



California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

# ***THE BLAZING STAR***

*September-October 2010*

## **GENERAL MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

We have a bonus General Meeting to announce in this newsletter: besides our usual General meeting on Friday September 17, Mike Hamilton will speak on the Blue Oak Ranch Reserve in Los Altos on Friday, October 1.

**Friday, September 17, 7:30 PM**  
**Los Altos Library Program Room**  
**13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

**What's the Difference Between a Garden  
and a Plant Collection?**  
Speaker: **Dr. Paul Licht,**  
**Director, University of California Botanical Garden**

All gardens contain plants but not all gardens serve the same purposes. In particular, despite the use of plants, not all gardens represent significant plant collections. This distinction may be critical for the value of gardens for future conservation purposes as well as for their educational value. A comparison of gardens from around the world, from North America and from the Bay Area will give insights into the potential role of gardens as "Noah's Arks" for the world's flora.

Dr. Licht joined the UC Berkeley faculty in the Department of Zoology in 1964 and has spent the last 46 years serving in various capacities at Cal, most recently as Director of the University of California Botanical Garden. His research was initially in environmental physiology (how animals adapt to extreme environments) and then shifted to the endocrinology of reproduction, primarily in reptiles and amphibians. That eventually led to his involvement in a large campus project on African hyenas; that colony is now a neighbor of the Botanical Garden. Dr. Licht later served as Departmental Chair, Dean of Biological Sciences and Executive Dean of the College of Letters and Science.

Although the 300 publications generated by his research were all in animal physiology, Dr. Licht's background is not devoid of plants. He had extensive course work in botany and later co-taught introductory biology with several eminent Berkeley botanists. When he went into the Dean's office, he started improving a modest garden patch and eventually developed a fanatical love of gardening and gardens. It was during that period that he rediscovered and fell in love with the UC Botanical Garden and became more intimately involved in its operation. During his tenure as Dean he was successful in funding the new major research greenhouse at a cost of nearly \$2 million.

Dr. Licht stepped down from the Dean's office at the end of 2002 with the intent of taking a restorative sabbatical and then retiring. However, when the opportunity arose to step into the role of Director at the Botanical Garden, he couldn't say no.

**See directions to the Los Altos Library on the next page.**

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**Blue Oak Ranch Reserve:  
Creating a Legacy of Field Research in  
Santa Clara County**  
Speaker: **Mike Hamilton,**  
**Director, Blue Oak Ranch Reserve**

**Blue Oak Ranch Reserve** is a 3260-acre parcel in the Mount Hamilton Range, only 7 miles east of downtown San Jose but a world apart botanically and ecologically. It has an elevation range of 1500' to 2800' with grand views of Mount Hamilton to the east. It contains four threatened plant communities: valley oak woodlands, blue oak

woodlands, wildflower fields, and native perennial grasslands. It contains 73 vascular plant families and 462 taxa of vascular plants, of which almost 80% are native. In 2007, it was acquired by the University of California as an ecological reserve to be used for teaching, research, and public outreach. It was the site for a chapter field trip in May of this year with a capacity attendance of 40.

**Mike Hamilton**, the director of Blue Oak Ranch Reserve and an ecologist and conservation biologist by training, will share with us the history and ecology of Blue Oak Ranch Reserve, and outline current research studies under way that shed light on how native plants and animals might respond to climate change. He will also address opportunities for CNPS members to get involved.

Mike Hamilton has a Ph.D. in Natural Resources Policy and Planning from Cornell University, and B.S. and M.S. degrees in biology and ecology from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. His current research and professional activities center around natural areas stewardship, sustainable research facilities, and data management infrastructure; development of technologies for monitoring long-term patterns of micro-climate; plant eco-physiological processes; and geographic information systems (GIS) for studies of conservation ecology, environmental risk assessment, fire science, and natural resources planning.

### Directions to Los Altos

#### Library:

**From Foothill Expy:** Take San Antonio Rd. and travel ½ mile north (towards the Bay), cross Hillview and turn right into the Civic Center driveway; library is on the left.

**From El Camino Real:** Take San Antonio Rd going south (towards the hills), cross Edith and turn left into the Civic Center 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 Kevin Bryant at [mtngreen17@verizon.net](mailto:mtngreen17@verizon.net) or (408) 260-3450.

### Save the Date!

Our November Chapter General Meeting will include our **annual potluck dinner and Chapter elections**. It will be held on **Saturday, November 13** at the Shoup Garden House in Los Altos.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### Fall Native Plant Sale October 16

#### Calling All Gardeners to Volunteer

Our Fall Native Plant Sale will be held on **Saturday, October 16, 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.

