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The Wallflower

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Monterey Bay Chapter

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Why Tear Down San Clemente Dam? General Meeting Speaker: Brian LeNeve

Most people know that San Clemente Dam was removed. (Did you know two dams were actually removed?) While there was publicity about San Clemente Dam being seismically unsafe and the highest dam removed in California, there were many other reasons for the dam's removal. Our speaker will talk about the effects building the dams had on the Carmel River steelhead, the riparian vegetation and the valley itself. He will also talk about the benefits provided by removing the dams and the environmental work being done to restore the old dam sites. While our speaker is a CNPS member, he will be talking more about the effects on steelhead than the effects on native plants. John Wandke from Rana Creek Nursery will join us and talk about the native plants installed to restore the sites.

Brian LeNeve, a longtime member and past president of our CNPS chapter and president of the Carmel Steelhead Association, was born in Carmel and grew up in the Carmel Valley. A lifetime of outdoor activities has given him a love of the Carmel River and its iconic steelhead as well as a love of native plants.

General Meeting • Thursday, May 10

Visiting and Book Purchasing from 7:00pm

Meeting and Program Begin at 7:30pm

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



STEWARDSHIP

Every First Saturday and Third Sunday weed bashes continue and will be held at the following times and dates: May 5 and May 20 at Point Lobos Ranch from 1 to 4pm. June 2 and June 17 at Soberanes Creek from 11am to 2pm. Please contact Bruce at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for meeting locations and other details.

To help with broom at Monterey's Quarry Park, please contact Al Washburn at awashburn8@comcast.net.

FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Tuesday, May 1

Field Trip

Limekiln State Park Trails

The drive is a long one but, oh, so beautiful! The in-and-out trails are along gorgeous creeks with numerous waterfalls, clear

pools, redwoods, sycamores, maples, ferns, redwood sorrel, huckleberries, etc. 3 miles with minimal ascent. Please use [The Monterey Bay Area Hiking Group Meetup link at the end of the list of our field trips to register](#) and to learn of the meeting location and departure time. If you have questions, please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777.



What fun! Participants on Bruce Delgado's spring wildflowers field trip had an opportunity to meet and pet not only wildflowers, but some goats too! Photo by Ray Santella

Sunday, May 6, 9am to 1pm

Field Trip

Wildflower Tour Fort Ord National Monument

BLM Volunteer David Styer and BLM Botanist Bruce Delgado will lead this driving/hiking tour of late spring wildflowers. Total hiking up to 2 miles. We'll visit vernal pools, oak woodland, a post-fire maritime chaparral, and native grasslands where innovative habitat restoration and goat grazing are on-going. There will be great vistas along the way. Bring water, lunch, and good walking shoes. Meet at 9am on Lightfighter Drive off Highway 1 in the first parking lot on the right. Early departures are not possible due to locked gates. Co-sponsored by BLM & California Native Plant Society. Reservations required; contact Bruce at bdelgado@blm.gov for questions or to RSVP. Limit 30 people.

Saturday May 19

Field Trip

Carmel River Lagoon Walk and Restoration

After the CNPS meeting program on San Clemente Dam, Brian LeNeve will lead a trip to the Carmel River Lagoon to see the large woody debris project benefiting steelhead and the State Parks West Odello field to view the native plant restoration of the construction site. Last year the restoration site was overrun with ticks, if in a pre-walk it is determined ticks are again a problem, the walk will be along the south side of the river from the Carmel River to San Jose Creek. Because

of low tide we will meet at 9:30 at the entrance to the Odello field which is 50 yards south of the Highway 1 bridge on the Carmel River. Limit to 20 people. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.



Participants on Anna Sardina's ethnobotany walk had a great day and learned a lot about the many fascinating uses of our native and naturalized plants. Photo by a helpful hiker

Sunday, May 20 **Field Trip**
Chews Ridge Wildflowers with Michael Mitchell

Join Michael Mitchell, co-author of *Monterey County Wildflowers—a field guide* and the second edition of Corky Matthews' *The Plants of Monterey County—an Illustrated Field Key*, on this special traditional outing. As the highest public road in Monterey County, Chews Ridge always offers a unique variety of plants. There will be several stops with easy strolls of a mile or two. Meet in Garland Ranch lower parking lot by 9:00am; bring lunch and water—we'll return ± 5pm. All wheel or 4WD vehicles are recommended. Limit of 12. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.



Jerry Loomis always teaches us something on his Point Lobos field trips—he's great! We all had a wonderful day and were very grateful for it since a huge storm was forecast but didn't show. photo by Lynn

Friday, May 25 **Field Trip**
Santa Lucia Preserve Exploration

The Santa Lucia Conservancy invites you 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 pretty good rainfall this year, we hope that the Preserve puts on a floriferous show for us. This is a shuttle hike down the Canyon Rim Trail. Please use [The Monterey Bay Area Hiking Group Meetup link at the end](#)

[of the list of our field trips to register](#) and to learn of the meeting location and departure time. If you have questions, please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777.

