



California Native Plant Society
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

THE BLAZING STAR

May-June 2013

GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Friday, May 10 at 7:30 PM
Los Altos Library Program Room
13 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

**Sudden Oak Death:
Latest Research and Containment Efforts
A talk by Dr. Matteo Garbelotto**

UC Berkeley's Dr. Matteo Garbelotto is the world's leading expert on sudden oak death. His lab is pioneering research on the causes of this forest disease and — as more is learned — developing effective solutions for identifying, containing, and preventing this infestation. His lab has trained teams of citizen scientists all over the affected regions of the state to collect specimens according to scientific protocol, map the pathogen, and help contain its spread.

Dr. Garbelotto is a Professor in the Environmental Science Department at UC Berkeley, covering Forestry, Microbial Biology, Plant Biology, and Sudden Oak Death. He is interested in the study of microorganisms, and in particular fungi, in forest systems. One emphasis of his research program has been to elucidate the effects of ecological modifications, and his approach has been to employ population genetics and phylogenetic approaches to unravel the basic biology and the evolutionary history of important pathogenic or mycorrhizal fungi.

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, 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 Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or the Chapter phone (650) 260-3450.

CNPS Members Fight Sudden Oak Death

We need citizen-scientists like our Chapter members to help map the spread of Sudden Oak Death (SOD), and thus be able to control it! Dr. Matteo Garbelotto's laboratory, in conjunction with CNPS, is organizing this yearly survey project. Come to a meeting in our Chapter area, collect samples in your community, and have them laboratory analyzed for SOD. This helps us figure out control mechanisms well in advance of its spread. The SOD Blitz project, meeting schedule, and local organizer contacts are available at www.sodblitz.org.

The website lists six meetings to choose from in May and June, in Montalvo (Saratoga), South Skyline, Burlingame Hills, Portola Valley, Atherton, and Los Altos Hills. For additional information, contact Arvind Kumar at arvind.kumar@cnps.org or (408) 715-7020. Thanks for getting involved!

Chapter Spring Native Plant Sale
May 4 10am – 3pm Hidden Villa
Volunteers needed to price plants — come help at the nursery **May 1, 2, & 3 from 10am to noon.**
See March-April newsletter for details.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

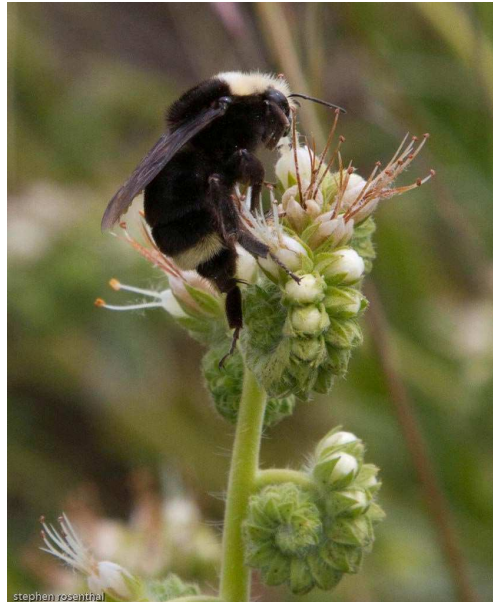
Scholarship Fund-Raising Kickoff

Since 1999 our chapter of CNPS has granted scholarships to local graduate students doing research in botanical studies of plants that grow in habitats in Central and Northern California. These scholarships have gone to students at universities in the extended Bay Area, ranging from UC Davis to UC Santa Cruz. Using these

scholarships we hope to attract more students to study issues that relate to our very local plants and to foster a new generation interested in preserving what is left of Santa Clara and San Mateo County's plants, butterflies, and birds.

California's wild gardens are immensely diverse and awe-inspiring in their beauty. They offer Californians a sense of place, pride and stability, and they provide habitat for endemic wildlife species that exist no place else on earth. We hope you will consider funding this scholarship program. Our fundraising goal is to fund three scholarships for the next 15 years. We would appreciate a donation of any size, but hope that you can endow one full scholarship and we would be honored to name a scholarship for your generosity. Thank you!