Before the sale, you can help during our **Wednesday** work sessions at the nursery from **noon to 3pm**.

The nursery is currently accepting **donations of 1-gallon plastic potting pots** (aka "cans"). You may bring them to the nursery during any of our workdays, or contact Jean Struthers at (650) 941-2586 to make a special arrangement.



Suzie Woolhouse

Kevin Bryant and Suzie Woolhouse point out California Pitcher Plant (*Darlingtonia californica*) on our Chapter's Butterfly Valley field trip, Plumas County, California, July 2010

Special nursery workdays will also be held before the sale to help prepare the nursery and label plants. We'll work from **noon to 3pm** on **Wednesday through Friday, October 13, 14, and 15**.

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

- 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,  
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Jean Struthers  
(650) 941-2586.

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

Georgia Stigall  
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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. Follow the directions of the parking monitors as to where to park. 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.

### Gardening with Natives: Coming to a Library Near You

Gardening with Natives (GWN), a special interest group within the Chapter, includes a mix of seasoned native plant gardeners as well as beginners. It offers talks throughout the year which are free and open to all. For more information visit [www.GardeningWithNatives.com](http://www.GardeningWithNatives.com).

In September and October, four talks on native plant gardening are offered in four corners of our Chapter area. Come to one or more of these free talks to expand and deepen your knowledge of native plants in the garden, and to meet and exchange notes with like-minded people. Spread the word, and bring a friend, neighbor or colleague.

These programs are made possible by volunteers who help with program logistics and by co-sponsoring libraries. To bring similar programming to a library near you, contact [arvind.kumar@cnps.org](mailto:arvind.kumar@cnps.org) for details.



*Suzie Woolhouse*  
Ken Himes discusses Sierra laurel (*Leucothoe davisiae*) on our Chapter's Butterfly Valley field trip, Plumas County, California, July 2010

#### Wednesday, September 1, 7pm:

##### Natives in Containers.

Dress up even the smallest of spaces – a deck, a patio, a porch – with native plants in containers. Nurseryman, photographer, and landscape designer Pete Veilleux of East Bay Wilds will share many examples of native plants that do well in containers, as well as tips for planting and care.

**Millbrae Library, 1 Library Ave, Millbrae.** (Host & greeter needed; contact Arvind Kumar at the address above to volunteer.)

#### Thursday, September 2, 7pm:

##### Saving Water in the Garden.

Your garden can look lush and beautiful the

year round without vast quantities of water or a large water bill. Master Gardener Deva Luna of Earthcare Landscaping shows you simple and easy techniques to make your garden waterwise and environmentally friendly without sacrificing aesthetics. **Los Altos Youth Center, 1 S. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos.**

#### Thursday, October 7, 7pm:

**Aesthetic Pruning.** A native plant garden looks pleasing when it has a human touch. Shrubs and trees look their best with occasional pruning and shaping. Jocelyn Cohen has extensive experience with land restoration, tree care, aesthetic pruning, organic gardening, and soil rebuilding. She teaches workshops at the East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden. **Milpitas Library, 160 N Main Street, Milpitas.**

## Thursday, October 21, 7pm:

**Gardening for Wildlife.** Make your garden inviting to birds, butterflies, and other wildlife by planting habitat rich native plants. Kevin Bryant is a native plant landscape designer and the president of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. **Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Avenue, Campbell.**

## Keying with Natives

Join other native plant enthusiasts in a fun and educational atmosphere, as we hone our skills at plant identification (aka "keying"). We meet **6:30pm-8:30pm**, usually on the last Friday of each month.

Upcoming meetings are **Fridays, September 24 and October 29** at the PCC building in Palo Alto. For details, contact David "Tex" Houston at [tex009@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tex009@sbcglobal.net) or Sally Casey at (408) 377-0989.

**Directions to the PCC:** (Peninsula Conservation Center), 3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto. From Hwy. 101, 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.

