PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
By Snowdy Dodson
Greetings. They say that every cloud has a silver lining, and as we are faced with three years of below-average snowfall and water shortages, the reasons for gardening with California native plants are taking on an attractive sheen. One result is the LADWP Residential Drought Resistant Landscape Incentive Program which will pay single family residential customers $1 for each square foot of turf removed and replaced with drought tolerant plants (substitute native plants here), mulching and water-permeable hardscapes. Customers’ plans must be pre-approved by the LADWP prior to installation and evidence of installation must be provided after the landscaping is replaced in order to receive the rebate. LADWP’s Water Conservation Division staff will conduct pre-and post-audits of all applicants’ landscapes. Go to http://socalwatersmart.com and then click on the “turf removal” link half way down the page to access an application package. LADWP will rebate up to $2000 per home, only LADWP customers are qualified, the starting lawn must be at least 75% green and living, converted space must contain no turf (artificial or living), all exposed soil must be mulched, all hardscapes must be permeable and no invasive plants may be used in the final planting. If you have a lawn, I encourage you to consider taking advantage of this program. In doing so you will save an estimated 35 inches of water a year for every square foot of lawn you remove and replace with drought tolerant native plants. Also, please let me know if you apply and pursue this funding as we would like to hear your feedback concerning the program.

As you contemplate your soon to be missing-in-action lawn, drop by our Chapter’s California Native Plant Sale on Oct. 3rd and 4th at the Sepulveda Garden Center. We will have some great horticulture experts on hand to help you make a selection of plants and seeds for your project. In addition to inviting you all to make purchases at our California native plant sale, I’d like to ask you to volunteer some time to help with setting up, selling or other logistics this year. Our Chapter uses the proceeds from the sale to further the goals of CNPS; your helping hands will make this volunteer effort a success. Please contact Halli Mason at 818-345-6749 to volunteer an hour or so of your time.

We are also seeking nominations for the Chapter Board positions of president, chapter delegate, vice-president(s), secretary or treasurer. Please submit nominations by the deadline of Oct. 16, 2009 to 15811 Leadwell St., Van Nuys, CA 91406 or via email to lacnps@lacnps.org. Nominations should include a name, address, phone number, email address and brief outline of qualifications and are open to Chapter members in good standing.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS of the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter

September 8, 2009 - 7:30 - 9:30pm
Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino
The Island Fox
Presenter: Keri Dearborn, VP Education, Friends of the Island Fox, Inc.
The island fox lives only on six of the eight California Channel Islands and nowhere else in the world. The sub-species found on four of the six islands are classified as “endangered” under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. Friends of the Island Fox will outline why the fox populations became endangered, the important role played by the fox, its biology, habitat, and the dramatic alteration in the habitat seen as a result of the low populations. The biodiversity found on the islands including the plants, both native and non-native will be highlighted. Information on the work of the island managers to restore the populations, together with the role played by Friends of the Island Fox will illustrate the continuing need for conservation, monitoring of the populations and education programs.

October 13, 2009 - 7:30 - 9:00pm
First United Methodist Church
Santa Monica
History of Oak Woodlands in Los Angeles County
Presenter: Rosi Dagit, Resource Conservation District
Oaks and humans have a long interrelated and interdependent history. Learn how oak trees influenced many of the development patterns we see today and how, in turn, the woodlands have responded. Rosi Dagit is a Senior Conservaton Biologist for the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains. As a Certified Arborist, she began researching native oaks in 1990. She is presently coordinating the development of an Oak Woodland Conservation Management Plan for consideration by Los Angeles County.

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

SANTA CLARA RIVER RALLY & CLEAN UP
SAT. SEPT. 12, 8 AM-11 AM
Location: City of Santa Clarita, Lost Canyon Road & Soledad Canyon (across from Canyon Country Park). Help clean up a portion of the longest free-flowing and one of the last two remaining natural river systems in southern California. For further information: http://www.santaclarita.com/cityhall/cmo/environment/RiverRally.asp or call 661-286-4098.

