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# The Wallflower

The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society  
Monterey Bay Chapter

<https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/>

September/October 2019

## A Few of our Favorite Things...

### General Meeting Speakers:

Peigi Duvall, Peggy Grier, Bob Kurner & Pat Regan

The Annual Fall Plant Sale is coming up on October 5<sup>th</sup>. To set the right mood for shopping for native plants, we thought we would ask a few of our members that have grown, gardened with, designed with and promoted native plants to others for a long time, to share a little bit about their favorite California native plants that will be available at this year's sale. This group of four speakers combined have almost 130 years' experience of intentionally gardening with California native plants. Add in general gardening experience from Seattle to San Diego and it pushes closer to 170! Using live plants and slides they will show and tell about the plants they find indispensable in Central Coast gardens.

*Peigi Duvall is a professional landscape designer and owner of Indig Design in Carmel. She is active locally and on the state level with horticultural outreach with CNPS. Peggy Grier is long time CNPS volunteer and former manager of the East Bay chapter's Native Here nursery in Oakland. She was "converted" to native plant gardening in 1970 and has created native gardens big and small wherever she has lived since then. Bob Kurner grew up in the nursery industry in San Diego county and has a broad range of horticultural expertise and interests. As the nursery manager at Rana Creek Nursery in Carmel Valley, Bob gets to put his passion for native plants and propagation skills to good use for our benefit. Pat Regan is a biological consultant and native plant nurseryman and chairman of our annual Plant Sale.*



## General Meeting • Thursday, September 12

Visiting and Book Purchasing from 7:00pm

Meeting and Program Begin at 7:30pm

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

(General meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, every other month)

### STEWARDSHIP

Weed bashes are ongoing. They will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays at Point Lobos Ranch on Sept 7 and October 5 from 1pm to 4pm. They will also be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at Soberanes Creek on September 15 and October 20 from 11am to 2pm. Contact Bruce at 277-7690 or [bdelgado62@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:awashburn8@comcast.net).



*Shown above are CNPS volunteers helping plant sale shoppers find native plants for their gardens at the 2018 Annual Native Plant Sale. Photo by Patrick Regan*

### FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS (registration info on last page)

Wednesday, September 11

Field Trip

Soberanes Creek & Redwoods Picnic

This is an easy ±3 mile walk with very little elevation gain in Garrapata State Park. We'll hike past a great diversity of riparian plants, coastal scrub, and into a redwood forest where we'll find a spot to have lunch. The gentle cascading water of the creek and happy birds will enhance our journey. The views along the trail are especially nice because of years of hard work by Bob Hale and others removing non-natives. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger



*Jen Hunter, the new director of Hastings Natural History Reservation, is full of energy and enthusiasm for Hastings! Jen dazzled us with an interesting fact and fun filled presentation about various animals of Hastings and the reserve's history. We were also treated to an extremely interesting talk by Eric Walters, Hastings' 13 year acorn woodpecker researcher. Photo by Lynn*

Please see the last page for field trip registration information.



## ! FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE !

Got native habitat in your garden? Is your landscape abuzz with life? Does your garden show its California colors year-round? Planting CA native plants will always make sure you can answer “yes!” In its 5<sup>th</sup> decade, the annual fall native plant sale of the Monterey Bay Chapter of CNPS is **THE** source for beautiful **PLANTS**, on-topic **BOOKS**, and sage **ADVICE**, whether you are new to or well-experienced in the fun of landscaping with CA native plants.

Come join us!

CNPS members receive 10% on plant and book purchases.  
Not yet a member? Join the day of the sale and start receiving benefits of membership immediately.

Plant list will be posted on our website <https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/>  
by September 30, 2019

**Saturday, October 5th, 2019, 10am to 1pm**

**MEarth at Hilton Bialek Habitat**

**Carmel Middle School**

**4380 Carmel Valley Road**

*Photo by Patrick Regan*

Saturday, September 21

Field Trip

Williams Canyon Hike to Mitteldorf Preserve

This lovely hike is ±4 miles with ± 400 feet elevation gain. It is along Williams Canyon Road where we'll pass through a spectacular redwood environment with several creeks on our way to Big Sur Land Trust's Mitteldorf Preserve. We'll even admire the county's largest diameter redwood. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger



*These guys were troopers! They schlepped through nettles and sock destroyers to be in this photo with leopard lilies and they actually enjoyed it! They were on Lynn Bomberger's leopard lily field trip into Big Sur Land Trust's Mitteldorf. Photo by Lynn*



