



California Native Plant Society Monterey Bay Chapter



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January 2011

Meeting and Program

Thursday, January 13th 7:00 PM
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

Living with Natives and Fire Speaker: Douglas Kent

Join author Douglas Kent as he discusses community wide strategies for managing native plants and landscape strategies for creating and maintaining fire protected properties, the role of water in a community, and the future of fire in California.

Bio: Landscapes lie at the intersection of air and fire, land and water - elements that gives us our life and diversity, disruption and change. Douglas Kent has been chasing these elements since childhood. With 30 years field experience, four books, over 50 published articles, and landscapes scattered throughout California, Kent's hands are rarely clean. For the last 15 years he has run a horticultural services business that specializes in the measurable improvement of our landscapes and communities. He also teaches at Cal Poly Pomona and Saddleback College.

FIELD TRIPS

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 7-9
38th Annual Fungus Fair

Visit the kingdom of Fungi! Learn about the hundreds of beautiful and fascinating species of local fungi on display in a re-created woodland habitat. Enjoy speakers, classes, vendors, kids hands-on activities and more!

The Fungus Fair will be held at the Loudon Nelson Community Center and is sponsored by the Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz. Call 831-684-2275 or go to: <http://www.scfungusfair.org> for details.



Sunday, January 9 Fabulous Ferns & Seedlings

Join Bob Hale to admire the beautiful soft green of polypodal ferns and learn to identify many different seedlings of the coming spring flowers. We will follow the Terrace trail and pass a ridge that has over 60 species of flowering plants. Our return will be alongside Garzas Creek. The hike of about 3 or 4 miles has approximately 600 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 at the Rio Road Park & Ride. Bring lunch and water. For more information call Bob at 647-8821 or hale@nps.edu.



Saturday January 15, 2:30-5:30pm Mushroom Foray and Sauté! 13th Annual Ft Ord Public Lands

This year's Foray will feature the same great fungus expert as last year: Phil Carpenter, current President of the Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz. Join us after the foray also for the 13th Annual Sauté beginning at 6pm in nearby Marina at Foray leader Bruce Delgado's house, 3037 Vaughan Ave. We'll make about 1-3 stops around Ft Ord and learn about identifying the bad boys and the scrumptious ones. CNPS & FFSC members only, reservations only (join Saturday!). Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Fort Ord Thrift Shop on Lightfighter Dr. off Hwy 1 (first parking lot on right) To make a reservation (space is limited to maintain quality of field trip) or for more information call Lynn Bomberger 375-7777.

Sunday, January 16
Fetid Adder's Tongue Hike

Let's see if the intriguing Fetid Adder's Tongue is blooming at Land of Medicine Buddha in Soquel. If not, we'll have a nice hike in a lovely forest, observe two albino redwoods (one up close) and enjoy an optional \$10 vegan lunch at LMB's dining room. 6 miles/700 ft. elevation gain. Arrive early, we depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp from the south far end of the parking lot in front of REI (next to the wall) in Marina or from the back parking lot of the Congregational Church of Soquel (on the Main Street side) at 8:50 a.m. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger 375-7777



Saturday Jan 22 , 10am-2pm
Redwoods and Fungi of Nisene Marks SP

Have you ever seen the old growth Redwoods of Nisene Marks? We will see some spectacular redwoods and understory flora. We will then hike up the Oak Ridge trail, seeing some various fungus along the way. We will also get to see the riparian flora of Aptos creek crossing it at least a few times. Hike will be about 5 miles total. Trip is from 10-3 bring water, layers and a lunch. Meet at the Safeway Parking lot on Soquel Dr. Carpooling is encouraged, but not CNPS sponsored. Contact Deanna Giuliano for any questions at drosegiuliano@yahoo.com or call 831 335-4902. Heavy rain cancels.

Sunday, January 23, 9:30 a.m.
Let's do the 'Shroom Shuffle!

