



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

of the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter

March 11, 2008 – 7:30 - 9:30pm  
Sepulveda Garden Center  
Encino

Death Valley 1998  
Wildflower Year of the Century

Speaker: Rosemary Foster

The El Niño rains of 1997-1998 brought a record 5.8 inches of rainfall to Death Valley (average rainfall, 1.7 inches). The rains were spaced just far enough apart to ensure an extensive growth period and continuous bloom for much of the Death Valley flora. Monterey Bay Chapter, California Native Plant Society's former president and current chapter delegate, Rosemary Foster, was there for a week in March and a week in April of 1998 to see and photograph the phenomenal display.

Death Valley's geologic history, topographic diversity and climatic extremes make it home to a fascinating flora. Of the nearly 1,000 plant species found in this National Park, 22 are found nowhere else and another 33 have only a few populations found elsewhere. Many of these bloomed in record profusion due to the El Niño rains, some for the first time in years. Come see the vast fields of desert gold, the rare golden carpet, *Gilmania luteola*, rock mimulus, Death Valley sage and other beautiful treasures of one of our state's magnificent National Parks.

Rosemary Foster studied horticulture and botany at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and is a horticultural consultant in Carmel. Her bibliography of Lester Rowntree's periodical publications (720 entries) was recently published by UC Press in the reprint of Rowntree's *Hardy Californians*.

Programs are free to the public. Refreshments will be served. For directions, see Calendar of Events on page 3.

April 8, 2008 – 7:30 - 9:30pm  
First United Methodist Church  
Santa Monica

Catalina Island in 2008

Speakers: Frank Landis

Frank Landis, Senior Plant Ecologist with the Catalina Conservancy, will present an overview of recent fires and recovery, as well as what is new with the Catalina Conservancy.

### Chapter Members' Fungus & Flowers Hike and Picnic Sunday, March 2, 10:00am (back of Tapia Park)

Florence Nishida will be our fungus leader to help us identify the many mushrooms that are likely to be found, given the wet winter. We will also find wildflowers on the high road across a north-facing slope, then walk along Malibu Creek into the state park, passing the Mott Adobe and the visitor center before returning for our lunch at the wilderness camp, the site of our two previous chapter picnics. This walk will take us through chaparral, oak woodlands, grasslands, and past the CNPS Commemorative Oak Grove that was once the site for 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox's heavy equipment storage before it was acquired by state parks. The entrance to the park is near the intersection of Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon and Piuma Roads. No parking fee. Tell park aide at the Tapia Park entry gate that you are going to the Salvation Army Camp. However, if you are late, you will need to pay the state park's parking fee and then find a way into the camp and hope you can find us. Bring water and snacks in case you get hungry before lunch is served. Please RSVP by calling (818) 348-5910.

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Wildflower Show  
Saturday & Sunday, March 22 & 23  
Bluffs Park, Malibu  
See Poster Inside for Details

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – by Snowdy Dodson, Chapter President

We have a busy March and April schedule lined up. Our lovely rain will provide loads of mushrooms for our hike and members' picnic (see above). Resident mushroom expert and hike leader, Florence Nishida, reports that in February of this year she led a foray in Cold Creek and found an amazing array of mushrooms that have popped up this season. We also can guarantee that we will see many lovely wildflowers on this excursion. And then there's food! And good company!

On March 22 & 23 please join us for the annual CNPS Wildflower Show (co-sponsored with the City of Malibu) at the Malibu Bluffs Park (see calendar). The vegetation in the park is beginning to recover from the January 2007 fire. Due to the hard work of the Chapter Weed Warriors, the natives are starting to thrive. Our weed war at the park in February 2008 was joined by volunteers from TreePeople who along with the regular Weed Warriors did an amazing job of clearing out the invasives. Based on that experience, I can tell you that many plants are already beginning to bloom. California sunflower, deer weed, sun cups, wild cucumber, poppies, to name only a few. The hikes during the Wildflower Show will be on Sat. & Sun. at 1 p.m.; please join us and take a look.

