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CNPS ANNOUNCES 2013 SAN DIEGO NATIVE PLANT GARDENING SYMPOSIUM
Gardening education for planting, maintaining and enjoying California Native Plants September 28

SAN DIEGO, CA (7/17/13) - The region's first large-scale Native Plant Gardening Symposium will be held September 28th at the San Diego Girl Scout Balboa Campus, 1231 Upas St, San Diego, CA 92103.

The day-long event, sponsored in partnership with the Friends of Balboa Park, will offer exclusive access to five tracks of information, education and hands-on gardening. The Symposium is a one-day event, held from 8am to 2:30pm, that will offer a selection of courses on a variety of topics, from garden design and benefits, to plant selection and installation, to water conservation and wildlife. Simultaneous tracks in different rooms will allow participants to select and attend the classes that interest them the most.

The sessions are appropriate for people who are new or nearly-new to native plant gardening, although more experienced gardeners will still find worthwhile content.

"Gardening with native plants is becoming more and more popular, particularly as our water bills rise. Home owners interested in learning basic techniques, plant choices, and water-wise strategies will find this program to be invaluable," said botanist Jake Sibley, co-director of the 2013 San Diego Native Gardening Symposium.

"This event reflects CNPS's passion and commitment to our mission of protecting California's native plant heritage and preserving it for future generations," said Tom Oberbauer, president of the California Native Plant Society San Diego Chapter, adding, "The wealth of information presented in this workshop format demonstrates that habitat and resource conservation go hand-in-hand with beauty and style."

The classes will include information about fire safety, pruning native plants, irrigation, and we will have events for children and a hands-on planting demonstration. This demonstration will mean that we leave the Girl Scout site in better condition that we found it, our way of "paying it forward." The marketplace will feature food trucks, native plant sales, gardening information, and other helpful resources.

The symposium will be located at the San Diego Girl Scout Balboa Campus, 1231 Upas St, San Diego, CA 92103. Classes will be in session from 8 AM to 2:30 PM. Parking is available onsite and ride sharing is encouraged. Tickets are \$35 per person and are non-refundable. Children are welcome and those under 12 years of age will be admitted free.

For tickets and information, please visit www.learnnativegardening.org, email gardening@cnpsd.org, or call 619.318.4590.

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