

# CNPS Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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## NATIVE PLANT SALE

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

**Spring Native Plant Sale.** Scores of species of native plants, 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. Organized by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. **Saturday, May 1, 2010**, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 to carry your purchases home. **Cash or check only.** For more information, [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org), [cnps\\_scv@yahoo.com](mailto:cnps_scv@yahoo.com), 650-260-3450.

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

Make your garden water-wise and beautiful at the same time this season by introducing California native plants. Native plants also bring habitat value and a sense of place to the garden without requiring additional energy or chemicals. Discover the possibilities at the **Native Plant Sale at Hidden Villa Ranch in Los Altos Hills on Saturday, May 1, 2010.**

Naturally adapted to the local soil and climate, California native plants thrive without amendments, fertilizers, or pesticides, and offer incomparable habitat value. Choose from scores of species of hard-to-find native plants: from deergrass and monkey flower to redbud and blue-eyed grass, from orchids and lilies to ferns, sedums, and buckwheats.

In spring, California hillsides turn every shade of yellow, orange, red, blue, purple, and white with glorious wildflower displays. Many of these wildflowers can be grown in the garden with ease, and you can get seeds and bulbs at the sale. Speak with experts about unthirsty alternatives to a lawn, including native perennials, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses. Browse books, posters, and note cards featuring native plants.

The plants are accurately tagged and lovingly nurtured by volunteers from the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS). The non-profit, all-volunteer CNPS Nursery opens to the public two times a year (spring and fall). Proceeds fund chapter activities such as Gardening With Natives, Field Trips, Conservation, and Education, as well as the Trust for Hidden Villa.

The sale takes place **Saturday, May 1, 2010**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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. Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes to carry your purchases home. **Cash or check only.**

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