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The Wallflower

The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society
Monterey Bay Chapter

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Plant Community Ecology in the Marble Mountain Wilderness

Speaker: Robert Foster Fernau, Ph.D.

The Marble Mountain Wilderness Area is located within the heart of the Klamath Bioregion—one of the most fascinating places on Earth to view the interactions between plant life and geology. Rob’s been studying the plants and butterflies in this Wilderness for 33 years. He loves sharing his knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, his favorite place on Earth. This Wilderness is in a remote part of northwestern California, in Klamath National Forest, about halfway between Mount Shasta and the Pacific Ocean. It covers 478 square miles from 640 to 8,299 feet above sea level. He will share a dazzling array of photographic images of plants and plant communities of far-flung places in the Wilderness. Topics include climate change, micro-climates, and plant endemism. If you are willing and able he hopes you’ll join him this summer in a field trip into this spectacular wilderness.

Rob Fernau is a Research Associate in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis. He is an ecological biogeographer, and has spent his life conducting field research, teaching, traveling, and leading eco-tourism trips.

General Meeting • Thursday, May 11

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

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Saturday, May 13

Field Trip

Late Spring Wildflower Tour, Fort Ord Nat Monument

*BLM botanist Bruce Delgado will lead this driving/hiking tour of late spring wildflowers. Total hiking will be approximately 2 miles. We’ll visit splendid vernal pools, oak woodland, maritime chaparral, and native grasslands where innovative habitat restoration and both goat and sheep grazing are on-going. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 10am inside Imjin Office Park located at 940 2nd Ave, Marina (BLM’s new office northeast of REI). Early departures not possible due to locked gates—we’ll finish ± 3pm. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 30 people.



Anna Sardina (seated) took us on a fascinating ethnobotany adventure. She taught us about the many medical, edible and other uses of local native and naturalized plants. Photo by Lynn

Thursday, May 18

Field Trip

Point Lobos Bird Island Trail & Geology Discovery

*Join Jerry Loomis on a “questions encouraged” discovery walk in Point Lobos. Our walk will take us along the

newly constructed Bird Island handicap access trail that was closed for over a year. Our focus will be on birds, native plants, Native American history, geology, marine biology and anything else we might find along the trail. Jerry was a park ranger at the reserve for 22 years and currently coordinates the “Point Lobos Summer Adventures Program” for children. About 2 miles with minimal elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:30am from Rio Road Park and Ride in Carmel. Call CNPS leader, Lynn Bomberger, for a reservation at 375-7777—limit of 12.



This year, we found them! Many previous years we were skunked on Lynn Bomberger’s broomrape hike, but this year we saw quite a few of the beautiful tiny plants. We had fun, saw some great flowers and the weather was perfect. Photo by Lynn

Friday, May 26 **Field Trip**
Santa Lucia Preserve Exploration

*The Santa Lucia Conservancy invites CNPS members and friends to experience the amazing plant community of the Santa Lucia Preserve. Join us for an easy hike to discover what truly makes the Preserve such a hotspot for biodiversity. With above average rainfall this year, the Preserve is experiencing one of its prime wildflower seasons. This is an opportunity that you won’t want to miss! Leader Jason Mills, the Preserve’s Land Steward Manager, will share his expertise in Central Coast botany and plant identification. Arrive early; we depart at 10am. Meet at the Santa Lucia Conservancy parking lot at 26700 Ranch San Carlos Road. Bring water and lunch. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Tuesday, May 30 **Field Trip**
Maple Falls Hike

*This 7 mile Nisene Marks hike with 700 ft. elevation gain takes us through a lovely forest along beautiful creeks and eventually to serene Maple Falls. Agility is required. Stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 8:40am from the far end of the parking lot in front of REI in Marina or from the parking lot behind Aptos Station at 9:30am. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Tuesday, June 6 **Field Trip**
Evening Soap Plant Quest

*This 5½ mile evening hike with 700 feet elevation gain in Toro Park takes us through a forested valley along the Olason trail, then up to oak dotted grasslands. If we are lucky, we will see soap plants blooming—they bloom in the late afternoon and evening. If not, we’ll have a nice late day walk in the woods. Bring water and dinner. Arrive early; we depart at 4:30pm from the dirt parking area outside Toro Park. Call leader, Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 8.

Sat-Sun, June 10-11 **Wildflower Show**
MPPRD’s 18th Annual Wildflower Show at Garland Park

MPPRD’s 18th Annual Wildflower Show at Garland Park Festivities will be at Garland’s Visitor Center 10am to 4pm celebrating the diversity of wildflowers at Garland! Our volunteer naturalists collect and display wildflowers from Garland Park, the Frog Pond Preserve and Marina Dunes Preserve. The exhibit is FREE! Saturday afternoon there will be a wildflower walk and the Visitor Center will be open both days for new exhibit viewing. To learn more about the activities and to register, visit: www.mpprd.org or call 831-659-6065. Garland Ranch Regional Park is located at 700 West Carmel Valley Road.

Thursday, June 29 **Field Trip**
Garzas Creek Hike

*Join me on this lovely shaded hike that takes us through a redwood canyon and along Garzas Creek. It’s about a 4 mile loop with ±800 feet elevation gain. Bring water and lunch or snack. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00am from Garland Ranch’s main parking lot. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.



Half of knowing what you want is knowing what you have to give up to get it. We all want rain, but sometimes it rains out field trips! Sue Hubbard’s introduction to wildflowers walk at Fort Ord was unfortunately rained out. Shown above is Sue (right) and a hardy participant—neither of them looing unhappy about the rain. Photo by Lynn

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A gorgeous day, a fun group, a beautiful hike but no hound's tongue flowers were to be admired on Lynn Bomberger's hound's tongue hike. It seems that they were earlier than we were this year. Photo by Lynn

HORTICULTURE by Patrick Regan

While it really isn't the *best* time to be planting in your native garden it is most certainly the time for planning what to add next fall by taking notes of what is working (and what isn't working) in your garden, touring other gardens, taking classes and attending workshops. One upcoming opportunity is the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners Smart Gardening Fair May 13 at Jewell Park in Pacific Grove. There will be multiple talks on gardening with native plants, as well as books, seeds and plants available for sale.

It is also a great time of year to be starting new perennials

and shrubs from cuttings. A different kind of opportunity for hands-on learning is available at our Friday afternoon Growing Natives group at MEarth in Carmel. We could use your help in starting new plants for the Fall Sale and we will teach you how to produce your own at home. If you are interested in being involved and want more information, email me at nativegardening@reganbhc.com.

ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ETC.

ARE YOU MOVING?

If so, please let us know. Either call or email our membership chair, Brian LeNeve, at 831-624-8497 or bjleneve@att.net.

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.

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





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- Plant Lover — \$100
- Patron — \$300
- Benefactor — \$600

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