald Mountain parking lot, which is on Mount Umunhum Road, 1.7 miles from Hicks Road in San Jose. There is a restroom at the parking lot. Parking is somewhat limited so please be on time.

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. This May-June 2025 issue is being distributed by paper/mail **and** online. Our next issue will be distributed online only.

Did You Know?

that there are a good many landscape professionals who live and work in our chapter area who specialize in California **native plant design, installation, and maintenance?** It is no longer difficult to hire a professional who can lead your garden gently on a path towards great ecological beauty and a habitat heaven. Find a professional who specializes in native plants on our website at this link: www.cnps-scv.org/gardening/gardening-with-natives/68-native-plant-professionals.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP FOR 2024-2025

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

<p>DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT <i>BLAZING STAR</i></p> <p>Saturday, June 14</p> <p>carol.mattsson@gmail.com or (408) 309-8314</p>
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Attn: Membership

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

May 8 Thu	Chapter election ballots arrive (1)	Jun 14 Sat	Newsletter submittal deadline (9)
May 8 Thu	Garden Installation – Morris (3)	Jun 21 Sat	Fremont vernal pool field trip (7)
May 13 Mon	Conservation Committee meeting (4)	Jun 22 Sun	Lake Cunningham bird & plant ID (8)
May 14 Wed	Chapter election polls close (1)	Jun 24 Tue	Native Plant ID meeting (4)
May 23 Fri	Photo Group photo sharing (4)	Jun 26 Thu	Mt. Umunhum trail hike (8)
May 24 Sat	Año Nuevo field trip (7)	Jun 27 Fri	Photo Group photo sharing (4)
May 27 Tue	Plant Sale online store opens (2)	Wed & Fri	Edgewood restoration workdays (5)
May 27 Tue	Native Plant ID meeting (4)	Saturdays	Lake Cunningham Garden workdays (9)
May 30 Fri	Plant Sale pickup at nursery (2)	Saturdays	Cataldi Park Garden workdays (5)
May 31 Sat	Fountain thistle work party (5)	Saturdays	Kirk Pollinator Garden workdays (6)
May 31 Sat	Cutting and Seed Exchange + pickup (2)	Saturdays	Alum Rock Park workdays (7)
Jun 2 Mon	Conservation Committee meeting (4)		

The next Chapter board meetings will be **Thursdays, May 15 and June 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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