There are numerous other hiking opportunities listed here in this latest Toyon issue lots of reasons to celebrate spring and get out into the wild for some rejuvenation. Hope to see you soon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### L.A. / SMM Chapter Wildflower Show and Wildflower Walks Saturday & Sunday, March 22 & 23, 10am-4pm, Malibu Bluffs Park

Native wildflowers from botanical and home gardens are on display. Plants, books, posters and more for sale. Members of the California Native Plant Society will provide a 2-hour guided walk to look at the spring and post-burn wildflowers at Bluffs Park at 1 pm each day. Sponsored also by City of Malibu and Charmlee Wilderness Park. Location: Pacific Coast Hwy. at Malibu Canyon Road. Call or email Snowdy Dodson for further information or to volunteer some time at the show: (818)782-9346 or [snowdy.dodson@csun.edu](mailto:snowdy.dodson@csun.edu)

### Los Angeles Environmental Education Fair

Los Angeles County Arboretum

Sat. & Sun March 8 & 9

Our chapter of CNPS has a table that will be expertly covered by Sheila Bjornlie who will be distributing educational materials about native plants. Visit [www.laef.org](http://www.laef.org) for information.

### Arts Day LA – March 8

Arts Day LA on the UCLA campus is a day-long program for those interested in careers in the field of landscape architecture. More information will be posted at <http://artsdayla.com>.

### Sat. & Sun. April 12 & 13 Field Ecology Workshop

Malibu Creek State Park

Contact Topanga Canyon Docents at (310) 455-1696 for sign up.

### Out of the Wild & Into the Garden: California's Horticulturally Significant Plants VI – a Symposium

April 16-19, 2008,

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Consult the RSABG web site for registration information:

[www.rsabg.org/content/view/254/1/](http://www.rsabg.org/content/view/254/1/)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Local Garden Care Volunteers Needed

Tarzana Community Center at 19130 Ventura Blvd. is creating a unique garden that needs volunteers to assist in its design and care. Anyone interested in helping out should call 818-705-1286.

### Land Purchase Added to Trail

Conservationists have purchased another chunk of private land dissecting the Backbone Trail winding through the Santa Monica Mountains. The 10-acre Encinal Canyon property, one of the few remaining private parcels needed to complete the 60-mile Backbone Trail, was purchased for \$275,000 by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. The purchase provides an easement to the Etz Meloy Motorway, which will be part of the trail. Three other pieces of property are needed to complete the trail through the mountains of Ventura and Los Angeles counties. More than 177 parcels have been obtained since trail building began in the 1970's.

Excerpted from the Daily News

### David Brown Wins Planner Award.

David Brown has been a member of our chapter for a long time. He has been a consistent activist voice and a key player in the local environmental movement. It was his documentation that clinched Mulholland Highway as a California Scenic Highway. So it is great to hear that he has been given a 2008 National Planning Award. This award from the American Planning Association is considered to be the planning profession's highest honor. David is a history professor at Los Angeles Valley College, has served on the Calabasas General Plan Advisory committee and as president of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation.

### CNPS Chapter Annual Reports Now Online

Go to [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org), click on "local chapters" and you can download a .pdf file of the 2006 Chapter Annual Reports.

## Introduction to Native Landscaping and Craftsman House Tour

April 26, 2008, 10am-12:30pm  
2657 S. Van Buren Place, Los Angeles, 90007

Attention mid-city Los Angeleans, at last, our chapter, in conjunction with the Theodore Payne Foundation, is presenting a program in your area! Here is a chance to tour a 1910 Craftsman house in the historic West Adams District. Jennifer Charnofsky has been gracious enough to open her house for a native plant talk by Lili Singer, followed by tours of the interior and exterior of the house, which has native plantings and an English cottage style front garden. Native plants, books and seeds will be available for sale (provided by the Payne Foundation) and experienced native plant gardeners from CNPS and TPF will be available to answer questions. Lili's talk will begin around 10:15am. She'll discuss what a "native" plant is, how to choose the best California natives for your garden and simple ways to get them established and keep them thriving. Native flora with special characteristics – wildlife value, fragrant foliage and colorful flowers – will be showcased. Expect plenty of great information! Parking can be found on the street. Call (818) 881-3706 for additional information.

