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# The Wallflower

The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society  
Monterey Bay Chapter

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## Wanna Be A Pine Nut?

**Speaker: Nikki Nedeff**

Please join us Thursday, November 10 for a talk about our very special local celebrity plant community - the Monterey Pine Forest. The story isn't about the trees, which grow around the world in vast plantations. The story is about the natural forests of the Central Coast and the biological, inspirational and economic values our trees embody. Nikki is a Carmel Valley native who will share the story of pine forest ecology and how a group of pine enthusiasts came together almost 20 years ago to advocate for the conservation and management of Monterey Pine Forests. Their volunteer work includes a recent book dedicated to the living legacy of our emblematic natural community.

*Besides being a Pine Nut, Nikki teaches California Ecosystems and introductory plant taxonomy at CSUMB and maintains a small ecological consulting business. She has worked for 3 land trusts and 2 public agencies dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of California's special places.*

**General Meeting • Thursday, November 10**

Visiting & Book Purchasing from **7:00pm**  
Meeting and Program Begin at **7:30pm**

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



### Reminder

We won't have a CNPS General Meeting in December.  
The next meeting will be Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

### CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

**Wednesdays: Nov. 2, 9 & 16, 3pm to 5pm Workshops**  
**NATIVE PLANT GARDENING AT MEarth HABITAT**

Give back with practical home gardening methods that help you help the environment! Practice habitat restoration techniques and learn to transform your garden into a native habitat. All materials and a snack will be provided. Call instructor Amanda Francis at 650-804-9612 for a reservation for 1, 2 or all 3 days.

**Thursday, November 3, 2:30 to 4:30 Workshop**  
**BECOME A GARDEN MAGICIAN!**

Enjoy the MEarth Fall Native Plant Garden at 4380 Carmel Valley Road, while learning a few gardening tricks. Master how to correctly 'up plant' flora to larger containers and divide plants to get more bang for your buck; watch one plant turn into 6! All materials and a snack will be provided. Call instructor Amanda Francis at 650-804-9612 for a reservation.

**Saturday, November 5, 12:30pm Field Trip**  
**COMPOSTING, RECYCLING, REUSING...MRWMD DOES IT ALL!**

Join us today in a most interesting tour of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District's plant (just about the only plant we'll see today!). Learn why the MRWMD was named the "Best Solid Waste System in North America" and learn what becomes of your garbage after it leaves your front yard. Very little walking, bring water & snack. Arrive early; we depart at 12:30pm from the far end of the parking lot in front of REI in Marina. Space is very limited; call Lynn Bomberger for a reservation at 375-7777.

**Saturdays, Nov 5, & Dec 3, 1pm to 4pm Restoration**  
**BROOM BASH, EAST SIDE OF PT. LOBOS STATE RESERVE**

Join us on these First Saturdays of the month in the beautiful Monterey pine forest of East 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. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

**Fridays, Nov 11 & Dec 30, 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: 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack.

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## CONSERVATION REPORT

**ZIPLINE REMINDER:** The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed zipline at Jacks Peak Park is supposed to be released in the next month. The device is similar to a chair lift except it operates by gravity and riders are strapped in one at a time. Up to five different lines connected by short trails would be necessary to bring riders down from the ridgetop to Carmel Valley Road, where they would be bused back to their cars. If you are concerned about this type of project in what has been a passive use, low impact wilderness park protecting the best remaining stand of native Monterey pines in existence, please contact the County Parks Dept. to get on the county's list to receive a copy of the MND (755-4899 or PO Box 5279, Salinas, CA 93915 or parks@co.monterey.ca.us). Even contacts = concern!

**SUPERVISORS DENY VILLAS DE CARMELO REZONING:** In an unprecedented display of environmental unanimity, the Monterey Co. Board of Supervisors on Oct. 11 denied the developer's request for rezoning from medium to high density to allow a 46-unit condo development on the site of the old Carmel Convalescent Hospital just north of the Highway 1-Ocean Ave. intersection. CNPS had opposed the project because of the loss of Monterey pines and oaks, but the principal objections by the supervisors were the development's significant impacts on water and traffic.

**SUPERVISORS APPROVE EASTSIDE PARKWAY:** Despite strong opposition to approving this project at Fort Ord on the Consent Agenda, the Monterey Co. Supervisors on Oct. 11 voted 4-1 (Jane Parker voting No) to support a proposed alignment that would impact sensitive habitat including one or more of the ten Rare Plant Reserves that were established by an agreement between the Army and CNPS over 40 years ago. CNPS and other opponents had urged that such a controversial project should be removed from the Consent Agenda and set for a public hearing to allow full public participation.

**NPGS PLAN TO PROTECT LISTED PLANTS:** The US Naval Postgraduate School has announced the release of a draft Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan on Nov. 11 and has invited CNPS to participate in the process. The plan addresses three federally listed plants on Navy property: Yadon's Piperia (*Piperia yadonii*), Monterey spine-flower (*Chorizanthe pungens*), and Dune Gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora* ssp. *arenaria*). A meeting to discuss the plan has been scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5.

