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The Wallflower

The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society
Monterey Bay Chapter

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Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 PM

Meeting and Program

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

The Wildflowers of Garland Ranch

Rod M. Yeager, Speaker

Rod M. Yeager, MD, after retiring from the practice of cardiovascular surgery in 2002 has spent many enjoyable hours exploring the hiking trails of Monterey County. It did not take long to be impressed by the large number and variety of wildflowers seen along the hiking trails and a desire to learn their names evolved. As a means to this end he developed an interest in photography which ultimately resulted in several books on wildflowers as well as a website (rodyeager.com). His latest book, *Wildflowers of Garland Ranch - a field guide*, was co-authored with Michael Mitchell. Rod does not claim to be an expert in photography or wildflowers but rather an enthusiast in both fields of endeavor. It is his hope that the website and books will be of some help to others in pursuing such interests.

FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday, June 4, 10am Field Trip
SPANISH BAY & ASILOMAR BEACH COASTAL FLOWERS

We can expect to see a surprising number of beautiful flowering coastal dune plants along the beach in the Asilomar area. Some of the flowers we will admire are aromatic sand verbenas, showy patches of clover, lizard tail and locoweed. Besides flowers, there will be numerous birds to watch, so bring binoculars if you have them. Up to 3 miles mainly on near level boardwalks. Dress in layers; bring water and lunch. Meet before 10:00am across from the Fishwife on Sunset Drive & Asilomar Blvd., PG. Leaders are Rod Yeager and Bob Hale. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Saturday, June 4, 10am to 5pm Event
VENTANA WILDERNESS ALLIANCE'S CELEBRATION OF TRAILS!

10:00am-2:00pm: Give back to your public lands on National Trails Day at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Sign up begins at 9:00am at Big Sur Station with trail work projects for all ages. Bring gloves, water, a hat, and a smile! Raffle Prizes, tools, and light refreshments will be provided.

3:30pm-5:00pm: Celebrate the future of **Ventana Trails Forever** with a reception at Big Sur Station for the public unveiling of the **Ventana Trails Forever Fund**, an endowment to support public trail maintenance across the Ventana and Big Sur Region. Celebratory food and drink provided. RSVP, space is limited. Reply to vwa@ventanawild.org

Saturday, June 4, 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 bdelgado62@gmail.com or 831-277-7690 or for more information.

Saturday, June 4, 10am to 1pm Plant SUPER Sale
MEarth: HILTON BIALEK HABITAT NATIVE PLANT SUPER SALE!!

Please help us clear out our inventory so we have room for new plants. All one gallon plants \$5. Come on out! Located at Carmel Junior High School, 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel.

Sunday, June 5, 8:30am Field Trip
MAPLE FALLS OF NISENE MARKS HIKE

On this 7 mile hike with 700 ft. elevation gain, we just might see both stripped & spotted coral root orchids, red clintonias and wild ginger in bloom. Lunch will be beside serene Maple Falls. Some agility is required. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 8:30am from the far end of the parking lot in front of REI in Marina or depart from the parking lot behind Aptos Station at 9:15. Call leader, Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation.

Sat-Sun, June 11-12, 10am to 4pm Wildflower Show
MPRPD at GARLAND RANCH, 12TH ANNUAL WILDFLOWER SHOW

Besides a wildflower show, there will various other activities and events such as: Field Sketching Wildflower Classes, Guided Wildflower Hikes and at 10:00am Saturday, Dr. Rod Yeager & Michael Mitchell (wildflower book authors) will give a slide presentation of the wildflowers of Garland Ranch. A Wildflower Show reception will be on Saturday at 12 noon with refreshments provided. For detailed information, go to: www.mprpd.org and then check "News & Announcements."

Sunday, June 12, 9am to 12pm Field Trip
FORT ORD WILDFLOWER AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

See the beauty of Fort Ord through another lens as you join local plant enthusiast/photographer Nathaniel Wigington on a hiking photography tour. Fort Ord offers many scenic landscapes and boasts a summer wildflower display that is still growing strong. Traveling to various locations we will photograph both landscapes and close-ups capturing nature's spectacular colors. Bring water, sun protection and a snack. Meet at the Creekside parking lot by 9am. From Portola Drive, just off of Hwy 68 and