# Wildflower Show

**March 22–23, 2008**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**10am–4pm**

*Wildflower Displays  
Native Plants for Sale  
Books, Posters,  
and more...*

*Wildflower Walks  
at 1:00pm daily.*

*FREE admission  
and parking.*



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**MALIBU BLUFFS PARK**

**PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AT MALIBU CANYON ROAD**

*Presented by California Native Plant Society, and the  
City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Department. More information: 310/317-1364.*

CNPS Wildflower Show Coordinator: Snowy Dodson, 818/782-9346. Email: [snowy.dodson@csun.edu](mailto:snowy.dodson@csun.edu)

## PROGRAMS

TUES 3/11 7:30-9:30pm

*Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino*

Death Valley 1998 –  
Wildflower Year  
of the Century  
Speaker: Rosemary Foster

Directions: the Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd. in Encino, is on the north side of Magnolia between Balboa & Hayvenhurst. Park in the lighted lot at the east end of the garden, walk west along the path to the garden center building. Native plant and gardening books will be for sale and refreshments are served. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 6:00pm at Tony Roma's Restaurant, 16575 Ventura Blvd., Encino. (818-461-8400)

TUES 4/8 7:30-9:30pm

*First United Methodist Church, Santa Monica*

Catalina Island in 2008  
Speakers: Frank Landis

Directions: The First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street, Santa Monica CA 90403, is one and a half blocks north of Wilshire Boulevard on 11th Street in Santa Monica. From the 10 freeway, exit at Lincoln. Go right, or north to Wilshire. Turn right. In three blocks turn left on 11th Street. The church is on the left, just past California. Church parking is on the right under an apartment complex. The Fireside Room is at the north end of the church's large patio, next to the Sanctuary. Native plant and gardening books will be for sale and refreshments are served. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 6:00pm at El Cholo Mexican Restaurant in Santa Monica at 1025 Wilshire Blvd.

For information about the above programs, please see "Upcoming Programs" on front page.

CNPS Statewide Chapter  
Council meeting and  
Banquet

Saturday - March 8

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden  
8:30am til 9pm

1500 North College Avenue, Claremont

Meet CNPSers from all over the state during the meeting and at the evening banquet. The Garden should look spectacular too! For details visit [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org)

## BOARD MEETINGS

TUES 3/4 7pm

LA/SMM CNPS Chapter Board Meeting at the home of Halli Mason. Chapter members are invited. Call for directions. (818) 345-6749

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## HIKES AND RESTORATION

SUN 3/2 10am-1pm

*Tapia Park, Salvation Army Camp*

A Chapter Members' Fungus and Wildflower Hike and Picnic. See front cover for details. Please R.S.V.P. to (818) 348-5910.

SUN 3/9 9am- 4pm

*Sycamore Cove, Pt. Mugu State Park*

Whale Festival Whale-watching stations, marine artists, food, live performances, along with conservation and children's activity booths. Day-use parking fee: \$10; event entrance is free. All proceeds go to support interpretive programs at Pt. Mugu and Leo Carrillo State Parks. Info: (805) 488-1827

SUN 3/9 9am

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Weed War and Habitat Restoration In January 2007, the park burned. Warring against the non-native plants (weeds) began immediately, but there is much to do to restore ecological balance. Bring lunch, water, and gloves. Community service credit. *Reservations required* (818) 348-5910. 4hrs

SAT 3/15 9am

*Malibu Creek State Park*

Oak Woodland Habitat Restoration "Pull and Plant (weeds and oaks)" We will work in one of the many new oak groves that have been planted by volunteers over the last 10 years. Bring lunch, water, and gloves; tools provided; community service credit; free parking. *Reservations required.* (818) 348-5910. 4hrs. Co-sponsored by Mountains Restoration Trust.

