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Monterey County Wildflowers —a Field Guide

General Meeting Speakers:

Rod M. Yeager, MD and Michael Mitchell

Spring is upon us once again with a new wildflower season. What better time to review some of the flowers we are likely to see as we hike the trails of Monterey County. Join us as we also introduce you to our recently published *Monterey County Wildflowers—a Field Guide*. This presentation will include photographs of many of the wildflowers and ferns found in the book. The various locations where they were photographed will be included.

Rod Yeager is a retired thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon from Louisiana and Michael a retired attorney from England, neither with a botanical background. After moving to this area, they soon became hikers and spent many happy hours photographing and then struggling to identify the plethora of wildflowers in Monterey County. A readily accessible guide that enabled someone without specialist botanical knowledge to identify the plants was lacking and they decided to attempt to fill this gap. The goal was to create a book, small enough to carry on hikes, that had multiple color photographs of each flower with a description of identifying features. The result was *The Wildflowers of Garland Ranch—a Field Guide*, followed by *Monterey County Wildflowers—a Field Guide* that has 472 pages, over 2,500 photographs and 960 taxa from all of Monterey County—a more than two-year undertaking.

General Meeting • Thursday, March 9

Visiting and Book Purchasing from 7:00pm

Meeting and Program Begin at 7:30pm

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



STEWARDSHIP

CNPS stewardship is an opportunity to help eradicate invasive non-native plants on the first Saturdays and third Sundays of each month. Please contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690 for details.

FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday, March 4

Field Trip

Ethnobotany Walk

Join local ethnobotanist Anna Sardina on a 2-3 hour walk discovering the many uses of the native and naturalized plants of Garland Ranch. We will explore edible, medicinal, and practical uses of the plants we encounter regularly in the various habitats of our local parks and wild lands of the Santa Lucia Range. The walk is approximately 2 miles

and stays at low elevation. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring water and a snack. We will meet at the Main Visitor Center of Garland Ranch at 10:00am.

Tuesday, March 14

Field Trip

Veeder Pond Wildflower Hike

*Veeder pond in the spring often has a beautiful wildflower display and so off we go to enjoy them! We'll hike in-and-out at a very slow pace uphill. It's ± 4 miles with ± 1,100 feet elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we will depart at 9:45am from the lower parking lot of Garland Ranch. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777



It was a perfect day for a hike—we saw only a few flowers but there were some beautiful views to enjoy on Lynn Bomberger's field trip to Jacks Peak. Photo by Joelle Lobo

Thursday, March 23

Field Trip

Point Lobos Wildflower Walk

*Besides numerous wildflowers, we will enjoy magnificent views, a variety of wildlife and a walk through a quiet Monterey pine forest. 4 miles with little elevation gain. Bring water, lunch and \$ for state park fee or a park pass. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30am from Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777

Tuesday, March 28

Field Trip

Jacks Peak Hound's Tongue Hike

*Along the quiet forested trails in Jacks Peak, we will likely find a beautiful display of hound's tongue in bloom. Spectacular views of

2017 Wildflower Show!

April 14, 15 & 16

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

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2017 Wildflower Show!

April 14, 15 & 16 • 10:00am to 5:00pm

Co-Chairs Brian LeNeve and Michael Mitchell invite you to the Annual Wildflower Show at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. The rain so far this winter gives us hope that we will have a good display. Whether we will be able to match last year's record-breaking number of 735 specimens displayed, which broke the record year set in 2015, remains to be seen. We will do our best but we do, of course, need the rain to continue and then a little bit of sun will help.

Ongoing during the show, members of CNPS will be available to identify plants or (hopefully) photos of plants for the public and Bruce Cowen will lead tours of the Museum's native plant garden.

The CNPS bookstore will be there all three days offering books on California native plants – including our newest, gorgeous, “must have!” *Monterey County Wildflowers – a Field Guide* by Rod Yeager, MD and Michael Mitchell, a wonderful photo book of 950 of the most common plants in the County and our more technical publication, *The Plants of Monterey County, an Illustrated Field Guide – Second Edition* by Matthews and Mitchell. Numerous other titles will be available to help you identify native plants, show you how to use them in your garden, find them on your travels, and learn about their historical and current importance.