We are so fortunate to have Phil Carpenter, local fungus expert and current President of the Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz, take us into the woods for a second weekend in January! Deep in the forest of Pebble Beach we'll discover an amazing variety of fanciful fungi, both delicious and deadly. Heavy rain cancels. About 3 miles with 600 ft. elevation gain. Bring lunch and water. CNPS & FFSC members only (join Sunday!). For a reservation and meeting location call leader Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777.

Saturday February 5, 1:00 p.m.
Marks Addition, Point Lobos East

We will be hiking into an area of State Parks property not often seen. Come see the Gowen cypress elfin forest, maritime chaparral and redwoods in a 2 to 3 hour walk. Two species of manzanitas should be in bloom and two species of ceanothus as well. We will meet on Highway 1 near Lobos Ranch Rd. across from and just north of the entry to Pt. Lobos, then we'll drive to the site. Because we are crossing private property, this trip is limited to CNPS members and Point Lobos docents. (Yes, you can join CNPS at the beginning of the walk.) Bring water and a snack. For further information, please call Rosemary Foster at 625-3083. Hard rain cancels. If rain is threatening on the day, please call Rosemary at 277-8081 to be sure.

STEWARDSHIP DAYS

Contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado61@gmail.com or 831.277.7690 for more info on any of the following CNPS events

Third Sunday Soberanes Creek Cape Ivy Bash
January 16th 11am-2pm

Here Soberanes Creek falls into the ocean and needs our help continuing to remove various invasive weeds, primarily cape ivy. Meet at 1pm in Carmel at the Rio Rd. Park n' Ride (across from the Chevron Gas Station) to carpool. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack.

First Saturday Broom Bash on
East Side of Point Lobos State Reserve
January 1st 1-4pm

Join us on these 1st Saturday of the month visits to the beautiful Monterey pine forest on the east side of Point Lobos. We'll use several techniques to remove French broom and help restore this area that wants to thrive with native plants. Meet at 1pm in Carmel at the Rio Rd. Park n' Ride (across from the Chevron Gas Station). All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack.

State Parks Staff and CNPS Volunteer
Cape Ivy Weed Bash at Soberanes Creek
9 am-2:30

Join other volunteers and State Parks staff and help to reverse the spread of sticky eupatorium and Cape ivy in the wonderful Soberanes Creek watershed. One "migrating" Friday each month we'll continue to spend a wondrous day in paradise. RSVP with Bruce at 831-227-7690 or bdelgado61@gmail.com for logistical details. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack.

CONSERVATION REPORT

CARMEL COTTAGES RENEGES ON PLANTS: The massive and very visible assisted-living facility recently constructed east of Carmel Middle School was supposed to utilize a tertiary water-treatment plant to provide water for landscaping to screen the structures from Carmel Valley Rd. The new developer didn't want to incur this expense, and the county unaccountably let him off the hook. When this issue comes before the Planning Commission on **Jan. 12**, CNPS urges that drought-tolerant native trees and shrubs be required. If planted soon to take advantage of winter rains, they should not need much water to get established; but the developer must be required to assure that this project does not intrude on the scenic views from this rural road. For further information, call Margaret Robbins, 624-1153.

VILLAS DE CARMEL DEIR RECIRCULATED: Following strong criticism of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for this 46-unit condo project on the 3.68-acre Carmel Convalescent Hospital site at Hwy 1 and Valley Way in unincorporated Carmel (see March issue), the county recirculated the document with further information about traffic and water issues. Unfortunately public critiques by neighbors and groups including CNPS on three other key issues--impacts of tree removal on Hwy 1 scenic corridor, increased density, and rezoning-- were not addressed in the new version. The plan, essentially unchanged, is scheduled to come before the Planning Commission on **Jan. 19**. For further information, email socncwatch@aol.com