THUR 3/20 8:30am

*Caballero Canyon*

Chaparral Chatter will hike up the canyon appreciating the beauty of California chaparral and oak woodlands, view the expanse of city and mountains from vistas on Mulholland, and enjoy nearby trails in Topanga State Park. This walk stops for wildflowers. Bring water and snack. Meet at the lower trailhead. (818) 345-6749. 3hrs

TUES 3/25 8:30-11:30am

*Hansen Dam Recreation Area*

Natural History Walk. 8:30-11:30 a.m. The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) and SFVAS team up for a natural history walk in the Hansen Dam area hoping to find flowering "fire followers" in the past year's burn area and, of course, birds. BRING BINOCULARS AND A HAND LENS. It is also a good idea to bring water and munchies. Directions: Take Osborne exit from Golden State Fwy. (I-5). Go northeast past intersection with Glenoaks. Turn right at Dronefield to enter the park. Proceed downhill to the large parking lot. Alternate directions: Exit at Osborne from the Foothill Fwy. (I-210). At the off ramp, turn onto Foothill towards the northwest. After a short distance, turn left onto Osborne (traffic signal) and then left at Dronefield. Proceed to the lower parking lot. Leader: Mark Osokow, e-mail [mark.osokow@sfvaidubon.org](mailto:mark.osokow@sfvaidubon.org). Rain postpones to Saturday, May 10

THUR 3/27 10am

*Cold Creek Preserve*

Cold Creek Meanderings Mountain lilac, bush poppies and spring wildflowers adorn the trails. Pass under oak canopies, through red shank and mountain lilac tunnels and across open meadows for 3-5 miles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 3hrs. (818) 348-5910. Co-sponsored by Mountains Restoration Trust.

SAT 4/5 9am

*Peter Strauss Ranch*

La Sierra Restoration Day After meeting at PSR, we caravan to La Sierra Preserve to halt the invasion of weeds in wetlands and along the trails that destroy the floral beauty of the preserve. Bring lunch and water. (Community service credit.) *Reservations required.* (818) 591-1701 x203. 5hrs. Co-sponsored by Mountains Restoration Trust.

SUN 4/13 9am

*Santa Monica Mountains*

Weed War The Weed War focus for the next three months will be on burned parklands to remove the invasive weeds that threaten the natural recovery of native plants and wildflowers. Site to be announced. Call (818) 348-5910 for site location and reservations. 5hrs

THUR 4/17 8:30am

*Caballero Canyon*

Chaparral Chatter hikes will explore the trails of a central section of the Santa Monica Mountains to see mariposa lilies, hummingbird sage, woolly blue curls and other spring and summer wildflowers as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands. Meet lower trailhead. Bring water and snack. (818) 345-6749. 3hrs

SUN 4/20 9am

*Santa Monica Mountains*

Fire-Follower Wildflower Walk Rising from the ashes of last year's wildfires, the long-dormant seeds and bulbs of native wildflowers germinate and bloom to create a palette of incredible color and diversity. For site and meeting place, please call the CNPS 24-hour message machine: (818) 881-3706 or (818) 348-5910. 4hrs

THUR 4/24 10am

*Cold Creek Preserve -**Lower Stunt High Trail*

Cold Creek Meanders Join us for a 4-mile walk on the Secret Trail under oaks, through mountain lilac tunnels and across meadows. All along the way we'll see a myriad of spring wildflowers and stunning views. Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes; bring water and lunch/snack. (818) 348-5910. 3hrs. Co-sponsored by Mountains Restoration Trust.

SUN 4/27 10am

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Springtime Meander on the Bluffs. Explore along the trail to discover the fire-following recovery of native plants and grasses (and the invasion of weeds); enjoy great views of mountains and sea. 2hrs. (818) 782-9346.

## Infl uencing Our Neighbors

Hi all.

Remember when I wrote - unsanctioned by the board - a letter on CNPS stationary with attachment info from Cal-IPC, their and our phone #s, etc. to some homeowners in my neighborhood espousing the villainous qualities of pampas grass? The reaction then was either to ignore my letter or get irate.