For more information or to make a donation, please visit our Chapter website at www.cnps-scv.org/ or contact Radhika Thekkath at rthekath@yahoo.com or (650) 473-1537.



Steve Rosenthal
Native bee on phacelia at Coyote Ridge

the visitor center parking lot to your right. The Nursery is at the greenhouse just beyond the visitor center.

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. It offers many talks throughout the year which are free and open to all.

This year's theme is *Native Plant Vignettes*, where monthly presenters share how to design discrete areas of your garden, such as parking strips or meadows. **Six talks are scheduled during May and June.** 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.

Native Plant Nursery at Hidden Villa

As this newsletter goes to press, the plants at the nursery have three weeks to look their best for our Spring Native plant sale, to be held on **Saturday, May 4.**

To propagate plants for our **Fall Native Plant Sale on October 19**, consider volunteering at one of our nursery work sessions. They take place every **Wednesday**, from **10am to 3pm**. Bring garden gloves, sunhat, clippers, and your lunch if you like. Other tools will be provided at the nursery. Knowledge of plants is not necessary; your willingness to help is all that's required.

Plants may be purchased during the nursery workdays through the end of May. Please plan to pay by check. For more information, contact Melanie Cross at (650) 947-1325 or melanie@pcross.com; or Ray Deutsch at (650) 365-6136 or ray.deutsch@yahoo.ca.

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

Building a Pond for Wildlife, a talk by Kathy Biggs

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00-8:30 PM, Saratoga Library
13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga (408) 867-6126

This is one of our Native Plant Vignette talks. In it, you'll learn the philosophy behind and techniques for creating a pond that will attract wildlife, and how this approach differs from building a pond for exotic koi or tropical lilies. Learn how to control algae and mosquitoes while discovering various approaches to ensure the success of wetland California native plants and to encourage visits by local fauna.

Kathy Biggs has been a nature lover all her life. She worked as an educator in her hometown of Sebastopol, CA for 18 years before becoming an author and dragonfly/wildlife pond spokesperson. She now enjoys excursions with her husband Dave to varied locales both to see the dragonflies and to teach people about them and about wildlife ponds. Her books will be available for sale at the lecture.

**Native People, Native Plants,
a talk by Cait Hutnik**

**Thursday, May 16, 7:00-8:30 PM, Morgan Hill Library
660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill (408) 779-3196**

Before the arrival of Europeans, California's native people developed a sophisticated life style wholly dependent on their environment. In addition to abundant wildlife resources, California's diverse ecological zones supported a multitude of trees, shrubs, and plants used by native people as food, medicine or construction material.

Interpretive trail guide and photographer **Cait Hutnik** will present an overview of native plants used by these people that includes a broad range of trees, shrubs and plants commonly found in Santa Clara Valley.

**Replacing a Lawn with Drought-Tolerant
Native Plants, a talk by Deva Luna**

Wednesday, May 22, 6:00-7:30 PM, San Jose West Valley Library, 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San Jose, CA 95117 (408) 244-4766

Tired of your lawn, but don't know what to put in instead? Come to this talk and be inspired to create a beautiful garden — without mowing or fertilizing! See a variety of no-lawn landscaping styles and ideas, get professional landscaping tips on removing a lawn, using native lawn alternatives and sheet mulching to prevent weeds in your new garden, all while having fun.

Deva Luna is a sustainable and Bay Friendly-certified landscape designer who has been teaching and speaking about horticulture for 15 years. She has a degree in "Plants and Art" and works for EarthCare Landscaping in Cupertino. Her passions include California native plants, greywater, edible landscaping, herbs, and "quirky yard art."

**California Native Gardening:
A Month by Month guide by Helen Popper**

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30-8:00 PM, San Jose Evergreen Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose (408) 808-3060

California native plants differ from typical European species as they have their own special rhythm. In the book *California Native Gardening: A Month by Month Guide*,

you'll learn that our "spring" typically begins in October, when much of California leaves the dry season behind. Learn about each month's gardening tasks and see different planting and design ideas. Hear about the core gardening techniques you'll need to master, such as pruning, mulching and propagating as they pertain to our unique native plants.

