



California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

# THE BLAZING STAR

September-October 2022

**Chapter's 50th Anniversary  
Celebration,  
Annual Meeting and Fall Plant Sale**

**Hidden Villa – Saturday October 8  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

2022 is our Chapter's 50th Anniversary, and we are celebrating on **Saturday, October 8 from 10:00am to 4:00pm** at the Dana Center at Hidden Villa. This family-friendly event will feature a selection of native plants and native plant art, T-shirts, books and other related goods from our Chapter, Grassroots Ecology Nursery ([www.grassrootsecology.org/nursery](http://www.grassrootsecology.org/nursery)) and other vendors. There will be activities for kids, a food truck, talks and more. The event and parking are all free to the public.

4pm on Oct 8th and results announced to the membership via email. See page 4 for details on the guidelines change.

The **annual Chapter membership meeting will be held at 1pm** with a talk (to be announced shortly) and other important announcements. A full schedule and more information are available at: [www.cnps-scv.org/50th-anniversary](http://www.cnps-scv.org/50th-anniversary).

## New Member Special Offer

In honor of our Chapter's 50th anniversary, we are offering a **special package for people who join CNPS** during our celebration on October 8. New members will get a 50% discount – only \$25 to join CNPS for a year! They will also receive a **special welcoming package** to our Chapter while supplies last – a 50th Anniversary pin, CNPS SCV water bottle and a Chapter T-shirt! (T-shirt background color is navy blue.)



Book sale table at CNPS-SCV Nursery during our October 2009 Native Plant Sale

All Chapter members will be eligible to **vote for the change in Chapter guidelines** proposed by the board. Pick up your ballot at the membership table and return your vote to the ballot box there, which will be available all day to members for voting. A ballot tally will be made after



**New Member  
Package:**

Chapter T-shirt  
50th Anniv. Pin  
Water Bottle



The offer is available only at our membership table during our celebration, and may also be purchased as a gift (be sure to bring your gift recipient's mailing and email address as they will be needed to complete the signup). This offer is valid only for people who have not previously been members of CNPS.

All current Chapter members may pick up their **Chapter anniversary pin** at the membership table. Additional pins may be purchased at the book table.

### Volunteers Needed!

The event depends on **volunteers**. We are looking for help with set up, transport of items to and from our PCC office, parking, book and T-shirt sales, plant orders, cleanup and more. In particular, persons wishing to **donate native plant seeds** for the seed exchange table should email Vicki Silvas-Young at [mrnngwrblr@gmail.com](mailto:mrnngwrblr@gmail.com). For a full list of volunteer needs and to **sign up**, visit [www.cnps-scv.org/50th-anniversary](http://www.cnps-scv.org/50th-anniversary).

**Directions:** Hidden Villa is located at 26870 Moody Road west of Foothill College. From I-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 volunteers on our 50th Anniversary Celebration day. Just after you cross the bridge, the right fork leads to parking on the right, continuing to the Dana Center. The left fork leads to more event parking further down the valley. Parking is free while attending our 50th Anniversary Celebration.

### Share your Chapter Pictures and Stories

We are collecting pictures and stories about the Chapter to share during our 50th Anniversary activities. If you have any pictures from Chapter events – plant sales, field trips, meetings or others that you're willing to let us use – you can upload them to:

[www.dropbox.com/request/xjvUQgtzTRBnddod4oiM](http://www.dropbox.com/request/xjvUQgtzTRBnddod4oiM)

If you have a favorite story or an anecdote about the Chapter that you'd like to share, you can email it to [info@cnps-scv.org](mailto:info@cnps-scv.org).

We will print some of these pictures and stories to display during our celebration on October 8, add them to the Chapter history section of our website and post them on social media.

## NATIVE PLANT LECTURE SERIES

The talks in the 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](mailto:info@cnps-scv.org).

