



California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

# ***THE BLAZING STAR***

January-February 2017

## **MEMBERS' NIGHT AND GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday, January 27th at 7:30 PM  
Los Altos Library Program Room  
13 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

**Topic: Members' Night Slide Show -  
Native Plants and Places in 2016**

In this annual tradition, Chapter members share photos of notable plants and places they have visited in 2016. Even though 2016 did not end the drought, the rainfall we received brought out some amazing flower displays. Our native plant species are well adapted to thrive in wet and dry years. You will see an abundance of beautiful photos from around the state highlighting our remarkable flora and scenery.

If you'd like to share your photos or other materials, please **RSVP by Sunday, January 22nd** by emailing Kevin Bryant at [mtngreen17@gmail.com](mailto:mtngreen17@gmail.com) or calling (408) 348-9470, and let him know about the materials you'd like to share from 2016. Time allotted per person will depend on how many participants RSVP. Whether you have photos to share or not, join us for a fun midwinter celebration of the beauty and tenacity of native plants and their habitats.

**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.

CNPS General Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Chapter President Madeline Morrow at [madelinemorrow@earthlink.net](mailto:madelinemorrow@earthlink.net) or the Chapter phone at (650) 260-3450.

## **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

### **Native Plant Nursery at Hidden Villa**

#### **New Name for our Chapter Nursery**

Over two decades ago, Jean Struthers received a \$10,000 donation from the Packard Foundation to start a nursery for our Chapter. The Struthers' contributions didn't stop with the grant! David Struthers was a major force in the

construction of the nursery: everything from building the benches under the shade cloth to the transport and assembly of the shed. While Jean managed the nursery, David continued to improve and maintain the nursery's infrastructure. Even after stepping back from the nursery manager position several years ago, Jean continued to lead propagation efforts at the nursery until recently.

When our nursery was established in 1995, it was the only CNPS chapter nursery in the state. Over the years, other chapters have followed suit, making our nursery's name of "CNPS Nursery" somewhat confusing. To recognize Jean and David Struthers' many contributions, we are renaming our nursery to "**Jean and David Struthers Native Plant Nursery.**"

#### **New Nursery Schedule in 2017**

Come help propagate plants for our plant



*Carol Mattsson*

Nursery volunteer Grace Tsang repotting a plant. A typical workday activity is to move plants to larger pots as they grow.

sales by volunteering at one of our nursery work sessions. Starting in January, nursery workdays will be on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11am - 2pm**. Bring garden gloves, sun protection and a jacket. If you like, bring something to drink and eat. Knowledge of plants is not necessary — your willingness to help is all that is required. For those of you who are unable to join us on weekdays, there will also be a special **Saturday workday in February**. The date will be announced in email and on the website after it is finalized.

### Plant Sales

Our next Monthly Member Plant Sales will be held on **Wednesday, January 4 from 11am - 2pm** and during the **Saturday workday in February**. We are expanding our selection of plants in tall four-inch pots. While the plants are smaller than those in one gallon pots, they are easier to plant and get established more quickly. Most of the plants from four-inch pots will be as large as their counterparts from one gallon containers within a few months. An inventory of available plants is updated the week before each sale on [www.cnps-scvc.org](http://www.cnps-scvc.org).

We will **not** hold a public Spring Sale in 2017. Our next public sale will be in October, but we will have Member sales every month through June.

For more information, contact Vivian Neou at [techchair@cnps-scvc.org](mailto:techchair@cnps-scvc.org) or (650) 260-3450.

**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. Proceed over the bridge and park in the Dana Center parking lot to your right. Continue walking a short distance on that road and you will see the Nursery ahead of you, just past the Dana Center building. Parking is free while volunteering or attending a Member Sale.

### Gardening with Natives

Gardening with Natives (GWN), a special interest group within the Chapter, includes beginning and seasoned native plant gardeners, along with landscape architects and designers. GWN offers over 35 free talks throughout the year at public libraries in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

For more information, visit [www.cnps-scvc.org/index.php/gardening/gardening-with-natives](http://www.cnps-scvc.org/index.php/gardening/gardening-with-natives).