The Museum has some exciting classes scheduled during the show. Please check their website for updates at pgmuseum.org. To date, these are the ones we know of:

- Friday: Wine and Flower Painting - taught by Claudia Stevens, 6pm-8pm
- Saturday: Sketching classes with Erin Turner (one for adults, one for kids)
- Sunday: Painting Flowers - taught by Claudia Stevens, 10-11:30 (ages 6-9)
- Sunday: How to Make an Herbarium - taught by Sharon Nelson, 12-2 (ages 9-12)

There will be plenty to do all days in addition to enjoying over 600 species of wildflowers collected by CNPS members, so come once or more times and see what is blooming in Monterey County during the third week of April.

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Monterey, the bay and Carmel Valley are promised. About 5-½ miles with 700 feet elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30am from the NW corner of Whole Foods parking lot in Monterey—please park back from storefronts. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777

Saturday, April 1

Field Trip

Ethnobotany Walk

Join local Ethnobotanist Anna Sardina on a 2-3 hour walk discovering the many uses of the native and naturalized plants of Garland Ranch. We will explore edible, medicinal, and practical uses of the plants we encounter regularly in the various habitats of our local parks and wild lands of the Santa Lucia Range. The walk is approximately 2 miles and stays at low elevation. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring water and a snack. We will meet at the Main Visitor Center of Garland Ranch at 10:00am.

Saturday, April 8

Field Trip

Introduction to Wildflower Identification—A Walk at Fort Ord

Larkspur, sky lupine, and baby blue eyes are some of the flowers we will likely see on this leisurely hike. Using mostly common names, we'll talk about wildflower identification and take the opportunity to learn about plant families, including how to identify some of the most common ones. Meet at the Creekside parking lot on Fort Ord National Monument by 10am to finish around 1pm. From Highway 68, take the River Road/Reservation Road exit and turn towards Marina on Reservation Road. After a very short distance turn left onto Portola Drive and follow the BLM signs to the parking lot. For more information contact Sue Hubbard at shubbard@redshift.com or call 737-4792.

Tuesday, April 11

Field Trip

Garzas Creek Broomrape Hike

*Our 4-½ mile awesome wildflower loop with 800 feet elevation gain takes us through a redwood canyon and along Garzas Creek with six picturesque crossings. If we're lucky, we will see some naked broomrape in bloom. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10am from the lower parking lot in Garland Ranch in Carmel Valley. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777

Saturday, April 22

Plant Sale

5th Annual MEarth Day Community Celebration

This community celebration features a plant sale with a wide selection of natives and organic vegetable/flower starts for your garden. There will be fun for the whole family—live music, eco-exhibitors, organic food from Casanova Restaurant, a silent auction and more. It will be from 10am to 4pm at the Hilton Bialek Habitat: 4380 Carmel Valley Road (adjacent to Carmel Middle School). Admission is \$5, kids 12 and under are free. All event proceeds benefit MEarth's mission of educating and inspiring through environmental stewardship. For more information, or to lend a hand Friday or Saturday, call the MEarth offices at 831-624-1032 or visit: www.MEarthCarmel.org.

Wednesday, April 26

Field Trip

Fort Ord Spring Wildflower Hike

Come and do a wondrous 6 mile wildflower hike with little elevation gain led by Andy Werner in search of lovely spring flowers. Andy will do a scouting outing before our hike to find the best flowers—

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Fort Ord can have amazing flower displays. Meet by 9:30am at the Creekside parking lot on Fort Ord National Monument. From Highway 68, take the Reservation Road exit and head towards Marina on Reservation Road. After a very short distance, turn left onto Portola Drive and follow the BLM signs to the parking lot. Bring lunch and water. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Sunday, April 30

Field Trip & Pot Luck

Upper Garzas Creek Hike BBQ/Potluck

Join Al Washburn and his sidekick Bruce Delgado at Al's cabin in the woods along Garzas Creek at 2,000 feet altitude. You will have your choice of a gentle walk along the creek or a more strenuous hike up the steep surrounding hills. Meet at 9am sharp at the gated entrance to Santa Lucia Preserve on Rancho San Carlos Road off Carmel Valley Road, just past the CVAC tennis club. 4WD useful, but not required, carpooling a must. Bring potluck lunch items to share around a cooking fire. Return around 3pm. Dogs OK. Call Al at 373-4873 for a reservation or better yet email him at awashburn8@comcast.net. Al's cabin almost burned in the Soberanes fire, so this will be an opportunity to see the fire aftermath.



