

Three talks on native plant gardening topics that may be of interest. These are from the Santa Clara Valley CNPS chapter Native Plant Lecture Series.

These are all at 730PM on Wednesday nights and the talks will be recorded. The talks will be livestreamed on youtube (also where all previous talks can be viewed). The chapter is doing 3-4 talks per month.

The CNPS-SCV youtube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/c/CNPSSantaClaraValley>.

I have included part of the talk description from the chapter website (www.cnps-scv.org) and added a few notes of my own. All of these speakers are excellent.

Wed March 31 730PM. Meadowlands Garden Tour.

This garden is amazing and has perhaps the largest collection of ceanothus species in California. Sondra visited this garden a few years ago (Going Native Garden Tour) and always asked me to tell her if the garden was back on the tour.

Meadowlands, a private residential garden in San Jose, has been cultivated for over 20 years, starting from a lifeless patch of subsoil, stripped bare during the house construction in 1996. Initially it was planted as a mix of native and exotic drought-tolerant plants. From about the year 2000 onwards, only native plants were added. Currently, the garden is at least 95% California native, and boasts a collection of over 300 species and cultivars of California natives. The main feature of the garden is a large collection of California lilacs (ceanothus), with over 60 different species and cultivars, most of them having grown to mature size.

Wed April 7 730PM. Native Plant Pollinators.

This talk is about habitat gardening, and although she is in Palo Alto, the talk does not focus on specific plants. As mentioned in the writeup, she convinced the city of Palo Alto to let her take over a number of ugly (junipers, ivy, weeds) plots of land and with grants/volunteers she has created 5 native plant habitat pollinator gardens open to the public. <https://www.facebook.com/primrosewaypollinatorgarden/>

Join Landscape Architect Juanita Salisbury to learn fascinating details about native plant pollinators. Juanita will share details about specific pollinator relationships with California native plants and methods for attracting more pollinators to your garden. She will also share information about several public California native pollinator gardens she has spearheaded in Palo Alto. The focus for designing a habitat is productivity and resiliency and methods to achieve both will be discussed.

Wed April 14 730PM. Gardening for Native Bees.

LAVGC has tried I think twice recently to get a speaker on native bees. John Kehoe is an expert on native bees; we have heard him a number of times and his photography is amazing. The bees are local to the Bay Area (not just Santa Clara Valley).

We all know about the European honeybee, but what about the native bees that live here in Santa Clara Valley? These local insects help pollinate our ornamental and edible plants, too! Once you know what to look for, you'll learn to recognize over a dozen bee species that live in our urban setting—especially among locally-growing native plants. Find out how planting even a few select natives can enrich your garden and attract even more bees.