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NATIVE PLANT SALE

Left: A wide variety of hard-to-find, easy-to-grow native plants are available at the Native Plant Sale in Los Altos Hills on Saturday, October 17, 2009. (Photo: Stephanie Morris, CNPS-SCV)

-----CALENDAR LISTING:-----

FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE. Scores of hard-to-find native plants species, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Speak to experts about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers, and grasses. Native plant books, posters, and note cards on sale. Organized by California

Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). **Saturday, October 17, 2009**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. 2 miles west of I-280. Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com, or call 650-941-1068.

-----PRESS RELEASE:-----

In this age of global warming and climate change, what can you do to help the environment? Go native! By planting native plants in the garden, you reduce your consumption of water, energy, chemicals, and create a garden attractive to humans as well as birds and butterflies. Discover the possibilities at the Native Plant Sale at Hidden Villa Ranch in Los Altos Hills on **Saturday, October 17, 2009**.

Choose from scores of hard-to-find species, from deergrass and monkey flower to redbud and blue-eyed grass, from orchids and lilies to sedums and buckwheat. Speak with seasoned gardeners about water-wise alternatives to a lawn, including native perennials, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses. The plants are accurately tagged and nurtured by volunteers from the California Native Plant Society (CNPS). Browse books, posters, and note cards featuring native plants.

California native plants are naturally adapted to the local soil and climate changes, thrive without amendments, fertilizers, or pesticides, and offer incomparable habitat value. Fall is an excellent time to plant, when the summer heat has dissipated and rain is just around the corner. Come spring, you will be rewarded with a stunning display of wildflowers.

The non-profit, all-volunteer CNPS Nursery opens to the public only two times a year in the spring and again in the fall. Proceeds fund chapter activities such as Gardening With Natives, field trips, conservation, and education.

The sale takes place **Saturday, October 17, 2009**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. The ranch is 2 miles west of the I-280 Moody/El Monte Road exit. Parking is free. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only.

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