*Leader Jerry Loomis took us on a very informative walk in Point Lobos. He discussed plants, geology, the ocean, sea life, birds, and history. Jerry was a ranger at Point Lobos for 22 years, retired and then came back to be a docent! Apparently, he loves the place. Photo by Steve Smuskiewicz*



*On the recent CNPS field trip to Rana Creek Native Plant Nursery, Bob Kurner had us in awe with information about the many plants that Rana Creek Nursery propagates and supplies for the amazing landscaping projects that their architectural landscaping business has worked on. Some of those projects are: The Academy of Sciences roof, the Apple campus and Microsoft's landscaping. Photo by Lynn*

Tuesday, September 24

Field Trip

Nisene Marks Hike to Maple Falls with Andy Werner

Join Andy Werner on this ±8 mile Nisene Marks hike with ±700 feet elevation gain. Our path takes us through a lovely mostly redwood forest where we'll see a variety of ferns and possibly a few flowers. We will also hike alongside two beautiful creeks and eventually to serene Maple Falls. The trail into Maple Falls requires agility but when we get there, we'll relax for lunch. Bring water, lunch and money for a park pass. Arrive early; we depart on time.



*This happy group enjoyed miles and miles of redwoods along with Andy Werner's native plant expertise on Andy's Land of Medicine Buddha hike. They had a fun time even though they were rained on in the morning. Here, the group is standing in front of a small albino redwood. Photo by Irene Rosen*

Wednesday, October 9

Field Trip

Andrew Molera Big Sur River Hike (Bobcat Trail)

This is a lovely shaded in-and-out hike along the Big Sur River on the Bobcat Trail. We'll see meadows, gorgeous sycamores, spectacular redwood trees and have plenty of opportunities to admire the Big Sur River. We'll also experience some road noise; this hike is not perfect, but very close. ±5 miles with minimal ascent but with some irregular rocky terrain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger



*Leader Michael Mitchell took a group to Chews Ridge for the CNPS special annual field trip. They saw some unusual flowers and had a nice short hike. Michael is holding a cone from Pinus coulteri. Because the cone is so heavy, it is nicknamed, "widow maker." Photo by Nancy Alstrum*

Tuesday, October 22

Field Trip

Autumn in Mount Madonna with Andy Werner

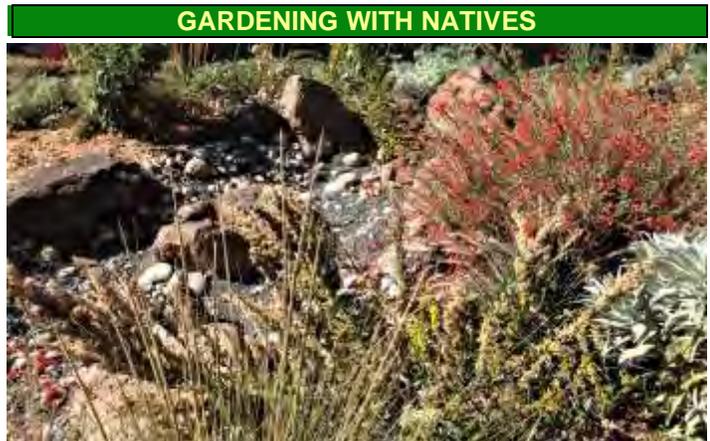
Our late October field trip to Mount Madonna of approximately 7 miles and 1,500 feet ascent will mainly be a new route with some new plants to ID. We'll savor the sights, smells, and ambiance of nature in this wonderful park. We'll hike uphill in the morning and downhill in the afternoon after lunch. Our route will be the Contour Trail, Ridge Trail, Bayview Trail, and Blackhawk Trail. Our pace will be moderate. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart on time.

Thursday, October 31

Field Trip

Del Monte Forest Hike of Carmel to Poppy Hills, CNPS

This nicely shaded lollypop loop begins in Carmel and leads into the quiet Monterey pine forest of Pebble Beach. Lunch gives us the option of purchasing a Poppy Hills sandwich, yum! ±6 miles, ±750 feet ascent with flora & fauna stops. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger



**GARDENING WITH NATIVES**

Deer grass, California goldenrod, and California fuchsia, all summer into fall bloomers provide the color, structure, and spirit of California's 5<sup>th</sup> season. Our "5<sup>th</sup> season" occurs when nature holds its breath before our first rains come (soon, we hope). At that time, plants maybe deadheaded leaving some ripe seed heads for wildlife or cut back as needed for fire safety. Photo by Peigi Duvall

Please contact Peigi Duvall, Horticulture Co-Chair, at [peigidv@indigdesign.com](mailto:peigidv@indigdesign.com) or (605)704-3926 to showcase your native garden!