The author of the book, **Helen Popper**, will provide calendar-based information for both beginning and experienced native gardeners. She is a long-time Chapter member and one of the first GWN subgroup members. Her book will be available for sale at the lecture.

**Grey to Green: Native Plants in Parking
Strips & Side Yards, a talk by Carrie Jensen**

**Wednesday, June 19, 7:00-8:30 PM Campbell Library
77 Harrison Ave., Campbell (408) 866-1991**

In this Native Plant Vignette talk, you'll learn how you can take your parking strip or side garden and turn it into a haven for drought-tolerant native plants. You'll see how to remove your lawn, concrete or water-hogging plants in order to create space for a native habitat with color and texture year round. Whether you have full sun exposure or the dappled shade of a street tree, you'll find plenty of plant combinations that will work for your garden.

Carrie Jensen is a landscape designer with H. T. Harvey and Associates, and has focused on native plants for much of her career. She has worked as a Community Advisor with the Santa Clara / San Jose Water Pollution Control Plant and is currently partnering with Our City Forest to create a "Green Streets Program."

**What Do You Want to Do in your Native
Garden? A talk by Peigi Duvall**

**Wednesday, June 26, 7:00-8:30 PM, Los Altos Library
13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, (650) 948-7683**

Everyone loves beautiful gardens and with our California climate, we are fortunate to be able to enjoy them year round. But how do we make our own gardens delightful in every way? In this presentation we will walk through the first stage of the design process – creating a program. By exploring your wishes, recognizing important needs, and pushing aside all barriers to discovery, we will help you define the pathway to the garden of your dreams.

Peigi Duvall designs sustainable landscapes and consults throughout California, with a primary focus on the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Areas. She is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, a certified member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, a Bay-Friendly Qualified Landscape Professional, certified in Environmental Horticulture and Design from Foothill College, and a member of the California Landscape Contractors Association.

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 next meeting dates are **Fridays, May 3, May 31, and June 28, 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 **southbound**, take the San Antonio Rd. North exit, follow the cloverleaf around and across 101, get immediately into the left-hand turn lane, and turn **LEFT** onto East Bayshore. From Hwy. 101 **northbound**, take the San Antonio exit and make a right at the light onto San Antonio Rd. Immediately get into the left-hand turn lane and turn **LEFT** onto East Bayshore.

East Bayshore will curve around to the left, then right. Turn right on Corporation Way. Your next left is the entrance to the PCC parking lot. The meeting rooms are on the first floor.

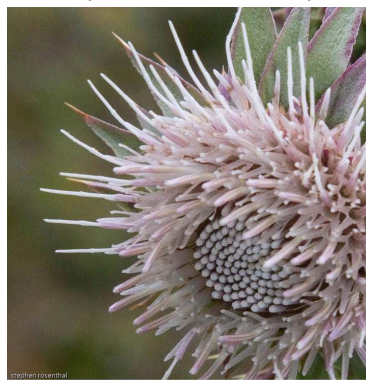
LIVECoRPs: Protect the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The Santa Clara Valley Chapter area is blessed with stunning landscapes of native plants, many in full bloom now. Notable among these are Coyote Ridge and Edgewood Park, home to many rare or endangered plant species and the Bay checkerspot butterfly. These areas have been protected from unwise land uses by Chapter members and our allies in other environmental organizations. We would not have been able to do this without the bulwark of state laws such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which requires developers to identify and mitigate the environmental impacts of proposed projects. The habitat protections and wild lands acquisitions included in the

recently adopted Santa Clara Valley Habit Conservation Plan (reported in the March-April Blazing Star) would not have been possible without CEQA and related state and federal laws protecting endangered species.

This spring, state legislators have introduced 28 bills to amend CEQA. Some bills would strengthen the protections afforded the environment, other bills would weaken the protection, in effect making the law meaningless. Some interests attack CEQA on the false charge that the law has fostered frivolous lawsuits and slowed job growth in California. Neither allegation is supported by the evidence. The number of CEQA based lawsuits is but two tenths of one percent of such proposals. The California economy has grown vigorously since CEQA became law in 1970.

