



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

September-October 2023

New CNPS SCV Chapter Logo!

When our Chapter was first formed in the early 1970's, we selected Lindley's blazing star, *Mentzelia lindleyi*, as our Chapter's floral emblem. Since then, our main representation of that flower was the line drawing created by Anne Warren and used in our *Blazing Star* newsletter.

Now our Chapter has a beautiful new drawing of Lindley's blazing star to use in print and online. We thank our talented friends at Coyote Brush Studios for creating this wonderful piece of artwork for us!



We will continue to use the classic state CNPS logo, with or without our new Chapter logo alongside, for different purposes. The state CNPS logo depicts the Panamint daisy, *Enceliopsis covillei*, a beautiful rare plant found only in the Panamint Mountains of Death Valley.

Gorgeous **stickers** with our new logo will be available at our **big fall plant sale on Saturday, October 21** and at other Chapter events. Perfect to decorate your water bottle, laptop or other favorite item. Be sure to pick one up!

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Fall Plant Sale Saturday October 21

We are returning to our in-nursery shopping experience for our Chapter's annual fall plant sale this year, scheduled for **Saturday Oct 21 from 10am to 3pm at Hidden Villa** in Los Altos Hills at our nursery. We heard your feedback on how much you missed the in-nursery plant shopping experience, the social interactions and camaraderie of this annual event and we are happy to bring this back, as we

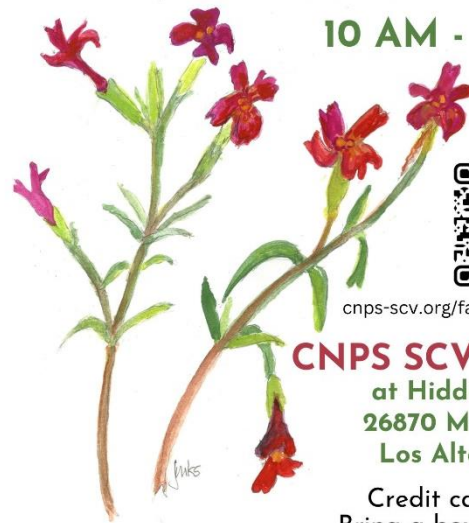
missed you all as well! The sale will feature a wide selection of plants from our nursery and Grassroots Ecology. Come early for the best selections!

We will host a full and fun day with a talk by Kevin Bryant, free wildflower seeds at the Wildflower Ambassadors table; and books, posters and T-shirts available for sale. We'll host other vendors selling native plant-based products, as well as tables from other local environmental organizations.

Native Plant Sale

October 21, 2023

10 AM - 3 PM



cnps-scv.org/fall-plant-sale-2023

CNPS SCV Nursery

at Hidden Villa
26870 Moody Rd
Los Altos Hills

Credit cards only
Bring a box for plants



Santa Clara Valley Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



Experienced native plant gardeners will be available to answer questions about your native plants and garden. Note that this resource is for reasonably short-response questions and not a request for a detailed design of your garden. We offer many native plant resources on our website, at www.cnps-scv.org/gardening/gardening-resources, including a list of native plant professionals who

specialize in native plant designs. Be sure to try Calscape (www.calscape.org), CNPS' searchable guide to California native plants and butterflies. It is the best online resource for native plant garden planning.



Vivian Neou

In-person shopping at CNPS SCV nursery during the October 2018 plant sale

All CNPS members will receive a **five-dollar discount on their plant purchases** (one per member). Not a member? We have a **special discount for new members** who sign up in September or October: \$30 (40% off our recommended membership price of \$50). You can sign up at the sale or in advance at www.bit.ly/SALEFALL23. The page shows the list price of \$50, but will appear as \$30 after you add it to your shopping cart. If you sign up in advance, be sure to bring a printout of your receipt to the membership table, to receive our **Chapter's 50th Anniversary pin**.

More information about the sale is available on our website, at www.cnps-scv.org/fall-plant-sale-2023.

Once again we're asking everyone who can to help with the sale. There are many things to do: help with setup before the sale opens, parking, headcount, box check, answering customers' questions, writing sales slips, helping customers to carry out their purchase and cleaning up after the sale. Most of the tasks don't require expert knowledge of plants, and you can choose to work one or two hours or all day.

