

## Plant Sales and the like

So much native plant stuff going on in the fall that it makes my head spin. Native plant nurseries, botanic gardens and local chapters of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) all beef up their speaker programs and plant selection to encourage people to buy and plant now. I would like to call out the upcoming events at the two organizations that I am most involved in, [CNPS - San Gabriel Mts. Chapter](#) and [Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden](#).

### **October 22 and 23**

At Rancho's westside nursery ([Grow Native Nursery Westwood](#)) there is going to be a delightful [Garden Party](#) on October 22 and 23 from 10 AM to 4 M. Speakers on Saturday include John Greenlee and Bart O'Brien. Emily Green and Lili Singer will speak on Sunday. Of course, there will be many great plants to purchase for your own garden as well. An event not to be missed!

### **November 5 and 6**

Next is the [big fall plant sale](#) at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont. This is the biggest native plant sale around. This is the place to go to get really unusual stuff! In addition to the favorite garden natives, like Ray Hartman ceanothus and Howard McMinn manzanita, there are really bizarre things that you will not find elsewhere. The sale will be held on November 5 and 6. It runs from 11 am - 4 pm (members-only from 8 - 11 am) on Saturday, and 9 am - 2 pm on Sunday. The [plant sale list](#) is online, though you must register to access it... and, of course I lost my password so I haven't seen it yet. :-)

Happy news! I registered! The plant sale list is preliminary. Having worked for years on this list, I know it will end up being about 24 pages or more, though there are only 9 pages showing now. Still there are some pretty neat looking plants, like *Smilacina racemosa* var. *amplexicaulis* (MAIANTHEMUM) false Solomon's seal. I remember seeing a whole lot of beautiful Winifred Gilman salvias while volunteering in the nursery last month. And a **really** special plant that you will have a hard time finding any other place... this is so good....*Rosa* "Schoener's Nutkana'. But only 5 (five) one gallons!!



Growing in RSABG Cultivar Garden - this is a stunning plant.



*Rosa 'Schoener's Nutkana' ... sigh.*

**November 12**

And finally, the San Gabriel Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) is having its [plant sale](#) on Saturday, November 12 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center. This is more low-key than the Rancho sale but lots of fun. There will be members milling around just dying to tell you about their favorite native plants. Priced at \$8 for a one gallon, this is an excellent place to get lots of the tried and true garden natives.

Of course I will be at all of the events. Hope to make the [Grow Native Nursery Westwood](#) event on Sunday (Oct. 23), the [Rancho Fall Plant Sale](#) on Saturday (Nov. 5), and the [CNPS-SGM sale](#) (Nov 12). Will I see any of you there?