These programs are made possible by co-sponsoring libraries and volunteers who help with program logistics. If you would like to help organize similar programming at a library near you, contact [sdosaka@sustainable-landscape.com](mailto:sdosaka@sustainable-landscape.com).

### Design-It-Yourself Native Garden, a talk by Deva Luna

**Thu, January 12, 7-8:30 PM, Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View (650) 903-6337**

In January and March we present a special two-part design series. Suppose you have a typical suburban home with a lawn and you want switch to drought-tolerant natives, but don't know how. This is the series for you! The first class is called "Design-It-Yourself Native Garden." In it, you will get a crash course in design, covering how to transition to a native garden, how to choose plants, which existing plants to keep, and how to plan for each plant's water requirements. The follow-up class will be on Thursday, March 16.

**Deva Luna** is a sustainable and Bay Friendly-certified landscape designer who has been teaching and speaking about horticulture for over 20 years. She has a degree in "Plants and Art" from U.C. Davis and works for EarthCare Landscaping ([www.earthcareland.com](http://www.earthcareland.com)) in Cupertino.

### Creating Rain Gardens with Native Plants, a talk by Madeline Morrow

**Wed., January 18, 7:00-8:30 PM, Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill (408) 779-3196**

So far we've gotten good rain fall this season and shouldn't let it go to waste running off our roofs and into the streets, storm drains, and creeks where it could cause flooding. Instead we should direct that rain water into our gardens, allowing it to percolate downward, recharging our local aquifers and purifying the water as it passes through the soil. Learn how rain gardens keep water on site and solve drainage problems, and which California native plants are best suited for them.

**Madeline Morrow** is the President of our Chapter of CNPS. A former computer programmer, she now volunteers in her community and works extensively on her native garden. Her garden was featured in *Bay Nature Magazine* in March 2013 and she solved her drainage problem by installing a rain garden.

### Native Gardening Under Mature Trees, a talk by Frank Niccoli

**Tuesday, January 24, 7-8:30 PM, Saratoga Library,  
13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga (408) 867-6126**

You love your mature tree, but find that it is difficult to garden below it. Its greedy roots suck up all the water, there is little sun below it and little soil in between its large roots, plus it sheds leaves, drowning your plants in litter. Learn about strategies to deal with these issues and find out which native plants will grow below large deciduous and evergreen trees. You can have a native garden in spite of these wonderful giants.

**Frank Niccoli** has been a gardener for over 50 years and is the past president of the founding chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association. He was voted Member of the Year by his peers in 2001 and 2004. He has written the curriculum and teaches numerous classes at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills.

### Winning the War on Weeds, a talk by Rebecca Schoenenberger

**Wednesday, February 22, 7-8:30PM, Campbell Library,  
77 Harrison Ave., Campbell (408) 866-1991**

The rains are bringing much needed water to our gardens, but they also sprout pesky weed seeds that hide in the soil. Ridding your garden of these weeds is typically a back-breaking, time-consuming endeavor, but there are techniques that can save you lots of time and effort. Join us to learn about sheet mulching and other simple tricks that you can do now, so you can enjoy your garden later. Bring along a sample of one or more of your weeds for the speaker to identify.

Owner, designer and builder **Rebecca Schoenenberger** has a diverse background in sustainability and natural systems. With an Associate of Science in Park Management and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, she has an extensive knowledge of native plants, including selecting which plants will thrive in specific locations. Since 2011, Rebecca has also been a volunteer Santa Clara County Master Gardener.



*Carol Mattsson*

Steve Rosenthal in Alum Rock Park, just after planting some local milkweed seeds September 2015

### GWN Volunteer Opportunities

The Gardening with Natives steering committee is always looking for additions to our wonderful group of volunteers and here are some easy jobs we are looking to fill:

- Cupertino: Greeter, someone on NextDoor willing to post our events
- Saratoga: Greeter, someone to post on NextDoor
- Morgan Hill: Greeter
- Flyer Creation: Do you know PowerPoint? We have templates for each library and this person would use existing text, a head shot, and a native plant photo to create a compelling flyer for our announcements.

Interested? Have questions or other ideas about how you can help GWN? Contact Sherri Osaka at [sdosaka@sustainable-landscape.com](mailto:sdosaka@sustainable-landscape.com).

