



# SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAIN

CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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## FROM THE EDITOR

From my home in Sierra Madre it seems that we are ending the year and the century in a very quintessentially California style: unwintery warm weather, winds and wildfires. In fact, the drifting ash from the Santa Anita/Chantry Flats fire has kept me indoors most of the day. The lack of rain to date has me thinking that this won't be much of a wildflower year. But less snow means getting into the Sierra high country earlier in the summer. So the year ahead will have its plusses and minuses regarding the natural world.

The same is true for our Chapter. I am truly grateful to Gabi and Cliff McLean and Eva Morgan for conducting so many Eaton Cyn. Plant Walks. And long-time member Harry Spilman has agreed to wear the Vice President's hat. (At the Jan. meeting we'll vote for the Board listed on the reverse side). But there are still too few of us trying to keep the Chapter going. Hopefully, some of you will find the time and energy to help us in the months ahead.

I want to wish each of you a prosperous New Year and New Millennium, full of native plant adventures!

*Kathy LaShure*

## WELCOME! New Members

Rita Bickel  
Karen Bramer  
Kathy Hansen  
Stephen Kanter, MD  
Denis L. Kurutz  
Sheila Riddell

## CHAPTER EVENTS

Meetings are held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center (see map on reverse side) on the third Thursday of the month. Plant Walks are also held at Eaton Canyon.

## PROGRAMS

**Thurs., Jan. 20 at 7:30 pm:** *The Meadow Revolution* by John Greenlee, nursery owner, internationally renowned horticulturist specializing in the cultivation and study of grasses, and author of *The Encyclopedia of Grasses*. John's slide talk will showcase southwestern grasses for California gardens and will highlight some exciting new grasses and how to maintain them.

**Thurs., Feb. 17 at 7:30 pm:** *Member Slide Show*. Share your pictures and your native plant observations and encounters with fellow plant lovers. Don't be shy! You don't have to be a pro to participate. Just bring 10-15 slides in a carousel and be prepared to chat about them. Contact Kathy LaShure with any questions: 626-355-7064 or [encelia@gte.net](mailto:encelia@gte.net).

**Thurs., Mar. 16 at 7:30 pm:** *Soka University Botanical Research Center* by Tom Hayduk, Operations Manager, and Earlyn Moshe, Assistant Director. They will give a slide presentation of Santa Monica Mountains native plants and will discuss the creation of the botanic center. Our Chapter's own Rick Fisher served as Landscape Architect for this ambitious native plant project.

## OUTINGS

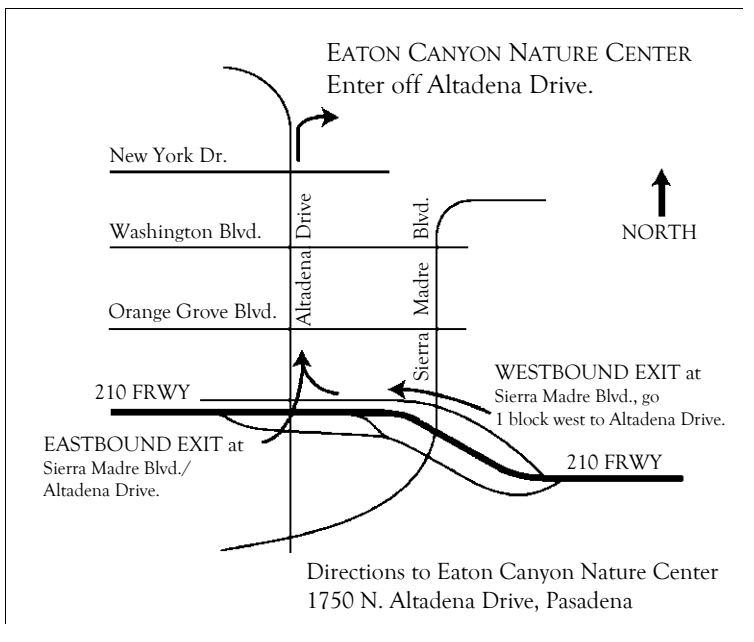
**Sun., Jan. 9 at 9:00 am:** *Eaton Canyon Plant Walk* with Eva Morgan.

**Sun., Feb. 13 at 9:00 am:** *Eaton Canyon Plant Walk* with Harry Spilman.

**Sun., Mar. 12 at 9:00 am:** *Eaton Canyon Plant Walk* with Steve Fischer.

**Sat., Apr. 8, 8 am to 11 am:** *Santa Fe Dam Wildlife Area* with Mickey Long. The wildlife area, part of the County Regional Park, contains virtually the last remnant of the alluvial scrub habitat in the San Gabriel Valley, with Parry Cholla, Prickly-Pear and some of the largest Yuccas and Laurel Sumacs around. Most years wildflowers, including some uncommon species, cover the open ground between shrubs. Once home to California Gnatcatchers, the area still harbors healthy populations of Cactus Wrens, Roadrunners and Lesser Nighthawks. We'll walk from the Interpretive Center parking area through the native scrub habitat at the north end of the basin.

Directions: Take Arrow Hwy. east off the 605 Fwy. Turn left (north) on Azusa Canyon Rd. at the entrance to Santa Fe Dam County Park. Meet at this corner for car pooling into the Park. There may be a per car entrance fee. If you miss us here, enter the Park passing the Entrance Kiosk; turn right (north) a short distance then left into the Interpretive Center parking area. Contact Mickey for further information: 626-398-5420 days; 616-285-8878 eves.



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