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# The Wallflower

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Monterey Bay Chapter

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## ANNUAL POTLUCK! COME ONE, COME ALL!

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm  
at the MEarth:Hilton Bialek Habitat

Presenter: **Pat Stadille**

It's that time again. Bring a dish to share, plus your plates, cutlery and drink cup. Bring your dish ready to serve-there will be hot trays to keep things warm. Punch is provided. Sorry no alcohol is permitted.

We will meet at 6pm to set up potluck items, greet and share hors d'oeuvres. At 6:30, our speaker, Pat Stadille will take us on a walk and talk of the places he teaches nature study activities at the Hilton Bialek Habitat. The Bee Garden, Project Feeder Watch, and the Bob Fault will be highlights. After our potluck dinner around 7pm, Pat will give a slideshow on "CMS Wildlife-Cool bugs, spiders, birds, and even a few plants" or aka "This digital camera sure is fun."

Pat Stadille is a naturalist and Giants fan who teaches science and drama at Carmel Middle School. His interest in Natural History started back as a kid in the 1970s when he was catching snakes and frogs at his beloved pond in Ft. Ord behind Serra Village. A graduate of Salinas High School, he got his BA in Zoology at UC Berkeley in 1986. He has expanded his knowledge of wildlife through many summer classes at San Francisco State's Sierra Nevada Field Campus. Last summer he wrote his first book, "*The Bugs of Buckwheat*." He plans to retire and devote himself to yard sales after his book becomes a best seller. Pat has been teaching for 24 years and can easily be bribed by cake from Rosine's restaurant.

*Directions: One mile out Carmel Valley Road right at the Carmel Middle School stoplight. Follow the CNPS signs to the classroom & gardens.*

### FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Our field trip registration requirements vary. Some require reservations and/or CNPS membership; some field trips do not require either. Please read the write-ups carefully and respond accordingly.

April 30 to May 1, 2011

Workshop

#### ISSUES IN INTERPRETATION: CLIMATE CHANGE

How do you engage your visitors in one of the most difficult current topics? What can you do to facilitate a discussion, avoid arguments, and get someone thinking about it in a different way?

### *The Flowering Plants of Monterey County*

by  
**MARY ANN (CORKY) MATTHEWS**

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We will attempt to answer these questions and more through case studies, hands on trainings, and the sharing of ideas, as we camp out inside the Monterey Bay Aquarium! \$30 NAI Member, \$50 Non-Member, \$25 Student. To Register and for more information: [www.naimembers.com/store/acatalog/NAI\\_Regio\\_9\\_Workshop.html](http://www.naimembers.com/store/acatalog/NAI_Regio_9_Workshop.html).

### Sunday, May 1, 8:45am to 3:30pm Field Trip & Pot Luck UPPER GARZAS CREEK HIKE/BBQ POTLUCK

Join trip leader Al Washburn ([awashburn8@comcast.net](mailto:awashburn8@comcast.net) or 373-4873) and his sidekick botanist Bruce Delgado on a visit to Al's private cabin in the woods along Garzas Creek at 2000 ft. elevation. Your choice of gentle walks along the creek or a more strenuous hike up the steep surrounding hills. There will be beautiful waterfalls and riparian habitat, a good variety of lush ferns, some wildflowers, and probably a few mosquitoes. Assemble at 9am sharp (allowing time for the detour) at the gated entrance to Santa Lucia Preserve on Rancho San Carlos Road off Carmel Valley Road, just past the CVAC tennis club. Return at 3:30pm. 4WD useful, but not required if your car has some clearance. Parking limited, so carpooling a must. RSVP with Al early since it may be necessary to limit numbers. Bring potluck lunch items to share around a cooking fire to eat near the tumbling creek.