Back at the ranch it was drizzling; on the trail it was beautiful! Pegi Duwall was the only brave hiker on Lynn Bomberger's recent Garzas Creek field trip—polypods and mosses were everywhere. Selfie by Pegi

Sunday, April 30

Field Trip

Venture Off the Beaten Track!

*The Gloria Grade crosses the Gabilans, starting from Gonzales on Hwy 101 and coming out on Hwy 25 a few miles north of the Pinnacles East entrance. After the first few miles it is a dirt road—though well maintained and reasonably smooth. Many interesting plants are to be found along its length including the Crinkled Onion, Golden Eardrops, California Larkspur and the rare Dark-mouthed Tritoleia. We will also have some wonderful views of the Gabilans, and also of the Diablo Range to the east as well as fields full of poppies and other wildflowers. Join Michael Mitchell to explore this lesser known treasure. Meet at the park-and-ride at the Highway 68 end of the Laureles Grade at 9:15am. Bring a picnic lunch and expect to be back in the early afternoon. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation.

**Monterey County Wildflowers—a Field Guide* by Rod Yeager and Michael Mitchell will be available to purchase at the trailheads of the following field trips that begin with an *.

HORTICULTURE

On January 27 we had our first gathering of native plant gardening enthusiasts at the MEarth facility next to Carmel Middle School. We are hoping more of you will join us in the weeks to come. This is a joint activity for MEarth and the CNPS Monterey Bay chapter. Our goal is to learn more about growing native plants while preparing for the annual MEarth Earth day plant sale and our CNPS fall plant sale. If you have the opportunity, please drop in and see what we are doing, every Friday from 3:30 to 5:30pm. We would love to have more hands involved, whether your thumbs are green or black. No special skills necessary; we will train you.

Upcoming activities for the Horticulture group include our first Evening Native Plant Horticulture talk on April 6 at the MEarth Green building from 6:30 to 8:30pm: *Native Mint Family Plants for the Habitat Garden*. We will look at (and sniff) a group of plants that provide nectar and pollen for many of our winged garden visitors and flowers and fragrance for the human visitors. Clinopodium, Lepachinia, Monardella, Salvia, Stachys and Trichostema are genera in the mint family that are well represented in California and present gardeners with a myriad of design and utilitarian possibilities. Happy Gardening!

ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ETC.

FREE TICK TESTING INFORMATION

Our last program speaker was Jo Ellis, Director of Education Outreach for the Bay Area Lyme Foundation. The turn-out at the meeting exceeded Jo's handouts. So, if you would like tick testing information, go to: bayarealyme.org and click the 'Tick Testing' button on the home page.

MAY/JUNE WALLFLOWER AVAILABILITY

Our next month's newsletter with many fieldtrips, photos, articles, etc. may be located on our website around April 25.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our local chapter of the Native Plant Society needs help both large and small. Please look at this list of things where help is needed:

Conservation Chair

As conservation chair, you may share your civic knowledge of proposed property developments anywhere on the peninsula for our newsletter every other month.

Meetings Facilitator

The meetings facilitator prepares the Pacific Grove museum for our meetings every other month by setting up chairs and a few tables. After the meeting, the facilitator will help to put the items away.

Pick-up Our Mail

This job consists of retrieving our mail from the post office at the mouth of the valley once a week and distributing it to various board members and/or chairpersons.

You help will be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 or Carol LeNeve at 624-8497.





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- Benefactor — \$600
- Mariposa Lily — \$1,500

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