To volunteer, check our Chapter website's Plant Sale page (www.cnps-scv.org/fall-plant-sale-2023) for a link to our Plant Sale Volunteer Signup on SignUpGenius. The plant sales are always lots of fun to work at and we provide lunch to volunteers. If you have questions, please contact: Radhika Thekkath at cnpsradhika@gmail.com.

Directions: Hidden Villa is located at 26870 Moody Rd., west of Foothill College. From I-280 in Los Altos Hills, take the Moody Rd. exit and head west. Two mi. west of Foothill College, look for the Hidden Villa sign and driveway on the left. Follow the directions of the parking volunteers to find a parking spot. A short distance from the Hidden Villa driveway entrance, you'll find the sale taking place in the CNPS SCV Nursery, Dana Center building and nearby canopies on the lawn. Parking is free while volunteering or attending a plant sale.

Limited Pop-Up Plant Sale September 2

CNPS SCV Nursery volunteers have had a busy summer propagating plants, and the nursery benches are filling up. Our volunteers do not have time to manage the large number of orders that we receive at our regular pop-up sales, so instead we will have a limited pop-up sale on Saturday, September 2 with a minimum order size of \$250.

As with past pop-up sales, purchases will be through our online store, at california-native-plant-society-santa-clara-valley-chapter.square.site. Free delivery between Belmont and San Jose is included. We will also have a limited number of pickup slots for those of you who prefer coming by the nursery to get your plants. If you have a planting project planned for the fall, this is your opportunity to get plants without competing with a crowd at our fall sale (on October 21 – see page 1 for details). A list of available plants and more details will be emailed to members the week of the sale.



Vivian Neou

Lewisia blooming in the CNPS SCV nursery, August 2023

In addition to plants, Growing Natives Garden Tour T-shirts, books, labels and plant signs will be available at the pop-up sale. Proceeds from plant sales are the major source of funding for Chapter activities and scholarships.

Native Plant Talks

Join us for native plant talks, at our in-person talks at local libraries and online via our Native Plant Lecture Series.

We have one library talk to announce:

Year-Round Color with Native Plants, a Talk by Madeline Morrow

**Tuesday, August 29 7-8:30 PM, Los Altos Library,
Orchard Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

Join us for an in-person talk by Madeline Morrow. Enhancing biodiversity can be beautiful. Learn how to select and group plants with varying bloom times so your garden is never without color. See how to choose different plant forms and include beautiful bark, berry, and seed-producing species for maximum interest all year long. You'll enjoy your garden in every season and so will the bees, butterflies and other insects, lizards, and birds!



Madeline Morrow is one of our Chapter's past presidents and is currently a board member. A former computer programmer, she now volunteers in her community and works extensively on her native garden. Her garden is usually on the CNPS SCV Growing Natives Garden Tour because she is passionate about spreading the word about native plant gardening.

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.

Native Plant Lecture Series

The talks in our 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.

For upcoming talks please see 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 for how to join the email group.)

Recordings of past talks may be viewed on our YouTube channel, at www.youtube.com/@CNPSSantaClaraValley.

The NPLS organizational 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 Vivian Neou at techchair@cnps-scv.org to receive notifications of upcoming meetings.

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.



Charley Pow

The summer-deciduous California polypody (*Polypodium californicum*) fades to brown while the evergreen coastal wood fern (*Dryopteris arguta*) flourishes. This juxtaposition allows us to compare the fronds while making clear the meaning of **summer deciduous**.

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 member Charley Pow sent us the above #MyPhotoOfTheWeek from his Los Altos home garden.

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 on **Fridays, August 25, September 22 and October 27 at 7:00pm**. You can learn more and join the email group at: www.groups.io/g/cnps-scv-photography.