**CONSERVATION REPORT**

FORT ORD REC TRAIL AND GREENWAY (FORTAG)

The Chapter submitted scoping comments for the FORTAG Environmental Impact Report. We noted that the FORTAG project will pass through or near many sensitive plant communities such as riparian, maritime chaparral, and oak woodland, including CNPS Plant Reserve #1. We requested that the EIR include a good baseline study of the native plant communities to identify disturbed areas that would be more appropriate for the route and asked that when surveying for sensitive plants and communities, that the list include all potential CNPS List 4 species in addition to List 1 rare plants.

Since trail construction has great potential to introduce or spread non-native and invasive plants over a large region of native plant communities, the Chapter requested that mitigation measures be carefully developed to prevent weed proliferation during and following construction. In addition, we requested that Best

Management Practices for long term trailside maintenance focus on methods to minimize disturbance on the edges of trails so that native plants can compete at the trail edge and weedy zones can be avoided.

PALO CORONA

REGIONAL PARK GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Chapter submitted comments on the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Palo Corona Regional Park General Development Plan. We expressed concerns about the lack of a parkwide botanical survey. A complete parkwide survey is needed for an accurate assessment of how significant the quality of a proposed project's flora is in relation to the remaining undeveloped habitats in PCR. We advocated for the avoidance of impacting habitats that are of high quality as measured by the lack of non-native and invasive plants and the dominance of native plant cover. In all cases, maximum effort should be made to steer development to areas of lesser quality that are without special status plants and are already degraded by invasive or non-native plants. We also requested that the special status plant species include CNPS List 4 species.

The Chapter also expressed the need for a Basic Management Plan covering ongoing trail maintenance that would ensure that trailside brushing does not allow for non-native and invasive species to spread into high quality habitat. An expanded Worker Environmental Awareness Program should educate workers about which non-native species to remove and which native species to protect.

Go to <https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/conservation/> for more information on the above Conservation issues.

The Conservation Committee is always looking for additional members. Any help is welcome. It could be as little as monitoring your city council agenda and alerting the committee of any items that impact native plants. Contact committee chair Donna Burych (contact information is on last page) if you want to help, and together we can identify a valuable task that fits your interests and skills.

**ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.**

VOLUNTEER(S) ARE NEEDED TO MANAGE THE PACIFIC GROVE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY GARDEN

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is not only very important to our Peninsula, but it is also important to CNPS. It's where we have our Chapter meetings every other month and our annual Wildflower Show each spring. At this time, it has the only public truly native plant garden on the Monterey Peninsula!

To help with the garden, watering is often needed for plants that are in pots and planters. Weeding and pruning are required all year. A few volunteers come the first Saturday of each month for two hours to help, but it is not enough to keep the garden beautiful.

Bruce Cowan has been the main Museum Garden Volunteer, working two to four hours every week for almost 25 years. He is over 80 now and hopes that someone else who loves gardening and loves our natives will be willing to replace him.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Jeanette Kihs at [Kihj@pgmuseum.org](mailto:Kihj@pgmuseum.org)

**NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS—CNPS MONTEREY BAY**

<https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/>

**TRUSTS, WILLS & BEQUESTS**

Thinking of a Legacy Gift for CNPS? Consider the Monterey Bay Chapter of CNPS in your Trust or Wills, to help continue our important work conserving native plants on the Central Coast. Be sure to specify the Monterey Bay Chapter, P.O. Box 221303, Carmel, CA 93922, as the recipient of your bequest otherwise, your gift will go to the state CNPS. Thank You!

**TIPS ON REDUCING MEETUP EMAILS**

Meetup sends a LOT of emails. To reduce emails, go to Settings in your account, then Email Updates (left side)—decide what you want. Leave on ‘Messages’ so that your leader may communicate

with you. Next, at the bottom of the Email Updates page, on the right, click ‘Edit,’ and again, decide what you would like. If you would like guidance, call Lynn at 375-7777.

**ARE YOU MOVING?**

If so, please let us know. Contact our Membership Chair, Brian LeNeve, at [brian@brianleneve.com](mailto:brian@brianleneve.com) or 624-8497.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Our long-time Treasurer, Jim Pittman, will be retiring from his CNPS duties soon and the Chapter will need a new Treasurer. High math is not a requirement, just a penchant for detail. The Treasurer prepares quarterly summaries and keeps the Chapter’s checkbook. Please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 or Carol LeNeve at 624-8497 if you can help.



Gardening Tools Art by Helen Krayenhoff  
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