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The Wallflower

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Monterey Bay Chapter

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2012 Wildflower Show

The 2012 Wild Flower Show will be held April 20 to 22 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

I am sure you have noticed there has been a severe lack of rain this year. On a recent drive to Southern California the landscape looked like November before any rain—really dry. There are very few flowering plants and those that have made the effort are very small. Perhaps we may still get some rain, but without rain it may be a sparse show. The difference in the weather each year does make bloom times (or even blooms) interesting in California.

The lack of rain is just one of the interesting things that will make the 51st Wildflower Show memorable. This year the new Jepson Manual is out, and of over 1,452 plants that have been in the show at one time or another, 399 have had some change in their name requiring the production of new identification cards. Carol is working hard on the cards and assures us that the plants with name changes will have new cards.

To further make it interesting Vern Yadon says he will not be the one who puts the names with the plants. After 50 years I guess it is time to let him retire, but the show will be different without him.

Come to the Show! See what is blooming in Monterey and San Benito Counties during a very dry season and during California's official "California Native Plant Week" and familiarize yourself with the recent taxonomic changes. ~ Brian LeNeve, Wildflower Show Chair



Reminder

Our next General Meeting will be Thursday, May 10. We will not have a General Meeting in April in order to prepare for our annual Wildflower Show.

CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday, April 7, 1pm to 4pm **Restoration Broom Bash, East Side of Point 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 in Carmel at the Rio Road Park & Ride. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, April 11, 9:15am to 4pm **Flower Walk Pinnacles National Monument Event**

This will be a combination easy walk up flower-strewn Juniper Canyon and a celebration of the opening of a new Visitor Station on the west side of Pinnacles National Monument. The National Park Service has invited the chapter to attend the event that starts at 11 am on Wednesday, April 11 featuring a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Congressman Sam Farr, Green Technology Tours, a Condor Presentation, and Ranger Programs. Bring lunch and liquid. To join the group and arrange carpools, email Corky Matthews, mmatthews2@comcast.net by April 9.

Sunday, April 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 in Carmel at the Rio Rd. Park & Ride to carpool (across from the Chevron gas station). All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, April 21, 10am to 3pm **Plant Sale California Native Plant Sale**

This sale is organized by the Volunteers of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Berkeley, California. More information about the garden and/or sale can be found online at: bgarden@ebparks.org or <http://nativeplants.org> or you may call 510-544-3169.

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SUPPORT GROWS FOR NATIONAL MONUMENT AT FORT ORD: The visit of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to Fort Ord on Jan. 13 marked a high point in the effort to designate the BLM lands as the Fort Ord National Monument. The object is to provide another level of protection for habitat and recreation as well as to honor the troops who were trained there between 1917 and the deactivation of the base in 1994. The proposal grew out of a policy of the current administration to support local efforts to protect special sites around the country, for which Fort Ord qualifies both biologically and historically. It was first nominated by the Conservation Lands Foundation, and was quickly supported by grassroots groups working to protect Fort Ord including CNPS, with a good number of members attending the Jan. 13 meeting, at which overwhelming support was expressed. For a brief history of our chapter's long involvement in Fort Ord issues, see our CNPS January newsletter (go to montereybay.cnps.org/news and click on January). Letters thanking The President (The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20500; email: comments@whitehouse.gov) and Secretary Ken Salazar, (Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington DC 20240; email: feedback@ios.doi.gov) would be appreciated to help this project move forward.

TRIP LEADERS SCOUT ZIPLINE COURSE: In an effort to alert the public to the potential impacts, field trip leaders from CNPS and the Sierra Club Ventana Chapter have been checking out the areas where the proposed ziplines would affect Jacks Peak Park. For those who would like to walk the route, print out the map at <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/parks/jackspeakmap.html> and then use the following directions: from the entrance, turn left and then keep right to the East Picnic Area at the end of the road, where a wide trail drops down to join the Madrone Trail. The first overhead zipline segment would go roughly from behind the restroom down to the first junction of the Madrone and Ceanothus Trails. The second segment would cross back about halfway between the first crossing and the junction with the Earl Moser Trail. The third would cross again just below the 700' contour line (visible on the map). Thus park hikers would be subject to the noise and distraction of flying zip riders making three crossings of the Madrone Trail. Visual impacts would include 8-10 looming towers and a crisscross of cables above the trail. After a short walk connecting to the Iris Trail, three more segments down Martin Canyon would lead to the pickup point off Carmel Valley Road (thanks to Rita Dalessio, Mary Gale, Bob Hale and the developers' brochure for this information). Although the County had announced in December that it would do an Environmental Impact Report, the most thorough level of analysis of the impacts of a project (as requested by concerned citizens), it now appears to be backpedaling to a lesser effort. Let Co. Parks Planning Mgr. David Lutes know an EIR is essential! (email: parcs@co.monterey.ca.us) In the meantime, a very active group, Friends of Jacks Peak Park, was recently formed, headed by retired teacher Mary Pendlay, who made an excellent presentation at the Feb. chapter meeting.

AB 2014 REAUTHORIZING FORA NEEDS CHANGES: With the Fort Ord Reuse Authority set to expire in 2014, Assemblyman Bill Monning has introduced AB 1614 in the State Assembly to extend FORA, so far with NO conditions. Those concerned about protecting habitat and recreational values are deeply distressed over FORA's encouragement of destructive projects like "Whispering Oaks," the Monterey Downs Horse Park, and the East Side Freeway, particularly in view of recent allegations of secret deals with developers. With a hearing set by the Assembly Local Government Committee for **March 21**, emails and/or faxes are needed ASAP to the committee (Katie.Kolitsos@asm.ca.gov [email] or 916-319-3959 [fax]) urging that the outdated FORA Plan adopted in 1997 be updated, the Habitat Management Plan to protect sensitive habitats be completed before any further developments are considered, and that development be guided to blighted urban areas before targeting natural habitats.