Sunday May 1, 3pm to 5pm

Field Trip

### FLOWERS AND POLLINATORS OF DELAVEAGA PARK

The focus of this field trip will be on flower colors in the forest (Whittall's specialty) and the primary pollinators in these communities. The hike will highlight understory plants of the Redwood Forest & Mixed Evergreen Forest, such as Viola, Oxalis, and Clintonia. The out and back walk to the "Top of the World" is approximately 3 miles total distance with less than 200 feet elevation gain (Easy-Moderate hiking). Bring water and a snack. You might sneak a peek at his website, to whet your appetite for knowledge on the evolution of flower colors: [www.jbwhittall.com/](http://www.jbwhittall.com/). Meet at the DeLaveaga Park Main Entrance, Branciforte Dr. approximately 1 mile north of intersection with Goss Ave., Isbel Dr. & Market St. Meet in the parking lot next to the children's

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playground, near park entrance. Carpools recommended. Leader: Justen Whittall (Department of Biology, Santa Clara University), jwhittall@scu.edu, (831) 332-3389 (cell)

**Saturday, May 7, 8:45am** **Field Trip**  
**WILDFLOWER WALK AT POINT LOBOS RANCH**

Join Michael Mitchell and Andy Werner on this 2 mile almost level Big Sur Land Trust wildflower walk. Point Lobos Ranch is a special area along San Jose Creek with a showy variety of wildflowers to admire and learn about. Bring water. Contact Amber at 625-5523, ext 103 for a reservation. BSLT membership required. Meet at the Bank of America parking lot at Rio Road & Hwy 1.

**Saturday, May 7, 10am to 1pm** **Plant Sale**  
**MEarth:HILTON BIALEK HABITAT PLANT SALE**

10<sup>th</sup> Annual plant sale featuring central coast natives and student-grown organic starts to benefit the MEarth: Hilton Bialek Habitat at the Carmel Middle School. Live music and expert gardening advice will be available. We will also feature a Farmer's Market with local produce and crafts.

**Saturday, May 7, 1pm to 4pm** **Restoration**  
**BROOM BASH, EAST SIDE OF PT. LOBOS STATE RESERVE**

Join us on these First 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 Road Park n' Ride to carpool (across from the Chevron Gas Station). All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 831-277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

**Sunday May 7, 10am to 1pm** **Field Trip**  
**COASTAL PRAIRIE MIMA MOUNDS WITH DEANNA GIULIANO**

On this trip with Deanna Giuliano on a trip to one of our local wonderlands, a coastal wet prairie with mima mounds. You will see an amazing display of our local native bunch grasses, sedges, and rushes, along with a kaleidoscope of annuals and bulbs. Among the highlights we hope to see in bloom are Calochortus uniflorus and Brodiaea terrestris. Bring water, sunscreen, hat and a lunch. We'll hike to two adjacent meadows, with easy access and a leisurely walk. To meet us at the meadow: there are turnouts by the bus stop on Empire grade, Santa Cruz, about 1/2 mile north of the twin gates of Marshall Field (UCSC Natural Reserve). Parking is located on the right and left hand sides of the road. The Barn Theatre at the entrance to UCSC campus (High St. and Bay St.) is a good meeting place at 9:40. If you have any questions, please contact Deanna Giuliano at drosegiuliano@yahoo.com or call 831 335-4902

**Mother's Day Sunday May 8, 1:30pm** **Field Trip**  
**GARLAND RANCH, RIVER TRAIL**

What could be nicer? An afternoon wildflower walk will be the perfect way to enjoy Mother's Day. Plan on about a two hour easy walk on the River Trail where we will find at least a couple dozen different wildflowers. Some of the flowers in this area are rare in other parts of Garland Ranch. Bring water. Meet at the 'small "open meadow" or "first trail-head" on East Garzas Rd. For more information, call Gordon Williams at 372-6374.

**Saturday May 14, 9:15am** **Field Trip**  
**GARLAND RANCH REGIONAL PARK SPRING WILDFLOWERS**

Rained out in March, we'll try again. Join Dr. Rod Yeager and Michael Mitchell, co-authors of *Wildflowers of Garland Ranch*:

A *field guide*, on a wildflower walk along the Terrace Trail and Garzas Creek. Expect to see gorgeous displays of spring flowers including baby blue eyes, larkspur, Chinese houses, fairy lanterns, star flowers, Douglas' sandwort and others. The hike is about 3.5 miles with 600 ft. elevation gain. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 9:15 in the "main parking lot" (lower lot) of Garland Ranch. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