Wednesday, May 30, 9:30am **Field Trip**
Mount Madonna—The Most Beautiful Jewel Flower

Join Andy Werner as he ventures into a remote serpentine area of Mount Madonna to seek the 'most beautiful jewel flower.' We also hope to see the candy flower and many other beautiful early wildflowers. 6 miles with 1,200 ft. elevation gain. Bring lunch and water. Arrive early; we depart from the Sprig Recreation area at 9:30am. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Friday, June 8 **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 Ol-lason 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. Please use [The Monterey Bay Area Hiking Group Meetup link at the end of the list of our field trips to register](#) and to learn of the meeting location and departure time. If you have questions, please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777.



We were lucky to see one pretty little naked broomrape on Lynn Bomberger's broomrape hike along the Terrace trail in Garland Ranch. They're very hard to find and while they are pretty, they are menacing since they are parasites. Photo by Mireks Polasek

Saturday and Sunday, June 9 & 10 **Wildflower Show**
MPRPD's 19th Annual Wildflower Show at Garland Park

MPRPD's 19th Annual Wildflower Show at Garland's Visitor Center 10am to 4pm celebrates the diversity of summer wildflowers in our parks! Volunteers collect and display wildflowers from Garland Park, the Frog Pond Preserve and Marina Dunes Preserve. The exhibit is FREE! There will be wildflower walks and other activities. To learn more about the activities and to register, visit: www.mprpd.org or call 831-659-6065. Garland Ranch Regional Park is located at 700 West Carmel Valley Road. CNPS members are invited to assist with flower identification and set-up on Friday, June 8 from 10am to 2pm.

Thursday, June 28
Limekiln State Park Trails

Field Trip

The drive is a long one but, oh, so beautiful! The in-and-out trails are along gorgeous creeks with numerous waterfalls, clear pools, redwoods, sycamores, maples, ferns, redwood sorrel, huckleberries, etc. 3 miles with minimal ascent. Please use [The Monterey Bay Area Hiking Group Meetup link at the end of the list of our field trips to register](#) and to learn of the meeting location and departure time. If you have questions, please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777.

This is the Link to Field Trips Listed on Meetup:
www.meetup.com/The-Monterey-Bay-Area-Hiking-Group
You must click on “See All” to see all of the outings
Field trips will be posted to Meetup Tuesday, April 24

HORTICULTURE by PATRICK REGAN

The old phrase “April showers bring May flowers” may actually ring true this year. While little help for the recent wildflower display, the dry winter and very late rains have caused lots of recent new foliage growth and some late flowering which will extend the beauty of spring deeper into June.

For the native plant gardeners that want to multiply their favorite natives in a hurry (my name is Pat and I am addicted to plant propagation...) the lush herbaceous shoots and delayed flowering are a serendipitous blessing. Sages, Monkey flowers, Penstemons, Ceanothus, Coyote mints and many other species in the garden and in the wild (GET PERMISSION FIRST!) are prime for taking cuttings from right now.

All you need to become a successful plant cloner is a 3-4” deep container (6-pack, clean empty rotisserie chicken container with drain holes, square propagation flat, etc.) filled with perlite, tamped down and watered down, a clean, sharp pair of scissors, and maybe a chopstick or a pencil. Tender new branch tips of 3-6” should be firm enough to snap in half. Prune them from the mother plant by cutting off just above a node (leaf or branchlet connection) and then trim the bottom of the new cutting to just below the next node. This is where the root growth will occur. Gently strip off most of the leaves, being careful not to tear the cutting apart and then use your chopstick to make a hole in the packed down perlite to the bottom of the container and carefully slide the cutting down into the hole. Water the cuttings well to resettle the perlite. Keep the container in warm bright light but not direct sun. Maintain humidity and some moisture in the perlite by spraying a fine mist over the cuttings frequently as necessary to keep them upright. In 3-6 weeks you should see roots

coming out the bottom. Carefully lift out the cutting with a fork to gently lift the whole root system. Don’t pull! Pot up with good potting mix and hold them till Fall to plant out! Now you are a propagation specialist! Cheers

ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ETC.

NEW LOOK FOR OUR WALLFLOWER!

Our Wallflower is now in COLOR with ACTIVE LINKS to email addresses and website addresses. But these features are only available on the digital Wallflowers—check it out at: <https://montereybay.cnps.org/newsletter>. If you would like the new version emailed to you, please request that from our Membership Chair, Brian LeNeve at brian@brianleneve.com. The snail mail hard copy Wallflowers will still only be grayscale and they won’t have active links in them.

NATIVE PLANT GARDENS—ONGOING

Got natives in your garden? We would like to showcase local native plant gardens on our Monterey Bay CNPS social media—a virtual native plant garden tour! Whether deck size or greater, if you or someone you know would be willing to participate by having your gardens captured by image in any of its season’s beauty please contact Peigi Duvall, Chapter Co-Horticulture Chair, at peigidv@indigdesign.com or 650-704-3926. No garden needs to be ‘perfect’ and, of course, all privacy will be respected. We’re looking forward to seeing you and your garden soon!

ARE YOU MOVING?

If so, please let us know. Either call or email our membership chair, Brian LeNeve, at 624-8497 or brian@brianleneve.com.

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.



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