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Monterey Bay Chapter

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October 2012

An Intimate Look at the UCSC Arboretum Native Plant Program

General Meeting Speaker: Rick Flores

This illustrated talk by Rick Flores will include information about the installation and maintenance of the arboretum's native plant garden and nursery. The presentation will cover field collecting and propagation of native plants, labeling and record keeping.

Rick will also describe the arboretum's collaboration with the Amah Mitsun Tribal Band to create their nearly completed Relearning Garden.

Rick Flores has been the curator of the California Native Plant Collections at the arboretum for the past 15 years. He began working at the Arboretum during his senior year at UCSC. His current job includes all aspects of the care and maintenance of the California native plant gardens and nursery. The collections encompass 55 acres.

Please join us at 7:00pm, before the talk, to share your gardening experiences, enjoy the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History exhibits, mingle with old friends and make new acquaintances. The meeting will officially convene at 7:30pm.

General Meeting • Thursday, October 11

Visiting and Book Purchasing from **7:00pm**

Meeting and Program Begin at **7:30pm**

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Friday, October 5, 10:30am to 1pm **Field Trip**
Point Lobos Bird Island Trail & Geology Discovery

Join Jerry Loomis on a "questions encouraged" discovery walk in Point Lobos. Our walk will take us along the newly

constructed Bird Island handicap access trail that was closed for over a year. Our focus will be on birds, native plants, Native American history, geology, marine biology and anything else we might find along the trail. Jerry was a park ranger at the reserve for 22 years and currently coordinates the "Point Lobos Summer Adventures Program" for children. About 2 miles with minimal elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:30am from Rio Road Park and Ride in Carmel. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Sunday, October 7, 1:30pm

Field Trip

S.F.B. Morse Reserve, Del Monte Forest

Bruce Cowan has served on the Del Monte Forest Open Space Advisory Committee for over 30 years. Today he will lead us on a Del Monte Forest exploration sharing some of his knowledge and insight regarding the forest. It is a special place with many rare plants including an unusual Monterey and Bishop pine forest combined, Gowen cypress trees (sometimes called "Pigmy Forest"), Hooker manzanitas and others. We can sample huckleberries, examine, but not eat, coffeeberries, learn about salal, golden chinquapin, bear grass and many more. Approximately 3 miles with 300 feet elevation gain. Bring water and snack, arrive early; we depart from the Haul Road parking area on Hwy. 68 at 1:30 pm. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

Saturday, October 6, 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 and Ride. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, October 20, 1pm to 3pm

Field Trip

The Hidden Magic of Seeds

We all stand in awe of the beauty of flowering plants, but we neglect the beauty and variety of seeds and fruits that

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FORT ORD OAK CLEARCUT OPPOSED: The Fort Ord Reuse Authority proposes to clear-cut twelve acres of old-growth oaks adjoining Parker Flats Road for housing that is part of the huge Monterey Downs project. At press time citizens' groups were gearing up to oppose this senseless destruction at a FORA board meeting Feb. 14, asking that the item be scheduled for a full discussion at a future board meeting, rather than just at the workshop scheduled for Sept. 20. The oak-covered parcel is in the city of Seaside's share of Fort Ord land, and is zoned for open space. FORA claims the clear-cut is necessary to make the area safe for housing, yet the Monterey Downs project is far from approved; indeed, it is a concept that is based on an outdated plan that must be revamped to meet current conditions and needs (for details of the project, which has morphed from an equestrian facility to a huge urban development, see last month's *Wallflower*). In regard to the Reuse Plan, the chapter wrote FORA on Sept. 3 urging that the plan be updated to reflect the many changes since it was approved in 1997, e.g., establishment of the Fort Ord National Monument, growing recreational use of the area, an incomplete Habitat Conservation Plan, lack of water for intensive development, and an over supply of housing already approved but not yet built.