### 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, January 20** (a week early) and **February 24, from 6:30 - 8:30pm**. We meet at the Peninsula Conservation Center (PCC), 3921 E. Bayshore Road in Palo Alto. For more information, please contact Joe Cernac at [jocernac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jocernac@sbcglobal.net) or (408) 292-5465.

**Directions to the PCC:** From Hwy. 101 take the San Antonio Rd. exit and head north. Take your next left onto East Bayshore, which will curve left then right. Take your next right onto Corporation Way. Your next left is the entrance to the PCC parking lot. The meeting rooms are on the first floor.

### Chapter Annual Election Results

We held elections for our Chapter officers for the coming year at our annual meeting in November. The new officers are:

President	Madeline Morrow
Vice President	Vivian Neou
Treasurer	Carolyn Dorsch
Recording Secretary	OPEN

Special thanks to our outgoing officers for their years of service: President Steve Rosenthal, Past President Arvind Kumar and Recording Secretary Radhika Thekkath.

We are still looking for a Recording Secretary for 2017. For more information please contact Leadership Development Committee Chair Stephen Buckhout at yscottie@pacbell.net or (408) 266-6233.

The gathered members also approved an update to our Chapter Guidelines. The Chapter Guidelines are our rules for our operation. You can read and download the guidelines from our Chapter website, [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org). Look under About Us.

### Thanks to Stephen Rosenthal, Our Outgoing CNPS Chapter President

Steve Rosenthal is retiring after four years as Chapter President (2013 – 2016). Steve agreed to be our President without having been a Chapter officer previously, which was a big leap and much appreciated! He has stepped forward at every opportunity to help people in the Chapter, help the environment and to build alliances with our partner agencies.

In addition to being President, Steve has been very active as a CNPS volunteer over the past few years. Steve was our Chapter webmaster for several years before becoming President, and continues to serve on our technology committee. Steve started a habitat restoration group at Alum Rock Park, forming a close partnership with the City of San Jose and spending countless hours tending to the park he loves, energizing his fellow volunteers and engaging young people. Steve has received awards from the City of San Jose and the state for his work at the park.

Steve has led many field trips for CNPS and is also a Santa

Clara Valley Open Space Authority docent. His favorite parks include Coyote Lake County Park, Coyote Ridge and Sierra Vista Open Space Preserves, in addition to Alum Rock Park. Steve volunteers for the native plant garden at Lake Cunningham Park, and has his own beautiful native plant garden at his home in east San Jose, which was featured on the Going Native Garden Tour for several years.

Many of our members don't realize how much time Steve has spent videotaping programs and creating a YouTube channel with hundreds of videos, which has greatly increased the understanding and appreciation of native plants statewide. Currently Steve's YouTube channel has over 136,000 views! We are so grateful for all the time Steve has spent recording our program meetings, Gardening With Natives meetings, the 2015 CNPS Conservation Conference in San Jose, and many other events (Visit [www.youtube.com/user/sailinsteve1/featured](http://www.youtube.com/user/sailinsteve1/featured)).

We will miss Steve's leadership and energy as Chapter President, but he will continue to serve as one of our Rare Plant Chairs and as the Chapter contact for invasive plant issues in the South Bay. And we know we will see him on the trails and in the garden – always smiling and friendly!

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### Conservation Committee

Our Chapter's conservation committee meets on the **first Thursday** of the month. The next meetings will be on **Thursdays, January 5 and February 2 at 7pm** at the PCC in Palo Alto. Please join us in our important work! For questions, comments or concerns, please contact Conservation Chair Linda Ruthruff at [ldruff@hotmail.com](mailto:ldruff@hotmail.com). For **directions** to the PCC, please see the previous Keying with Natives article.

### Rare Plant Will Be Protected

Six months after the coast yellow leptosiphon (*Leptosiphon croceus*) petition was submitted to the



Toni Corelli

Coast yellow leptosiphon, in bloom May 2015. Also shown: California hairgrass, Johnny nip and sea pink.

