



## President's Message

By Snowy Dodson

I'm sure you are as excited as I am to see our late winter rains. My rain gauge measured three inches over the first weekend in February! But before you get too giddy, keep in mind that we are still below average and may be looking at more landscape watering restrictions this year. At our Chapter's February 10<sup>th</sup> program, landscape designers Susanne Jett and Mayita Dinos presented innovative alternatives for capturing roof and landscape runoff in our urban yards. Susanne told an enthusiastic crowd that beautiful design equals sustainable design and starts with a sense of place. She presented water capturing designs that imitate natural vernal pools, collection pools, berms, and dry creek beds and showed plans for infiltration pits that use roof water to replenish the water table. To see designs for such a pit see the City of Santa Monica website:

[http://www01.smgov.net/epd/residents/Urban\\_Runoff/urban.htm](http://www01.smgov.net/epd/residents/Urban_Runoff/urban.htm). Mayita followed up with the history of a community garden project that incorporates some of these water runoff techniques. The Arlington Garden in Pasadena started out as a three acre weed patch slated to be a staging site for freeway construction. Through community activism and Mayita's creativity, the land is now in tune with the environment, beautiful to see, and attractive to wildlife. Plants in the garden have a Mediterranean focus, and many are California natives. A vernal pool and a meandering dry creek bed help keep water on site instead of in city gutters. For a look at all this wonderful work see:

[http://web.mac.com/arlingtongarden/Arlington\\_Garden\\_in\\_Pasadena/Welcome.html](http://web.mac.com/arlingtongarden/Arlington_Garden_in_Pasadena/Welcome.html). Continuing with our wet theme, the winter rains will add much to the enjoyment to be had from events planned for March and April for our Chapter members and their friends. On March 22, Florence Nishida will again lead us on an exploration of the fungi and mushrooms to be found in the Santa Monica Mountains, and we will experience the wildflowers that will come from our winter rains. A Chapter hosted picnic will conclude this event. See the Calendar of Events write up (page 3) for further details. Also, please join us for the Wildflower Show on April 11-12. We will have cut California native flowers on display, books, artwork, and food for sale, and daily hikes. See the enclosed flyer for details. If you'd like to volunteer for this event please contact me. The calendar section also lists many other opportunities to get out into the natural environment and experience what is sure to be an exceptional spring. Take care and I look forward to seeing you.

PS: My apologies for the mis-communication that led to the cancellation of the January Chapter program. We have worked out scheduling details with the Sepulveda Garden Center for 2009 and will reschedule Jan Scow's presentation for later in the year.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

of the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter

March 10, 2009 – 7:30 - 9:30pm  
Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino

### The Plant Communities of Point Lobos: Beyond Wildflowers

Presenter: Rosemary Foster

Point Lobos is comprised of rich and diverse plant associates, some of which are quite rare and found in few other places on earth. Tonight's program is a virtual walk through these communities from Northern Coastal Prairie in Hudson Meadow, through Monterey Pine forest, Monterey Cypress, Northern Coastal Scrub, Coastal Bluff vegetation and into the intertidal zones. Characteristics of these communities and their components, and their interdependence on other species within these communities will be discussed and illustrated.

Rosemary Foster is a long-time member, president and current Chapter Council representative of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and has been a Point Lobos docent for 22 years. She studied horticulture and botany at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the 1980's. For the past twenty years, she has been researching the life and works of Lester Rowntree.

April 14, 2009 – 7:30 - 9:30pm  
First United Methodist Church  
Santa Monica

### Battling Exotic Trees and Streamside Weeds

Presenter: Bill Neill, Riparian Repairs

Bill Neill, invasive weed control expert, will discuss problems caused by and methods for controlling major invasive perennial weeds clogging our streams and exotic trees crowding out and displacing our native trees and shrubs. Invasive weeds are one of the greatest threats to native flora and fauna, to free-flowing streams and to water retention in floodplains of southern California. Bill has helped several CNPS Chapters with severe weed invasions. Come and learn about riparian weeds and what control methods work best!

Programs are free to the public. Refreshments will be served. For directions, see Calendar of Events on page 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CNPS CHAPTER COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2009**

**RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN**  
Reserve March 14 for the statewide CNPS Chapter Council meeting and banquet. Not only is the Garden in full bloom at that time, but you meet other CNPSers from around the state and get updated on important issues. Check [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org) for details.