Our talks are livestreamed simultaneously to Zoom and YouTube. View talks on our **YouTube** channel at [www.youtube.com/c/CNPSSantaClaraValley](http://www.youtube.com/c/CNPSSantaClaraValley) (**no registration needed**) or **join on Zoom** by registering at the Zoom link provided in each lecture's description. Some of our upcoming talks are listed below. We occasionally schedule additional talks; for the current list of upcoming talks please see [www.cnps-scv.org/native-plant-lecture-series](http://www.cnps-scv.org/native-plant-lecture-series) or join our Chapter's News email group (see page 9) for a weekly update on upcoming activities.

Recordings of past talks may be viewed on our YouTube channel.

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](mailto:techchair@cnps-scv.org) to receive notifications of upcoming meetings.



Vivian Neou  
Arvind Kumar at Lake Cunningham

**Locally Native Plants for Bay Area Gardens,  
a talk by Arvind Kumar  
Wednesday, September 7 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

**Zoom registration:** [www.cnps-scv.org/npls-20220907](http://www.cnps-scv.org/npls-20220907)

The Bay Area is home to a great diversity of native plants that have evolved to fill its many ecological niches –

microclimates, soils, aspects, and hydrology. This talk will introduce you to locally native plants that are suitable for the home garden: plants that are beautiful, easy to grow and with great habitat value.

**Arvind Kumar** leads volunteer workdays at the Lake Cunningham Native Garden in San Jose (see page ). He is a past President of our CNPS Chapter and has served on the State CNPS board. He is an engineer by training, a lazy gardener by choice, and a bit obsessed about native plants.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### **CNPS SCV Nursery at Hidden Villa**

Nursery volunteers continue to propagate plants, raising funds for the Chapter through sales from its online store at [california-native-plant-society-santa-clara-valley-chapter.square.site](http://california-native-plant-society-santa-clara-valley-chapter.square.site).

The online nursery store holds periodic pop-up sales. Current Chapter members are notified by email before each pop-up sale starts. Each pop-up sale lasts only until all of our pickup slots are filled (typically just two or three days), so make sure that your membership is up-to-date if you would like to receive a notice before each sale.

You can verify the status of your membership on the CNPS member portal, which is available from [the “My Profile” link on www.cnps.org](#).



Our nursery’s **fall plant sale will once again be online**. Our online nursery store will be open for purchases the week before October 8 with scheduled pickups during the 50th Anniversary Celebration event. Our nursery will not be open for sales during the event, but there will be a limited number of plants available for purchase at our Chapter’s book booth.

Proceeds from plant sales are the major source of funding for Chapter activities and scholarships.

### **Wildflower Ambassador Program**

Our new Wildflower Ambassador program has a goal of inspiring gardeners across our region to grow native host plants that support local butterflies, moths, bees and birds. The “WFAs” have been busy raising awareness and have distributed over 170 packets of native seeds in the past two months.

In addition to promoting native plants on social media and distributing seeds via mail and Little Free Libraries, the group hosted seed giveaways at three libraries: Woodside, Belmont, and San Carlos. Since these events were part of the San Mateo County Library (SMCL) system’s lecture series “Master Gardeners: Fall Vegetable Gardening and Seed Swap,” the WFAs gave away packets of Larner Seed’s “Pollinator Mix” along with CNPS handouts, brochures and membership applications.



*Jennifer Dirking*  
Wildflower Ambassador Program seed giveaway event at San Carlos Library August 9, 2022

Most attendees were unaware that native wildflowers such as phacelia, lupine, gumplant and sunflower could attract a vast array of pollinators that could help them boost their vegetable and fruit garden yields. Once they understood this dynamic, they were eager to plant them in the fall and winter rains, then watch for increased pollinator diversity in their gardens throughout the spring and summer. We are grateful to Lynne Fetter with SMCL for facilitating this wonderful opportunity!

