



# NAPA VALLEY

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### 2021 Fall Native Plant Sale Our Biggest Sale in 2 Years

After the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic, we are planning to return to our in-person plant sale format on October 9 & 10. We will have drought tolerant plants for sun, shade, and areas in between, for your garden or containers on your deck or patio. We will have evergreen plants and plants that bloom in spring, summer, fall, or winter.

Fall is the best time of the year to plant native plants that will add color, texture, and habitat to your drought tolerant garden. The shorter, cooler days of fall and winter, and, hopefully, the advent of our seasonal rains allow the plants to begin the task of becoming established in the garden, thereby being better able to survive our increasingly dry summers.

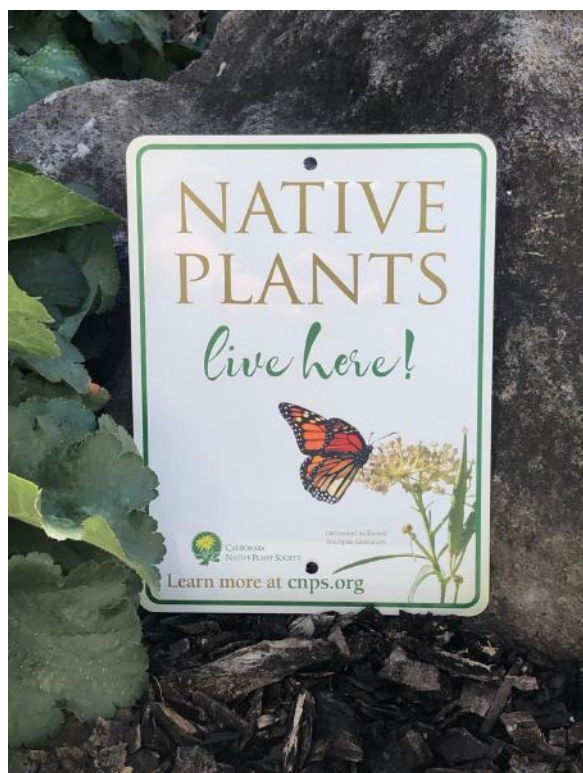
Using native plants benefits the environment. Of primary importance, native plants reduce landscaping water use, an important benefit in our increasingly drought prone climate. They provide food and shelter for our native bees, insects, and birds that have evolved together with the plants and pollinate both 'ornamental' and food producing plants. They don't require fertilizer or pesticides. And they can create an interesting and ever-changing landscape in your yard.

## President's Message - continued

And, did I mention using native plants in containers? There is no reason not to create a native plant pollinator container garden. You can use plants that will allow you to have something blooming virtually all year round. Heuchera (coral bells) blooms in the spring and into summer, Salvias (CA sage) bloom in summer, Epilobium canum (CA fuchsia) blooms in the late summer and fall, and Arctostaphylos (manzanita) blooms in January/February.

We are filling our sale tables with an extraordinary selection of plants from which to choose. Thanks to volunteers who have been propagating plants from select plants in the Martha Walker Garden, we will have a larger selection of some hard-to-find plants, such as Eriophyllum lanatum (wooly sunflower), Salvia leucophylla 'Pt. Sal' (low purple sage), Ribes sanguineum (pink-flowered currant), and Verbena lilacina de la Mina (lilac verbena). Check our website, [www.napavalleycnps.org](http://www.napavalleycnps.org), for a more comprehensive list of the plants we will have available.

The sale takes place at our Growing Grounds in Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave. Napa, from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Our pre-sale for CNPS Members is Saturday, October 9, from 8:30 – 10:00 am. If you are a member of CNPS, bring your membership card to show your support. If you don't have, or can't find, your card, we will have a list of all current active members. If you are not a member, but would like to take advantage of the 'first access,' you may join when you arrive by completing a membership application. **Masks required for entrance to sale.**



## PLANTS READY FOR THE OCTOBER SALE

With rain hopefully on the way, October is a great time to get new plants in the ground and well established before the return of the dry season. This year our shade house is full of plants grown by our propagation team for the upcoming sale, including these . . .