**CALIFORNIA INVASIVE WEED  
AWARENESS DAY  
MARCH 11, SACRAMENTO**

The California Invasive Plant Council invites you to participate in California Invasive Weed Awareness Day on March 11, 2009 in Sacramento. It's a fun, productive way to roll up your sleeves and jump into the democratic process, all in the name of protecting wildlands from invasive plants. (If you're from Southern California, Cal-IPC offers limited travel stipends to help you get to Sacramento.)

Weed workers face some weighty issues right now, and we can make a difference by working together. Bond-funded restoration project have been shut down. The Williamson Act, California Conservation Corps, and AmeriCorps watershed stewards are all on the chopping block. And at the same time, federal stimulus dollars may be coming to the state, the Weed Management Area program has been going stronger than ever, and the state may be forming an interagency Invasive Species Council to strengthen strategic coordination.

In the morning we will have policy updates from the experts. After lunch, we'll walk to the capitol to meet with legislative staffers. In the evening, we'll reconvene to compare notes. Online registration is be available at [www.cal-ipc.org](http://www.cal-ipc.org).

**GROWING NATIVES: CELEBRATING  
CALIFORNIA'S BEAUTY IN DRY TIMES  
MARCH 28 & 29**

A two-day symposium on native plant gardening  
Location: Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette (28th) and Regional Parks Botanic Barden, Berkeley (29th). Features talks, workshops, garden tours, book sales, seed sales & more!  
Registration opens January 1, 2009. CNPS members receive a discount on registration fees. Please visit [www.nativeplants.org](http://www.nativeplants.org) for more information.

**Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore  
ART EXHIBIT & SALE  
MARCH 29, 2009  
SUNDAY, 11AM TO 4PM**

Sixth annual exhibit, reception and sale at Headwaters Corner at Calabasas. Enjoy plein air art and music in a garden setting. Local artists will present work in all mediums. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. This event co-sponsored by the Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore and the Mountains Restoration Trust. Twenty percent of sales will be donated to Mountains Restoration Trust.  
Info: 818-591-1701 x188

**SEPULVEDA BASIN 2009  
WILDLIFE RESERVE CLEANUP  
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 8AM to NOON**

Haskell Creek, where it runs through the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area, hosts many riparian trees and shrubs, such as cottonwoods and willows. Songbirds forage and nest in the trees, while egrets and herons fish in this heart of the Wildlife Area. Unfortunately it is infested with trash, like plastic bags and styrofoam.

Please help restore the creek's beauty! Volunteers needed!  
*Equipment and Clothing:* You will get muddy and maybe wet. Please wear rugged clothing and shoes or rubber boots. If you have them, please bring work gloves and long-handled tools to reach items.

*Directions:* Take Woodley Avenue (which is 1/2 mile west of the I-405 Freeway) north from Burbank Boulevard. Go 1/2 mile north to the signs for the Wildlife Reserve and Japanese Gardens. Turn east (right). Bear right where the road forks. Continue east 1/2 mile to the end of the road. Sign in at the amphitheater, just beyond the large rock monuments and rock-faced buildings.

*More Information:* The event is appropriate for adults and older students. Students can earn *community service hours*. It is *not appropriate for young children but OK for older elementary school students if they are closely supervised*. Rain cancels.

Questions: 310.457-5796 or 818.831-6061.  
Sponsored by San Fernando Valley Audubon  
[www.SFVAudubon.org](http://www.SFVAudubon.org)

**28TH ANNUAL SANTA MONICA  
MOUNTAINS TRAIL DAYS  
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 25, 26**

*Point Mugu State Park*

Twenty-eight years ago, members of the Sierra Club's Santa Monica Mountains Task Force and the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council initiated a Trail Days tradition that has contributed thousands of fun hours building and repairing trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. This year, spend Saturday and/or Sunday working on trails or removing weeds along the trail. New trails built; old trails repaired, noxious weeds destroyed. No experience or age limit; just spirit of fun and adventure. Camp at tree-shaded Danielson Ranch Friday and/or Saturday nights; Saturday night 28<sup>th</sup> year barbecue and campfire; meet car caravans Sat/Sun 8:30 am at National Park Service "Authorized Vehicle" Entrance Road on Potrero Road east of Pinehill, Newbury Park. Tools provided. Bring long pants, gloves, hat, water, lunch, libations, desserts and munchies for Saturday dinner. Take Ventura Fwy to Wendy exit, S to Potrero Road, W to service road, L. to locked gate to meet caravan. For camping info and reservations, send self-addressed stamped envelope to Trail Days, 24735 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas 91302. No fee. Info: 818-222-4531. Co-sponsored with Sierra Club/California Off-Road Bicycling Association/Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council.

