

NATIVE PLANT SALE
AT THE
MADRONA MARSH NATURE CENTER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3rd 5:00pm to 7:00pm

For members of California Native Plant Society, Friends of Madrona Marsh and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. CNPS memberships may be purchased at the door. Free entry and refreshments.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th 9:00am to 2:00pm

Open to all. Free entry.

The South Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) has held an increasingly popular and successful native plant sale every Fall for many years and this will be the third year we've had the pleasure of holding our fundraiser at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center located at 3201 Plaza del Amo in Torrance. Ample parking available.

-----Summer is a good time of year to plan your native plant garden whether you are filling in with a few plants, converting a section of yard to natives or replacing a lawn.

-----Fall is the optimum season for successful planting of natives as the days are shortening, temperatures are cooling and rain is on the horizon— well, we can hope.

-----You can help save our precious resource-WATER-by planting drought tolerant natives and cut your water bill. It is estimated that 70% of the water that is diverted to the Los Angeles area is used in the home landscape.

-----You will attract wildlife such as birds, butterflies, bumblebees and more with habitat friendly native plants. In fact many of our local species are dependent on our local native plants. Enjoy a garden buzzing and atwitter with activity.

-----You can avoid the pesticide and fertilizer aisle at the local home center because natives don't need them and the wildlife that you are attracting will have a safe harbor. At the same time you will avoid tainting our ocean with polluted runoff.

-----Maintenance requirements are low so you can sit back and enjoy your native garden with its colorful flowers and sweetly scented foliage. Pull up a chair and pour a glass of Lemonadeberryade.

-----Celebrate our Natural Heritage by planting natives in your garden that have called Southern California home for millennia but many of which have been declining in the wild.

-----Thousands of plants will be available for sun and shade/small and large.

Some examples are:

- Wildflowers add annual color.
- Ground covers such as Beach Strawberry and Fescue Grasses are great under trees.
- Perennial Milkweed and California Fuchsia will attract butterflies and hummingbirds.
- Ornamental grasses add a soft visual element to the garden.
- Sages with their fragrant foliage and Ceanothus both stand out for their beautiful flowers.
- Manzanitas have a beautiful structure and urn shaped flowers followed by edible berries.
- Buckwheats are irresistible to nectar seekers.
- California Poppies add a splash of color and attract bumblebees for its pollen.
- Trees like Toyon and Elderberry are magnets for insects and birds.

A plant list of what we plan to have available for sale may be found online at www.sccnps.org.