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# The Wallflower

The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society  
Monterey Bay Chapter

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## Selecting and Cultivating California Natives

General Meeting Speaker: Pat Regan

"If I were choosing what plants to have in the Monterey Bay Chapter California Native Plant Society Fall Plant Sale...." Wait ...I am! Get a sneak peek at what may be in this year's CNPS fall native plant sale as well as good ideas for native plants that will meet that specific need you have in your landscape. From the horticultural perspective, Evergreen foundation plants, wonderful deciduous shrubs, flowering perennials, tried and true groundcovers and much more will be featured. Bring your questions and your notebook and get a jumpstart on planning your fall planting projects.

*Pat Regan is an active member of CNPS and director of Regan Biological and Horticultural Consulting LLC. Pat and his family have lived and gardened in Carmel Valley for many years. He is the chairman of our sale in October.*

Please join us at 7:00pm, before the talk, to share your summer gardening experiences, mingle with old friends and make new ones. The meeting will convene at 7:30pm.

### General Meeting • Thursday, September 13

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

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



### CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Sunday, August 26, 10am to noon      Field Trip  
**Mission Trail Nature Preserve Saunter**

Walk with us in the footsteps of Father Serra. The good father wore out many sandals walking from the Carmel Mission to the Royal Presidio Chapel in Monterey. It's all uphill on the first half, but downhill on the way back. Approximately 2 miles through native Monterey pine woods, redwoods and coastal oaks. We will visit the Flanders Mansion in the center of the Preserve. Meet at 10am on Rio

Road across from the Carmel Mission at the trailhead. For more information, phone Leader, Joyce Stevens, at 624-3149.



*Michael Mitchell's group having a good time amongst the leopard lilies at Kahn Ranch in July. Photo by Jesse Kahn*

### ANNUAL CNPS PLANT SALE!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**10:00AM TO 1:00PM**

**MEarth HILTON BIALEK HABITAT  
CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL • CARMEL VALLEY ROAD**

While spring may be the best time to see California natives in bloom, fall is the best time to plant them. Get a head start on having a more floriferous spring by shopping the annual native plant sale and planting this fall. Have no place to put new plants in your garden? Bring a friend and help them get started. Have a black thumb and no idea what to plant? Check out our large selection of books on gardening with California natives or ask one of our plant experts for help. Come see this amazing selection of native species and cultivars and take a few home to brighten up your next spring.

**CNPS Members Get 10% Discount  
On Plant & Book purchases!**

**Summer/Fall Spotlight on Pinnacles:** This has been a watershed year for Pinnacles National Monument for two reasons: 1) a four-year effort to prepare a new General Plan, the first since 1976, is now ready for publication and public comment; 2) Sam Farr's bill HR 3444 to establish Pinnacles National Park, the first one in Monterey-San Benito Cos., passed the House in late July and is awaiting action in the Senate. The planning process is thus especially timely, as park status is expected to increase visitation, suggesting that devotees of this unique geologic and botanic treasure have a special opportunity to voice their concern for natural resource preservation. Our CNPS chapter has long had a special relationship with Pinnacles, scheduling trips in the spring to view the spectacular wildflower display and to marvel over the fascinating volcanic formations with their distinctive plant communities. The basic concept of the plan establishes five zones ranging from wilderness to various management actions to protect habitat while increasing public access. The four alternative plans that are presented include Alt. A: Continuing Current Management; Alt. B: Managing for Research and Learning; Alt. C, Emphasizing the Backcountry Experience; and Alt. D, Expanding Visitor Experience. It should be noted that these scenarios do not necessarily form a continuum from maximum preservation to maximum development. For further information, go to [www.nps.gov/pinn/parkmgmt/planning.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pinn/parkmgmt/planning.htm) where you can sign up to receive details (not available at press time) about the issue date of the plan and deadline for public comments, and also be directed to the plan specifics. Letters and emails would also be timely to thank Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein for co-sponsoring the Pinnacles National Park bill in the Senate and urging passage ASAP.

**Jacks Peak Park Zipline is Zapped:** With the recent announcement of non-support by 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter, along with Supervisors Calcagno and Parker, the proposal by a Canadian firm to install a series of ziplines in Jacks Peak Park appears to be dead. The opposition was led by a new group, Friends of Jacks Peak Park (FJPP), which effectively lobbied for protecting the peaceful beauty of the park from a disruptive tourist attraction. Our CNPS chapter, the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, Monterey Pine Forest Watch, and various nearby residents also opposed it because of the potential impact on the sensitive Monterey Pine Forest. Several chapter members met with the Canadian principals to express their concerns last March, and opposition has grown rapidly since then. Mary Pendlay, president of the FJPP, reports that plans are moving ahead to develop a corps of docents, trip leaders, and other volunteers to encourage the types of uses that are appropriate for JPP, such as hiking, nature study, and picnicking. Several other proposals, including changing management of the park from the county to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, and acquisition of additional land adjoining the park, have been recommended by the various groups, but no action has been taken. Another zipline project, on state park land across Hwy 1 from Point Lobos, appears to have lost traction with the resignation of the State Parks official who was promoting it as a funding need, after over \$20 million in unreported funds was discovered hidden in a State Parks account.

