



California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

# ***THE BLAZING STAR***

*September-October 2012*

## **GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM**

**Friday, September 21, 7:30 PM**  
**Los Altos Library Program Room**  
**13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

**Topic: The Secret Life of Fungi**  
**Speaker: Dr. John Taylor**  
Professor of Plant and Microbial Biology  
UC Berkeley

The study of evolution is dominated by animals and plants, that is, big organisms. Microbes have contributed less to evolutionary studies primarily because they are too small to see by ordinary means. Beginning in the late 19th century and continuing to the present, microbes have been assumed to be everywhere and spring to action whenever the appropriate environment becomes available. In the past decade, inexpensive DNA sequencing has allowed microbiologists to enter the debate with results that have overturned the idea that, when it comes to microbes, “everything is everywhere.” In fact, several studies will be presented that argue for fungi being the best organisms to turn the normal approach to evolution and ecology on its head in what is becoming known as “reverse ecology.”

John W. Taylor is a Professor of Plant and Microbial Biology and a Curator of the University Herbarium, both at the University of California at Berkeley. Research in his laboratory focuses on the evolution of fungi, including fungal phylogenetic relationships, the timing of deep fungal



*Delia Taylor*

John Taylor with a burned shrubby magnolia sporting many small *Neurospora* colonies

divergences, species recognition, the maintenance of species, phylogenomics, and population genomics. He received an MS in Botany from the University of California at Davis in 1974 and a PhD in Mycology from the University of California at Davis in 1978.

Dr. Taylor served as President of the Mycological Society of America and currently is President of the International Mycological Association. He is a fellow of the California Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Microbiology. He and his wife Delia Taylor are long-time members of the East Bay Chapter of CNPS.

**Directions: From Foothill Expy.**, travel ½ mile on San Antonio Rd. towards the Bay, cross Hillview and turn right into the driveway; the library is on the left. **From El Camino Real**, 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, send an email to [cnps\\_scv@yahoo.com](mailto:cnps_scv@yahoo.com) or leave a message on our Chapter phone at (408) 260-3450 and your call will be returned.

## **Save the Date!**

Our November Chapter General Meeting will include our **annual potluck dinner and Chapter elections**. It will be held on **Saturday, November 10** at the Shoup Garden House in Los Altos.

## **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

### **Fall Native Plant Sale October 20** **Calling All Gardeners to Volunteer!**

Our Fall Native Plant Sale will be held on **Saturday, October 20**, from **10am to 3pm** at our Hidden Villa nursery. 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.

When you are not volunteering, you can attend the free class on "**Success with Native Plants for Beginners**" by Kevin Bryant from **1-2pm**. You can also browse the native plant books, posters, and note cards for sale and even buy native plants for your garden. Check the Chapter website after mid-September for **sale plant listings and quantities**.

Before the sale, you can help during our regular **Wednesday and Thursday** work sessions at the nursery from **noon to 3pm** (note the time switch to our **winter hours, noon to 3pm**, starting in September).

The two workdays before the sale will help prepare the nursery and label plants. We'll work from **noon to 3pm** on **Wednesday and Thursday, October 17th and 18th**.

On the day of the sale, we will need people to:

- Help set up at **8am**, before the sale
- Help with parking
- Answer customers' questions about the plants and help them decide which plants to purchase
- Write up the sales tags before customers go to the cashiers to pay for their plants
- Work as cashiers
- 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 sign up, please contact one of the coordinators below, depending on your interest:

#### **Horticultural consultation and miscellaneous:**

Ann Harding (408) 260-2271, Ann.Harding@att.net  
Ray Deutsch (650) 365-6136, ray.deutsch@yahoo.ca  
Jean Struthers (650) 941-2586, JeanStruthers@att.net  
Melanie Cross (650) 947-1325, melanie@pcross.com

#### **Writing sales tags and/or cashiering:**

Georgia Stigall (650) 941-1068,  
GeorgiaStigall@yahoo.com

#### **Parking (directing customers in the lot):**

Stephen Buckhout (408) 255-6233, yscottie@pacbell.net

**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. The parking monitors will direct you to a parking location. The Native Plant Nursery is at the greenhouse just beyond the visitor center.

When you come to the sale to purchase plants, please bring boxes or other containers in which to carry home your purchases. **Cash or check only please, no credit cards.**

### **Gardening with Natives**

Gardening with Natives (GWN), a special interest group within the Chapter, includes a mix of landscape architects, designers, seasoned native plant gardeners and beginners. The group offers many talks throughout the year which are free and open to all.

