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## 44<sup>th</sup> WILDFLOWER SHOW

-----CALENDAR LISTING:-----

**44<sup>th</sup> Wildflower Show.** Bring your entire family to this one-day expo showcasing the plant biodiversity of Santa Clara, San Mateo and surrounding counties. The region's premier botanical/horticultural event displays hundreds of local species, accurately labeled and organized by plant community. Opening lecture by CNPS Executive Director Dan Gluesenkamp. Free classes on wildflower sketching, aquaponics, rare plant hot spots, and native plants for beginners; children's activities. Tours of Vasona Creek restoration area. Books, plants, note cards, and wildflower related items on sale. Organized by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and West Valley College. **Saturday, April 28, 2018** 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Science and Math Building, **West Valley College**, 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga. Free parking in Lot 2. For more information: [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org) email: [cnps\\_scv@yahoo.com](mailto:cnps_scv@yahoo.com) or call: 650-260-3450.

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The **44<sup>th</sup> Wildflower Show**, the premier botanical and horticultural event of the South Bay and Peninsula, will take place at **West Valley College in Saratoga** on **Saturday, April 28, 2018**, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is a one-day expo showcasing the plant biodiversity of Santa Clara, San Mateo and surrounding counties. In April many native plants are in full bloom, providing a breathtaking display of natural beauty. Hundreds of species of wildflowers and native plants will be displayed, each accurately labeled, and many suitable for the home garden. Knowledgeable botanists and gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

Many special activities take place in conjunction with the wildflower show. The **Opening Lecture** will be given by CNPS Executive Director **Dan Gluesenkamp**. **Free classes** will be offered on how to sketch wildflowers (featuring noted artist and author **John Muir Laws**), aquaponics, rare plant hot spots, and native plants for beginners. **Tours and a talk** will showcase the restoration of Vasona Creek on campus. Children will also enjoy fun wildflower and nature activities. Books, posters, plants, note cards, and other wildflower-related items will be available for purchase.

The Wildflower Show is a well-known tradition in the South Bay and the Peninsula. Organized by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, this educational event is free and open to the public, and suitable for the entire family. Here one can learn about the broad diversity of California's native flora and pick up ideas for the home garden.

The venue is the **Science and Math Building at West Valley College**, 14000 Fruitvale Ave., conveniently accessible from the Saratoga Ave. exit off Highway 85 in Saratoga. Free parking is available in Lot 2. The Wildflower Show is sponsored by the California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter and West Valley College.

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