I decided to take a different approach. Things are truly getting out of hand. It's an out-right invasion of the nasties.

I wrote a nice letter - generic and on my stationary - as a caring neighbor, observing the changes in our lovely neighborhood, blah-di-blah-di-blah, this time vilifying castor bean. All backed up by Cal-IPC, CNPS and other's info, phone numbers, websites, etc., etc., including my name phone number, email and fax. I hand-delivered the letter to Caballero Country Club, adjacent new housing developments and others.

Within 10 days Caballero Country Club had cleared hundreds of castor bean seedlings.

Yippy!

I will try this new approach with my neighbors - well, really just people living in the neighborhood - regarding pampas grass, castor bean and tree of heaven, the most blatant invaders of my neighborhood.

My own personal urban weed war. Let's see what happens

Halli

Be sure to see the latest issue of Fremontia (Volume 35, Number 3) for the article honoring Halli Mason as a new Fellow for her many contributions to CNPS.

## Fiel d Trip Report by Halli Mason

I had agreed to lead a walk for a group of people who might opt not to participate in the 10K- and 5K-run at the Salvation Army Camp. Don Mowry, the Camp Director, wanted to offer an alternative to families with children and to those who wanted to take it easy, or who might be interested in learning a bit more about the local fauna, flora and natural history.

So on June 16, 2007 I presented myself at the appointed time mind you: 7:30 am at Camp Mount Craggs. Have you ever been there? No? Well, nor had I. Entering Tapia Park off Malibu Canyon Road you hang a right instead of going to the Tapia parking lot on the left, go thru a gate which was opened for us, drive in for a while and arrive at a conference center, pool, rec areas, big dining hall, all hunkered down in a spectacular site.

The morning started out being cool and foggy. By the time we got underway for our walk after all the runners, approximately 200 of them, had taken off it was nearly 9 o'clock and the sun was blazing down on us. Joining me were 3 young families with babies in their respective strollers, an English couple, and an assorted group of individuals. I suffered a very high rate of attrition. By the time we got back an hour and forty-five minutes later, only the English couple remained. The kids got restless, the mothers were bothered by the poison oak, and the rest just wanted to get back after 30 minutes.

Nevertheless, it was a glorious walk along Malibu Creek; almost totally level, shaded by tall coast live oaks, a couple of valley oaks, lots of sycamores, bay laurels; walnuts and elderberries dotting the hillsides. While the group was still complete, we talked about poison oak of which there is an awful lot to either side of the trail, hanging in the trees and clambering over shrubs, some of it in bloom, some of it with berries and most of it showing off beautiful fall color. One of the little girls, Dakota, picked up a Sycamore leaf, which presented an opportunity to talk about how some birds scrape the underside of the leaf and use the soft fuzzy stuff for padding their nests. In one almost totally shaded cove on a northwest facing slope we spotted sticky monkey flower, elegant clarkia, golden yarrow, buckwheat, red larkspur (no flower, just the foliage) and a totally shriveled-up dudleya in a rock crevice.

Upon our return to camp, we were treated to fresh fruit, and nice cold drinks. Not a bad way to spend a Saturday morning.

## Theodore Payne Foundation

10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley 91352 - (818) 768-1802 - [www.theodorepayne.org](http://www.theodorepayne.org)

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES

Lester Rowntree: Contributions to Native Plant Horticulture with Rosemary Foster  
Saturday, March 8, 10:00am-11:30am  
Fee: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers

California Native Plant Horticulture with Lili Singer  
Saturday, March 15, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Fee: \$35 members, \$45 nonmembers

*Classes fill quickly, so reserve early.*  
Class cancellation policy: No refunds will be issued for cancellations made within 7 days of class date.