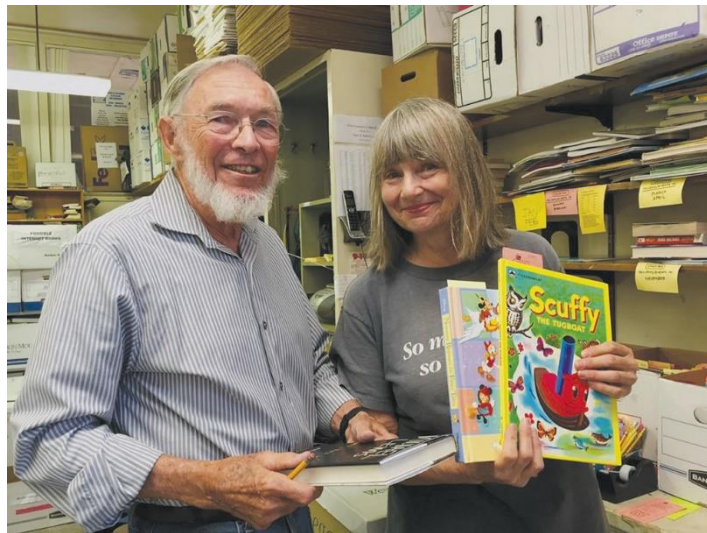
David Struthers Memorial October 29

Chapter members and friends are invited to join us at the Shoup Garden House in Los Altos, to celebrate the life of David Struthers and share memories of him. In case you didn't hear, Chapter member and key volunteer David passed away on May 10 of this year. You can read more about him and his wife Jean in the article on page 10 of the July-August 2023 *Blazing Star*.



Vivian Neou

From lower left, Jean Struthers, David Struthers, and Bart O'Brien in the audience at a talk held during our Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration, October 2022.



Carol Kuiper and Los Altos Town Crier

Retired teachers Dave Struthers (left) and Sandy Speier (right) sort and price donated books as volunteers of Friends of the Library of Los Altos and Community in 2015.

The memorial will take place on Sunday, October 29 from 2pm to 5pm. David's family and friends will talk about David. **Bart O'Brien will give a talk on the plants of Carson Pass**, a favorite hiking spot for David and Jean. Bring your photos of David to show, or upload them here www.dropbox.com/request/rvXsBevfQwbKhn5cnobU to include them in a slideshow at the event. Refreshments will be served. We are thinking of cake and wine.

Jean Struthers is organizing the event and she would like help with the room setup and cleanup. Room setup begins at 1pm and cleanup/takedown will be from 5pm to 6pm. **If you'd like to help**, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49A9A729AAFD0-dave.

Jean also requests, that if you'd like to share something about David at the memorial, please contact her at (650) 941-2586 or JeanStruthers@att.net.

Directions: From I-280 take the El Monte exit east. Turn left (north) on University Ave. The Garden House is about a quarter mile ahead on the left (west) side of the street. From Hwy. 101, take the San Antonio exit west/south. Then turn right on Main St. in Los Altos (3rd stoplight after crossing El Camino Real). Cross Foothill Expy. and turn left immediately onto University Ave. The Garden House is a short distance ahead on the right.

Save the Date! Potluck November 4

We're looking forward to the return of our annual fall potluck! We've set the date for Saturday November 4, to hold the potluck at the Shoup Garden House in Los Altos. See future issues of the *Blazing Star* for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Research Scholarship Applications Open

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 Wednesday, November 1.** Check www.cnps-scv.org/research-scholarships for more information.

GNGT

Gardens Wanted for 2024 Growing Natives Garden Tour

Calling all landscape designers, homeowners and community garden leaders: The Growing Natives Garden Tour (GNGT) is seeking home and public gardens located in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties for next year's tour, scheduled for **Saturday, April 13** (North) and **Sunday, April 14** (South), 2024.



Renate Kempf

May-blooming flowers use contrast (in color, texture, shape, blooms, leaves and foreground vs. background) to create interest and drama. Yellow flowers of bladderpod in the foreground. Learn more about this garden at

gngt.org/GNGT/GardenHT.php?year=2018&qid=foxborough

Gardens should feature California native plants prominently (i.e., native plants should be at least 70% of the garden and the garden should not include invasive plants). We are looking for attractive gardens that showcase our beautiful

native plants, and promote habitat creation, sustainability and water conservation. Designers and/or homeowners must be available as docents or greeters for the garden on their tour day. For more information and to **submit your garden**, please visit gngt.org. The **submittal deadline is Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

CONSERVATION CORNER

Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's next Conservation Committee meetings will be held via Zoom on **Tuesdays, September 12 and October 10**, from **7:00 to 8:30pm**.

