June Chapter Meeting:

Finger Foods and Gardens Gone Native! Virtual Tour

No utensils needed! Just bring yourself for a relaxing evening. Or, if you like, you may bring a favorite finger food or non-alcoholic beverage to share. We’ll provide napkins, plates, and cups—but feel free to be really earth-friendly and bring your own re-usable dishes.

Snack time will be followed by a virtual “Gardens Gone Native” tour. If you missed the gardens during our April tour, or were not able to get to all of the gardens you wanted to see, here’s your chance to see what you missed. This virtual tour will showcase our own CNPS member gardens and take you all over town in just one evening. The tour includes drought tolerant gardens and ponds, well-manicured “traditional look” gardens, habitat gardens, artistic gardens, and “wild” gardens. From newly planted to long-established, our members’ gardens are as diverse as we are! Our tour will certainly have something for everyone to inspire your own native landscaping ambitions.

Chapter meetings are free and open to the public.

Books are available for purchase at meetings. Refreshments provided!

Join or renew today!

CNPS’ success depends on members’ support. To join or renew, go to www.cnps.org and select the Join/Support or Join CNPS options. Or mail membership dues (individual $45; student or limited income $25) to CNPS, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816-5113. Other membership levels are also available.

Send questions or address changes to cnps@cnps.org.

The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants.
Elderberry Farms’ volunteers have been growing our local native plants since 2007. Our Propagation Director Robin Rietz is constantly assessing the inventory, planning for what we need to collect and or when to grow a particular species and planning jobs for the other volunteers. Needless to say without Robin we would be lost.

Any given workday we have 10 to 20 volunteers, and many are dedicated volunteers but we need more. If you appreciate gardening with native plants, please look at your schedules and see if you can come out and help. Here’s a list of some of the jobs we do: rinsing then sterilizing pots (this could be done at your home); updating drip irrigation; weeding demonstration gardens; fertilizing nursery plants (organic fertilizers of course!); transplanting from flats to 2 inch pots, 2 inch to 4 inch, and 4 inch to 1 gallon pots; creating plant labels; printing plant labels; creating a photoblog about the Nursery; posting information on Facebook about the Nursery; working on media to help educate and inform the public about native plants; creating a drip system for the Butterfly Waystation; taking inventory; data entry; training for management of a nursery; repairing the Nursery’s shade roof; and recruiting volunteers.

Wednesday Workdays:
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bring your own lunch or have one of our famous peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. If you can’t come out during the week, consider volunteering at our 3rd Saturdays. Please RSVP so that Pat knows how many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to prepare! Email Pat at - patricia.gilbert@parks.ca.gov.

The mission of Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery is to promote awareness of the benefits of native plant habitat, encourage community involvement, and provide a source of local native plants for restoration projects as well as gardeners.
CNPS Workshops and Professional Training

Rare Plant Survey Protocols
June 7-8, 2017
McConnell Foundation’s Lema Ranch, Redding, CA
Instructors: Heath Bartosh, Aaron Sims

This course is designed to approach rare plant surveys using the best scientific information available. This scientific approach is built on conducting proper background review and literature searches, evaluating ecological information, assessing annual phenology, appropriate study design based on the scale of the survey area, survey execution, and adequate documentation of rare plant populations encountered. Participants should have an understanding of plant terminology and capable plant identification skills.

For registration information visit the CNPS website at http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops.

Wetland and Riparian Plant Identification
August 28-30, 2017
Sacramento Valley Conservancy’s Camp Pollock, Sacramento, CA
Instructor: David Magney

This is an intensive intermediate plant identification course with an emphasis on riparian and wetland plant recognition and ecology. Emphasis will be given to northern California species and habitats. Participants should have knowledge of basic plant terminology. For registration information visit the CNPS website at http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops.

If you have questions about any CNPS workshop, or suggestions for future workshop topics and instructors, e-mail Becky Reilly at breilly@cnps.org.

Ongoing

2nd Wed. of the month, 7 p.m. (Jan.–June; Sept.–Nov.)
Chapter Meeting & Guest Speaker
Shepard Garden & Arts Center, McKinley Park, Sacramento
See page 1. Contact John Hunter, botanyjohnhunter@gmail.com for more information.