TOPANGA CANYON DOCENT TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 26, 9:30AM
35th annual docent training offered by Topanga Canyon Docents. Learn the natural history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this knowledge with others. The classroom and in-the-field training will be led by highly respected educators and professional naturalists. The sessions are held in Topanga State Park on ten Saturdays from 9:30 to 3:30. $55 fee includes membership dues and continuing learning opportunities. Information: Patricia Hill (310) 455-2558

2009 CAL-IPC SYMPOSIUM – OCT. 8-10
“Wildland Weed Management on the Leading Edge” is the topic of the 18th annual CAL-IPC conference that will be held in Visalia. See http://www.cal-ipc.org/symposia/index.php for registration information.

SO CAL BOTANIST SYMPOSIUM OCT. 17
Southern California Botanists 35th Annual Symposium, Sat. Oct. 17 California Desert Botany: Bounty or Bust will be held at the Ruby Gerontology Center, Calif. State University, Fullerton. See http://www.socalbot.org/ for registration details.

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE AT EL DORADO NATURE CENTER OCT. 24
On Saturday October 24, 2009 from 9:30 to 2:00 pm, El Dorado Nature Center will be hosting its annual California Native Plant Sale. Most of the plants available are well suited to Southern California’s dry climate and require minimal watering once established. All proceeds go to support habitat restoration at the Nature Center. Be sure and come early for best selection. For more information, please call (562) 570-1745. El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St., Long Beach, Ca 90815.

CALABASAS NATIVE PLANT SALE OCT. 24 AT LAS VIRGENES MWD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OAK WOODLANDS CARBON LEGISLATION MOVES FORWARD
The Climate Change and Forest Conversion Act of 2009 (SB 144, Pavley) has been passed by the Senate and forwarded to the Assembly. This bill would add another layer of oak woodlands conversion oversight to the existing CEQA wildlife habitat and carbon biological emission regulations. SB 144 requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board and the Department of Fish and Game, regulations that establish a full mitigation requirement for the carbon stock and sequestration losses due to forest land conversions.

In order to further the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and to enhance the capability of forest lands to sequester carbon, SB 144 would require Cal Fire to impose a fee on an applicant for native forest conversion that fully offsets the department's costs for implementing the prescribed requirements as they relate to conversion. For more info visit http://www.pacificforest.org/news/index.html

CNPS EDUCATIONAL GRANTS
Each year the State CNPS Educational Grants program receives funding to help support field research related to California's native plants. Students, CNPS members, or postdoctoral botanists are eligible, in that order, for grants that are generally not more than $1,000. Proposals should involve taxa or plant communities that are of concern due to direct or indirect potential impacts. The grants need to be relevant to our conservation mission. Certain small endowed funds are available specifically for graduate students planning research involving rare plants or evolutionary botany. If you are interested in obtaining support from CNPS for your work, request a copy of the guidelines (for drafting and submitting a proposal) from the state CNPS office. Requests for this or other information can be directed to Chair, Educational Grants Committee, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816-5113. Completed proposals must be received in the CNPS office no later than September 30, 2009.

CONSERVATION FORUM: RECYCLED WATER/PLANT/SOIL COMPATIBILITY SEPT. 30, LA COUNTY ARBORETUM
L.A. County Dept. of Parks and Recreation, along with other groups, is sponsoring a one day conference subtitled “a conversation on the successful use of recycled water and drought tolerant plants in park settings.” Topics include suitable native plants for recycled water. Registration fee is $15 per person and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Fees due by Sept. 16. For more information contact conservation forum@parks.lacounty.gov. Event will be held at Ayres Hall, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91007.
LOBELIA / SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2009

PROGRAMS

TUES 9/8  7:30-9:30PM
Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino

The Island Fox
Presenter: Keri Dearborn

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. (818-461-9400)

TUES 10/13  7:30-9:00PM
First United Methodist Church, Santa Monica

History of Oak Woodlands in Los Angeles County
Presenter: Rosi Dagit

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.

