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Grow with Redbud — An Online Festival of California's Native Plants!

Programs, presentations, chapter meeting, and a game! By now we hope you've heard of — and joined in — our "[Grow with Redbud](#)" festival, a month-long array of **online** events hosted by the Redbud Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS).

Want to enjoy the company of others who love native plants as much as you do? Learn more about native plants, no matter what your knowledge level? Dig deeper into actions that really help native plants maintain California's magnificent biodiversity? Enjoy the festival!

From August 22 through September 23, we're sharing outstanding speakers, programs, an action-oriented chapter meeting, and even a fun native plant-oriented game. All events will be virtual, simultaneously on Zoom and YouTube Live stream. All events are free and open to the public, and will be posted on our [Redbud YouTube channel](#) afterwards.

Our series kicked off **Saturday August 22 at 12 noon** with **keynote speaker, CNPS Executive Director Dan Gluesenkamp**, talking about where Redbud and you fit in the bold new vision of CNPS "[Everything's Changing So Fast: An Update](#)." Dan's talk explored the urgency and opportunities for real action that brings enduring improvements. Topics included updates on

the ambitious new California Biodiversity Initiative, the Habitat Revolution, and the power of beauty and hope. A link to a recording of his talk is available online on our website.

At this event, we also kicked off **Redbud Treasure Hunt Bingo**, a combination treasure hunt/bingo game that continues throughout the festival; each bingo tile represents an activity related to native plants. Have fun! Do stuff! Maybe even win! A new tile is announced almost daily on our Facebook Group. To participate and get instructions, send an email to redbudchapter@gmail.com.



Landscaped meadows of local native grasses and wildflowers. Photo by Chrissy Freeman

Other programs are on Saturdays at noon and Wednesdays at 7 pm. They include:

- **[Wed. Aug 26, 7 p.m.](#) “The Wild Forager — Gathering the Abundance of Nature Through Stewardship.”** Matt and Rachel Berry looked at ways to enhance plant biodiversity and how to identify, gather and process abundant plants sustainably. A recording of this presentation will be online soon.
- **[Wed. Sep 2, 7 p.m.](#) “Learning Even More About Your Favorite Local Native Plants Using Calflora.”** Cynthia Powell, Executive Director of Calflora (a non-profit wild plant data clearinghouse for California), shares how to use their site to learn about our regional plants. She’ll also show us how to use other Calflora tools.
- **[Wed., Sep 9, 7 p.m.](#) “Putting Passion into Action: Advocating for What We Love.”** Leslie Warren. Decisions made by our local elected officials impact our lives significantly. Leslie will talk about how decisions—particularly land-use decisions—are made and how citizen participation and advocacy can inform those decisions to reduce adverse impacts. She will share how you can effect change related to a specific project.

- **Sat., Sep 12, noon. “Botanizing Nevada and Placer Counties.”** This year, Shane Hanofee has traveled far and wide across our counties exploring just about every habitat and ecotype they offer. He’ll take us on a photographic and botanical journey through plant communities from the valley floor to the Eastern Sierra.
- **Wed., Sep 16, 7 p.m. Redbud Chapter Meeting.** Getting up to date on Redbud activities, including the October virtual plant sale, conservation and advocacy opportunities in Nevada and Placer Counties, and announcing winners of our festival-long Grow with Redbud Treasure Hunt
- **Sat. Sep 19, noon. “What Makes Native Gardening Special?”** Chrissy Freeman, Redbud member and Master Gardener, explores how gardening with California native plants differs from gardening with regular nursery plants, from ecological benefits to landscape opportunities to gardening best practices.
- **Wed. Sep 23, 7 p.m. “Rainwater Harvesting and Rainscaping Strategies for Healthy Watersheds.”** Nancy (our horticulture chair) and Ames Gilbert (also a long-time active volunteer) will present best practices for how to store and harvest rainwater; and strategies to slow, spread and sink rainfall and stormwater runoff. They’ll also share appropriate native plants for related ecosystems.

For details, see our new website, <https://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/>. We’ll also post them on our Facebook page as each event approaches.

Volunteer to Help with a Festival Online Event

If you have experience facilitating a Zoom meeting or similar and could help with one of these Zoom meetings, or would like more info, please contact nativeplanthelp@redbud-cnps.org.

Redbud to Open Online Store for Plant Sales

By Chrissy Freeman

Take heart! Redbud’s Fall Plant Sale will happen in the first half of October, despite Covid-19, though in a different form — You’ll be able to buy plants through our new Redbud online store and have your plants delivered to your door!*



Our new online store will soon be ready to launch. When it’s set to go, we’ll put the link on our website and our Facebook page. We’ll also feature the link in the September *Redbud News*. As soon as the store opens, you’ll be able to purchase new and renewal memberships and make donations to CNPS. Later, when the plant sale starts, you’ll be able to order plants and other merchandise.