**Saturday May 14, 11:00am to 1:30 or 2pm** **Field Trip**  
**BONNY DOON ECOLOGICAL RESERVE W/ VAL HALEY**

Come on up to Bonny Doon. You will be amazed at the vibrant come back of our precious Santa Cruz Sandhills vegetation, three years after the Martin Fire in 2008. The Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve will be another of three guided nature walks this spring. All of the walks will be lead by botanist and sandhills specialist, Val Haley, with perhaps a guest appearance by another local botanist. Topics along the trail will include vegetation management, rare and endemic plants, manzanita recovery, wildflowers in bloom, geology and erosion control. All of the walks start at 11:00am, and will last about 2.5 to 3 hours. Please bring food and water, sun protection, and good hiking shoes. There will be a few moderate hills and numerous stops in the approximate 3-mile walk. Meet at the Reserve Parking lot next to the old firehouse on Martin Road. The main cross streets are Ice Cream Grade to the north and Bonny Doon Rd to the south. Please RSVP to Val by phone or email if you would like to attend (425-0687 or vegnet@cruzio.com). The walks are limited to 15 people per walk, so pick a date and reserve your spot.

**Sunday, May 15, 9:00am to 4:00pm** **Field Trip**  
**DORRANCE RANCH WILDFLOWER HIKE**

Dr. Rod Yeager will lead this wildflower exploration hike into the 4,300-acre Dorrance Ranch on Mt. Toro's northern ridge. We will see some beautiful flowers that are not abundant in the immediate Monterey area such as butter and eggs, blow wives, silver puffs and others. The ranch is a working cattle ranch and also a "Permanent Conservation Easement" property. Read more by 'Googling' "Dorrance Family Story." Meet before 9:00am at the Laureles Grade Park & Ride just off Hwy 68. We will hike about 4 miles with 900 ft. elevation gain. Carpooling will be necessary and participants must plan on all day (no early departures). Bring water and lunch. CNPS membership required. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

**Sunday, May 15, 11am to 2pm** **Restoration**  
**SOBERANES CREEK CAPE IVY BASH**

Here Soberanes Creek falls into the ocean and needs our help continuing to remove various invasive weeds, primarily cape ivy. On these Third Sundays, meet at 11am in Carmel at the Rio Rd. Park n' Ride to carpool (across from the Chevron Gas Station). All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 831-277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

**Friday, May 20, 9:45am to Noon** **Field Trip**  
**POINT LOBOS HISTORY & NATURE DISCOVERY**

We'll begin at Whaler's Cove for this "questions encouraged" walk with Jerry Loomis where he will discuss the Monterey area's "first industrial park." Besides early industry, we will learn about native plants, geology, marine mammals and anything else we might find along the trail including possible Saw-whet owl and great blue heron nest sites. Jerry was a park

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**ZIPLINE PROPOSED FOR JACKS PEAK PARK:** Officials of Ziptrek, a firm from Whistler, British Columbia, met on Mar. 30 with Monterey Co. park officials to describe their proposal for five ziplines in Jacks Peak Park. For those unfamiliar with the device, it is like a clothesline slanted downhill in which individuals in harnesses are carried at considerable speed from one station to another. It operates on gravity, so does not require power; but it does involve building stations at each end of a zipline, and would require some pruning to provide adequate clearance. Members of CNPS, Sierra Club, and Audubon attended the meeting to raise questions about potential impacts on a park that has always been operated for its wilderness values. Park Commissioners and employees are very enthusiastic about the potential financial benefits to the park, which has suffered from lack of funding in recent years, resulting in reduced operating hours and less frequent ranger patrols. The chapter and others urged that a full Environmental Impact Report be required before any decisions are made.

**CARMEL COTTAGES APPEALED:** The Carmel Valley Association, assisted by LandWatch, has filed an appeal on the Board of Supervisors' 3-2 decision allowing the developer of the 78-unit Carmel Valley assisted living facility to drop the requirement for a gray water and cistern system required by the original permit. Allowing a developer to drop a key condition sets a disastrous precedent and leaves the county's credibility seriously impaired. Earlier CNPS had written the supervisors

urging that the landscaping plan should include drought-tolerant natives that are suitable for the site, which has a clay soil that may not be appropriate for many of the plants in the current plan. The chapter had also urged that the county provide a waiver or lower fee for non-profits appealing such plans, as the recently-adopted \$5000 appeal fee is beyond the ability of many non-profits to pay, and has the effect of stifling public involvement in the planning process.