California Fish and Game Commission it is now a candidate as an endangered species. The coast yellow leptosiphon is limited to one population in Moss Beach, San Mateo County. It was first discovered by Alice Eastwood in 1901 where she wrote that "It covered the ground for several acres, but was seen in no other place, and is probably a strictly local species."

This beautiful wildflower is now restricted to a small patch on the edge of a cliff in coastal prairie habitat. As a candidate endangered species it will now be protected in California, while undergoing the final review by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

This is a success that can be shared by all involved in the process, especially the CNPS Rare Plant and Conservation Program Committee ([www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/)), and Cheryl Burton, CDFW. The petition was written by botanist Toni Corelli on behalf of our Chapter and can be viewed at [fgc.ca.gov/CESA/index.aspx#cyl](http://fgc.ca.gov/CESA/index.aspx#cyl).

For more information, contact Toni Corelli at [corelli@coastside.net](mailto:corelli@coastside.net) or (650) 726-0689.

## **CHAPTER SERVICE OUTINGS**

### **Wednesday Edgewood Restoration**

Help restore habitat at Edgewood Park, known for fabulous wildflowers and amazing diversity near Redwood City. We pull weeds so native plants have plenty of room to flourish. No experience is required; sturdy gloves are recommended; you might also want to bring sunscreen, water, a hat, layered clothing and wear long sleeves/pants.

Wednesday evening sessions will return after Daylight Savings Time resumes next spring. For schedules and meeting places, please visit [www.cnps-scvc.org](http://www.cnps-scvc.org) or call Wednesday leader Ken Himes at (650) 591-8560.

### **Friday Edgewood Restoration**

We offer MORE weeding opportunities at Edgewood Park during our year round **Friday 9am** sessions. For more information, including schedules and meeting places visit [www.cnps-scvc.org](http://www.cnps-scvc.org) or phone Paul Heiple at (650) 854-7125.

### **Alum Rock Park Volunteers**

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."

We have weeding sessions **every Monday morning** and an **Inspiration Point Walk-and-Weed Day the third Saturday morning** of each month. Please visit the Yahoo Group "Alum Rock Park Volunteers" to check the schedules. The group introduction lists what to bring and gives directions to the meeting places.

For more information, contact project lead Stephen Rosenthal at [sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net) or the Chapter phone at (650) 260-3450.

### **Lake Cunningham Native Garden**

The California Native Garden project in Lake Cunningham Regional Park aims to control invasive plants in a 1.5-acre area and beautify it with California native wildflowers, perennials, shrubs, and trees. The project also aims to create a sustainable, low-maintenance landscape, encourage community participation and ownership, and to create habitat for birds and wildlife.

We are focusing on invasive control through mulching and weeding with help from neighborhood volunteers and volunteers from local high schools and community groups such as Silicon Valley Volunteers. Workdays are every **Saturday and Sunday, 9am to noon**. If you enjoy physical activity and being outdoors with a view of the lake, the garden and wildlife, please join us!

Volunteers are welcome by appointment. To sign up, visit [lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/volunteer](http://lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/volunteer). The park is located at 2305 S. White Road in San Jose. For **directions**, visit [lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/directions](http://lakecunninghamnativegarden.org/directions).

## **CHAPTER 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.**

### Sun Jan 1 10am - 2pm Año Nuevo State Preserve (Hwy 1 coast-southern San Mateo County)

Join us as we celebrate a Chapter tradition of welcoming the New Year with a walk and picnic at Año Nuevo State Preserve on the San Mateo County coast. The preserve is located south of Pescadero on Highway 1, just north of the Santa Cruz County line.

Meet in the parking lot (\$10 day use fee) at **10am**.

Latecomers will find us on the trail in the coastal prairie. We'll enjoy sea cliff vegetation, raptors, songbirds and maybe marine mammals. We will face an outgoing tide at noon, and may or may not be able to picnic on the beach (in the area in which seal tour reservations are not required), depending on our pace.

As this is a day to have fun at the beach with fellow Chapter members, the ending time and depth of botanical discussion may be extended depending on participants. We will finish at the visitor center. Bring binoculars and layers for variable conditions including wind, sun and fog.