The WFAs have also distributed over 70 packets of narrow-leaf milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*), along with tips for growing it successfully. These were very well received, as one attendee said, “This makes me feel empowered to do something to fight back against the monarch’s tragic decline.”

Several others expressed similar sentiments, citing the recent announcement from The International Union for the



Conservation of Nature that the **monarchs are officially listed as endangered**. The heightened awareness about the monarchs facilitated many discussions in person and online about endangered butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

Other seeds and plants distributed included hummingbird sage plants (*Salvia spathacea*), seeds for California poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*) and bladderpod (*Peritoma arborea*). The WFAs are also developing content to promote the fall native planting season, with featured plants and pollinators, native gardening best practices and of course, more free wildflower seeds! The WFAs will host a table at the CNPS SCV 50th Anniversary Celebration (see page 1) and look forward to seeing many of you there!

For any questions related to this program please email [wildflowers@cnps-scv.org](mailto:wildflowers@cnps-scv.org).

## 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.

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 **Fridays, August 26, September 23 and October 28 at 7:00pm**. You can learn more and join the email group at: [www.groups.io/g/cnps-scv-photography](http://www.groups.io/g/cnps-scv-photography).



Bill Lundgren

The first monarch butterfly that Bill Lundgren saw visiting the narrow-leaf milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*) in his San Jose backyard. July 30, 2022

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.

Your newsletter editor is also hoping for monarchs to visit the milkweed she is growing in her Cupertino home garden. From seed, first time ever.

## Chapter Guidelines – We Need Your Vote

Our Chapter guidelines define the basic rules and policies for the Chapter's organization and activities. During the pandemic, we discovered that we had included requirements such as holding four general meetings each year that were not possible to follow under the circumstances in which we found ourselves. Revisions to the current guidelines require a vote of the membership which makes it difficult to address problems like this in a timely fashion.

Our Board has approved a revision to the current guidelines to address this and other issues found since our last major update in 2019. **The most significant change in the revised guidelines moves authority to make updates to the Chapter's guidelines from a vote of the membership to our Chapter's board.** Other changes include:

- **Updating the Chapter's Fiscal Year.** Our Chapter's fiscal year is currently the calendar year. The Chapter is required to provide annual reports to the CNPS state office at the end of the state office's fiscal year, which runs from April 1 through March 31. This change aligns our Chapter's fiscal year with the state organization to simplify reporting.
- **Updating the leadership term to run from June 1 of the election year through the following May 31.** This change means that the leadership team in charge of the annual report to the state office is the same team that led the Chapter during the majority of the reporting period.
- **Updating the definition of Chapter membership** to remove references to categories that no longer exist (Family memberships) and other membership processes outside of Chapter control.
- **Updating the composition of the Executive Committee.** The Executive committee will include all officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chapter Council Delegate, Past President and Recording Secretary).
- **Merges the Nominating Committee's responsibilities into the Leadership Development Committee.**

- **Removes the requirement to hold a specific number of membership meetings each year.**
- **Changes the Chapter's election format from an in-person election to an electronic one.** Our Chapter has around 1,000 members at the moment. Switching to an electronic election allows broader membership participation.

**The General Membership will vote on these revisions during our annual meeting on October 8.** The guidelines will become effective immediately after ratification by the membership. That will extend the term of the current leadership team through May 31, 2023 and will **move our next Chapter Officer election** from November, 2022 to **February, 2023.**

You may download the revised guidelines from our Chapter website, [www.cnps-scv.org/2022-guidelines-update](http://www.cnps-scv.org/2022-guidelines-update). For more information please contact Radhika Thekkath at [president@cnps-scv.org](mailto:president@cnps-scv.org).

## 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 Monday, November 21.** Check [www.cnps-scv.org/research-scholarships](http://www.cnps-scv.org/research-scholarships) for more information.

### **Horticulture Scholarship Applications**

For our Chapter's annual Horticulture Scholarships, the application for new scholarships will **open on January 2, 2023.** Details will be announced in the next issue of the *Blazing Star* newsletter.