RARE PLANT SUFFERS AT PICO BLANCO BOY SCOUT CAMP: For many years the chapter has been involved in efforts to protect the rare *Perideridia dudleyi* (Dudley's lousewort, a CNPS 1B plant) from damage at the intensively used camp. Two former Boy Scouts who attended the camp and then served as counselors, the late Jeff Norman and Kim Kuska (both long-time CNPS activists), were very active in this effort, and other chapter members helped with surveys that documented over a dozen small stands that are gradually disappearing because of trampling and development projects. In the last few years the camp management put up a fence around the largest stand, and the plants have recovered and even thrived in that area. Kim, who now teaches science in the Palo Alto area, is continuing to monitor the area; however, he is becoming very concerned that his efforts to get the camp to adopt a Recovery and Restoration Plan have been ignored while the losses are continuing. He states that he has documented 539 separate violations of the Endangered Species Act. Is there anyone in our membership who has connections to the Boy Scouts and/or who might be able to help with this issue? If so, please get in touch with Corky Matthews (see masthead).

TREE REMOVAL PROPOSED FOR CARMEL DUNES: On Thursday, Sept.6, the Carmel Beach and Tree Commission heard a request by a group of residents of the Del Mar area asking for removal of most of the trees growing in the dunes at the north end of Carmel Beach. According to a study, the trees were planted long ago, and have now grown and spread to the point that they are obscuring the views from homes above the beach and shading out native dune plants. Some of the trees are Monterey cypress, which grow in many sites along the sandy bluff overlooking the beach, but others are acacia and possibly other non-natives. Apparently the project has conflicts with the Shoreline Management Plan and the Carmel Local Coastal Plan that need to be resolved before a decision is made. CNPS members familiar with this area who would like the chapter to get involved are asked to contact Corky Matthews (see masthead).

CARMEL COTTAGES OAK PLANTINGS DIE: The chapter opposed the removal of native oak trees for the construction of this assisted-living facility near the mouth of Carmel Valley. The developer finally did replant oaks, but many of them have died. The county needs to assure that replacement trees are properly planted and maintained in order to preserve the scenic views from Carmel Valley Road.



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follow. Take a short walk in Garland Ranch and join me as we explore the strategies that plants use to move their seeds about as well as discussing their uses as food for humans as well animals. And finally, we will discover the hidden magic inside a seed that allows a new plant to grow and flourish in spring. Meet at the Garland Ranch Visitor Center. Call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

**Sunday, October 21, 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 and 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, Oct. 27, 9:30am to 2:30pm Field Trip
Oak Woodlands Walk at Hastings Reserve**

Join Vince Voegeli, the new Geologist, Naturalist and Resident Director of Hastings Reserve on a very educational field trip. Hastings is a 2,300 acre Biological Field Station of the University of California, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and UC Natural Reserve Systems, located in Carmel Valley. The drive will be picturesque and at Hastings we will learn about many things including various oaks, our oak woodlands, oak galls, acorn woodpeckers and even geology. About 1 mile with minimal elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Rio Road Park and Ride before our 9:30am departure

time. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation (limited to 12 participants).

CNPS Santa Cruz Area Leaders Field Trips
Check online at cruzcnps.org for details on the following:

October 6, Neary Lagoon, Randy Morgan

October 27, Rancho Del Oso, Randy Morgan

ARTICLES, ETC.

**BOTANICAL SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE
100TH ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL**

All botanical enthusiasts are invited to set aside the weekend of April 12-14 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the California Botanical Society, familiarly known as CalBotSoc. The title of the event is "Botanical Frontiers: Past and Present," which will include field trips to Mt. Tamalpais and Mt. Diablo on Friday, lectures by prominent botanists at UC Berkeley on Saturday, followed by a banquet at the Shattuck Hotel in Berkeley, and a series of presentations by graduate students at the 23rd Graduate Student Meeting at UC Berkeley on Sunday. Further information about the event will appear in various CNPS publications as the date approaches. CalBotSoc produces the highly respected journal, *Madroño*, which frequently has articles of interest to Central Coast plant people.

SAVE THE DATE!

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





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