Heavy rain cancels. For more information contact Carolyn Dorsch at [cdorsch1@aol.com](mailto:cdorsch1@aol.com) or 650-804-6162 (eves).

### Sun Jan 8 10am - 3pm St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve (Los Gatos)

Join Ken and Dee Himes on a discovery trip through this Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserve. We hope to see Coast silk tassel (*Garrya elliptica*) in tassel and big berry manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glauca*) in flower, and possibly chaparral currant, hillside gooseberry and other little treasures that may be emerging early this year. We will be hiking about 4.5 miles with about 700 feet of elevation changes with a steep incline at the trailhead.

Bring snacks, a sack lunch, and liquids for the day. Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Hiking poles are recommended. Heavy rain cancels.

**Directions:** From Hwy 17: Take the Bear Creek Rd. exit, cross over the hwy., and go 0.4 mi. north on 17 to Alma Bridge Rd.. Proceed across the dam to the parking area at Lexington Reservoir Park. Parking is \$6. The trail to St. Joseph's Hill starts opposite the boat launching area at the north end of the reservoir. For more info. call Ken at (650) 591-8560 or email Dee at [dee4cnps@gmail.com](mailto:dee4cnps@gmail.com).

### Mon Jan 9 7:00-8:30pm

#### Field Trip Planning Meeting - PCC Palo Alto

We will be scheduling the remainder of the spring and summer field trips, plus any field trips we may want to have

for the rest of the year. With more knowledge of the winter weather patterns, we may make plans for away trips. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

For further information contact Dee Himes, Field Trip Chair, at [dee4cnps@gmail.com](mailto:dee4cnps@gmail.com). For **directions** to the PCC (Peninsula Conservation Center), see directions following the Keying with Natives article, earlier in this newsletter.

### Sat Jan 14 10am - 3pm Dirca Walk, Windy Hill Open Space Preserve (Portola Valley)

Join Don Thomas for a four mile walk to see the one of the more accessible populations of the endemic Western leatherwood (*Dirca occidentalis*). We may also see some early emerging woodland plants in flower. There will be some moderate but slow-paced hill climbing, with a stop for lunch. We will take the Hamm's Gulch trail to see the Dirca near the bench. Along the way, we will walk through a variety of plant communities, including meadows, oak woodland, mixed evergreen forest, redwood forest and riparian woodland.

We will meet at the Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road. Portola Valley. Please bring lunch, snacks and liquid. Heavy rain cancels.

For questions or more information, please contact Don Thomas at [don\\_e\\_thomas@yahoo.com](mailto:don_e_thomas@yahoo.com) or (408) 828-4044.



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*Dirca occidentalis*

### Sat Feb 11 9am - 1:30pm Fetid Adder's Tongue, Pulgas Ridge Open Space Preserve (San Carlos)

Join Alf Fengler, Ken Himes and Helen Popper (author of *California Native Gardening*) for a proper start of the spring wildflower season with a pleasant walk through this easily accessible Open Space Preserve. We often see over 1,000 individual wildflowers in bloom this early in the season!

As experienced docents at Edgewood, Alf and Ken will be able to point out some flowering plants in Pulgas Ridge that don't occur at Edgewood, such as fetid adder's tongue (*Scoliopus bigelovii*) and coast man-root (*Marah oreganus*). This trip will be an easy 3-mile loop hike through oak woodland, mixed evergreen woodland, chamise chaparral, and coastal scrub, combined with a little bit of riparian woodland. If needed, we will split into two or three groups to provide a more individualized experience.

The trip will include an elevation gain and loss of about 400 feet. For more information contact Alf Fengler at [afengler@acm.org](mailto:afengler@acm.org) or (650) 345-7045. Heavy rain cancels.

**Directions:** From I-280, take the Edgewood Rd. exit in San Carlos and head east. Go downhill to the first left, which will be Crestview Dr. Make an immediate left at Edmonds Rd. and proceed to the preserve parking lot on the right. If the lot is full, park on the opposite side of the road in the large unpaved area. We'll meet in the parking lot.