**Continued Challenges Face Fort Ord:** Despite Rep. Sam Farr's spirited op ed piece in the Aug. 8 *Monterey Herald* urging renewal of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority before it expires on June 30, 2014, and Assemblyman Bill Monning's introduction of AB 1614 to accomplish that purpose, FORA has a very mixed history of operating transparently and in the public interest. Recent allegations of cronyism and misuse of funds show that FORA reauthorization should contain conditions to make it more accountable to the public and less to the developers. The hugely destructive "Whispering Oaks" project, a massive office park and transit center in the wrong location was only stopped by a heroic petition drive by Fort Ord Rec Users (forU) and allies. Now the county is pushing a potentially bigger project called Monterey Downs, which would crowd 1,400 housing units, a 200-room hotel, retail and commercial space, a 6500-seat covered arena for indoor equestrian events, stables and paddocks for 100 horses, and a 1-mile racing track into 450 acres in the Parker Flats area plus 370 homes on 50 adjacent acres in Seaside. Opponents object that Monterey Downs has morphed into a much larger project during secret negotiations with the developer. Meanwhile, many acres of old Army barracks on prime land near Highway 1 continue to disintegrate. The inescapable conclusion is that the Fort Ord Development Plan and the ignored Habitat Conservation Plan need to be revised and updated to reflect current realities. CNPS has an important role to play because of its early involvement in assuring permanent protection of the rare plant reserves.

**Panoche Valley Solar Farm EIS Planned:** On Aug. 6 the Army Corps of Engineers announced that an Environmental Impact Statement would be prepared for the proposed solar photovoltaic energy plant proposed for a 4,885-acre (7.6 square-mile) agricultural parcel north of the intersection of Panoche Road and Little Panoche Road in San Benito Co. The project would include 3 to 4 million photovoltaic panels plus ancillary structures and transmission lines covering over 2,200 acres. CNPS and others expressed concerns when the project was proposed several years ago because of the potential impacts on rare and endangered species, and urged that thorough botanical studies during prime blooming period be conducted. Two scoping sessions to receive public input on issues to be covered in the EIS have been scheduled for 6 pm Aug. 21 and 22 at Panoche School in Paicines and Veterans Memorial Bldg. in Hollister, respectively; written comments will be accepted until **Sept. 7** to US ACE Regulatory Division/1455 Market St./San Francisco, CA 94103-1398; email: [spn.eis@usace.army.mil](mailto:spn.eis@usace.army.mil) For further information call Project Mgr. Katerina Galacatos at 415-503-6778.

**Ferrini Ranch Housing Promotes Sprawl:** This proposed subdivision would carve 866 acres into 212 lots on Highway 68 that would impact Toro Park. It has been described as a "classic example" of suburban sprawl in an area with severe traffic and water supply problems. LandWatch and other opponents have pointed out that the county already has a glut of some 10,000 homes approved but not yet built.

*Calendar of Field Trips & Events Continued from Page 1*

**Saturday, September 1, 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 bdekgadi62@gmail.com for more information

**Sunday, September 16, 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 Road 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 bdegado62@gmail.com for more information

**Friday, September 21, 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, September 22, 10am to 1pm Field Trip**  
**Introduction to Shrubs of the Monterey Bay Area**

In the spring the focus is on wildflowers and annual plants which are only here for a short time. But what about the longer-lived plants which are present in this area during the rest of year? This BLM led-walk is a chance to learn to identify common local shrubs which you might encounter whenever you are out hiking or biking no matter what the time of year. Take the Lightfighter (Fort Ord) exit off Highway 1 and meet in the parking lot on the right-hand side of Lightfighter between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues (where the thrift store used to be). We will drive a short distance onto Fort Ord National Monument and then take an easy walk looking at shrubs as we go. For more information contact trip leader Susan Hubbard at shubbard@blm.gov or 831-394-8314.

**CNPS Santa Cruz Area Leaders Field Trips**

*Check online at [cruzcnps.org](http://cruzcnps.org) for details on the following:*

September 8, Cherryvale Avenue, Randy Morgan

September 22, Natural Bridges & Antonelli Pond, Randy Morgan

**ARTICLES, ETC.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The 14th Annual Central California Invasive Weed Symposium will be on November 8, 2012 in Felton



*Volunteers rescuing young steelhead trout on Brian LeNeve's recent field trip. Photo by Linda Edlund*



*One of the 322 lucky steelheads that was rescued by volunteers. Photo by Linda Edlund*

**PLANTS AND FISH**

On Sunday July 8, members of CNPS joined the Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA) on Finch Creek to rescue and relocate steelhead ranging in age from 2 months to 2 years old. (Finch Creek is the middle section of the Cachagua drainage.)

While we were to notice and identify riparian vegetation all eyes were on the water to catch the small fish in the few moments they were stunned by an electro-fisher. We did stop once and identify the plants seen at that point but the plants were mainly noticed when we were climbing over, under, or through them.

The team of volunteers rescued 322 young fish and relocated them to a part of the Carmel River that does not dry. In two to three years we should see some of those fish return to Finch Creek to start the process all over—fish that would not have survived since Finch Creek is completely dry now.

CRSA would like to thank all who helped that day. As a result of that day's effort we can expect at least two or more returning adult steelhead in Finch Creek to spawn and preserve the native strain of fish to our river. ~ Brian LeNeve



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