Poppy Day  
Saturday, March 29, 8:30am-4:30pm

Theodore Payne's Fifth Annual  
Native Plant Garden Tour  
Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, 10am-4pm

#### *FREE LECTURE!*

Designing Native Plant Gardens with Alrie Middlebrook  
Saturday, April 12, 6:30 pm - Barnsdall Gallery Theatre, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 90027

## Help Support the National Park

Our chapter's single source of continuous publicity is the *Outdoors* published by the National Park. The chapter has benefited by having our hikes, weed wars, flower show and restoration activities listed in this quarterly calendar. They, like everyone it seems, are running short of funds: escalating costs, diminished funding. The park's non-profit arm, The Santa Monica Mountains Fund whose executive director is Arthur E. Eck, a former superintendent of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA), is asking for help from the community to help fund the publication of *Outdoors*.

The Fund has a fund-raising agreement with Ralph's that only requires having a Ralph's card. A portion of your purchases can go to the Santa Monica Mountains Fund and will be used exclusively to help cover costs for the *Outdoors Quarterly Calendar*. Signing up is easy by going to the Ralph's website, [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com), clicking the community contribution button on the left-hand menu, and entering the Fund's NPO number, 90102. You will need the number from your Ralph's card to complete the enrollment, or if you routinely use a phone number at the checkout stand in lieu of a card, you can call (800) 660-9003 and Ralph's will give you your card number.

## Rare Plants of Western San Diego County

Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center, Oceanside

March 4-6, 2008

Instructors: Fred Roberts and Michelle Balk

COST: \$440 CNPS members; \$450 non-members

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course offered by CNPS will focus on the identification and ecology of sensitive plants of the coast, foothills, and mountains of San Diego County. Emphasis will be placed on endangered, threatened, and CNPS List 1 and 2 species. Key characters used in identifying easily-confused species will be presented, and specific distributions and habitat preferences will be discussed. Rare plant survey protocols, especially those developed by California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), will also be examined in detail. The course will include field trips to local rare plant populations to provide course participants with first-hand experience of sensitive plants of San Diego County.

For full details and registration click on the link:

<http://cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/index.php>

## BioBlitz

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

May 30-31, 2008 / Noon to Noon

The Santa Monica Mountains BioBlitz is presented by National Geographic and the National Park Service in collaboration with Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and California State Parks. Teams of naturalists, scientists, and volunteers will comb the park's 150,000+ acres, observing and recording as many species as possible. The public is invited to participate! Advance registration is required for full participation. Registration of scientists/naturalists is available via: [www.ngsednet.org/bioblitz/scientist](http://www.ngsednet.org/bioblitz/scientist)

The deadline is March 23. Also, an orientation session for BioBlitz scientists & Naturalists will take place on March 1. Email Tim Watkins to RSVP at [TiWatkin@ngs.org](mailto:TiWatkin@ngs.org). Our CNPS Chapter will be staffing a booth and leading activities during BioBlitz. To volunteer for these efforts please contact Snowy Dodson (818) 782-9346, or email Snowy at [snowy.dodson@csun.edu](mailto:snowy.dodson@csun.edu).

## No More Plastic Bags

*We use one million plastic bags each minute.*

*Re-use /recycle all your plastic bags or don't use them!*

*Keep them out of the trees!*



*Willow trees in the Sepulveda Basin festooned with plastic bags along the Los Angeles River.*

Each year, an estimated 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide. That comes out to over one million per minute.

According to the EPA, over 380 billion plastic bags, sacks and wraps are consumed in the U.S. each year.

Californians throw away 294,000,000 pounds of plastic bags every year, or 147,000 tons - enough waste to circle the planet over 250 times.

In the State of California, 600 plastic bags are thrown away every second.

If Californians cut their plastic bag waste in half, it would save over two thousand barrels of oil a day (over 800,000 barrels a year) and keep 73,000 tons of rubbish out of our landfills.

Feral plastic bags are the leading cause of mosquito hatching. It only takes a very little water to hatch a mosquito egg and plastic bags create little ponds when they blow into shrubs, bushes, empty lots, etc.

## SoCal Deserts In Bloom Already

Due to fall rains, the deserts along the border are already beginning to show annual wildflowers. And recent rains helped prolong the bloom, so plan to get out starting now!



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# Member Picnic March 2

## Wildflower Show March 22-23

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