**"FIRESCAPE" PLANS SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP:** The ongoing collaborative effort by the US Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy to establish a framework for managing fire in the Los Padres National Forest and the Ventana Wilderness has included a number of meetings starting last March. The continuation of this work to bring together all of the groups involved in fire safety and ecosystem protection will take place at a symposium on Oct. 26 in the Carmel area, where a variety of speakers will discuss the multiple values of fire-adapted natural communities. A second meeting on Oct. 27 will hope to incorporate this information in local fire plans.

**FOREST SERVICE CLOSES TWO ROADS:** The USFS recently announced that for public safety reasons, two roads in the Los Padres National Forest that have recently been graded will be closed temporarily because of "inclement weather." The Arroyo Seco-Indians Road will be closed at Memorial Park and Piney Creek Road will be closed at the first gate. They will reopen "as conditions permit."

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### *Calendar of Field Trips & Events from page 1*

Sundays, Nov 20 & Dec 18, 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 bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690 for more information.

Sunday, December 4, 1pm      Field Trip  
**FABULOUS FALL FOLIAGE & SEEDLINGS**

Join Bob Hale to admire fabulous fall foliage 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. Arrive early; we depart at 1pm from the Rio Road Park & Ride. Bring a snack and water. Call Co-leader, Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation.

Sunday, December 11, 9:30am      Field Trip  
**FAIRYTALE FLY AGARICS of DEL MONTE FOREST**

We'll zig & zag through the serene pine forest of Pebble Beach hoping to find beautiful Fly Agaric mushrooms. If we're really lucky, we might see an elf or two under them. Bring water; lunch gives us the option of purchasing a Poppy Hills sandwich. 5 ½ miles, 750 ft. elevation gain. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30am from the "Haul Road" Gates on Highway 68 in Pebble Beach. Call leader Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation.

**CNPS ADOPTS FIRE SAFETY**

In March 2010 CNPS circulated a policy on Fire Safety and Native Plants. The new policy expanded earlier recommendations to several pages, pointing out that because California is so large and diverse, there are different fuel systems that require different solutions to minimize the wildfire threat without degrading native habitats.

Fuel management should be "locally adapted and account for all combustible materials, including building materials, ornamental vegetation, other landscaping materials, and adjacent native ecosystems."

Building codes and ordinances should require structures and landscaping in high fire risk areas to be situated, constructed, retrofitted, and maintained using materials and practices that minimize the ignition and spread of wildfires. Laws and land use policies should discourage new development in areas of high fire danger.

The policies emphasize using state of the art science which has shown that most of the wildfire risk in existing neighborhoods at the Wildlands Urban Interface (WUI, pronounced woo-ee) is found in structural vulnerability to firebrands (embers), hot air/wind, or direct flame impingement. So by far the most important preventive measures are within 30-100' of residences. The policy does not specifically deal with the adverse impacts of fuelbreaks in wilderness areas (by introducing invasive non-natives, increasing erosion, and encouraging motorized use). However, fire scientists have pointed out that in the past, fuelbreaks have caused severe damage to native ecosystems without reducing wildfire risk. They have stated that fuelbreaks should be replaced by proven fuel-management practices that minimize the wildfire threat without devastating native plant habitat.

**BEACH GARDEN PROJECT (BGP) TURNS 20!****•Volunteers are Needed (kids too!)•**

Led by long-time volunteer-coordinator Joey Dorrell-Canepa, BGP has announced the fall and winter schedule for its 20th year of seed collecting, propagation and outplanting of native dune plants into coastal park and open space areas. BGP was founded by the Monterey Bay Dunes Coalition, made up of representatives from the Monterey Bay Chapter of CNPS, the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Monterey Bay Audubon Society. Key support has been provided for 2011-12 by CA State Parks, the Chuck Haugen Conservation Fund, and the Barnet Segal Trust. A major component of the effort is the involvement of elementary school students in every phase of the project. Volunteers are needed now for propagation, and will be needed for outplanting of seedlings on Saturdays starting Jan. 7, 2012. For further information or to volunteer for propagation, contact Joey at 831-623-9048 or scanepa@ix.netcom.com or P.O. Box 215, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045.

**HELP WANTED!**

Our long-serving Webmaster, Al Washburn, would like some help. He would love it if someone out there would take over his job. If you're not feeling up to that challenge, he would appreciate some help updating the calendar on the website. That job requires only a couple of hours a month. If you would consider either of these, please contact Al at (831)373-4873 or e-mail awashburn8@comcast.net

**OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED**

We now have a new website that conforms to the state template. The current one will be abandoned in 2012. It will become: <http://montereybay.cnps.org>





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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Save New Year's Day;** Bob Hale will lead us on our first field trip of the year at Manzanita Park! Also, Shroom & Fetid Adder's Tongue field trips will be scheduled for January.

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