## GNGT

### **Gardens Wanted for 2023 Growing Natives Garden Tour**

Calling all landscape designers and homeowners: The Growing Natives Garden Tour (GNGT) is seeking home gardens located in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties for next year's tour scheduled for **Saturday, April 1** and **Sunday, April 2, 2023.**



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 promote habitat creation, sustainability, and water conservation. Designers and/or homeowners must be available as docents for the garden on their tour day. To submit your garden, visit [gngt.org](http://gngt.org). The submittal deadline is Monday, October 31, 2022.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### **Conservation Committee**

Our Chapter's next Conservation Committee meetings will be held via Zoom on **Tuesdays, September 13 and October 11, from 7:00 to 8:30pm.**

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

### **The Edgewood Fire and *Dirca Occidentalis***

The fire that spread from the southwest into the Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve on June 21 was contained south of the Clarkia Trail by June 24 after burning about 20 acres. Fortunately, the worst effects of the fire on the Preserve were averted. However, it did burn into the habitat of one of Edgewood's rare plants, Western leatherwood (*Dirca occidentalis*), which is ranked 1B.2 by CNPS\*.





Unburned Western leatherwood (*Dirca occidentalis*) at Edgewood



Dozer line through *Dirca* habitat. The bulldozing prevented the June Edgewood fire from reaching the other half of the *Dirca* colony, but was very destructive to the plants in its path.



*Dirca* burned by the June Edgewood fire

A visual survey of the fire effects by Paul Heiple and our Chapter's Edgewood weeders revealed that about half of the *Dirca* colony was saved from burning by the bulldozer line plowed through the center of the population. While preserving these plants from burning, the dozer line was very destructive to the plants in its path. Western leatherwood is rhizomatous, so plants that were burned may be able to re-sprout from rhizomes.

It may not be possible to assess the full effects of the fire on the *Dirca* until next year or later, depending upon next winter's rainfall and the response of the *Dirca*.

All photos taken by Don Thomas July 8, 2022.

\* About *Dirca occidentalis* being ranked CNPS 1B.2: a CNPS rare plant ranking of **1B** means rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere. The **0.2** means a "threat rank" of moderately threatened in California. The CNPS ranking is noted in the CNPS rare plant list, which is a continually updated list of sensitive rare plant species that assesses the current conservation status of our state's rare, threatened and endangered plants. Learn more at [www.cnps.org/rare-plants/california-rare-plant-ranks](http://www.cnps.org/rare-plants/california-rare-plant-ranks).

## CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS

### **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 some special extra workdays.

For new volunteers, we suggest trying us out on a **second Saturday workday**. You can sign up on the city's Eventbrite site at [www.eventbrite.com/e/alum-rock-trail-crew-tickets-227808700957](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/alum-rock-trail-crew-tickets-227808700957). The site lists current vaccination and masking requirements. Volunteer Service Agreement forms must be filled out and are available at the link. All persons under 17 must have a parent signature.

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.

If you're ready to volunteer on a more regular basis, or want to **volunteer on a Monday or Wednesday**, there's a one-time form to complete with the City of San Jose,

[www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/82740/637819206850000000](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/82740/637819206850000000). All volunteers need to be fully vaccinated (subject to change per government guidelines).

For more information 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 1.5-acre area and beautifies it with California native wildflowers, perennials, shrubs and trees.

Workdays continue on **Saturdays from 8 - 10am**. New volunteers are welcome; City-issued guidelines and COVID-19 best practices are followed. In summer now, the work is mainly weeding and mulching. 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](http://www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter).



Vivian Neou

Arvind Kumar (center) lecturing about a heritage valley oak and oak galls, during the June 26, 2022 Lake Cunningham bird and plant ID walk

## Edgewood Restoration

Our long-term habitat restoration work at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve continues in person even during the pandemic. As with our other projects, we follow government guidelines and COVID-19 best practices.