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PEBBLE BEACH EIR SCOPING MEETING APRIL 27: A standing-room-only crowd attended the meeting at the PB Community Services Office for a description of the revised plans for the Pebble Beach Co. build-out. Planners from the county, Coastal Commission, consultants, and officials from the Pebble Beach Co. explained the changes from the previous plan and outlined the timeline for the application process. CNPS members expressed a number of concerns about the impacts on the rare and endangered plant and habitats in Del Monte Forest, including the timing and thoroughness of botanical surveys and the issue of retaining wildlife corridors for both plants and animals. The chapter is particularly concerned about housing development proposed for the Huckleberry Hill Natural Area and the spread of invasive non-native plants in the S.F.B. Morse Preserve. Written comments were to be accepted until May 10, with the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be circulated for 45 days starting August 10. Public hearings before the County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors on the amendments to the Local Coastal Plan are scheduled for November and December, with the application to be forwarded to the Coastal Commission by December 30. The Final EIR is to be prepared by January 31, 2012, with more public hearings leading to a decision by the Board of Supervisors in April 2012.

FIRESCAPES "SECOND-ROUND" WORKSHOPS HELD: Following the March 8 & 9 meetings held at Big Sur Lodge, the group gathered again May 3 & 4 to continue discussions about fire issues. The Tuesday meeting involved a morning field trip through Palo Colorado Canyon with stops to look at the problems of defending this remote area from wildfire and visualizing from Bottchers Gap how the fires spread from the east. It was estimated that 1500 people live in this fire-prone area! The afternoon was spent in small-group discussions at Pico Blanco Boy Scout Camp's impressive new lodge building, designed to provide safe shelter in case of fire while the camp is in session. Led by facilitators from The Nature Conservancy, the group identified "targets" such as protecting human communities, protecting watersheds, preserving natural diversity, and protecting cultural resources. Then the threats to these values were listed, along with opportunities to minimize them, utilizing the shared knowledge of the participants. A third

two-day workshop is planned for the summer to focus on specific actions to reduce the fire hazard while protecting all of the target values.

"KEEP BIG SUR WILD" BILL RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18: The public meeting planned for March 19 at the Big Sur Lodge was postponed to June 18 from 10 am to Noon because of the landslide that closed Highway 1. The chapter strongly supports this bill and urges members to write sponsor Rep. Sam Farr (1126 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515) supporting the bill and to attend the Big Sur meeting if at all possible. While many local residents support the bill, an outspoken group in Big Sur opposes it unless changes are made to allow far more clearing than necessary for fire prevention. Besides establishing a Botanical Area honoring the late Jeff Norman, the bill would convert the 325,000 acres of the Monterey Ranger District into the Big Sur Management Unit to provide for more effective management and greater budget authority; protect over 90 miles of the regions most ecologically sensitive rivers and streams by designating them as federal Wild & Scenic Rivers; and designate a National Recreation Trail on 11 miles of the Arroyo Seco-Indians Road for bicyclers, hikers, and equestrians.

"WHISPERING OAKS" BUSINESS PARK THREATENS OAKS: Another ironically-named development would create a 58-acre business park including over 24 acres for a Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) Facility at Fort Ord that would result in the removal of over 4400 oak trees, including 2400 for the MST project. According to a comment from the CA Dept. of Fish & Game, the Draft EIR does not address the fact that the project would result in a taking of the Federally Listed sand gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora* ssp. *arenaria*) as well as other sensitive plants including Seaside birds'-beak (*Cordylanthus rigidus* ssp. *Littoralis*) and animals such as the California Tiger Salamander. It seems incredible that this huge project could be allowed to destroy pristine habitat including a magnificent oak forest when there are so many underdeveloped and degraded areas at Fort Ord. This development seems to be headed for the Planning Commission under the radar, but the chapter believes that the project should be downsized and relocated.

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Reservation Rd, follow the Fort Ord Public Lands signs to the parking lot. Contact Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777. Limit to 10.

Sunday, June 19, 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.

Sun June 19, 9am to 1:30pm, Father's Day **Field Trip**
SOBERANES POINT AND CREEK FLOWER WALK

Today, we will have it all; we will enjoy the marvelous visual diversity of nature, sounds of the birds, ocean waves and soothing creek. We'll circle a coastal bluff ablaze with flowers, then walk up to delightful Soberanes creek with its rich display of native flowers and finally we will enjoy lunch in a redwood forest. Come see the

results of years of CNPS efforts at weed abatement and see how nature has filled in with grand displays. About 4 miles on easy trails. Meet at the Rio Road Park and Ride by 9am. Bring water and a lunch. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation.