## BOTANY BYWAYS

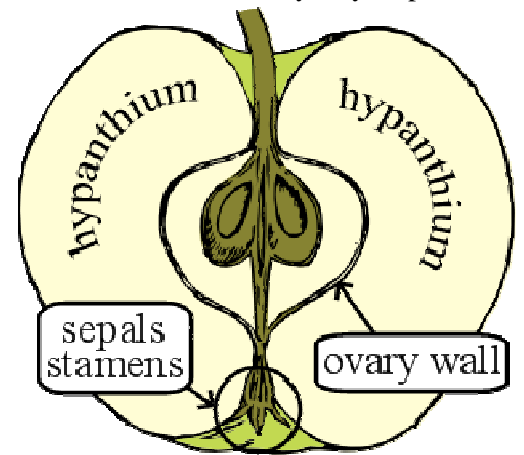
### Apple of My Eye

By Drew Shell, Conservation Chair, San Mateo County

Hello! And welcome to Botany Byways, an occasional, meandering stroll through the intricate and fascinating realm of plants... or scientifically speaking, Kingdom Plantae! For our kickoff column we start from the beginning with the letter A... as in apple that is! Our inspiration comes from a couple locally native plants discussed in recent issues of Edgewood Explorer (the Friends of Edgewood newsletter). One issue discussed the Manzanita, whose name literally means "little apple" (referring to the appearance of the fruit), while another issue discussed wild roses and their fruit, the hip, which also resembles a little apple... not surprising since apples are in the rose family (*Rosaceae*). But all is not so simple... there's more here than meets the eye! Turns out Manzanitas are more like stone fruits (peach, plum, cherry, almond... all *Rosaceae*), while apples and hips aren't truly fruits at all!

This begs the question, just what is a "fruit"? Botanically, it's the mature, ripe ovary of a flowering plant, aka an Angiosperm (angio – "little vessel", sperm – "seed"), referring to enclosure of the seeds by an ovary (flower pistil base). In Manzanitas this ripe ovary is our "little apple"; commonly called a berry, it's technically a different fruit type called a drupe: the outer ovary layers remain fleshy, while the inner layer forms hard, tough shells around the seeds. You're likely already familiar with this structure, since stone fruits are also drupes. The pit or "stone" is the inner ovary layer, not the seed itself, which consists only of the "nut meat" inside; an almond meat is just such a seed. But don't eat other stone fruit seeds... they can contain bitter and toxic cyanide compounds!

Roses, on the other hand, are quite different... unlike drupes, a rose has several ovaries and produces multiple fruits; yep, that's right... a single flower can produce multiple fruits! This is similar to blackberries and raspberries (also *Rosaceae*), which botanically aren't berries at all but have multiple ovaries yielding small, round, fleshy fruits called drupelets; these cling together as an "aggregate fruit" (mistakenly called a berry). So why don't we see something similar in roses? First, individual rose fruits are not drupelets... the outer layers are thin and tough rather than fleshy making them achenes, like fruits of the aster family. Second, rose achenes hide inside a cup-like hypanthium ("below the flower"), composed of fused petal, sepal, and stamen bases; this hypanthium becomes the fleshy, reddish hip! Thus hips aren't fruits, as they merely enclose the achenes. But in many ways hips function like fruits, protecting the fruits/seeds, and attracting animals that then disperse the seeds; such structures are called pseudocarps ("false fruits").



So how do apples fit? They're neither drupes nor hips, but pomes, with a single ovary as in stone fruits (though with multiple seed chambers or locules), and a hypanthium as in roses. And this hypanthium isn't just a cup, but actually fuses to the ovary, and expands into a large, fleshy, layer that functions like a fruit... an apple is a pseudocarp! Cut an apple lengthwise to see the thick, outer flesh of the

hypanthium, and the inner, true ovary making up the core. What we eat is primarily hypanthium, i.e. fused petal/sepal/stamen bases (shriveled upper parts visible at the apple's bottom) rather than the true fruit!

So now you know the real story of apple "fruits"... but how does this relate back to the Bay Area? Well, we don't have native apples in our region, but we do have native pomes... look no further than Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), whose "berries" are actually tiny, apple-like pomes, and whose genus name, appropriately enough, means "other apple"!

## CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

### **Habitat Restoration at Edgewood Park**

Join us as we restore sensitive habitats at Edgewood Park and enjoy late season wildflowers. 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**. Since DST ends November 7 for 2010, our last Wednesday session will be **Nov. 3**.

Our last spring/summer Saturday session for the season will be on **Saturday, September 25 at 9am**. We will meet at the West Kiosk. This will be a special outing for National Public Lands Day.

For details, including schedules and meeting places, see our Weed Warriors website at [edgewood.thinkersrus.net](http://edgewood.thinkersrus.net), contact Paul Heiple at (650) 854-7125 or [pheiple@gmail.com](mailto:pheiple@gmail.com), or email John Allen at [jcakwa@earthlink.net](mailto:jcakwa@earthlink.net).