**GARDEN SHOW AT  
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS  
LONG BEACH, MAY 2 & 3**

Landscape Legacies – from California Native Plants to Mediterranean Influences – A Garden Show and Celebration  
This even showcases participating public parks & gardens, historic sites, and conservancy organizations. [www.rancholosalamitos.com](http://www.rancholosalamitos.com)

## PROGRAMS

TUES 3/10 7:30-9:30pm

*Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino*The Plant Communities  
of Point Lobos:  
Beyond Wildflowers  
Presenter: Rosemary Foster

Directions: the Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd. in Encino, is on the north side of Magnolia between Balboa & Hayvenhurst. Park in the lighted lot at the east end of the garden, walk west along the path to the garden center building. Native plant and gardening books will be for sale and refreshments are served. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 6:00pm at Tony Roma's Restaurant, 16575 Ventura Blvd., Encino. (818-461-8400)

TUES 4/14 7:30-9:30pm

*First United Methodist Church, Santa Monica*Battling Exotic Trees  
and Streamside Weeds  
Presenter: Bill Neill, Riparian Repairs

Directions: The First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street, Santa Monica CA 90403, is one and a half blocks north of Wilshire Boulevard on 11th Street in Santa Monica. From the 10 freeway, exit at Lincoln. Go right, or north to Wilshire. Turn right. In three blocks turn left on 11th Street. The church is on the left, just past California. Church parking is on the right under an apartment complex. The Fireside Room is at the north end of the church's large patio, next to the Sanctuary. Native plant and gardening books will be for sale and refreshments are served. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 6:00pm at El Cholo Mexican Restaurant in Santa Monica at 1025 Wilshire Blvd.

For information about the above programs, please see "Upcoming Programs" on front page.

## BOARD MEETINGS

MARCH BOARD MEETING  
CANCELLED

TUES 4/7 7pm

LA/SMM Chapter Board Meeting  
at the home of Snowdy Dodson, 15811  
Leadwell Street, Van Nuys Chapter members  
are invited! 818-782-9346

## HIKES AND RESTORATION

SUN 3/8 9am

*Santa Monica Mountains*

Weed War and Habitat Restoration Warring against (removing) the non-native plants (weeds) is necessary to restore biodiversity, habitat and ecological balance to the parks and preserves in the mountains. Bring lunch and water; tools and gloves provided; credit for community service hours. Please call for site location. *Reservations required.* 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs. \*

THUR 3/19 8:30am

*Caballero Canyon*

Chaparral Chatter explores the trails and byways of the valley's entrance into Topanga State Park. Winter rains bring a flush of green and early spring blooms (mountain lilac and currants) add color to the canyon. Bring water and snack. Meet at the lower trailhead. RSVP 818-345-6749 3hrs

SAT 3/21 9am

*Malibu Creek State Park*

Oak Woodland Habitat Restoration This monthly project cares for the many young oak groves planted by volunteers over the last 13 years by watering, weeding and planting native bunch grasses. Bring lunch, water; gloves and tools provided; receive community service credit; free parking. *Reservations required.* 818-591-1701x203. 4hrs.\*

SUN 3/22 10am

*back of Tapia Park*

Chapter Members' Fungus & Flowers Hike and Picnic Florence Nishida will be our fungus leader to help us identify the many mushrooms that will be found, given the wet winter. We will also find wildflowers on the high road across a north-facing slope and walk along Malibu Creek. Our hike will take us through chaparral, oak woodlands, and grasslands. The CNPS Chapter will provide a picnic lunch. The entrance to the park is near the intersection of Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon and Piuma Roads. No parking fee. Tell park aide at the Tapia Park entry gate that you are going to the Salvation Army Camp. We will meet at the Camp entrance and caravan into the site so please be on time. Bring water and snacks in case you get hungry before lunch is served. Please RSVP at 818-348-5910.