4th Wed. of the month, 7 p.m. (Jan.–June; Sept.–Nov.)
Chapter Board Meetings
Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Park
Contact: John Hunter, botanyjohnhunter@gmail.com

Elderberry Farms
Native Plant Nursery
Located at Soil Born Farms
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova
We pot up seedlings and learn plant propagation techniques. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches provided. RSVP to Chris, cnpschris@gmail.com.
Sun. May 21, 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
We will have a Workday (and Plant Sale) during Soil Born Farm’s event.
Friday Walks 9 a.m.–noon.
Plant identification, photography, art and fun! Go to sacvalley.cnps.org, find Friday Walks under Events and Field Trips.

Habitat 2020
Day and Time TBD
For information contact Glen Holstein, holstein@cal.net; (530) 758-6787.

Ceanothus—Collaborative Plant Identification Workshops
3rd Sat. of the month, 9 a.m.
UC Davis Herbarium (Center for Plant Diversity)
Michael Bower, (530) 902-8721
Bring any plants you’re curious about and the Jepson Manual. Visit www.ceanothus.org for more information. Email questions to ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com.

Garden Work Days at the

Native Plant Demonstration Garden
Sacramento Historic City Cemetery
1000 Broadway, Sacramento
Bring a hat and water and wear garden-appropriate clothes. Gardening tools available for use and refreshments provided. A plant will be available to take home. For more information, contact Cassandra at cnpsgarden@gmail.com

Native Plant Garden Club
Come and meet fellow native plant gardeners! For more information on the Native Plant Garden Club visit SacValleyCNPS.org/Gardening/Garden Club

Other Items of Interest

Friends of the Chico State Herbarium
For details, contact info, and a registration form, please go to: www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html

Effie Yeaw Sacramento Nature Center
Looking for something for your kids to do this summer? The Effie Yeaw Nature Center has summer camps for kids 5 years old to 15 years old. Camps are either one week or two weeks long. Descriptions, dates, times and fees are listed under each weekly camp title. For details, contact info, and a registration form, please go to: https://www.sacnaturecenter.net/education/nature-camps/summer/
Call us at 916-489-4918 or email us at info@SacNatureCenter.net.

Sacramento Valley Conservancy
SVC’s mission is to preserve the beauty, character and diversity of the Sacramento Valley landscape by working with citizens, property owners, developers, public agencies and other nonprofit organizations. Check out their website for upcoming hikes and volunteers opportunities. http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp
Hello Yolo County residents: This is for you!

The CNPS Propagation Group is a group of volunteers from the Redbud and Sac Valley Chapters of CNPS who are growing native plants at the CalFire Facility in Davis with the help of the Putah Creek Council.

2nd Thursday Workdays: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Over the summer we will be meeting June 8th, July 13th, and August 10th. For more information, contact Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com.

Location and Rules: CalFire Nursery is located at 5800 Chiles Road in Davis, CA. If you plan to volunteer, please register at sacvalleycnps.org then go to the Elderberry webpage. Volunteers who are 14 years old and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers must wear closed-toed shoes. No dogs are allowed to be onsite. Drinking water will be provided in the potting shed. Water from the tap or spigot is non-potable so do not drink water. If you are under 18, you must bring the completed liability form signed by a parent or legal guardian. This form can be found online at the registration website.

Visit the Stockton subchapter’s website for latest news: eepurl.com/u8mNj Use this link to subscribe to the Stockton sub-chapter e-mail list: eepurl.com/u8STb

CNPS members living in Stockton who would like to find others in the area to carpool to chapter activities in Sacramento should contact Nadia Zane, 209.931.5151.
Join us for the Chapter’s morning Friday walks. We walk most Fridays. Our Friday walks are used for seed and data collecting, plant identification, photography, and most of all to have fun. Elderberry Farms Nursery only grows plants native to the American River Parkway and around Folsom Lake. Our destination changes each week depending on the Elderberry Farm Nursery’s need and the group’s interest. Check our website for updates the day before the walk. Changes can occur due to weather conditions. For more information visit SacValleyCNPS.org then select Friday Walks or email John Schmidt at john_waif@msn.com or call 916-500-8456.
Submit content for the September Hibiscus by August 12!
Be sure your membership is current! See your address label for your renewal date.

Summer 2017
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The Sacramento Valley chapter newsletter, Hibiscus, is published monthly, except for July, August, and December. Deadline for Hibiscus contributions is midnight of the Friday before the monthly meeting for possible inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Please send your submittals to editorhibiscus@gmail.com.

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Save the Date!
Fall Native Plant Sale will be coming in September!

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