Although the Santa Clara Valley is a hotspot of environmentalism, it also includes some aggressive advocates of the interests that want to cripple CEQA, notably the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, which has



Steve Rosenthal
Mount Hamilton thistle
at Coyote Ridge

sent letters to newspapers around the state. The decision about the future course of the California Environmental Quality Act is in the hands of the state legislators. All of our representatives from Santa Clara Valley and the Peninsula state that they are strong defenders of the environment. **We need to remind them of what that means to us. It**

means voting against bills that would weaken CEQA.

Go to www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators/your_legislator.html and find the state senator and assembly member that represent you and how to contact them. Tell them not to weaken CEQA. Please, don't delay. **This could be the most important action you take this year to protect our environment.**

One person can make a significant impact. Please come to our upcoming LIVECoRPs (Conservation Committee) meetings. We meet on the **third Tuesday of the month, 7pm** at the Peninsula Conservation Center in Palo Alto (PCC). Our next meetings will be **May 21** and **June 18**.

For questions, comments or concerns please contact LIVECoRPs Chair Linda Ruthruff at ldruff@hotmail.com. For **directions** to the PCC, please see the Keying with Natives article above.

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!

Our **9am Friday** sessions run year round; **5:30pm Wednesday** sessions continue through Daylight Savings Time. Our next **9am Saturday** sessions will be **May 18 and June 15** — meet at the West Kiosk.

For Edgewood Weed Warrior (EWW) schedules, meeting places, and other details, visit edgewood.thinkersrus.net, contact Paul Heiple at (650) 854-7125 or pheiple@gmail.com; email John Allen at jcakwa@comcast.net for Friday info; or contact EWW program chair Drew Shell at shell@corp.webtv.net for Wed/Sat information.



Carol Mattsson

San Francisco dusky-footed woodrat nest under coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*). Seen from trail at Edgewood Park on Chapter field trip March 2013. This subspecies of woodrat (*Neotoma fuscipes annectens*) is considered a California Species of Special Concern, and is found only in the southern half of the San Francisco Bay Area.

depend on the plants blooming, but one option would be the Edwards Trail which is an east-facing trail, so it might be less impacted by our less than wet winter. We expect an elevation gain of 800-900 feet.

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Steve Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (408) 923-6562 to **reserve your spot** and receive instructions on how to get to the trailhead.

Sat May 11 Grass Walk at Edgewood County Park (Redwood City) 10am - 1:30pm

Come see our native grasses at Edgewood, known for its unique and beautiful diversity of grasses. This will be an easy walk led by our grass experts Sally Casey and Alf Fengler. Pack water, lunch, comfortable walking shoes and an interest in grasses. The hike distance will be about 3 miles with gentle slopes.

Directions: We'll meet at 10am at the parking lot at the intersection of Edgewood Rd. and Cañada Rd..

This trip will be limited to 20 people, as the trails are narrow. For more information or to **reserve your spot**, contact Sally at (408) 377-0989 or email Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com.

Sun May 12 Mount Hamilton Road Trip (San Jose) 10am - 2pm

A Chapter favorite, join us for a car trip up Mount Hamilton Road. The area has some plants found nowhere else. We will be stopping along the road at various pull-outs to see what's blooming.

The west side, with several elevation changes, explores different plant communities with many wildflowers. The east slope, steep and dry, has its own interesting flora. Expect to see serviceberry, silk tassel, virgin's bower, gooseberries, lupines, penstemon, Clarkia, and many more.

We expect about 65 miles of driving round trip. Mount Hamilton Road is a steep, narrow, twisting mountain road. We'll form carpools at the meeting spot. Bring lunch,

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 May 5 Grant Ranch (San Jose) 10am - 2pm

Join Steve Rosenthal on a walk at Joseph D. Grant County Park in the Mount Hamilton foothills. The exact path will

snacks, and plenty of water. Riders will share gasoline costs with drivers.

Reservations are required, and this trip is **open to CNPS members only**. Please RSVP to Steve Rosenthal sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net or (408) 923-6562 to **reserve your spot** and receive directions to the meeting place.