BOARD MEETINGS

TUES 9/1  7pm
LA/ SMM Chapter Board Meeting
at Halli Mason’s home in Tarzana. Chapter members are invited. Call for directions. 818-345-6749.

TUES 10/ 6  7pm
LA/ SMM Chapter Board Meeting
at the home of Jo Kitz. 6223 Lubao Ave., Woodland Hills Chapter members are invited! 818-348-5910.

PLANT SALE

OCT. 3 & 4
Sepulveda Garden Center, 10am-4pm
16633 Magnolia Blvd.
(near Hayvenhurst) in Encino
See poster for details or www.lacnps.org

HIKES AND RESTORATION

SAT 9/12  8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Savannah Restoration/
Commemorative Oaks
We’ll weed and water young oaks and native bunch grasses to restore life, beauty and habitat. Community service credit. Reservations required. 818-591-1701 x203 or online at volunteer@treepeople.org 3.5hrs *

SUN 9/13  8:45am
Lower Topanga State Park

Weed Wars Restore Habitat.
Topanga Creek was returned to its historic channel in 2008. During 2009, creek-side native vegetation is being planted, watered and weeded by volunteers to vanquish non-native invasive plants (weeds). Bring, water, snack, sturdy footwear. Credit for community service. Reservations required. 818-348-5910 or online at volunteer@treepeople.org 3.5hrs *

SAT 9/19  8:45am
Topanga State Park

Lower Topanga Creek Restoration:
See write-up for 9/19. Bring, water, snack, sturdy footwear. Credit for community service. Reservations required. 818-591-1701 x203 or online at volunteer@treepeople.org 3.5hrs *

SUN 9/20  8:45am
Cold Creek Preserve

Creek-side Habitat Restoration
Water and mulch the native trees and California bunch grasses planted to restore creek-side habitat. Credit for community service. Reservations required. 818-591-1701 x203 or online at volunteer@treepeople.org 3.5hrs *

SUN 9/27  10am
Malibu Bluffs Park

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea
Walk 2-miles on trails with great views, dip your toes into the bay, look for dolphins sea lions and observe the native plant life. Bring lunch, water and gloves while working. If you bring your lunch, you can later picnic in the park. Community service credit.

SAT 10/ 3  8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park

Weed War Is Recruiting Weed Warriors for
Coastweeks: Volunteers restore creek-side vegetation. Bring, water, snack, sturdy footwear. Credit for community service. Reservations required. 818-591-1701 x203 or online at volunteer@treepeople.org 3.5hrs *

SAT 10/10  8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park

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Chaparral Chatter
After a lovely spring and a hot dry summer, the chaparral eagerly anticipates winter rains. Let’s explore the amazing survival techniques and plant adaptations of this unique plant community, found only in 5 places on earth. (We’ll probably find some really tough survivors in bloom.). Leisurely hike through Caballero Canyon in the central section of the Santa Monica Mountains; meet lower trailhead; bring water, wear boots and sun protective gear. 3hrs, 800 foot elevation gain. Heavy rain cancels. Call for directions and RSVP to Halli at 818-345-6749.

SUN 10/11  8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park

Malibu Creek Preserve Habitat Restoration Day
Volunteers are needed to bring back the native plants where invasive non-native plants have taken over. Planting, weeding and watering will restore the trees, wildflowers, sages, shrubs and grasses on which the many birds and animals depend for food, nesting and safety.  Oaks and sycamores will again grow along Dry Creek and Cienega Sin Nombre; meadow grasses will wave in the breeze. Community service credit is given. Reservations required. 818-591-1701 x203 or online at volunteer@treepeople.org 3.5hrs *

SAT 10/17  8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Woodland Restoration - Commemorative Oaks:
Volunteers needed on Make a Difference Day is an annual, nation-wide celebration of neighbors helping neighbors, and today we human neighbors will help restore or enhance the homes of our native neighbors the birds and animals of our natural lands. Individuals, families and groups are invited to join in this project. Oak woodland restoration supports the animals that live in the park. Doing habitat restoration receives credit for community service hours. You will need water and gloves while working. If you bring your lunch, you can later picnic in the park. Community service credit.