### **Fountain Thistle Work Party Saturday, October 23**

Join co-leaders Jake Sigg and Ken Himes to help restore habitat vital to the endangered fountain thistle, *Cirsium fontinale* var. *fontinale*, at the serpentine seep at the junction of Interstate 280 and Highway 92.

The restoration was initiated as part of the 2008 Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered Species Big Year. The Santa Clara Valley and Yerba Buena Chapters of CNPS, in partnership with the very supportive Caltrans, are returning to our ongoing restoration work at this site.

Caltrans has reduced the huge pampas grass infestation down to hand-grubbing size, and our volunteers have assiduously been removing seedlings of pampas grass and the other main weedy species at this site, the Australian tea tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*), as well as planting

perennial bunchgrass plugs. This will be our fourth visit, and the rewards for our work are very visible.

Once we have totally eliminated the pampas grass it will not easily return, as the seed is viable for only about 4-5 months. Longevity of the *Leptospermum* seed is unknown, but control is not difficult--it just needs watching.

We'll work from **9am to noon**. The site is steep and, in parts, slippery. Please **RSVP** to Jake at [jakesigg@earthlink.net](mailto:jakesigg@earthlink.net) or (415) 731-3028, to receive detailed location and parking instructions.

## CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS

Chapter field trips are 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.**

### **Sat Sep 11 9am Edgewood (Redwood City)**

We'll have an early morning hike at Edgewood Natural Preserve, one of the area's most beloved parks. Many have seen Edgewood at the height of its spring wildflower display, but what happens there the rest of the year?

We'll take a 4.5 mile moderately paced hike through the woodlands and grasslands, visiting favorite viewing areas, hoping to catch some late season bloomers, and observing how many of the plants adapt to the summer drought conditions of our Mediterranean climate. Bring good walking shoes, a sunhat, sunscreen, snacks, and water.

**We'll plan to finish up by noon**, beating out the summer heat.

**Meet at 9am** at the Old Stage Day Camp. For more information, contact Carolyn Dorsch at [cdorsch1@aol.com](mailto:cdorsch1@aol.com) or (650) 804-6162.

**Directions:** From I-280 take exit Edgewood Rd. in Redwood City. Drive east (toward town) on Edgewood for about 1 mile. The entrance is on the south (right) side of

the road. Park in the Old Stage Day Camp lot at the entrance; if it is full you may need to park on Edgewood Rd.

### Sat Sept 25 10am Rancho Cañada del Oro – Oak Lore and Landscapes

Begin the autumn season with Kevin Bryant on a special afternoon to pay homage to the magnificent oak trees found in one of Santa Clara County's most spectacular preserves. Kevin will lead a moderately paced 4.5 mile hike, seeking out the giant trees while identifying the characteristics of the oak woodlands and accompanying native grasslands. See all of the wildlife and plant diversity there is, while enjoying the scenic views this park offers.

**The hike is expected to end at 2pm.** Be sure to wear sturdy hiking shoes, a hat and other sun protective clothing. Bring water, snacks, and sunscreen.

This hike is offered through the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority. **Reservations for this hike are required.** Email OSA coordinator Teri Rogoway at [trogoway@openspaceauthority.org](mailto:trogoway@openspaceauthority.org) or call (408)224-7476. For questions about the hike contact Kevin Bryant at (408) 348-9470 or [mtngreen17@verizon.net](mailto:mtngreen17@verizon.net).

**Directions:** From Hwy 101, turn west onto Bailey Ave. At the intersection with McKean Rd. turn left. Where McKean Rd. becomes Uvas Rd. turn right onto Casa Loma Rd. Rancho Cañada del Oro OSP is at the end of the public access portion of the road. For more information about the park, see their web page at [www.openspaceauthority.org/trails/rancho.html](http://www.openspaceauthority.org/trails/rancho.html).

### Sun Oct 3 11am Shields Grove (Davis)

Fall is the prime season for experiencing oak trees. In early October many will be laden with acorns, some on the verge of changing colors before dropping their leaves for the season. Join certified Master Arborist Dave Muffly on a special tour of the UC Davis Shields Oak Grove.

Established in 1964, this grove contains the largest collection of mature oaks in the southwestern U.S. There are over 346 trees representing 89 types of oak species, varieties and hybrids, some of which are rare and endangered.

The Shields Grove is part of the U.C. Davis Arboretum. Meet at the Gazebo in the Arboretum at **11am**. Bring a snack or lunch. The hike is expected to **last until 3pm**. For more information contact Dave Muffly, [davemuffly@yahoo.com](mailto:davemuffly@yahoo.com), (650) 283-6911. Also see his website: [www.oaktopia.net](http://www.oaktopia.net).