This year's theme is *Designing Your Native Plant Garden*. We have divided the design work into twelve tasks, each covered by one lecture per month. The lectures start with planning and end with maintenance. We also present talks which cover other aspects of native plant gardening. **Four talks are**

**scheduled during September and October**, so please spread the word. For more information, visit **www.GardeningWithNatives.com**.

These programs are made possible by volunteers who help with program logistics and by co-sponsoring libraries. If you would like to help organize similar programming at a library near you, contact arvind.kumar@cnps.org.

Tuesday, September 4 7:00 PM, Saratoga

**Irrigating Your Native Garden:  
Drip, Spray, Hand or No Water  
A talk by Lori Palmquist**

Join us for the ninth presentation in our 12-part *Designing Your Native Plant Garden* series for a discussion on how to irrigate native plants in the landscape. We will explore the unique requirements of natives due to their adaptation to our dry California summers. The discussion will include:

setting up hydro zones, deciding between drip and spray, determining the water needs of any given plant, and creating watering schedules for different times of the year.

**Lori Palmquist** is a certified irrigation designer with over 20 years of experience. For the past three years, she has been focusing on irrigation training programs and workshops for both landscape professionals and homeowners in the Bay Area and Sacramento.

Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga,  
(408) 867-6126

Thursday, September 13 7:00 PM, Morgan Hill

**Edible Native Plants**  
**A lecture by Alrie Middlebrook**

Over 1,000 species of native plants were used as food by native Californians. This presentation will explore 15-20 native edible plants that have been selected for their nutritional value, popularity with mainstream culture, and ease of assimilation into home gardens. They include: acorns, elderberry, mesquite, prickly pear, chia, watercress, nettles, huckleberry, quail bush, miner's lettuce, yampah, and agave.

The speaker will describe the native people's methods for growing, harvesting, preparing, and eating edibles, while discussing today's gardening and harvesting methods. She will display some live native plants, share recipes, and bring a few foods to taste.

**Alrie Middlebrook** is a committed advocate and practitioner of a sustainable lifestyle, a landscape professional, and California native plant specialist. Her San Jose build/design firm, Middlebrook Gardens, has installed over 150 California native gardens and remains on the leading edge of the rising sustainability movement. She recently published the California native plant cookbook, *Eating California*.

Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill,  
(408) 779-3196

Thursday, October 4, 7:00 PM, San Carlos

**Buying, Planting, and Establishing Native Plants**  
**A talk by Dee Wong**

It is fall and the rains will soon be here — now is the time to plant your native garden. In this tenth presentation of

our 12-part *Designing Your Native Plant Garden* series, you'll learn the secrets of how and where to buy natives. You'll find out how to plant your newly purchased finds and get them off to a good start.

Lecturer **Dee Wong** will draw from her many years of field experience managing the maintenance division at The Village Gardener to show you how she guides her team of gardeners to care for and maintain beautiful native plant gardens. Dee has a degree in Environmental Horticulture and passion for using sustainable landscape management practices and California native plants. She is also an avid wild plant and flower photographer, hiking all over the Bay Area learning from Mother Nature's classroom.

San Carlos Library, 610 Elm Street, San Carlos,  
(650) 591-0341 x237

Wednesday, October 17 7:00 PM, Campbell

**Local Natives for Bay Area Gardens**  
**A talk by Arvind Kumar**

As a world hotspot of biodiversity, California has nearly as many species of native plants as the rest of the country and Canada combined! Many of these plants are suitable for home gardens and have been grown in Europe for over a century. Come to this talk to learn about plants native to the Bay Area and which ones are easy to grow as well as beautiful. Give your garden a sense of place, a sense of California, by using local native plants. Plant lists will be available.

**Arvind Kumar** has been gardening with native plants for over 10 years and is the president of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Ave., Campbell,  
(408) 866-1991

**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. We discuss the various plant books and practice keying with them. Microscopes are also available.

The upcoming dates are **Fridays, August 31, September 28, and October 26, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm**. We meet at the Peninsula Conservation Center (PCC), 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. For more information, please



contact Dave “Tex” Houston at 350co2now@gmail.com or (650) 303-2777; or Sally Casey at (408) 377-0989.

**Directions to PCC:** From Hwy. 101 northbound, take the “San Antonio North” exit, get immediately into the left-hand turn lane, and turn LEFT onto East Bayshore. This will curve around to the left, then right. Turn right on Corporation Way. Then turn into the first driveway on your left, which leads to the PCC parking lot. The meeting rooms are on the first floor.