For now, the project is not looking for new volunteers; only experienced "regulars" are attending workdays. Check the project emails for the latest news or contact project leader Paul Heiple at pheiple@gmail.com or (650) 854-7125.

## 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. **Please bring a face mask in case wearing one is required for COVID-19 safety.**

**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-scvc.org/activities/field-trips](http://www.cnps-scvc.org/activities/field-trips) for changes, cancellations, COVID rules and additional field trips.

### Thu Sep 8 7 - 9pm Field Trip Planning Meeting over Zoom

Field trip enthusiasts and leaders, please join us to help schedule our Chapter's field trips for the remainder of the year, plus brainstorm ideas for 2023's trips.

All are welcome to join in the discussion. For further information email Dee Himes at dee4cnps@gmail.com, and to RSVP, visit our Meetup page at [www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/](http://www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/).

### Sat Sep 24 9am - 1pm Oaks of Edgewood (San Mateo County)

Join Paul Heiple and Ken Himes to learn about the five species of *Quercus*, the true oaks, that occur in Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve.

Our oak hike will be along a partial loop of about 4 miles on the Clarkia Trail, Serpentine Trail, Sylvan Trail, and Live Oak Trail to see the scrub oaks. In addition, we'll see at least two hybrid oaks. Hopefully, we will have a good crop of acorns to help with oak ID. We'll also feature oak galls, which are another aid to identify oaks.



Bring a hat, sunscreen, water and snacks. Wear sturdy footwear. Bring a hand lens or loupe if you have one.



Dee Shea Himes

One of Edgewood's magnificent coast live oaks silhouetted by the sunset at Edgewood during a habitat restoration workday, Fall 2018

We'll meet at the Clarkia trailhead on Cañada Road at **9am sharp**.

**Directions:** See parking info for this hike on our Chapter Meetup's meetup page, [www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/](http://www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/)

This hike is open: no need to register. For more information contact Paul Heiple at [pheiple@gmail.com](mailto:pheiple@gmail.com) or (650) 854-7125, or Ken Himes at [kenrhimes@gmail.com](mailto:kenrhimes@gmail.com) or (650) 933-6319.



Dee Shea Himes

A red form of beaked-twig gall on a leather oak (*Quercus durata*), produced by the gall wasp *Disholcaspis plumbella*

### Sun Sep 25 9am - Noon Beginner's Bird and Plant ID Walk at Lake Cunningham Park (San Jose)

Join Arvind Kumar, Ashok Jethanandani, and Vicki Silvas-Young for this first of Fall beginner's bird and plant identification walk through Lake Cunningham Park. The lake is a major destination for waterfowl and migratory birds, and the park's native garden draws many birds for its habitat value. On this walk, Vicki will show you how to identify the common birds of our area. Arvind and Ashok will discuss the native plants they depend on for food, shelter and nesting places.



Vivian Neou

Vicki Silvas-Young and Ashok Jethanandani going over bird ID at the start of the June 26 Lake Cunningham walk

The distance is 4 miles round-trip on a level path. Bring a hat, water, your bird and plant lists, and binoculars. Wear comfortable walking shoes. The parking fee is \$6. Please look for an email a few days before the trip regarding parking.

**RSVP is required** to join us for the walk; no drop-ins please. Space is limited. To register, please visit the walk's Meetup page at [www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/](http://www.meetup.com/California-Native-Plant-Society-Santa-Clara-Valley-Chapter/). This walk is cosponsored by CNPS, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

**Directions** to the trailhead are on the Meetup page. We'll meet at the Marina building at **9am**. The parking fee is \$6.



## CNPS CONFERENCE

We're looking forward to the state CNPS conference returning to our Chapter area. We had a great time at the conference in San Jose in 2015, and can't wait for the encore! Information about the conference is at [conference.cnps.org/](http://conference.cnps.org/).