### Silvery Superheros!

Like many plants with silvery foliage, these are well adapted for low water and deer resistance. Plant an all silver garden, or select a few as highlights:

- **Lupinus albifrons / Silver Bush Lupine.** With showy, bumblebee-magnet spires of purple flowers in spring, and delicate, dew- and light-catching foliage year round, this Napa County native perennial lupine is a garden MVP! Forgo deadheading to encourage self-reseeding. Sun. 2-3' wide and high.
- **Salvia x 'Bee's Bliss' / Bee's Bliss Sage.** This softly mounding, prolific spring bloomer is as popular with pollinators as it is unpopular with deer. Sun or light shade. 5' wide and 1'-2' high.
- **Salvia apiana / White Sage.** This hardy, charismatic sage from the dry, coastal areas of southern California is sacred to Native Americans who ceremoniously burn its fragrant, silvery white foliage. Up to 8' tall spikes of pale flowers bloom in spring. Sun. 3'-4' wide and high.
- **Artemisia californica / California Sagebrush.** Narrow, feathery foliage covers the long, graceful branches of this aromatic shrub. Responds well to hard pruning to encourage fresh new growth. Sun. 2'-3' wide and high. Good drainage.
- **Eriogonum arborescens / Island Buckwheat.** Delicate umbels of fluffy white flowers veined with deep red bloom mid to late summer, providing valuable pollinator forage and visual interest in an otherwise leaner time of year. Sun or light shade. 2'-3' wide and high.



Silver Bush Lupine



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**PLANTS READY FOR THE OCTOBER SALE - CONTINUED**

**Bountiful Bloomers!**

If you are new to gardening with natives and not sure where to start, consider these three crowd pleasers, which tolerate a wide range of soil conditions (including containers) and bloom profusely with some sun and even a small amount of summer water:

- **Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina' / Purple Cedros Island Verbena.** Delicate, deeply divided green foliage provides a lush backdrop to purple, honey-scented blooms all summer. 3'-4' wide and 1'-2' high.
- **Diplacus aurantiacus / Sticky Monkey Flower.** A Napa County native perennial! We propagated the classic yellow gold species but there will be several fun hybrid colors available at the sale as well. 2'-3' wide and high.
- **Penstemon heterophyllus x 'Margarita BOP' / Penstemon Margarita BOP.** The folks at Las Pilitas found a particularly tidy, prolific seedling hybrid between Penstemon heterophyllus and Penstemon laetus at the Bottom Of the Porch (hence the "BOP"). Its descendants continue to impress!



Purple Cedros Island Verbena



Sticky Monkey Flower

**Carefree Climbers!**

- **Clematis ligusticifolia/Western White Clematis.** Clusters of creamy white blossoms followed by light-catching, silky seed plumes. Deciduous.
- **Vitis californica / California Grape.** This vigorous vine creates a beautiful screen of lush, velvety green in the summer and dramatic yellows and reds in the fall. Deciduous. Prefers heavy soils.

Find these plants and so many more at the Fall Sale October 9th and 10th!



California Grape

## IN THE GARDEN

The Martha Walker Garden was fortunate to have the enthusiastic help of the Members Church of God, International, on August 7. The group of 25, based in Sacramento, arrived with a variety of ages, including children, teens and adults. Everyone accomplished an amazing amount of productivity over a 3-hour period. We saw wild cherry trees and blackberry removed; pruning of grasses and subshrubs; weeding and prepping the wildflower area for late winter planting; and weeding of the riparian area to allow planned new plantings. All the areas were cleaned, mulched and neat when they left. The children had a good time, too, evidenced by the laughter as they helped to weed in the meadow.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CNPS will be hosting an in-person plant sale on October 9-10, 2021. We are happy to be having a live sale, but we definitely need your help. We will be tagging and pricing plants, along with cleaning up the sale area; working during the sale to assist buyers and cleaning up after the event. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about native plants and their respective communities, and to help your friends and neighbors move on to drought-tolerant landscaping. No previous experience is necessary; we will gladly show you how to help.

Some workdays will begin on Wednesday, September 29, 9-12n with cleaning and organizing the sale area and labeling plants. On Wednesday, 10/6, 9-1pm, we will finalize plant organization, tagging, pricing and displaying informational signs.

Sale shifts to write receipts and assist shoppers will be Saturday 10/9, 8:30 – 11:30am, 11:00 – 2:30pm and 2:00-4:30pm; Sunday 10/10, 9:30 – 1:30pm and 1:00 – 4:30pm. Volunteers and shoppers will be required to wear a mask in the sale area.

For more information or to help out, you can contact Sandra Hewitt at [volunteer@napavalleycnps.org](mailto:volunteer@napavalleycnps.org).



Plant Sale - Continued



California Grape Sale Plant

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