## Chapter Fall Symposium September 29



Pete Veilleux

### Do-It-Yourself Native Plantscaping

#### A one-day symposium on native plant gardening from design to installation to care

**On Saturday, September 29**, our Chapter will present its second annual symposium on native plant gardening and design at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. The theme is how to design, install, and care for native plant gardens. Save money, save water, and save the environment, all at the same time by using a native plantscape. If you are a homeowner looking for practical tips or a landscape professional wanting to hone or refresh your skills, you will enjoy this one-day event.

The speakers are accomplished professionals, master gardeners, and authors: Peigi Duvall, Deva Luna, Sherri Osaka, Nancy Bauer, and Helen Popper. The program includes refreshments, lunch, and reception. Books and plants will be available for sale.

The symposium is organized by the California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter), hosted by Foothill College’s Environmental Horticulture Department, and sponsored by Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Discounts are available for CNPS members and students. Space is limited, so early registration is

recommended. Please visit [www.symposium.cnps-scv.org](http://www.symposium.cnps-scv.org) for information on how to register.

We need **volunteers** to help with the symposium, including help with publicity, registration, signage, and parking. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Arvind Kumar at [arvind.kumar@cnps.org](mailto:arvind.kumar@cnps.org) or (408) 715-7020.

## RARE PLANT NEWS

### A New Rare Plant in Santa Clara County

The state CNPS rare plant committee is adding a new plant, found in Santa Clara County, to the state rare plant list. The plant, the warty popcorn flower (*Plagiobothrys verrucosus*) is known only in California from two locations, on private property, east of Mt Hamilton. It is, however, more commonly found in Argentina and Chile. Therefore, a rating of 2.1 (rare or endangered in California, more common elsewhere) is being proposed. The plant was formerly classified as *Plagiobothrys myosotoides* but a review by botanists working on the latest revision of *The Jepson Manual* concluded that the correct identification of this species is the same as the more common plant found in South America. How can it be that a very few occurrences of a plant common in South America show up here on the back side of Mt. Hamilton? It’s not so unusual, say botanic experts.

The popcorn flower is a member of the Borage family. Many other members of that family have a similar distribution, occurring in California and South America. Eminent botanist Peter Raven has observed “Most instances of a trans-tropical distribution between North and South America likely arose from long-distance dispersal by migrating birds in the past several hundred thousand years.”

Wow, a rare plant brought here by birds, long ago, from far away.

YOU TOO could identify a new rare plant, starting by attending one of CNPS’s upcoming rare plant trainings. Reading on ...

### Rare Plant Survey Training Sep. & Oct.

We have had two very successful Rare Plant trainings so far this year. Our Chapter’s Rare Plant committee will have two more trainings in 2012. The purpose of these sessions is to **teach volunteers how to document rare plant populations**. Attendees will learn how to fill out a California Native Species Field Survey Form, map the rare plant to delineate the population boundaries using a GPS,

count or estimate the number of individuals, describe the habitat and list the associated species within each population.

For more information about the CNPS Rare Plant Program visit [www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/).

#### Rare Plant Survey Training Dates (Saturdays):

September 22	San Mateo County
<b>October 6</b> (Note date change!)	Santa Clara County

**To sign up** for one of these sessions contact Toni Corelli at [corelli@coastside.net](mailto:corelli@coastside.net) or (650) 726-0689.

Only ten people will be at each training session. Each training will be from **10am – 2pm**. Location information will be given once you sign up. Approximate locations are given for the dates indicated above. Bring lunch and after the training we can walk the trails of the area surveyed.

Field work not your cup of tea? Learn other ways to help native plants survive and save habitat by attending one of our upcoming LiveCorps meetings - read on ...

## LiveCorps Needs You!

LiveCorps, our Chapter conservation committee, needs people who are interested in helping to monitor rare and endangered plants and in monitoring the government agencies whose decisions impact every aspect of these plants' habitat and survival. We need people willing to write emails and/or speak at public meetings. We also need people to join us as we put on our work gloves and restore habitat by pulling weeds and planting natives. We are a passionate group and we bring cookies.

We meet on the **third Tuesday of the month at 7pm** at the PCC. Our next meetings will be **September 18th and October 16th**. Please join our energetic and involved group of volunteers!

To join the LiveCorps mailing list, or if you have questions, ideas or concerns, please contact the chair: Linda Ruthruff

at [ldruff@hotmail.com](mailto:ldruff@hotmail.com). For **directions** to the PCC, please see the Keying with Natives article earlier.

## CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

### Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park

Come pitch in and make Edgewood an inspirational showcase of all CNPS stands for... have some fun, get some sun, and learn a ton!

Weeding sessions take place at the following times:

- **Friday mornings** throughout the year, starting at **9am**
- **Wednesday evenings** during daylight savings time starting at **5:30pm**. We'll meet at the West Kiosk through October 31. Since DST ends on November 4 for 2012, our last Wednesday session will be October 31.



*Toni Corelli*

Volunteers learn to document rare plant populations in South San Jose at May 12 Chapter rare plant training session

7125 or [pheiple@gmail.com](mailto:pheiple@gmail.com), or email John Allen at [jcakwa@earthlink.net](mailto:jcakwa@earthlink.net).

Our last **Saturday session** for the season will be on **September 29 at 9am**, to celebrate National Public Lands Day. We will meet at the West Kiosk.

For schedules, meeting places, and other details visit our Weed Warriors website at **edgewood.thinkersrus.net**, contact Paul Heiple at (650) 854-

## CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS

Chapter field trips are generally free and 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 & 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.

### Sun Oct 21 Uvas Canyon County Park (Morgan Hill) 10am - 3pm

Join 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.

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 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 2.3 mi. to McKean Rd. Turn left onto McKean. (McKean becomes Uvas Rd. 2.2 miles 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*News and Activities from Other Organizations*

### Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour – Fall Events in the East Bay

This year, for the first time, the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is sponsoring a series of fall events.

On **Sunday, October 7, from 10am – 4pm**, a free **Native Plant Sale Extravaganza** is taking place. Shop at eight different locations for those hard-to-find natives at the right time of year to plant them. (Natives will be sold in Berkeley, Concord, Moraga, Oakland, Orinda, Richmond, San Lorenzo, and San Pablo.) While attendance is free, registration is required.

In addition to the Extravaganza, **eight Select Tours**—small group, guided excursions—are being offered for \$30 per

person **throughout September and October**. Topics include visiting native gardens with the designers who created them; installing a greywater system to use the water in the garden; and sheet-mulching your lawns away and installing native gardens in their place.

For full details of each event visit **www.BringingBackTheNatives.net**. Or contact Kathy Kramer, Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour Coordinator, at (510) 236-9558 or [kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net](mailto:kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net).

## CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2012

To learn more about volunteering with the Chapter, to ask questions or to give suggestions, please contact any of the officers listed below.

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To join our Chapter email list please use the signup link at the bottom of our Chapter home page at **www.cnps-scvc.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” at the bottom of “My Profile.”

The latest Blazing Star newsletter is always online at **cnps-scvc.org/phocadownload/current-newsletter.pdf**. To view other issues, visit the Chapter website’s newsletter page.

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

**Saturday, October 6, 2012**

**Email: [mattsson@surfpix.net](mailto:mattsson@surfpix.net)  
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 pulling weeds! Contact the listed organizers for details.

### **CNPS Native Nursery Workdays**

Propagating and growing native plants at Hidden Villa Wed. and Thu. afternoons. See page 2 for details. Every Wed. & Thu afternoons. (See p. 2 for times.)  
Jean Struthers (650) 941-2586 JeanStruthers@att.net  
Ray Deutsch (650) 365-6136 ray.deutsch@yahoo.ca  
Melanie Cross (650) 947-1325 melanie@pcross.com

### **Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education Center in Alviso**

Upland habitat restoration: remove invasives, plant CA natives. Tuesdays 9:30am - 2pm  
Genie\_Moore@fws.gov  
(408) 262-5513 x100

Garden workdays twice a quarter on Saturdays. Visit [www.fws.gov/desfbay/Tideline/Activity.htm](http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/Tideline/Activity.htm) and click on "Activities." Debra King (408) 262-5513 x102.

