



# San Gabriel Mountains Chapter California Native Plant Society

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**T**HE San Gabriel Mountains Chapter is part of the statewide California Native Plant Society (CNPS). CNPS is dedicated to conservation of California native plants and their natural habitats, and to increasing the understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. To this end, we have programs, plant walks, field trips and plant sales. A few of these events are listed below. All events except field trips take place at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena CA 91107, (626) 398-5420. These events are free and everyone is welcome. There's much more to learn about our chapter on our web site at [www.cnps-sgm.org](http://www.cnps-sgm.org).

## ✿ PLANT SALE AND WORKSHOP

**Saturday, November 13, 9 am - 2 pm**

**Native Plants for Foothill Gardens**

**Annual Native Plant Sale**

A variety of reasonably priced California native plants and wildflower seeds appropriate for gardens in the Los Angeles basin, including plants for attracting birds and butterflies to your home garden, will be available. (See the front side of this flyer.)

**Saturday, November 20, 3 pm**

**Native Plant Gardening Workshop**

This free workshop will be a demonstration of how to plant natives where attendees will gain hands-on experience. Meet in the Becky Rothenburg Memorial Garden. Bring work gloves and appropriate shoes, and wear comfortable clothes. Tools will be provided.

## ✿ PROGRAMS

On the fourth Thursday of each month except July, August, November, and December. The meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are preceded by a social gathering at 7 pm usually including plant identification examples.

**September 23, Photographic Show and Tell**

Here is an opportunity for each of those present to show their favorite native-plant-related photographs. Send the digital image files to Cliff at [Cliff.McLean@verizon.net](mailto:Cliff.McLean@verizon.net) by Sunday, September 19, for incorporation into a slide show.

**October 28, Barbara Eisenstein**, our new Horticultural Chairperson, will preview the plant sale and present some ideas on how the chapter can address the issue of native plants and horticulture.

## ✿ PLANT WALKS

On the second Sunday of each month except during July and August. Meet in front of Eaton Canyon Nature Center at 9 am.

**September 12 with Eva Morgan**

**October 10 with Rebecca Latta**

**November 14 with Cliff and Gabi McLean**

**December 12 with Cliff and Gabi McLean**

## BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS

*Native vegetation evolved to live with the local climate, soil types, and animals. This long process brings us several gardening advantages.*

\* **Save Water:** *Once established, many native plants need minimal irrigation beyond normal rainfall.*

\* **Low Maintenance:** *Low maintenance landscaping methods are a natural fit with native plants that are already adapted to the local environment. Look forward to using less water, little to no fertilizer, little to no pesticides, less pruning, and less of your time.*

\* **Pesticide Freedom:** *Native plants have developed their own defenses against many pests and diseases. Reducing or eliminating pesticide use lets natural pest control take over and keeps garden toxins out of our creeks and watersheds.*

\* **Wildlife Viewing:** *Native plants, birds, butterflies, beneficial insects, and interesting critters are "made for each other."*

\* **Support Local Ecology:** *As development replaces natural habitats, planting gardens, parks, and roadsides with California natives can provide a "bridge" to nearby remaining wildlands.*

*Beautiful natural landscapes in California, including the scenic National Parks here, display authentic California flora.*

*Your garden can too. Source:*

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