SUN 10/25  10am
Malibu Bluffs Park

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea
See 9/27 write-up. 2hrs. 310-472-0624

SAT 10/24  8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Woodland Restoration - Commemorative Oaks:
Volunteers needed on Make a Difference Day is an annual, nation-wide celebration of neighbors helping neighbors, and today we human neighbors will help restore or enhance the homes of our native neighbors the birds and animals of our natural lands. Individuals, families and groups are invited to join in this project. Oak woodland restoration supports the animals that live in the park. Doing habitat restoration receives credit for community service hours. You will need water and gloves while working. If you bring your lunch, you can later picnic in the park. Community service credit.
INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA APPOINTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SACRAMENTO, July 20, 2009 - The Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC) has appointed an Advisory Committee to recommend ways to mitigate non-native species’ effects on resources throughout the state.

“The 24 founding members of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) have a challenging task ahead of them,” said Secretary A.G. Kawamura of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, chairman of the council. “They will lay the groundwork that will enable this council to enhance our collective ability to protect California’s environment, food systems, human health and economy from invasive and destructive pests, plants and diseases.”

The ISCC, formed earlier this year, is chaired by Secretary Kawamura and vice-chaired by Mike Chrisman, Secretary for the California Natural Resources Agency. Also serving on the council are Secretary Linda Adams of California’s Environmental Protection Agency; Secretary Dale Bonner from the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; Secretary Kim Belshe from the California Health and Human Services Agency; and Matt Bettenhausen, Acting Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency.

The CISAC is tasked with making recommendations to the ISCC, including drafting an invasive species rapid response plan. The committee will take input from local government, tribal governments and federal agencies, as well as environmental organizations, academic and science institutions, affected industry sectors and impacted landowners.

WASP MAY CONTROL ARUNDO

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S Department of Agriculture issued an environmental assessment in March regarding the potential release of a wasp, Tetramesa romana, to control Arundo donax infestations. Arundo donax, also known as giant reed or Carrizo cane, is found throughout the southern United States and is most invasive in the Southwest. It can grow up to 10 centimeters per day and cause loss of biodiversity, altered channel morphology, increased costs for control along transport corridors, and difficulty for law-enforcement activities on the international border. It is also estimated to use three times more water than native riparian vegetation (see Southwest Hydrology, Nov/Dec 2007). Current control methods include herbicides approved for wetlands, prescribed fire, heavy machinery, and hand-cutting. According to the assessment, these options are often ineffective, expensive, and temporary, and may impact non-targeted species. The wasp weakens the weed by laying eggs within it, causing abnormal outgrowths of plant tissue that stunts the stems and sometimes kills them. It has been demonstrated to be specific to the weed through scientific literature, field observations, and host-specificity testing, according to the assessment.

Although Arundo donax habitat is used by some endangered bird species, it has been documented as less than suitable for them. However, the wasp is not expected to cause rapid reduction of the weed, leaving nesting habitat for birds and other species. The assessment determined that the wasps may not necessarily reduce the ability of the weed to reproduce, but may be effective in combination with other control methods.

TREE PEOPLE AND CNPS WORK TOGETHER TO REMOVE WEEDS

On June 14th, 2009, eleven volunteers from CNPS and the Tree People volunteered 33 hours to participate in a Malibu Creek State Park Weed War. Volunteer Supervisors included Tracey Oberman and Navid Peykar, accompanied by staffers Kristina Clark and Cody Chappel. Tasks included watering and weeding of the Braille Trail.

Participants were able to water and repair all tree shields and grasses from the far valley oak tree to the road, planting circles were weeded and cleared of invasive species, and mustard and thistle were removed from the field. All trees and grasses seem to be doing very well and making it, but there is a lot of thistle and mustard to be removed from the field. This area will continue to need water, and mulch is desperately needed.

