Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (except July, Aug, & Dec) at 7PM at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento.

NEXT MEETING:
Wed., Sept. 13

Questions? Contact John Hunter, botanyjohnhunter@gmail.com.

Chapter meetings are free and open to the public.

Books are available for purchase at meetings. Refreshments provided!

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

September Chapter Meeting:
Welcoming Pollinators into Your California Garden

Presented by Nancy Gilbert

Learn about the dynamic relationships between flowers and their myriad of pollinators, and how to create your own beautiful pollinator-friendly garden. Our featured speaker, Nancy Gilbert, will explain the amazing processes of flower pollination by the insects and birds we admire. She will also recommend how you can help bring back our pollinators, many of which are in steep decline, with your own native landscaping.

Nancy Gilbert is the current Horticulture Chair for the CNPS Redbud Chapter. Nancy has an M.S. degree in Science Education and is a naturalist, environmental educator, landscape designer and avid amateur photographer. She and her husband also owned and operated Far West Bulb Farm for many years.

Nancy’s photo of bees pollinating a bush poppy

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.
It’s that time of year: gardeners are gearing up for the annual California Native Plant Society Sacramento Valley Chapter Plant Sale - our big chapter fundraiser and the catalyst for all sorts of activities.

As drought and climate change issues continue to affect our daily lives, native plant gardening is especially crucial. Our gardening practices are changing as we learn about the negative impacts of over-watering and chemical-dependent techniques. Our chapter has been at the forefront of showing the benefits of locally native plants: the most ecologically beneficial solutions any gardener can employ. They are naturally low water use solutions; do not require chemical fertilizers and pesticides; provide a unique caterpillar-host relationship to allow for abundant butterfly populations; provide the best nectar, pollen, and habitat for butterflies, bees and birds; and give a sense of place that no other plant palette can provide.

We will have hundreds of species from Elderberry Farms, Cornflower Farms, and Hedgerow Farms. Plus Locos Tacos Food Truck will be on site during the entire event. For questions and more information about the Plant Sale, contact Chris Lewis at (916) 812-2876 or email cnpschris@gmail.com

On the Wild Side of Art
This fall the California Native Plant Society will host a new art market focused on regional artists titled “On the wild side of art.” The works are focused on native plants, animals, and functional ceramics for the home and garden. See page 4 more details.
CNPS Workshops and Professional Training

Vegetation Rapid Assessment/Relevé
The California Native Plant Society and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife Combined Method
Tuesday - Thursday October 3-5, 2017
UC Davis Bodega Marine Lab and Reserve, Bodega Bay, CA

This course will be a combination of lecture and field exercises in vegetation sampling with a focus on collecting data using the CNPS-CDFW combined vegetation rapid assessment/relevé method. We will discuss applications of fine-scale vegetation sampling, classification and mapping, how to document rare natural communities, and how vegetation information fits into planning documents.

Registration at www.cnps.org/workshops to sign up for this class. Last day to register is September 20, 2017.

Participants should have an initial understanding of the subject matter and basic plant identification skills. Please note: class size is limited to 20 participants.

If you have questions about this or any other CNPS workshops, please contact Becky Reilly, CNPS Events Coordinator, at 916-447-2677 x207 or 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.

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.

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 ceanothushfieldbot@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Celebrate California’s Flora!
Friends of the Chico State Herbarium
7th Annual Fall Photo Event
Submit your best native plant, native landscape images. We have four categories this year: Open/non-judged photo category, plus three judged categories: Landscape, Close-up, and Photographs of plants taken during the Solar Eclipse. For details see go to: www.friendsofthechicostateherbarium.com

Shepard Garden and Arts Center
Annual Fall Sale
Sat. & Sun. Oct. 7 and 8th
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The event will be held at the Center’s facility located at 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA (off 33rd Street near H Street) adjacent to McKinley Park. This is every gardener’s “not to be missed” event. Please join us.

Sacramento Valley Conservancy
SVC’s mission is to preserve the beauty, character and diversity of the Sacramento Valley landscape. Check out their website for upcoming hikes and volunteers opportunities. http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp
“On the Wild Side of Art”
A New Art Market Featuring Flora and Fauna
Hosted by California Native Plant Society Sacramento Valley Chapter

The art work that will be for sale at the Fall Native Plant Sale is focused on native plants, wildlife, and ceramics for the home and garden. A variety of media will be on display including paintings, prints, photographs, ceramics, glass, and fabric sculptures.

Featured artists:

**Coyote Brush Studios** makes and sells handmade, sustainable, educational goods and prints celebrating California’s unique biodiversity and natural history. They hope to inspire a love of locality by bringing the knowledge and imagery of California’s native environments back into our homes and everyday experiences. Visit their website at [www.coyotebrushstudios.com](http://www.coyotebrushstudios.com).

**Christopher Jakle** is a well known fun fixture at Elderberry Farms and CNPS Friday walks. He is a committed volunteer for the Sacramento Valley Native Plant Chapter ready to do whatever special project is needed to keep the nursery going. Since his retirement as a physician Christopher has had more time to explore and pursue artistic talents. His interest in Japanese style fish printing techniques has lead him to master the art of the fish print. Because of his endless curiosities in craft and nature he also designed volcanic rock succulent containers for the native plant garden.

**Sunshine Cobb** is a functional clay maker from Sacramento working out of Sidecar studios. Over the past 15 years she has become a very accomplished potter showing her work across the nation. Her works employ bright colors and fatigued textures to bring a sense of the past to the present. She feels her pieces are complete when in action, used for that morning cup of coffee or when fresh cut flowers from the garden are brought into the home. Her website is [www.sidecarceramics.com](http://www.sidecarceramics.com).

**Eva Devon Soni** is an artist, mother, and zoo keeper living in Grass Valley, California. Her love of animals drew her to taxidermy in college while majoring in Zoology. A career in zoo keeping in San Francisco gave her the opportunity to further study animals up close. “One day while dreaming up the weirdest Christmas present I could make for my brother, I realized I could create my own faux animals. I found that vintage sweaters were the perfect material to pull off that playfulness I desired all along!” This lead to the creation of “Sweaty Taxidermy.” Visit her website at [www.sweatytaxidermy.com](http://www.sweatytaxidermy.com).

For more information about the Art Market and the makers, please contact Julie Clements at (510) 423-2095 or email sakamanga@gmail.com.
Planning Your Native Plant Garden?

Consider these fundamentals as you design your native plant garden:

1. Control Weeds. The better prepared the planting area, the less work down the road. Site preparation.
2. Match plants to your site. Look at plants in natural areas near you. You can find a partial list on www.CNPS.Calscape.org.
3. Design for year round interest, considering bloom time and changing foliage of the plants you are using. Not only will you be happier with your landscape, but also the critters that rely on these plants for food and shelter will be better supported.
4. Group plants together with similar water and sun needs.
5. Plan to harvest rain water and use grey water. Find out about: rain gardens, laundry to landscape, solar shower and outdoor shower.

Need Landscape Design help?

During the Fall Plant Sale (See page 2 for details) landscape designers will be available for 30 minute consultations for a $30 donation. Arrive early to make an appointment.

Wednesday Workdays: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Come learn propagation techniques and help tend our demo gardens. We treat volunteers to PB&J sandwiches or to bring your own lunch, if you prefer. Join us!

Nursery volunteers taking a break
Submit content for the October Hibiscus by September 8!
Be sure your membership is current! See your address label for your renewal date.

September 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.

Volunteer at the Fall Native Plant Sale!

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It's that time of year again.
Let's get ready for our best plant sale yet.

SEPTEMBER 2017

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