



CHAPTER MEETINGS

Thursday, October 21: *Helping a Special Canyon Landscape.*

Elizabeth Wallace, Speaker

High up in the foothills near the Cleveland National Forest is a cluster of landscapes in transition from sterile, non-native environments (including some of our region’s most invasive plants) to gardens filled with healthy native plants providing both beauty and habitat.



This 12-acre site is owned by a non-profit, The Teen Project, that shelters women who were subject to human trafficking and homelessness.

The site was first viewed by Elizabeth Wallace and her team in January 2019, when the Teen Project folks were busy getting the homes repaired and ready for residents to move in. They were considering using artificial turf to solve some of their landscape problems. Wallace stepped in with a couple of partners to offer an alternative: Plant a natural landscape using local native plants instead. The natural landscape would be healing for the land and for the future residents.

Since starting the project almost three years ago, Wallace and her volunteer gardening team have rehabilitated much of the landscape of the five-home hilltop cul de sac in Trabuco Canyon. See the amazing progress on this worthy project on the edge of Orange County wildlands that has

transformed a weed-infested eyesore into a functional and beautiful landscape that invited birds, bees, butterflies, and people. Wallace is an active board member for OC-CNPS. She works with homeowners associations to enhance beauty, fire-safety, and improve wildlife habitat with native plants. Wallace was also one of the driving forces in the **Buckwheat in Every Garden** program where the chapter was able to give away more than 1,500 Dana Point Buckwheat plants and track their planting throughout the county. *Register for this online event please visit our website at www.occnps.org*

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 9am – 3:30pm. Join the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Orange County chapter at **Tree of Life Nursery (TOLN)** for **CNPS Chapter Celebration Day!** CNPS members will be on hand to provide expert perspective and advice on plant selection and gardening issues. They love to share how we can all *Support Nature with Native Plants*. CNPS members always enjoy a 10% discount on plants at TOLN, and in addition TOLN will donate 10% of proceeds received during Celebration Day to the OC Chapter. If you’re not yet a CNPS member, this day is an excellent opportunity to join.

Saturday, October 9, 8am – 2pm: SmartScape Expo, Laguna Beach Water District. This annual event highlights and promotes the benefits of using climate-appropriate plants and efficient irrigation techniques in residential and commercial landscape settings with hands-on demonstrations and conversations with knowledgeable people.

Saturday, October 16, 47th Annual Southern California Botanists Symposium: *Conservation and Floristics of California’s Rare and Relictual Ecosystems.* This will be a virtual online symposium. Visit www.socalbot.org for more information and registration information.

October 26 – 29: Cal-IPC (California Invasive Plant Council) 30-Year Anniversary Symposium. Visit www.cal-ipc.org for registration information for this online symposium.

Calendar

- Oct 7 Board Meeting
- Oct 9 SmartScape Expo
- Oct 16..... SCB Symposium
- Oct 21..... Chapter Meeting
- Oct 23..... Plant Sale at TOLN
- Oct 26 – 29 Cal-IPC Symposium
- Nov 4..... Board Meeting
- Nov 18..... Chapter Meeting