**Directions:** Heading east on I-80 from the San Francisco Bay Area, take the UC Davis exit onto Old Davis Road to the campus.

Follow signs for the Arboretum (within ½ mile of exit).

**Driving time from San Jose is 2 hours.** Leave extra time for traffic and parking. Early arrivals can enjoy the arboretum grounds.

**Sun Oct 10 10am Uvas Canyon (San**



Franklin Olmsted

Friends of Foothills Park pulling yellow star-thistle

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Join Stella Yang and Ken Himes as they lead a 3.25 mile loop hike in Uvas Canyon County Park. The park is a 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. Expect to see different types of fruiting bodies and possibly the beginning of some fall color changes.

**We'll meet at the Park entrance at 10am.** The hike's level of difficulty is easy-to-moderate: the elevation change is 600 feet. We will walk at a very leisurely pace, stopping for lunch about half way. **The hike is expected to last until 2pm.**

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 (recommend bring exact change). For more information contact Ken Himes, 650-591-8560.

**Directions:** From Hwy 101, take the Bailey Ave. exit west. Follow Bailey Rd 2.3 miles to McKean Rd. Turn left onto McKean Rd (McKean becomes Uvas Rd 2.2 miles south of Bailey). From Bailey Rd travel 6 miles south on McKean/Uvas Rd and turn right onto Croy Rd. Continue 4.4 miles on Croy Rd, through Sveadal (a private resort), to reach the Park entrance.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*News and Activities from Other Organizations*

### **Friends of Foothills Park Weeding Sundays**

*By Jean Olmsted, Broom and Thistle Eradicator*

The Friends of Foothills Park ([www.fofpark.org](http://www.fofpark.org)) in Palo Alto are volunteers who meet at the Orchard Glen parking area in the park **every Sunday morning at 9am**. The accompanying photos show you what we are doing now. We hope you will come and join us as we always need help removing invasive plants. In addition to yellow star-thistle, we work on French broom, Italian thistle, and hemlock as the seasons change.

For further information contact Jean Olmsted, (650) 493-3468 or [jwo@svpal.org](mailto:jwo@svpal.org). If you wish, we will send you an email each week telling you our work plans for the next Sunday. This information usually is also on our web page along with the forms the city needs and some park history and wildflower pictures.



*Franklin Olmsted*


Jean Olmsted capturing a big teasel plant for Friends of Foothill Park

## CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2010

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

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**CNPS Fundraiser**  
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**11 am-10 pm**

Bring your family and friends to CNPS Fundraiser Day at The Counter, Palo Alto. The restaurant will donate 10% of net sales to CNPS when you present this coupon on Sept 22. Valid throughout the day for all orders (eat-in or takeout). Enjoy gourmet food in a lively atmosphere with live music 7-8pm.

Present this coupon to your server at the time of payment and The Counter will donate 10% of net sales to CNPS. Valid throughout the day for all orders (eat-in or takeout).

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

**Saturday, October 9, 2010**

**Email: [mattsson@surfpix.net](mailto:mattsson@surfpix.net)**

**Phone: (408) 255-3767**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(page # in parentheses)

- Sep 1 Wed GWN - Containers - Veilleux (3)
- Sep 2 Thu GWN - Saving Water - Luna (3)
- Sep 11 Sat Edgewood Preserve walk (5)
- Sep 17 Fri **General Meeting** - Licht (1)
- Sep 24 Fri Keying with Natives (4)
- Sep 25 Sat Rancho Cañada del Oro walk (6)
- Oct 1 Fri **General Meeting** - Hamilton (1)
- Oct 3 Sun Shields Grove field trip (6)
- Oct 7 Thu GWN - Aesthetic Pruning - Cohen (3)
- Oct 9 Sat **Newsletter deadline** (7)

- Oct 13 Wed Special nursery workday (2)
- Oct 14 Thu Special nursery workday (2)
- Oct 14 Thu **Chapter Board meeting**
- Oct 15 Fri Special nursery workday (2)
- Oct 16 Sat Native plant sale (2)
- Oct 21 Thu GWN - Wildlife - Bryant (4)
- Oct 23 Sat Fountain thistle work party (5)
- Oct 29 Fri Keying with Natives (4)
- Wed afts Nursery work sessions (2)
- Wed eves & Fri morns Edgewood Park weeding (5)

The next Chapter **Board meeting** will be **Thursday, Oct 14 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.

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 [henryMarsh@yahoo.com](mailto:henryMarsh@yahoo.com).

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