A great group of volunteers did a great job of working together in a fire line to get all trees and plants watered.

by Cody Chappel
Photographs and text by Steve Hartman

Since the age of 10 I’ve been hiking in the hills surrounding Caballero Canyon, which runs along the east side of Reseda Blvd. as it climbs towards Mulholland Highway. Caballero Canyon was a mystical place when I was a kid, and it is even more so now.

Fortunately for Caballero Canyon, Halli Mason has been its champion, leading her “Chaparral Chatter” hikes here for many years, and she was instrumental in our Chapter receiving a grant from the Tides Foundation to pay for weed eradication. For the last few years we have hired Bill Neill, of Riparian Repairs (and LA/SMM Chapter member) to spray weeds such as milk thistle, tocalote, horehound, yellow star thistle, etc. not only in Caballero Canyon itself, but also on top of nearby Gizmo Peak.

In March I helped Bill with his weed spraying work on Gizmo Peak (I carried the extra water). I was pleased to see that the native plants were on the increase, and the invasive weeds in some places were getting hard to find.

In May, chapter president Snowdy Dodson and I subbed for Halli and led the “Chaparral Chatter” hike; we were amazed at the tremendous numbers of butterflies and other insects flying about taking advantage of massive wildflower displays.

The images seen here are from these two field trips.
To see these images in color, visit www.lacnps.org and click on newsletters.
GOVERNOR’S RESPONSE ON STATE PARKS AND THE NEW BUDGET

Reprinted in full below, is a letter from Governor Schwarzenegger to Jo Kitz:

Thank you for writing to me about funding for our state parks system. Your input is important to me during these challenging times. California’s natural beauty is renowned throughout the world, and I have made it my priority to protect our environment so future generations of Californians can continue to experience and enjoy what we have all come to love. Our state parks provide a fantastic introduction to the California experience and help bring our residents and visitors closer to our landscapes.

Unfortunately, the state cannot continue to bear the costs of supporting every program. Believe me when I say that these cuts have been the hardest decisions of my career as Governor, but we are in the midst of the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression. Our revenues for the coming year are at least 27 percent below where they were projected to be just two short years ago. We now face a shortfall that has grown to $24.3 billion, and the people of California have made their voice clear: they want us to live within our means and solve its problems through spending cuts and not tax increases.

To help manage our budget shortfall, I have proposed eliminating General Fund support for the Department of Parks and Recreation. I understand that these cuts will impact not only the lives of our park employees but the millions of park visitors who visit these national treasures every year. In spite of these General Fund cuts, though, I will work to keep as many parks open as possible with funding from user fees. It may require raising entry and camping fees, expanding partnerships with local government and non-profit groups, and seeking additional creative ways to support our system in the future.

As I work with my partners in the Legislature to find solutions to these problems, know I will keep your thoughts in mind. Working together, I believe we can weather this storm and start the slow but steady march back toward prosperity.

COASTAL COMMISSION APPROVES CAMPING IN MALIBU PARKS DESPITE RESIDENTS’ FIRE FEARS

According to a L.A. Times article by Martha Groves, over the strong objections of residents concerned about wildfires, in June the California Coastal Commission has voted 12-0 to approve a plan by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to extend trails and allow overnight camping in coastal parks in Malibu. The commission also voted unanimously to deny a request by the city of Malibu to outlaw camping within its borders.

The plan calls for creating 29 campsites and adding 3.5 miles of new canyon trails and trail connections in Ramirez Canyon, Escondido Canyon and Corral Canyon parks. According to Joseph T. Edmiston, executive director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, “This is a major victory for the people of California who purchased these parklands.” Next, the conservancy’s will submit a “public works plan” to the coastal agency, including measures to promote fire safety in the coastal canyons.

THE VILLAGE GARDENERS OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER PROPOSE NEW RIVER GREENWAY

The Village Gardeners have adopted a ½ mile stretch of the Los Angeles River between Fulton Avenue and Coldwater Canyon, and are in negotiations with Los Angeles County, which is preparing a concept report, the first step in proposing a new river greenway.

Under the leadership of Rick Rabins who is president of this 501(c)3 non-profit group, the Village Gardeners have sponsored plantings, cleanups, and educational activities.