SUN 3/29 10am

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Two years ago, most of the park burned, so this walk will view the recovery of native wildflowers (and many weeds); enjoy wave action on the beach and hope to see a whale migrating or a sea lion rollicking. 2hrs 818-782-9346

SAT 4/4 8:45am

*Malibu Creek State Park*

Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Volunteers have planted thousands of oak trees and native bunch grasses to restore habitat along Las Virgenes and Malibu Creek. Credit for community service. *Reservations required.* 818-591-1701 x203 4hrs. \*

SUN 4/5 8:45am

*Cold Creek Preserve*

Habitat Repair Trees, shrubs and grasses along Cienega sin Nombre (No-name Wetland) and in the Valley Preserve need volunteers to expand native habitat that feeds and shelters the animals and birds. Credit for community service. *Reservations required.* 818-591-1701 x203 3.5hrs. \*

SAT-SUN 4/11 &amp; 4/12 10 am-4pm

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Wildflower Show and Wildflower Walk Native wildflowers from botanical and home gardens on display. Plants, books, posters and more for sale. Members of the California Native Plant Society will provide a 2 hour guided walk to look at the spring and post-burn wildflowers on Bluffs Park at 1 pm each day. Sponsored also by City of Malibu, Charmlee Wilderness Park and the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Location: Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road. Call or email Snowdy Dodson for further information or to volunteer some time: (818)782-9346 snowy.dodson@csun.edu

THUR 4/16 8:30am

*Caballero Canyon*

Chaparral Chatter hikes will explore the trails of a central section of the Santa Monica Mountains to see mariposa lilies, hummingbird sage, woolly blue curls and other spring and summer wildflowers as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands. Meet lower trailhead. Bring water and snack. RSVP 818-345-6749 3hrs

SAT 4/18 8:45am

*Topanga State Park*

Lower Topanga Park Restoration: Topanga Creek returned to its historic channel in 2008. In 2009, creek-side native vegetation will be planted, watered and weeded to vanquish non-native invasive plants (weeds). Bring, water, snack, sturdy footwear. Credit for community service. *Reservations required.* 818-591-1701 x203 3.5hrs\*

SUN 4/19 8:45am

*Santa Monica Mountains*

Weed War Each month, the weed war engages non-native invasive plant species (weeds) where a native plant community is most threatened. Call 818-591-1701 x203 Site TBA. Credit for community service. *Reservations required.* 3.5hrs \*

SUN 4/26 10am

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Springtime Meander on the Bluffs. Explore along the trail to discover the fire-following recovery of native wildflowers and grasses (and the invasion of weeds); enjoy great views of mountains and sea; dip your toes into the bay as we walk along the beach; look for dolphins, whales and sea birds. 2hrs 310-472-0624

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALFLORA REORGANIZES  
OBSERVATION ENTRY SYSTEM**

Calflora is pleased to announce the release of a new version of the Observation Entry web application. The application is available at <http://www.calflora.org/app/wentry/ocentry.html> and is described at <http://www.calflora.org/add/pofaq.html#newpage>.

The application has been simplified from the previous version, so that all data fits on one page. It includes an integrated Google Map for specifying location. The Google Map can also show other nearby observations of the plant you are working on, similar to What Grows Here. There are many features intended to make data entry and maintenance as easy as possible, such as: type ahead for scientific or common name; an integrated calendar; and display of parks and open space areas on the map.

The Calflora Database is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information about California plant biodiversity for use in education, research and conservation. Calflora is structured as a digital library. Calflora was conceived as a collaborative research project to collect and re-distribute information about California's wild plants, including habitat descriptions, photographs, observations, nomenclature, and distribution maps. Calflora offers resources for an informed, timely approach to biodiversity protection. Through Calflora, scientists, citizens, and policymakers have quick and easy access to data they need for analyzing species distributions, modeling spread of invasive species, or identifying consequences of habitat loss. Furthermore, Calflora provides a mechanism for citizens to participate directly in building the information resources they need, and gives all users an opportunity to learn about the beauty and diversity of California plant life. Calflora relies on contributors for the information it provides. As you use the site, remember the thousands of individuals and institutions whose work is reflected there. Calflora is at [www.calflora.org](http://www.calflora.org).

**TOPANGA DOCENTS 26<sup>TH</sup>  
FIELD ECOLOGY WORKSHOP  
APRIL 4-5, 2009  
AT MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK**

Workshop will feature class presentations and field walks concerning the local flora, fauna, geology, and anthropology. Course fee is \$50 for adults, \$25 for children 6-14 and free for children under 6. To register and for further information contact Don Murchie at 310-450-7025 or email: [murchiedon@verizon.net](mailto:murchiedon@verizon.net); or Harvey Bjornlie at 310-454-3510; or Mary Patton 310-455-1519. Camping is available Friday afternoon into Monday morning; potluck supper early Saturday evening.