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

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

CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

Fountain Thistle Workday Coming Up

In June we conducted another successful Caltrans fountain thistle habitat restoration work party, in partnership with the Yerba Buena Chapter of CNPS.

Fountain thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *fontinale*) is a federally endangered plant species that grows in a unique habitat, serpentine seeps, which is quite distinct from the typical dry, rocky serpentine habitat. The population we are restoring is on Caltrans land near the intersection of Highway 92 and Interstate 280.

In June we removed a variety of invasive plants, including jubata grass (*Cortaderia jubata*, also known as Andean pampas grass) from the seep habitat. (See photo below.) We also removed other weeds, including yellow star-thistle, that are invading the dry serpentine area between seeps, which is habitat for another rare plant, Crystal Springs

lessingia (*Lessingia arachnoidea*). During the work session we discovered a colony of another native thistle, the brownie thistle (*Cirsium quercetorum*), a coastal species closely related to fountain thistle.



Don Thomas

Volunteers uproot invasive jubata grass from the Caltrans fountain thistle restoration area, June 2023. Fountain thistle is visible in the right foreground.

We are presently planning our follow-up fall work party, which will take place in October or November. For an announcement with details, please check our Chapter Meetup page at www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter.

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 special extra workdays.

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. Note that Alum

Rock Park is still closed to vehicles but pedestrians, bikes and horses are allowed. Several trails are still closed.

Forms and **reservations** are required to volunteer. For more information, including meeting location, contact Stephen Rosenthal at 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 2-acre area and beautifies it with California native wildflowers, perennials, shrubs and trees.

Workdays continue on **Saturdays from 8am to 10am**. New volunteers are welcome; City-issued guidelines are followed. During the summer months, we remove invasives throughout the park. 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.



Ashok Jethanandani

Attendees pause below a large valley oak at the First Day of Fall Bird & Plant ID walk at Lake Cunningham Park, San Jose, September 2022

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.

Our **5:30pm Wednesday sessions** continue until the end of Daylight Savings Time. We also weed year-round **every Friday at 9am**. For an overview, please visit

www.cnps-scv.org/restoration/edgewood-park. **New volunteers** please contact Paul Heiple at pheiple@gmail.com or (650) 854-7125.

Please check the mailing list for each weeding session's meeting place. Contact Paul to join the mailing list.

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, cancellations 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/. Find your event within the page and tap/click the "Attend" button to reserve your spot.

Sun Sept 24 9am - 12noon Bird and Plant ID Walk at Lake Cunningham Park (San Jose)

At the onset of Fall, 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.

Space is limited. No drop-ins please. **To complete the required RSVP**, please visit our [Chapter's Meetup page](#). Driving directions and parking tips are provided on the Meetup page. We'll meet at the Marina parking lot at **9am**. Cosponsored by CNPS, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

Sun Nov 5 10am – 3pm Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve (Morgan Hill)

Berries for Birds: A Beginner's Plant ID & Habitat Walk

Fall is the time when seeds and fruit of many native plants ripen and mature. This coincides with the start of the wet season, maximizing the potential for germination and propagation of the species. The fruit and seed bonanza sustains a wide variety of wildlife, including many types of birds and mammals. Some fauna play a key role in the dispersal and improved germination of these plants.

Join Arvind Kumar and Ashok Jethanandani on this beginner's plant ID and habitat walk to look for a variety of native berries and fruit such as oak acorns, bay laurel nuts, buckeye nuts, holly-leaved cherries and a wide range of berries: madrone, manzanita, toyon, poison oak, coffeeberry, honeysuckle, elderberry, redberry and snowberry. Beginners interested in plant identification are welcome; prior knowledge of native plants or botany is not required.



Arvind Kumar
Northern mockingbird snacking on toyon
(*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)

Note: we will focus on the wildlife value of these fruits, not on their edibility for humans. Picking plant material of any kind is prohibited in Open Space Authority lands.

Wear good hiking shoes. Bring a hat, a bag lunch and plenty of water/fluids. Drinking water is not available in the preserve. Dress in layers, and appropriately for late fall weather. Heavy rain cancels. We will walk the Mayfair Ranch Trail-Longwall Canyon Trail loop. The distance covered is 4.3 miles with 500' of elevation gain. **Meet in the preserve parking lot at 10am.**

Space is limited. No drop-ins please. **To complete the required RSVP**, please visit our [Chapter's Meetup page](#). Driving directions and parking tips are provided on the Meetup page.