Friday, June 24, 9am to 2:30pm **Restoration**
CAPE IVY WEED BASH AT SOBERANES CREEK

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. Contact Bruce Delgado to RSVP and for details: bdelgado62@gmail.com or 831-227-7690. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack.

Saturday, June 25, 9am to 4:30pm **Field Trip**
CHEWS RIDGE, LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

As the highest public road in Monterey County, Chews Ridge always offers a variety of flowering plants at this time of year. Many of the fire followers seen the last two years should still be

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extant. Meet in Garland Ranch parking lot (not on the road) at 9 am; bring lunch and water. A plant list can be printed out from the chapter website. All- or 4-WD cars are recommended as the road is steep and unpaved beyond Jamesburg. There will be several stops with easy strolls of less than a mile. Leader, Corky Matthews, 659-2528.

**Sunday, June 26, 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.

**Every Tuesday of June & July Conserving Native Plants
SEED COLLECTION AT FORT ORD**

Seeds of Success (SOS) is a program created in a nation-wide effort to ensure the conservation of native plants. Join SOS intern Rose Ashbach in a day of collections. We will travel throughout the scenic hills and valleys of Fort Ord BLM collecting seeds of diverse and important native plant species. Contact Rose Ashbach (831)236-8530 for more information.

ARTICLES of INTEREST

A New Orchid Species for Monterey County

Michael Mitchell recently photographed and identified *Corallorhiza striata* Lindley, striped coral root, a new native orchid species for Monterey County. The location is Garland Ranch. He contacted Corky Matthews who confirmed the identification. Joseph Narvaez, Environmental Ed Coordinator–Programs for the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District originally spotted the new taxon and contacted Michael.



Photograph by Michael Mitchell

Adding a new native wildflower to Monterey County, much less one of the more beautiful ones is not an easy task. Celebrated botanists since the days of Laparouse have searched the county area to collect and name its plant treasures. Up until now, no one has ever reported striped coral root.

The nearest, previously known, record was Santa Cruz County in the Forest of Nisene Marks near Aptos. ~ Vern Yadon

Pinnacles April Field Trip

April 23, the day between Earth Day and Easter, found three groups working and playing in McCabe Canyon. I represented Pinnacles Partnership only a little as an introduction to the small group of members of California Native Plant Society, CNPS, Monterey Bay Chapter. I've been volunteering as a weed wrangler and the publicist of the group for a few years but this was my first time to arrange for a "CNPS field trip." CNPS members are often so enthusiastic about discussing every plant along the way, we joked about possibly *not* even making it out of the parking lot!

It had been a few years since CNPS Monterey Bay had made it into Pinnacles National Monument at all. While setting up the logistics I met with some resistance for the anticipated crowds and shuttle requirements, but the most intrepid hikers persisted, and Kim Kuska even traveled down to represent the San Mateo Chapter.

Jesalee Lapatra and Lynn Bomberger came out in support and marveled at the work of members of the Amah Mutsun Tribal



Photograph by Brent Johnson

Band and traditional basket weaver from the Mono Tribe, on the sedge bed in McCabe. We also met with members of the UCSC Plant Physiology class and heard about efforts to measure effects of a variety of treatments to nurture one of the largest Deer Grass stands known in California.

Lunch was quickly consumed after we gathered in awe of the most amazing Coast Live Oak tree

many of us have ever seen. The little CNPS group enthusiastically embraced the measuring of the massive tree along with Amah Mutsun Vice Chairperson Paul Mondragon and member of the Mono and Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area Marvin Marine.

All in all, it was a remarkably memorable morning in McCabe Canyon and I look forward to working more alongside new partners for nurturing renewal at Pinnacles National Monument. ~ Jan Shriner

Stressed? Get Outside

If you think spa treatments and beach vacations are the best ways to relax, you may be barking up the wrong tree. Japanese scientists have found that walking in the forest, smelling its woody scent and looking at flora-covered landscapes can help you de-stress from the demands of daily life. Some Japanese government officials are recommending "forest therapy" to help workers chill out. And what better day to take a hike than on National Trails day, June 4!



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LOOKING AHEAD

We won't have CNPS meetings in July or August, but there will be a July/August Wallflower along with several great field trips.

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For myself I hold no preferences among flowers, so long as they are wild, free and spontaneous. Bricks to all greenhouses! Black thumb and cutworm to the potted plant! ~ Edward Abbey

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