**WATERSHED PROCEEDINGS  
NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Proceedings from the *Building a Healthier San Gabriel River Watershed* conference are now available online! The 105 page PDF document contains overviews of the presentations and discussions from the conference, plus additional information from the conference, including PowerPoint and presentation reference documents. [www.lasgrwc.org](http://www.lasgrwc.org).

Sneak Preview Celebration Event  
A Film by Ken Burns:

**THE NATIONAL PARKS -  
AMERICA'S BEST IDEA  
MARCH 19, 2009**

Thursday, 5:30pm at Paramount Ranch

KCET invites you to participate in celebrating the nationwide premiere of Ken Burns' latest PBS documentary series *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*.

At this exclusive preview screening in a national park setting, see highlights from the series. Enjoy a Q&A session with Ken Burns moderated by KCET's very own Huell Howser. Attend a park hike or tour plus a reception.

For more info on the film: [www.pbs.org/nationalparks](http://www.pbs.org/nationalparks).

RSVP online by 3/12/09 at <http://support.kcet.org/parks>

Please note that your RSVP does not guarantee admittance. You will need to receive a confirmation by email or phone.

**ARCTOSTAPHYLOS AND THE BOKEH  
Richard Dickey Art Exhibit at the Theodore Payne  
Foundation through March 31**

It's with great honor and pleasure that I announce my upcoming exhibit "Arctostaphylos and the Bokeh" at the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, through March 31. The Theodore Payne Foundation has been very proactive across California in fulfilling their mission statement: "To promote and restore California landscapes, and habitats. To propagate and make available California native plants and wildflowers, and to educate and acquire knowledge about California flora and natural history." The Foundation is home to an extensive book and seed library of California plants, along with sprawling grounds and a retail nursery.

Bokeh, derived from the Japanese word *boke* meaning "fuzzy or blurred," is the out of focus area that's only seen in photography. The human eye doesn't allow for this type of vision, even artists aren't capable of painting a canvas with true bokeh, but the camera allows for an unseen reality that normally would be missed. With specific lenses and apertures, a photographer creates the bokeh with an extremely shallow depth of focus, forcing objects in front or behind this finite "focus plane" to become soft or surreal, and accentuating that which is focused. Using "bokeh" to photograph Arctostaphylos (Manzanita) specimens in flower or with fruit, I've created botanical studies of California's flora on a more intimate scale than my landscape vistas. The individual flowers are tiny to the human eye, but with a macro lens and large aperture, they become objects of art, glowing like white lanterns, or floating orbs in space. A few other specimens will be on view including fascinating yellow stalks and ruby petals of desert candles, monochrome prints of the Dudleya rosette radiating light from its unique white chalk coating, and some other surprises.

The "Arctostaphylos and the Bokeh" art prints are signed open editions, and available in three sizes, there will be various price points for all art/plant enthusiasts. This exhibit is an exclusive Theodore Payne Foundation event only and these prints will only be available for a limited time.

The Theodore Payne Foundation is located at 10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352, voice (818) 768-1802.

Richard Dickey

## Goodbye Letter From Amanda Jorgenson

Dear CNPS Staff, Volunteers, and Members.

The time has come for me to say goodbye. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to work with CNPS and to contribute to the excellent work that you have been doing so diligently for so long. I am also very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet and work with Tara Hansen, the new Executive Director of CNPS. Tara brings to CNPS much needed administrative and financial expertise, as well as her love of California's natural areas and biological diversity. Her enthusiasm and eagerness to work with you all is already evident. I trust that you will welcome Tara and support her work the same way that you welcomed me and supported my work.

Before I go, I want to thank each one of you for all you did to make CNPS 2009 *Conservation Conference: Strategies and Solutions* such a success. This important endeavor would have not been possible without your support. As a result of our combined efforts, we exceeded our goals and expectations. We should all feel very proud for what we have accomplished.