Or you may reserve your spot at the OSA Events page: www.openspaceauthority.org/visitors/events.html.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Activities from Other Organizations

Native Plant Talks by Master Gardeners

The UC Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County list many events in their events calendar, including talks on California native plants. We list three upcoming native plant talks. Talk details are published about a month before the talk. The events calendar may be found here: mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/events-calendar.

Saturday, September 16, 10 am
Planting California Natives for Year-round Beauty,
a talk by Paula Stapleton
Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden Pavilion
Martial Cottle Park, Chynoweth Ave. entrance
(Google Plus code: 7556+JP San Jose, California)

Description: Can a California native garden look wonderful year-round without lots of work and water? Yes! We'll talk about designing an easy-care showstopper including site/style considerations and plant choices that keep the birds, bees, butterflies and your neighbors happy throughout the dry, hot summers and cool, wet winters of Santa Clara County. You'll go home with many ideas for what plants to look for as you prepare for the Fall planting season.

Saturday, October 14, 1-2:30 pm
Local California Natives for Your Garden,
a talk by Carol Peck
Sunnyvale Public Library Program Room
665 W Olive Ave., Sunnyvale

Description: Learn about some beautiful California native plants that grow in your area and can grow easily in your yard. These plants provide flowers and attract pollinators such as butterflies. Some are even edible. All use less water than a lawn.



Neal Kramer on CalPhotos
 Common Tidy Tips (*Layia platyglossa*) grow wild in our Chapter area. The flowers attract many species of insects, especially butterflies. It is an important nectar plant for Checkerspot butterflies. Learn more at [www.calscape.org/Layia-platyglossa-\(Common-Tidy-Tips\)](http://www.calscape.org/Layia-platyglossa-(Common-Tidy-Tips)).

Saturday, October 21, 10 am
Replace your lawn with CA Natives,
a talk by Nirmala Rajesh
Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden Pavilion
Martial Cottle Park, Chynoweth Ave. entrance
(Google Plus code: 7556+JP San Jose, California)

Description: check the Master Gardener's calendar within about a month of the talk date, at mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/events-calendar.

NEWSLETTER, ETC.

Stay in Touch!

Some late-breaking events don't make it into the newsletter and are announced electronically. Stay informed by making sure that your contact information is correct. Please visit www.cnps-scv.org/stay-in-touch for information on how you can continue to receive email to stay informed.

This *Blazing Star* newsletter is published **mostly** online only, at: www.cnps-scv.org/blazing-star-newsletter. Our next online **and** paper version will be the 2024 March-April issue.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP FOR 2023-2024

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

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *BLAZING STAR*

Saturday, October 14

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

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| Aug 25 Fri | Photo Group photo sharing (3) | Oct 29 Sun | David Struthers Memorial (4) |
| Aug 29 Tue | Year-Round Color – Morrow (3) | TBD | Fountain Thistle Workday (5) |
| Sep 2 Sat | Pop-Up Native Plant Sale (2) | Nov 1 Wed | Research Scholarship Apps. Due (5) |
| Sep 12 Tue | Conservation Committee meeting (5) | Nov 4 Sat | Annual Chapter Potluck (4) |
| Sep 22 Fri | Photo Group photo sharing (3) | Nov 5 Sun | Rancho Cañada del Oro field trip (4) |
| Sep 24 Sun | Lake Cunningham bird & plant ID (7) | Nov 7 Tue | GNGT Garden Submittals Due (5) |
| Oct 10 Tue | Conservation Committee meeting (5) | Mon & Wed | Alum Rock workdays (6) |
| Oct 14 Sat | Newsletter submittal deadline | Saturdays | Lake Cunningham workdays (6) |
| Oct 21 Sat | Fall native plant sale (1) | Wed & Fri | Edgewood workdays (6) |
| Oct 27 Fri | Photo Group photo sharing (3) | | |

The next Chapter board meetings will be **Thursdays, September 21 and October 19** at **7:00pm** over Zoom.

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

For more information contact Radhika Thekkath at cnpsradhika@gmail.com.

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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