Be sure to register for **three action-packed days in San Jose, from October 20-22**, with field trips and workshops on **October 18-19**. Lots of local **volunteers** will be needed to help make the event a success; if you're interested, please contact Nia Salandy at [volunteers@cnps.org](mailto:volunteers@cnps.org).

## **CNPS Conference Scholarships Available**

Our Chapter of CNPS is offering scholarships to cover the



cost of registration for the **2022 CNPS Conference in San Jose from October 20-22**.

Students attending a junior college, college, or university within Santa Clara and southern San Mateo Counties or living in the area and attending a junior college, college or university outside the area, may apply. Scholarship recipients will be expected to submit a short conference report covering their top insights from the conference.

**Applications are due by September 15.** Scholarship recipients will be registered for the conference by CNPS SCV and should not register themselves. Recipients who are not current members of CNPS will also receive a one-

year student membership to CNPS. To apply please visit [forms.gle/3qyK2K39t3CNYtQh6](https://forms.gle/3qyK2K39t3CNYtQh6).

## **Stay in Touch!**

Due to COVID-19, the Chapter remains virtual for many of our events. Please visit [www.cnps-scv.org/stay-in-touch](http://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](http://www.cnps-scv.org/blazing-star-newsletter). Our next issue, for November-December, will be published **online only**. Our next online **and** paper version will be the 2023 September-October issue.

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To see the full list of Chapter officers and chairs, please visit [www.cnps-scv.org/leadership](http://www.cnps-scv.org/leadership).

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

**Thursday, October 13**

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## Join CNPS Today!

*Members receive the Artemisia and Flora magazines, the Chapter newsletter and other benefits listed at [www.cnps.org/membership](http://www.cnps.org/membership)*

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Supporter	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Student or Fixed Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant ID

*Donations above the membership level are gratefully accepted. Dues and donations are tax-deductible. Make your check payable to "CNPS" and mail it with this form to:  
CNPS Membership, 2707 K Street Suite 1, Sacramento, CA  
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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** (page # in parentheses)

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| <p><b>Aug 26 Fri</b> Photo Group photo sharing (4)</p> <p><b>Sep 7 Wed</b> Native plants garden talk – Kumar (2)</p> <p><b>Sep 8 Thu</b> Field trip planning meeting (7)</p> <p><b>Sep 13 Tue</b> Conservation Committee meeting (5)</p> <p><b>Sep 15 Thu</b> CNPS Conference Scholarships due (9)</p> <p><b>Sep 23 Fri</b> Photo Group photo sharing (4)</p> <p><b>Sep 24 Sat</b> Oaks of Edgewood field trip (7)</p> <p><b>Sep 25 Sun</b> Bird + Plant ID walk L. Cunningham (8)</p> <p><b>Oct 8 Sat</b> <b>Chapter Celebration, Annual Meeting, and Fall Plant Sale</b> (1)</p> | <p><b>Oct 11 Tue</b> Conservation Committee meeting (5)</p> <p><b>Oct 15 Sat</b> <b>Newsletter submittal deadline</b></p> <p><b>Oct 18-19 Tue-Wed</b> CNPS Conference in San Jose – field trips and workshops (9)</p> <p><b>Oct 20-22 Thu-Sat</b> CNPS Conference – sessions (9)</p> <p><b>Oct 28 Fri</b> Photo Group photo sharing (4)</p> <p><b>Oct 31 Mon</b> GNGT Garden submittal deadline (5)</p> <p><b>Nov 21 Mon</b> Research Scholarship apps. due (5)</p> <p><b>Mons, Weds &amp; 2nd Sats</b> Alum Rock workdays (6)</p> <p><b>Saturdays</b> Lake Cunningham workdays (7)</p> |
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The next Chapter board meetings will be **Thursday, September 15 and TUESDAY, October 18** at **7:00pm** over Zoom.

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

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