OPPOSITION TO COST OF APPEALS MOUNTS: Along with many other non-profit groups, CNPS has been very concerned about the rising costs of appeals of land use decisions of the Board of Supervisors. These fees have increased from \$100 in 1996 to \$5,040 now, said to be by far the highest in the state. Ill-considered decisions such as approving development on steep slopes or in sensitive habitat must go through the administrative process, e.g. filing appeal to supervisors, in order for an opponent to have standing to file a lawsuit. While CNPS rarely files such suits, It has been asked on occasion to provide supportive testimony about impacts on sensitive habitat areas. The current fee is prohibitive for most residents as well as local non-profits. Supervisor Jane Parker and retired lawyer Jane Haines have been leading the effort to reduce the fee. The chapter wrote a letter of support and *The Herald* editorialized for a lower fee. More letters to the supervisors are needed!

FERRINI RANCH THREATENS OAKS: The proposal to divide this 866-acre ranch adjoining Toro Park into 212 lots would cut down an estimated 921 oak trees in addition to exacerbating traffic and water problems on Hwy 68. The county is said to be considering selling off part of Toro Park to improve access to the subdivision. Watch for this misguided project to resurface as economic conditions improve.

RANCHO CANADA VILLAGE GEARING UP: This 280-unit mixed-use "Traditional Neighborhood Development" has completed its specific plan and is going through the county approval process, with an EIR said to be starting soon. This project raises concerns about manipulation of the Carmel River flood plain and natural habitat, traffic, and water supply. Watch for it later in the year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON BEACH CLEAN-UPS: The next two monthly Beach Cleanups sponsored by Save Our Shores will take place Sat, April 21 (Earth Day!) at Del Monte/Monterey Municipal Beach 10 am-Noon; and Sat. May 10 at Asilomar 10 am-Noon. For more info contact: cleanup@saveourshores.org

Sunday, April 22, 8:30am to 11:30am Field Trip
Birding, Nature and Wildflower Exploration at Fort Ord

Take a walk through majestic, lichen-covered coastal oaks to a lovely grove of manzanitas with Amy Brewster, 25 year active birder and nature enthusiast. We will walk about 4 miles looking for late spring wildflowers and what ever else catches our eye. This is a chance to see a unique plant community of coastal oak-scrub chaparral and discuss the eco-strategies of these plants. Bring a snack or lunch if you would like to take a longer hike or have a picnic. Meet at Fort Ord's Creekside parking lot. From Portola Dr., just off of Hwy. 68 and Reservation Rd, follow the Fort Ord Public Lands signs to the parking lot. Call Leader Amy Brewster for a reservation at 776-1363.

Saturday April 28, 9:15am Field Trip
Garland Ranch Regional Park Spring Wildflowers

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 Giant Trillium, Indian Warrior, Chia, Coast Larkspur, Mecconella and possibly Checker Lilies. 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.

Sunday, April 29, 8:45am to 3:30pm Field Trip & Pot Luck
Upper Garzas Creek Hike/BBQ Potluck

Join trip leader Al Washburn 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 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, carpooling a must. Bring potluck lunch items to share around a cooking fire as we dine near the tumbling creek. Dogs OK. Call Al for a reservation 373-4873 or awashburn8@comcast.net

Sunday, April 29, 12:45pm Field Trip
Soberanes Creek Walk

Take a walk up the creek from Highway 1 to the redwoods (this walk does NOT go to the ridge top). We'll see wild-

flowers, admire the results of years of work by Bob Hale and others to remove the non-natives. An easy 1 ½ to 2 hours, some uphill, but not too much. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the Rio Road Park & Ride at 12:45 to informally carpool to the trailhead. Rosemary Foster (see masthead), or at 277-8081 cellular, day of hike.

Santa Cruz Sponsored April Field Trips

Check online at cruzcnp.org for details on the following Santa Cruz sponsored April field trips:

April 14, Byrne-Milliron Forest Preserve, Lynn Overtree

April 15, Lucille's Court, Randy Morgan

April 21, Glenwood Preserve, Morgan & Overtree

April 22, Zayante Sandhills, Morgan and Moore

April 28, Quail Hollow Ranch Wonders, Deanna Giuliano

April 29, Zayante Sandhills, Morgan and Moore

ARTICLES, ETC.

Call for Photos for May's Program

Our May 10 program will be "Member's Favorite Wildflower Photos." Photography-minded members are asked to select 10 to 15 digital images along with any desired text, put the images/text on a DVD or a thumb-drive, and deliver to Emily Smith-Howard by April 10.

Emily (582-3687) is located (during business hours) on the CSUMB campus at The Watershed Institute, Building #42 (look for the building with the watershed mural) at the corner of 6th Avenue and B Street. She will have all the images/text combined into a single PowerPoint presentation. Plan to speak briefly (5 minutes or less) at the meeting as your photos are shown. Remember, the deadline to have photos included is April 10.

Change of Future Wallflower Deadlines

Wallflower Deadlines tentatively will change in the future to Wednesdays instead of Thursdays (see 'Publication Schedule' on page 4). More time will be needed if we decide to keep to this fold-open ledger paper format.

LOOKING FORWARD

MEarth: Hilton Bialek Habitat Carmel Middle School will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 12.





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Publication Schedule of the Next Two Wallflowers

Newsletter	Deadline	Mailing Date
May	Wed, April 11	Tues, April 17
June	Wed, May 16	Tues, May 22

Articles received after the deadline may not be published

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