### Sun Feb 26 10am – 3:30pm Summit Loop Trail, San Bruno Mountain State and County Park

Join Ken and Dee Himes along the Summit Loop Trail to see early flowering plants in the coastal scrub and coastal grassland plant communities. The hike will be about 4 miles long with 800 feet in elevation changes. Dress warmly in layers as it can be very windy, and wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Hiking poles are recommended. Bring snacks, a sack lunch, and liquids for the day. Heavy rain cancels. For more information call Ken at (650) 591-8560 or email Dee at [dee4cnps@gmail.com](mailto:dee4cnps@gmail.com).

**Directions:** From Hwy. 101 northbound, take Old Bayshore/Brisbane exit and proceed north on Old Bayshore, past the town of Brisbane. Make a left turn onto Guadalupe Cyn. Pkwy., and follow it uphill (west) about a mile and a half to the park entrance. We will meet at the parking lot just beyond the entrance kiosk. There is a \$6 day use/parking fee.

### Upcoming Field Trips - Save the Dates!

Date	Where	Leaders
March 5	Uvas Canyon County Park Revisit	Ken and Dee Himes
March 11	Pedro Point Headlands - Lichen Walk	Alf Fengler
March 26	Exploratory walk at San Bruno Mountain, South side	Chuck Heimstadt and Loretta Brooks

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*News and Activities from Other Organizations*

### Edgewood Docent Training - Reminder

Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve will once again be offering docent training beginning in January. Edgewood Docents lead interpretive nature walks throughout the year, but especially during our spring wildflower season. No experience is necessary to become a docent. We will help you gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence that make for a great walk experience.

Please note that **registration closes January 11th**. For more information see the Nov-Dec 2016 *Blazing Star* or visit [www.FriendsOfEdgewood.org/docent-training](http://www.FriendsOfEdgewood.org/docent-training). To register or inquire further about the program, email Sandy at [docent-trainer@FriendsOfEdgewood.org](mailto:docent-trainer@FriendsOfEdgewood.org).

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To join our Chapter news email list please visit [www.cnps-sc.org/index.php/contact-us/sign-up](http://www.cnps-sc.org/index.php/contact-us/sign-up).

### Save a Tree!

CNPS members can log in to [support.cnps.org](http://support.cnps.org) and edit their profile to receive this newsletter by email only. Look for "Chapter Newsletter" near the bottom of "My Profile."

Current and past Blazing Star newsletters are always online at the Chapter website's newsletter page: [www.cnps-sc.org/index.php/blazing-star-newsletter](http://www.cnps-sc.org/index.php/blazing-star-newsletter).

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

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

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## FIRST-CLASS

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

- Jan 1 Sun** Año Nuevo field trip (6)  
**Jan 4 Wed** Monthly Member Plant Sale (2)  
**Jan 5 Thu** Conservation Committee meeting (4)  
**Jan 8 Sun** St. Joseph's Hill field trip (6)  
**Jan 9 Mon** Field trip planning meeting (6)  
**Jan 12 Thu** GWN – Design-It-Yourself – Luna (2)  
**Jan 14 Sat** Windy Hill Dirca field trip (6)  
**Jan 18 Wed** GWN – Rain Gardens – Morrow (2)  
**Jan 20 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)  
**Jan 24 Tue** GWN – Under Trees – Niccoli (3)  
**Jan 27 Fri** **Member's Night** (1)  
**Feb 2 Thu** Conservation Committee meeting (4)

- Feb 4 Sat** Newsletter submittal deadline (7)  
**Feb 11 Sat** Pulgas Ridge field trip (6)  
**Feb 11 Sat** Nursery Workday & Member Sale (2)  
**Feb 22 Wed** GWN – Weeds – Schoenenberger (3)  
**Feb 23 Thu** **Newsletter Mailing Party - 10am PCC**  
**Feb 24 Fri** Keying with Natives (3)  
**Feb 26 Sun** San Bruno Mountain field trip (7)  
**Mon & 3rd Sat** Alum Rock Weeding (5)  
**Tue & Wed** Nursery work sessions (2)  
**Fri 9am** Edgewood Weed Warriors (5)  
**Sat & Sun** Lake Cunningham workdays (5)

The next Chapter Board meetings will be **Thursdays, January 12** (topic: nursery) and **February 9** (topic: general / newsletter) 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.

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