Sat May 18 Cowell Ranch Beach and Cowell-Purisima Trail (San Mateo Coast) 10am - 3pm

Join trip leader Toni Corelli to explore this new trail along the San Mateo Coast. It offers spectacular views of the ocean and the gently sloping foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Some highlights will be Choris' popcornflower (*Plagiobothrys chorisianus* var. *chorisianus*), Franciscan wallflower (*Erysimum franciscanum*), pink cudweed (*Pseudognaphalium ramosissimum*), farewell-to-spring (*Clarkia rubicunda*), salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*) and harbor seals, pelicans and hawks.

The walk will be 3.6 miles, easy with one steep section. Bring lunch and dress in layers. For questions, contact Toni at corelli@coastside.net or (650) 726-0689.

Directions: We will meet at the southern parking lot south of Half Moon Bay, approximately 6 mi. south of the intersection of Hwy 1 and State Route 92. If you are coming from HMB, go past the first parking lot, 3 mi. from Route 92 and Hwy. 1 and continue to the southern parking lot, another 3 mi. south. Restroom facilities are available there. To see plant photos visit www.flickr.com/photos/tcorelli/sets/72157627287755366/

Document Rare Plants on Chapter Field Trip

Join the Rare Plant Committee members on our upcoming field trips to document rare plants in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. We will be tagging along with field trip leaders on **the May 18th field trip** described above. To sign up contact Toni Corelli at corelli@coastside.net or (650) 726-0689.



Toni Corelli

Flowers including *Clarkia rubicunda* (Farewell-to-spring) and California buckwheat highlight coastal scrub habitat along the Cowell-Purisima Trail

Sun May 19 Stile Ranch / Santa Teresa County Park (San Jose) 9am - 1pm

Dee Wong and Stella Yang will co-lead a 3-4 mile late-season wildflower hike to Stile Ranch, through serpentine grasslands and chaparral. This will be a great trip for those interested in plants and flowers that are endemic to the serpentine soil profile and seeps, and for those who are new to field trips and native plants, since we'll be presenting both common and botanical names of the plants.

With the cooperation of the seasons, we expect to see still in bloom wiry snapdragon (*Antirrhinum vexillo-calyculatum*), serpentine columbine (*Aquilegia eximia*), Mt. Hamilton thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *campylon*), fenestra monardella (*Monardella douglasii*), and most beautiful jewelflower (*Streptanthus albidus* ssp. *peramoenus*). We will also see coffeeberry, leather oak and black sage (in its early summer look).

We are starting earlier in the day to beat the heat as it gets pretty HOT, and there will be no overhead shade until we get to Fortini Trail. Bring extra water, snacks, bagged lunch, and a wide brim hat and walking stick(s).

For more contact Dee at (650) 670-7797 or dee@thevillagegardener.com; or Stella at (408) 255-6233 or yscottie@pacbell.net. The trip is limited to 25 people so reservations are required. Please email

Dee to **reserve your spot**.

Field Trip Planning Meeting
Thursday, May 23rd, 7pm - 9pm
PCC - 3921 East Bayshore Rd, Palo Alto

We will be planning summer and early fall trips, including discussion of a possible Sierra summer trip. All are welcome to join in on the discussion.

For more information, contact Carolyn Dorsch, Field Trip Chair, at cdorsch1@aol.com or (650) 804-6162 (evenings).

**Sat May 25 Butano Ridge (east of Pescadero)
10am – 3pm**

Join Andy Butcher on an exploration in the Santa Cruz Mountains. We will enjoy the canopy of second-growth redwoods and the mixed evergreen forest. The hike will be about 4 miles, with moderate elevation gain. While strolling under these majestic giants we will discuss the redwood forest ecology and plants in this special habitat.

We'll stop for lunch about halfway. Be sure to bring water and wear good walking shoes. Reservations are required. Contact Andy for more information or to **reserve your spot** at spermophilus@gmail.com or (408) 203-5828.