**REVISED PEBBLE BEACH EIR PLANNED:** The Monterey Co. Planning Dept. has announced that a scoping meeting will be held on Apr. 27 on a new Environmental Impact Report for the revised build-out on Pebble Beach Co. land in Del Monte Forest. The previous plan was denied by the Coastal Commission in June 07 following strong opposition by many groups including our chapter. Some of the biologically most damaging parts of the plan were abandoned (e.g., a new golf course, relocating and enlarging the PB stables, siting a driving range in wetlands), but the substitute plan also has impacts that need to be analyzed and mitigated. Concerns remain about the potential loss of sensitive habitat from 90 new residential lots and a new hotel across from Spyglass Golf Course. While the scoping meeting will probably be held before this newsletter arrives, there will be several opportunities to comment on the adequacy of the EIR when it comes out and at later meetings of the Planning Commission and Supervisors.

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ranger at the reserve for 22 years and currently coordinates the "Point Lobos Summer Adventures Program" for children. 2 miles with minimal elevation gain. Bring water & a snack. Arrive early; we depart at 9:45am sharp from Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call CNPS leader Lynn Bomberger for a reservation at 375-7777.

**Saturday, May 21, 8:45am** Field Trip  
**WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MARKS RANCH**

Gordon Williams and Rod Yeager will lead this Big Sur Land Trust wildflower hike at the Marks Ranch. We will take 4-5 hours to hike 5½ miles with 600 feet elevation gain. There will be several different terrains with a large variety of delightful wildflowers. Bring water and lunch. Contact Amber at 625-5523, ext. 103 for a reservation. BSLT membership required. Meet at the BSLT office, 509 Hartnell Street, Monterey.

**Sunday, May 22, 1pm to 4pm** Restoration  
**CARMEL RIVER STATE BEACH**

Come join other volunteers and State Parks staff on these Fourth Sundays to restore world-class beautiful meadows and beach bluffs to native wild flowers and healthy ecosystems. All supplies provided. You just bring water and a smile. Wear gardening type clothes and sturdy shoes. Meet at the Ribera Road trail head south of the Carmel River and east of Hwy 1. Contact Bruce Delgado at 831-277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

**Saturday, May 28, 9:30am** Field Trip  
**DEL MONTE FOREST EXPLORATION**

The Del Monte Forest is famous for its unique mixture of uncommon plants. It is the only place where Bishop and Monterey

pinus naturally commingle and out of place redwood flora and maritime chaparral grow; all that are nourished by the wet summer fogs. Several rare plants such as Yadon's rein-orchid and a rich stand of rare pigmy Gowen cypress thrive in the forest. We hope to see various asters, roses and lotuses in bloom. Join leader Bob Hale for this opportunity to see the Del Monte forest up close and personal. Up to 3 miles with about 300 feet elevation gain. Bring water and snack. Meet at the Safeway parking lot on Hwy 68 in Pacific Grove at 9:30am (near the recycle shed). Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation.

**May to August, 2011** Workshops  
**JEPSON HERBARIUM WORKSHOPS OFFERED**

**May 6-8, Santa Cruz County:** *Flora of the Santa Cruz Sandhills*

**May 20-22, SNRI Yosemite Field Station in Wawona:** *Mimulus*

**July 15-17, Sagehen Creek Field Station, Truckee:** *Potentilla, Past and Present,*

**August 13-14, UC Berkeley and local Field Sites:** *Aquatic Plants*  
*For detailed workshop information and a registration form go to:*  
<http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/2011/>

**Every Thursday, 2:30pm to 4:40pm** Workshop  
**VOLUNTEER AT MEarth: HILTON BIALEK HABITAT**

Volunteer and learn about various propagation techniques, transplanting tips and general plant production pointers. All materials and a snack provided. For more information, contact Amanda Yantos at (650) 804-9612.





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Sat, June 11 & Sun, June 12 Garland Ranch Wildflower Show

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