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37th ANNUAL WILDFLOWER SHOW

Baby Blue Eyes (Nemophila menziesii) is an early blooming California native wildflower that has also become a popular garden plant. (Photo credit: Arvind Kumar, CNPS-SCV)

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37th ANNUAL WILDFLOWER SHOW. Two-day expo showcases the plant biodiversity of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. The region's premier botanical/horticultural event displays over 400 species of wildflowers and native plants, each accurately labeled, many suitable for the home garden. Free classes on native plant identification, growing wildflowers, and gardening with native plants. On sale: books, posters, seeds, and note cards. Saturday & Sunday, **April 25 & 26, 2009**, 10am to 4pm. Mission College, Hospitality Management Building, 3000 Mission College Boulevard, Santa Clara. Parking free in Lot C only. Sponsored by California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, and the Mission College Biological Sciences Department. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com, or call 650-941-1068.

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The **37th Annual Wildflower Show**, the premier botanical and horticultural event of the South Bay and Peninsula, will take place at Mission College in Santa Clara over the weekend of **April 25-26, 2009**, 10am to 4pm.

The Wildflower Show is a **two-day expo** showcasing the plant biodiversity of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. In April many native plants are in full bloom, providing a breathtaking display of natural beauty. At the show, over 400 species of wildflowers and native plants are displayed, each accurately labeled, many suitable for the home garden.

Many special activities take place in conjunction with the wildflower show. **Free classes** are offered on native plant identification, wildflower gardening, and gardening with native plants. **Knowledgeable botanists and gardeners** are on hand to answer questions. **Books, posters, seeds, note cards**, and other wildflower-related items are available for purchase.

The Wildflower Show is a well-known and loved tradition in the South Bay and the Peninsula. Organized by the Santa Clara Valley chapter of the **California Native Plant Society**, this educational event is free and open to the public, and suitable for the entire family. Here one can learn about the breathtaking diversity of California's native flora, and pick up ideas for the home garden.

The venue is the Mission College Hospitality Management Building, conveniently accessible from the Great America Parkway exit off Highway 101 in Santa Clara. Parking is free (in Lot C only). The Wildflower Show is sponsored by the Mission College Biological Sciences Department. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com, or call 650-941-1068.