MONTEREY CO. GENERAL PLAN APPROVED: On Oct. 26 the Board of Supervisors approved a deeply flawed General Plan Update, and on Nov. 24 the Carmel Valley Assn. Landwatch, and The Open Monterey Project filed a lawsuit by Michael Stamp based on five substantial issues: traffic congestion, destructive development on steep slopes, inadequate water for allowed development, preferential treatment of "winery corridors," and the last-minute improper changes without adequate public review. The chapter has repeatedly urged the county to strengthen the rules prohibiting grading on steep slopes, particularly involving the conversion of natural habitat to ag land or development, and the failure of the plan to provide for the lawful protection of rare, threatened, and endangered species. In an apparent effort to show that the plan was a reasonable compromise, several pro-development groups also filed suit; however, the current plan essentially fulfills developers' "wish list."

SUPERVISORS APPROVE COUNTY FIRE PLAN: A compromise plan was approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Dec. 14, eliminating most of the language excessively destructive of sensitive habitats and wilderness values. A group of Big Sur residents, concerned about fire danger following losses in recent wildfires, had proposed policies to override the Endangered Species Act and other laws that went far beyond the best currently available scientific recommendations to minimize fire damage on the "Wildlands/Urban Interface," known as the WUI (woo-eee!). The effort to modify the damaging wording proposed by the Big Sur Fire Safe Council was led by the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Ventana Wilderness Alliance, with testimony by CNPS, LandWatch, and others. For more info, see the June and October newsletters.

SEPTEMBER RANCH APPROVED ON 3-2 VOTE: On Nov. 9 three Salinas Valley and North Co. Supervisors approved a 95-unit development on the steep slopes of September Ranch between Carmel Valley Road and Jacks Peak Park. The chapter had long opposed this project because of its impacts on the native Monterey Pine Forest. The chapter and many others urged that the project be confined to the lower half of the parcel in order to protect the pines, reduce the impact on Jacks Peak Park, traffic, water, wildlife habitat, and erosion problems.

ARMY ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP JAN. 12: The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office has set the next Community Involvement Workshop for 6:30 pm Wed. **Jan. 12** at the Marina Library, 190 Seaside, Marina. Topics include the groundwater cleanup program and an update on the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement program. Further information: Call Melissa Broadston, at 393-1284 or email her at Melissa.Broadston@us.army.mil. NOTE: The next semi-annual free guided bus tour of the Fort Ord cleanup projects will be Sat., **Feb. 1**.

For more information on these or other issues, contact Corky Matthews (see masthead).

**GOLDEN TROUT WILDERNESS BOTANICAL WORKSHOP
Flora and Natural History of the Southern Sierra
July 3 to 9, 2011**

Location: Golden Trout Wilderness Camp
Instructors: Tim Thomas, Pam McKay and Paul Collins
Workshop Organizer: Susan D'Alcama

Don't miss this amazing botany workshop that will teach us about the flora and natural history of the Golden Trout Wilderness, Cottonwood Lakes Basin and the John Muir Wilderness. Spend the week exploring high Sierra alpine habitats. Daily guided hikes and interpretive talks will be led by our experienced trip leaders. Lectures, slide shows and an opportunity to key plants with dissecting scopes will fill the evenings. We will see an abundance of wildflowers in alpine meadows and encounter endemic plant species while taking in the incredible Sierran vistas. Plant, animal and bird lists will be provided.

The camp is at 10,000 ft., three miles from trailhead parking. Pack animals can be arranged to get your gear into the area. Sleeping tent cabins are dormitory style with canvas cots and 4-6 people in each tent. A central cooking and dining log cabin is used for eating and gathering. An outdoor wash stand is available for brushing teeth and washing. Showers with hot water are available at certain times. Meals are provided, but guests must carry in their own sleeping bags and personal belongings. You may also set up your own tent.

Cost: \$525.00 (includes meals from Sunday dinner through Saturday lunch)

For information, brochure, and registration contact:
Susan D'Alcama: sdalcama@calacademy.org, Cell# 925-899-0719 **Registration deadline is March 15, 2011**



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- ___ Benefactor.....\$600
- ___ Mariposa Lily.....\$1,000

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