Sat June 8 Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve (east of Half Moon Bay) 10am -1:30pm

Join Michael Yantos and Carolyn Dorsch on this easy interpretive hike in the shady redwood forest. We will take a leisurely walk along the creek, enjoying the lush vegetation and variety of flora. We will walk about 1.5 miles up the gently sloping trail and then return back the same way.



Carol Mattsson

Woolly sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*) near the top of Mount Diablo, June 2007

Note: We'll be entering the preserve from the west entrance, at the lowest point (NOT from Skyline Blvd). Carpooling will be encouraged as parking is very limited at this entrance.

Reservations are required, since the trip is limited to 25 people. Contact Carolyn Dorsch at cdorsch1@aol.com or (650) 804-6162 (eves); or Michael Yantos at yantosarchitect@att.net or 650-743-2807, for more information and to **reserve your spot**.

**Sat-Sun June 15-16
Mt. Diablo State**

Park (Contra Costa County) 10am - 4pm

Join Andy Butcher in an exploration of the highest peak in the East Bay. We will visit Mitchell Canyon, exploring this rich riparian corridor. We'll hike 4-5 miles, going fairly slowly, but expect moderate elevation gains.

For those who are interested, we will camp overnight on Saturday at Mt. Diablo. On Sunday morning we'll visit more of the park, or find another interesting area nearby to explore before returning home.

Reservations are required. Contact Andy for more information and to **reserve your spot**, at spermophilus@gmail.com or (408) 203-5828.

CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2013

We have several open Board and Committee Chair positions, and we would like to get more help with our Program Committee, Publicity Committee and Going Native Garden Tour Committee. For more information, or to volunteer for the Chapter in other ways, please contact any of the officers listed below.

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<p>DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT <i>BLAZING STAR</i></p> <p>Saturday, June 8, 2013</p> <p>Email: mattsson@surfpix.net Phone: (408) 255-3767</p>

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FIRST-CLASS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (page # in parentheses)

May 1-3 Wed-Fri Special Sale Nursery Workdays (1)
May 3 Fri Keying with Natives (4)
May 4 Sat Native Plant Sale – Hidden Villa (1)
May 5 Sun Grant Ranch Park field trip (5)
May 7 Tue GWN – Pond for Wildlife - Biggs (2)
May 10 Fri General Meeting – SOD - Garbelotto (1)
May 11 Sat Edgewood grass walk – Casey/Fengler (5)
May 12 Sun Mt. Hamilton road field trip (5)
May 16 Thu GWN – Native People - Hutnik (3)
May 18 Sat Edgewood Saturday weeding (5)
May 18 Sat Coast field trip and document rare plants (6)
May 19 Sun Stile Ranch / Santa Teresa Park field trip (6)
May 21 Tue LIVECoRPs (conservation) meeting (4)
May 22 Wed GWN – Replacing a Lawn – Luna (3)
May 23 Thu Field trip planning meeting (6)

May 25 Sat Butano Ridge field trip (7)
May 28 Tue GWN - Month by Month - Popper (3)
May 31 Fri Keying with Natives (4)
Jun 8 Sat Purisima Creek Redwoods field trip (7)
Jun 8 Sat Newsletter Deadline (7)
Jun 13 Thu Chapter Board meeting
Jun 15 Sat Edgewood Saturday weeding (5)
Jun 15-16 Sat-Sun Mt. Diablo field/camping trip (7)
Jun 18 Tue LIVECoRPs (conservation) meeting (4)
Jun 19 Wed GWN – Grey to Green - Jensen (3)
Jun 26 Wed GWN – Define your Garden - Duvall (3)
Jun 27 Thu Newsletter Mailing Party - 10am PCC
Jun 28 Fri Keying with Natives (4)
Wed & Thu 10am-1pm Nursery work sessions (2)
Fri morns., Wed eves. Edgewood Park weeding (5)

The next Chapter **Board meeting** will be **Thursday, June 13 at 7:00pm** at the PCC, 3921 E. Bayshore Rd. in Palo Alto.

Chapter Board meetings are open to all Chapter members and their guests.
 For more information contact Stephen Rosenthal at sailinsteve@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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