*Plants Await 2019 Plant Sale Opening.
Photo by Nancy Gilbert*

Start Your Plant Lists

Within a week or so, we'll post a plant species list on our [Plant Sale page](#). If you haven't already done so, you can then start your own list of plants you want to purchase. Use [Calscape](#) to start plant lists for specific areas of your property, and a plant list for the upcoming sale. Download [Redbud's Guide to Calscape](#); for step-by-step directions on how to create plant lists in Calscape, see Step 4 in that guide.

Buying Via Redbud's Online Store

Because of Covid-19 concerns, none of the CNPS chapters are holding in-person plant sales this fall. So all plant, seed, book, and other purchases will be via our store. All payments must be made by credit card.

Having the store means you'll be able to buy native plants throughout the year, as available, not just at our fall plant sale. You'll also be able to purchase our other merchandise more easily. These include our Redbud books, other native plant books, Redbud T-shirts, "Native Plants Grow Here" signs, native plant posters, and more. Shipping options for non-plant merchandise are in the planning stages; we'll finalize these after the plant sale.

Members-Only Day

We'll have a members-only shopping day before plants go on sale to the general public. (This takes the place of the members-only time at the beginning of the in-person sale.) We will notify members of this date via email only (not postal mail, because of time constraints). If you want to receive this notice:

- If you're a member who has been receiving *Redbud News* via email, you're all set.
- If you're a member who has not been receiving *Redbud News* via email, you'll need to send us a valid email address and state that you want to receive notice of Redbud plant sales. Send your request to nativeplanthelp@redbud-cnps.org. Currently, we can't reach some members by email, either because they have opted out of CNPS email, or because we don't have a valid email address for them.
- If you're not a member now, or if your membership will expire before mid-October 2020, go to our website, <https://chapters.cnps.org/redbud/> and click the Join/Renew button at top right to join or renew, by September 20, 2020. Joining or renewing through the Redbud store ensures that we can confirm your membership. Thanks!



Hummingbird fuschia (Epilobium canum)

Public Sale

After we've completed the members-only sale, we'll share with non-member subscribers and the general public via email, Facebook, and our website that plants are for sale at the online store.

We'll Deliver Your Plants

To limit physical contact, we'll have volunteers deliver most orders to purchasers within a designated radius of each of the towns of Grass Valley, Nevada City, and Auburn. A \$10 delivery fee will be charged at the time of each order, unless total purchases exceed \$150.

Any purchaser living outside the designated radius of one of those towns will be contacted about pickup location and time, with advance notice of the delivery date and time. Pickup sites will be within a reasonable distance of the purchaser. The delivery fee will still apply, because Redbud will still need to deliver customer purchases to the pickup location.

We'll need volunteers to help with order processing and with delivery. Please read the accompanying Volunteers article, and let us know if you can help!

Remember to Order Non-Plant Goodies!

In addition to plants, Redbud merchandise such as books, aprons, posters and "Native Plants Grow Here" signs will be available; so save yourself the shipping fee and order these items at the same time as your plants.

*If you live outside our delivery radius, we can work out a pickup spot.

Time To Volunteer For Our Online Plant Sale!

By Jeanne Wilson and Carol Thompson



Redbud members are working enthusiastically on our special Online Fall Plant Sale. Now we're recruiting the larger team, to get our plants to the folks who'll buy them at our October sale. Join us, and help us make sure our beautiful native plants get matched up with their new owners!

Compared with previous plant sales, this year's online plant sale will require many fewer volunteers. The types of volunteer jobs have shifted as well. Check out the listings following and figure out what you'd like to do. Each job will require just 2.5 to 3 hours per sign-up slot.

If you're willing to help, please let us know at volunteer4redbud@gmail.com what volunteer role you'd like to do. This work will take place sometime during the period October 9 to 25. We'll finalize specific dates and times and will accommodate your previous commitments.

Volunteers Get \$12.50 Coupon

Volunteers will receive a coupon code for \$12.50, equivalent to the price of a one gallon plant. Because they will be able to pick up their order at the end of their shift when they volunteer,

volunteers will also receive a separate code equal to the \$10 delivery fee, which they can apply at the time they place an order. The online store software does not include give us the option to waive the delivery fee; it is an automatic charge applied to all orders.

Volunteer Roles

Delivery Drivers: Our biggest need is for delivery drivers. Drivers must be current Redbud members who own an SUV, van or a truck with covered bed. Drivers will be expected to make a minimum of two to three deliveries in addition to picking up their own plants. Drivers need to be able to lift boxes of plants, both to place into their vehicle and to deposit at delivery sites. GPS (or map application on cell phone) is desirable.

Plant Order Fulfillment: Volunteers will assemble the orders at a site in Grass Valley. These volunteers need to be able to lift plants (maximum pot size = two gallons) and place them into and out of wagons or boxes, as well as move the filled boxes to the staging location for pick up.



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