I would like to share with you some of the preliminary results of the conference. The program contained enough diversity to satisfy the technical and aesthetic concerns of students, plant scientists, amateur botanists, conservation advocates, agency officials, conservation planners, and environmental consultants. In addition to an excellent program, the conference also provided a diversity of fun activities for those who needed a temporary break from the oral and poster presentations. We had photographers, artists, poets, and a film-maker celebrating California's plant diversity and natural ecosystems! In addition, the keynote speakers were thought-provoking, as well as inspiring. Participants also had lots of networking opportunities. The post conference workshops (14) were also very successful. Please visit our web site to obtain copies of the presentation abstracts.

While we are still sorting out the final numbers, the results appear to be very positive. These are some of the preliminary statistics: More than 840 registered participants, of which 10% were students; Almost all students were sponsored by chapters and individual donors; We had 264 presenters and about 311 presentations (including posters), arranged over 3 days and 4 concurrent sessions (the work of CNPS was prominently displayed; out of our 33 chapters, 25 had poster presentations; we also had a comprehensive description of our state programs).

- We obtained new members
- About 50 sponsors and 31 exhibitors, as well as a large CNPS sales booth.
- About 100 volunteers.
- We raised over \$7,500 for the Conservation Program from the drawing event and the live and silent auctions!
- The CNPS booth was a success with over \$22,000 in books, posters, and merchandise sales.
- Not a single complaint so far!

Conference organizers are now evaluating the results of the event and the various surveys we conducted, and we will soon provide you and other Society members with a set of proposed post-conference programmatic activities and suggestions for the next CNPS Conservation Conference.

Thank you for volunteering, providing ideas and leadership, presenting your work, sharing your art, leading a session, reviewing abstracts, sponsoring students, registering people, donating money and auction items, fundraising, and publicizing the conference. Thanks to your leadership, hard work, enthusiasm, and generous support, CNPS was able to put together an outstanding conference!

Congratulations to all! What a way to start the CNPS Conservation Conference series! If you want to participate in the organization of the next conference, please contact Tara Hansen, she will be happy to hear from you.

With warm regards,  
Amanda Jorgenson

### Theodore Payne Foundation

10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley 91352  
Wildflower Hotline (starting March 6)  
818-768-3533  
Nursery and Store - (818) 768-1802  
Open Tuesday – Saturday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

#### GARDEN TOUR

APRIL 4 & 5

#### POPPY DAY

APRIL 18

Visit the TPF website  
([www.theodorepayne.org](http://www.theodorepayne.org)) for details about  
these events and upcoming classes.

## WHALE FESTIVAL FANS!!

Due to increasing popularity, the Annual Whale Festival originally held at Point Mugu State Park will now be held at Leo Carrillo State Park. The 13th annual event will be on Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 10am to 4pm. This event celebrates the California gray whale and its return from the brink of extinction. Events include music, environmental booths, whale-watching stations, children's activities, and food. Experienced naturalists will be on hand to help participants spot and identify gray whales and bottlenose dolphin right from the beach! Sponsored by the Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association.

## WEST VALLEY NURSERY STOCKS NATIVE PLANTS

West Valley Nursery, located in Tarzana, has created a beautiful California Native Plant Section. Their selection is quite good. The plants look robust and healthy. If you just can't wait for our Annual Native Plant Sale in the autumn, here is a good centrally located nursery that can help you out throughout the year. With water rationing on the horizon, the demand for native plants will grow and so will this nursery's Native Plant Section. Check them out.  
West Valley Nursery, 19035 Ventura Blvd.,  
Tarzana, 818-342-2623

## AMERICAN PENSTEMON SOCIETY GRANTS AVAILABLE

Funding for projects of modest dimension that will enhance, expand or otherwise contribute to the APS objective of promoting the enjoyment of penstemons.

GRANT AMOUNT \$100-\$350

ELIGIBILITY All members of the American Penstemon Society. You may join to enter @ \$15/year.

MORE INFORMATION [www.apsdev.org](http://www.apsdev.org)



LOS ANGELES · SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER  
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**Chapter Members'  
 Fungus & Flowers  
 Hike and Picnic**  
 March 22, 10am  
 See Calendar of Events (page 3)

**Wildflower Show**  
 April 11 & 12, 10am-4pm  
 Malibu Bluffs Park

Volunteers are needed! We also need people for set up on  
 Fri. April 10 in the afternoon. Contact Snowdy at  
 (818)782-9346 Or at [snowdy.dodson@csun.edu](mailto:snowdy.dodson@csun.edu)

## TIME VALUE

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