The Village Gardeners of The Los Angeles River is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the beautification of the Los Angeles River between Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Moorpark Street. The mission of The Village Gardeners is to participate in the enhancement and maintenance of Los Angeles River Greenways with emphasis on conservation, ecology, and restoration of natural habitat, through partnerships with schools, community organizations, and governmental agencies.

They have received a $5,000 grant from Safeco Insurance Foundation, and a $2,500 contribution from Councilmember Jack Weiss of Council District - 5, along with several contributions of up to $1,000 each. These funds are being used to purchase new trash cans with self-closing lids, Sanitary Dog Waste Bag Dispensers, and native plants.

On EarthDay 2009 they planted 300 native plants (and on Big Sunday in May 100 more) around the Richard Lillard Outdoor Classroom, turning the area into a model California Native Plant Garden with the help of volunteers from the community, including neighborhood schools. The outdoor classroom is located at the river’s edge at the intersection of Valleyheart Drive and Longridge Avenue (south side of river). For more information visit www.thevillagegardeners.org.
Major Conservation Groups Support Lawsuit in San Diego County

The California Native Plant Society Board of Directors and the San Diego chapter of the Sierra Club have voted to support the California Chaparral Institute’s lawsuit against San Diego County for its failure to follow state law, include public participation, and provide proper scientific oversight in planning a 3-4 year, $7 million clearing project to remove trees and shrubs in natural areas. In addition to voting to support the lawsuit, the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society made a major financial contribution to help cover litigation costs.

Despite strong scientific evidence to the contrary, the County has claimed this habitat clearing project is the best way to reduce fire risk. “Often using out-of-date information, San Diego County has focused money and effort on removing massive amounts of vegetation including native plants often far distant from structures,” said Peter St. Clair, Vice President of the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

For more details on the lawsuit please visit the California Chaparral Institute Website:

www.californiachaparral.org/csdcounty slashburn.html

Public Lecture - Oct. 8, 2009
INDULGING OUR SENSES IN THE NATIVE GARDEN

A presentation by native plant specialist Carol Bornstein will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Friendship Auditorium near Griffith Park, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, 90027. This event is sponsored by the Southern California Horticultural Society and is free to members. Nonmember fee is $5.00. Ample on-site free parking is available. Carol Bornstein is one of Southern California’s most highly respected native plant specialists. She co-authored the award-winning book “California Native Plants for the Garden.”

For directions to the meeting and for more information, visit the society’s website at www.socalhort.org or call 818-567-1496.

Fall Festival at Theodore Payne Foundation

TPF’s biggest plant sale of the year offers discounts to all – featuring an irresistible selection of common and unusual native plants and seed for every corner of the garden!

Friday-Saturday, October 9-10, 8:30am-4:30pm - Members receive 15% off plants (1 gallon and up) and 10% off seed - memberships available at the door.

Friday-Saturday, October 16-17, 8:30am-4:30pm - Members receive 15% off plants; non-members receive 10% off plants; 10% off seed to all.

This year, during Fall Festival: Used Book Sale of garden and nature titles for experienced and novice native plant gardeners.

Theodore Payne Foundation Presents Classes at Headwaters Corner, Calabasas

LOOK, MA, NO LAWN!
WITH LILI SINGER

Take out your turf and fill the space with low-care native plants that need no fertilizer and use a fraction of the water required for turf.

Saturday, September 19, 9:00-11:00am
Friday, September 25, 6:30-8:30pm

Instructor Lili Singer is an award-winning horticulturist and garden writer, and Special Projects Coordinator for the Theodore Payne Foundation.

Location (not at TPF): Headwaters Corner at Calabasas - Masson House, 23075 Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas 91302

Fee: $40 - Pre-registration required. For tickets, call the Theodore Payne Foundation at (818) 768-1802.

Chaparral covers distant hills looking west from top of Gizmo Peak. Photo by Steve Hartman
PLANT SALE
OCT. 3 & 4
Volunteers needed!
Please call 818-345-6749