### **Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve**

Invasive species removal Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings. For details see page 5 or [edgewood.thinkersrus.net](http://edgewood.thinkersrus.net)

### **Edgewood Adopt-A-Highway** I-280 at Edgewood Road Park & Ride.

1st Saturday of even numbered months 8:30am  
1st Sunday of odd numbered months 8:30am  
adoptahighway-coordinator@friendsofpedgewood.org  
(650) 369-2222  
[www.friendsofpedgewood.org/adopt-a-highway](http://www.friendsofpedgewood.org/adopt-a-highway)

### **Alum Rock Park Volunteers**

Invasive removal and restoration at Inspiration Point 3rd Saturdays (except Apr. & Oct. on 2nd Sat.) 8am – noon. Steve Rosenthal sailinSteve@sbcglobal.net  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/alumrockparkvolunteers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alumrockparkvolunteers)

### **Foothills Park in Palo Alto**

Broom and Thistle Eradication - Sundays 9am - noon  
Bob Roth BobRoth@lavabit.com (650) 321-7882  
[www.fofpark.org/volunteer.htm](http://www.fofpark.org/volunteer.htm)

### **Lake Cunningham Park's Native Garden**

2305 S. White Road, San Jose. Saturday or Sunday AM:  
Oct 1 through May 31: 9am to 12noon  
June 1 through Sep 30: 8am to 11am. Wednesday AM:  
contact Susan Sundberg sundberg27@yahoo.com  
Arvind Kumar chhaprahiya@yahoo.com  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/lakecunninghamvolunteers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lakecunninghamvolunteers)

### **Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District**

Projects include fence reconstruction and weeding. volunteer@openspace.org or (650) 691-1200. See website for signup form and calendar: [www.openspace.org/volunteer/outdoor\\_service\\_projects.asp](http://www.openspace.org/volunteer/outdoor_service_projects.asp)



Steve Rosenthal

Volunteers spread mulch at Lake Cunningham Park in San Jose

### **Pearson-Arastradero Preserve in Palo Alto**

Habitat restoration, adopt a stretch of creek to steward, conduct research, help out at nursery, and of course, Invasive species removal. See website for listings & signup link, or contact Stewardship Program Director Alexv@acterra.org or 650-962-9876 x315  
[acterra.org/programs/stewardship/get\\_involved.html](http://acterra.org/programs/stewardship/get_involved.html)

### **Santa Clara County Open Space Authority**

Activities include habitat improvement and land stewardship. volunteer@openspaceauthority.org (408) 224-7476 x27 [www.openspaceauthority.org/volunteer](http://www.openspaceauthority.org/volunteer)

### **Magic - Stanford Dish Oak Habitat Stewardship**

Plant oaks and other native plants; mulch and remove invasive species; water oaks and other new plantings. Saturday mornings 10am, winter and spring. Thursday evenings 5:20pm, summer and early fall. Details and sign up: Robin Bayer, Magic. robin@ecomagic.org.

### **Ulistac Natural Area Restoration Workdays**

Watering, weeding, mulching, and planting oaks and native plants in Santa Clara. 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday mornings each month ulistac@gmail.com (408) 482-7608. [www.scu.edu/cas/esi/ulistac/volunteer.cfm](http://www.scu.edu/cas/esi/ulistac/volunteer.cfm)

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## FIRST-CLASS

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

**Aug 31 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)

**Sep 4 Tue** GWN – Irrigation - Palmquist (2)

**Sep 13 Thu** GWN – Edible Plants - Middlebrook (3)

**Sep 18 Tue** LiveCorps (conservation) meeting (5)

**Sep 21 Fri** **General Meeting – Fungi/Taylor** (1)

**Sep 22 Sat** Rare Plant Survey Training (5)

**Sep 28 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)

**Sep 29 Sat** Edgewood Saturday weeding (5)

**Sep 29 Sat** **Symposium – Lawn Alternatives** (4)

**Oct 4 Thu** GWN – Establishing Natives - Wong (3)

**Oct 6 Sat** Rare Plant Survey Training (5)

**Oct 6 Sat** **Newsletter Deadline** (6)

**Oct 11 Thu** **Chapter Board meeting**

**Oct 16 Tue** LiveCorps (conservation) meeting (5)

**Oct 17 Wed** Special Nursery Workday (2)

**Oct 17 Wed** GWN – Local Natives - Kumar (3)

**Oct 18 Thu** Special Nursery Workday (2)

**Oct 20 Sat** **Fall Native Plant Sale** at Hidden Villa (1)

**Oct 21 Sun** Uvas Canyon field trip (6)

**Oct 25 Thu** **Newsletter Mailing Party 10am PCC**

**Oct 26 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)

**Wed & Thu afts.** Nursery work sessions (2)

**Fri morns, Weds Eves.** Edgewood Park weeding (5)

Next Chapter **Board meeting** will be **Thursday, October 11 at 7:00pm** at PCC, 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto.

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

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 concerning a new membership, renewal of a current membership, or if you wish to report a **change of address**, please contact the Membership Chairperson, CNPS, 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303 or email [membership@cnps-scv.org](mailto:membership@cnps-scv.org).

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