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The Wallflower

The Newsletter of the California Native Plant Society
Monterey Bay Chapter

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November/December 2013

Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs

General Meeting Speaker: Peter Quintanilla

The beauty of our native plants is the variety of forms they grow into. Unfortunately, when planted in a garden, many outgrow their allotted space and then need pruning. Pruning can either maintain a plant's natural form or ruin it—good pruning keeps the plant healthy and without any traces of pruning. By understanding how plants respond to pruning you can keep your plants looking great. This is why pruning is a two-step process. First, the gardener does the pruning and then the plant responds with new growth. Depending on the pruning dose, hard or light, the plant will be different. Indiscriminate hard pruning usually initiates vigorous growth with multiple growing points that distort a plant's natural form, whereas lighter and more selective pruning allows the plant to resume its natural growth pattern. Good pruning requires us to be more attentive to how our plants grow.

Peter Quintanilla is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist and a landscape pruning instructor for Cabrillo College, UCCE Master Gardeners and the Monterey Bay Green Gardeners. He is also on the board of Friends of Carmel Forest.

General Meeting • Thursday, November 14

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

Saturdays, Nov 2 & Dec 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 and Ride. All supplies pro-

vided. Bring a friend, water and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.



Bob Hale and Julie Anne Hopkins with participants in their Del Monte Forest Field Trip. Photo by Tom Hopkins

Thursday, November 14, 9:30am Field Trip
Soberanes Canyon Winter Walk

Join CNPS Leader Lynn Bomberger and ornithologist Chris Tenney for an easy walk in Soberanes Canyon of

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Remember to vote November 5th
or sooner by mail:

Vote YES on Proposition M

Vote No on Proposition K

Help Save Fort Ord's Endangered Habitat

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Garrapata State Park. We'll enjoy great diversity of riparian plants, coastal scrub, a redwood forest with an albino redwood and we might see clustering ladybugs. The cascading water of the creek and wintering birds will enhance our journey. The walk will be 2 to 3 mile walk with up to 400 feet elevation gain. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30 from the Rio Road Park & Ride. Bring water and a snack. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation.

**Sundays, Nov 17 & Dec 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 Road Park and Ride to carpool. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgdo62@gmail.com or 277-7690 or for details.



Joyce Stevens with her Mission Trails field trip group. Photo by Lynn Bomberger

**Sunday, December 8, 1pm Field Trip
Fabulous Ferns & Seedlings**

Join Bob Hale to admire the beautiful soft green of poly-podal ferns 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. Meet at 1:00pm at the Rio Road Park & Ride. Bring snack and water. Call co-leader, Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation.

**Tuesday, December 17, 9:30am Field Trip
Fairytale Fly Agarics of Del Monte Forest**

We'll zig and zag through the serene pine forest of Pebble Beach hoping to find beautiful, hallucinogenic

and/or deadly Fly Agaric mushrooms (red with white polka dots). Bring water and lunch as Poppy Hills is closed. 5-1/2 miles, 750 feet elevation gain with flora and fauna stops. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30am from the "Haul Road" gate on Highway 68 in Pebble Beach. Call leader Lynn Bomberger for a reservation at 375-7777.

CNPS Santa Cruz Area Field Trips
Check online at cruzcnps.org for details on listed Santa Cruz area field trips.

CONSERVATION REPORT

RANCHO CANADA VILLAGE: A revised plan for this project is expected to be submitted within the next month or two. The original plan called for 300 units built on 200,000 cubic yards of fill in the floodway and flood plain of the Carmel River next to Carmel Middle School, replacing the Rancho Canada West Golf Course. The chapter will continue to oppose any plan that would channelize the river, destroy its natural riparian plant community, or create hazards for the school.

PARAISO SPRINGS RESORT: This project proposes to construct a 103-room hotel with three restaurants and 110 parking places; day use area; spa and fitness center; 60 timeshare condominiums; and 17 timeshare villas on 47 acres of the 235-acre site, located high above Soledad on the west side of the Salinas Valley. CNPS is concerned about destruction of 7.5 acres of native oaks, development on slopes over 30%, and the feasibility of the proposal to use oaks for screening on steep slopes where they are not growing naturally. The project seems to be inconsistent with a number of county policies on these and other issues. Public hearings will be held after the Final Environmental Impact Report is released.

FERRINI RANCH ON HWY 68: This 212-home subdivision and 35-acre winery proposed for 870 acres adjoining Toro Park would destroy 921 oak trees and take 3-4 acres of parkland for the access road. Because the EIR for the project was strongly criticized last year for poor planning and inconsistency with numerous county rules including construction on steep slopes by both the public and regulating agencies, major portions are expected to be recirculated in the next few weeks/months before public hearings are held. A significant loss could be the spectacular lupine fields that delight travelers along Hwy 68 in the spring.

PICO BLANCO BOY SCOUT CAMP CONSERVATION PLAN: In response to the chapter letter of Nov. 2, 2012, listing violations of numerous environmental rules at the camp, and a field trip last April, the BSA representatives agreed to prepare a Conservation Plan for the Dudley's Lousewort (*Pedicularis dudleyi*) and the protection of the sensitive habitat in and near the camp, which has suffered

serious losses in recent years. A draft of a proposed plan by EMC Planning Group has been circulating for several weeks, and is being reviewed by the chapter members. The initial response is that the protective language of the plan is very welcome, the plan is still very general and does not deal constructively with the many small populations of the plant that have been damaged or eradicated by camp activities. Stronger rules for protecting the exceptional Douglas fir-redwood riparian forest are needed, as well as replacing trees that were removed. The chapter hopes that the final document will help lead to a renewed respect for conserva-

tion at the camp.

MEETING WITH NEW MPRPD MANAGER: Chapter representatives plan to meet this month with Rafael Payan, the new director of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District to discuss concerns at the various parks. An ongoing issue has been trail work; particularly overzealous clearing of special wildflower trails at Garland Park during the blooming season by inadequately trained or supervised trail crews in the past. Also of interest are conservation education, habitat restoration, and continuing to provide free educational field trips.



SAVE THE DATE!

Connections: Weeding With Cooperative Management



15th Annual Central California
Invasive Weed Symposium

November 7th, 2013, Paicines Ranch, Paicines, CA

Keynote Speaker: Ken Moore, Wildlands Restoration Team

\$50 Early registration - \$25 Students - \$65 Late Registration

Field trips: Pinnacles National Monument, Hollister Hills Recreation Area, Paicines Ranch

Continuing Education Units available for qualified applicators!

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Publication Schedule of the Next Two Wallflowers

Newsletter	Deadline
January/February	Tues, December 17
March/April	Tues, February 11

Articles received after the deadline cannot be published.

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 California Native Flora in its Habitat



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 ___ Individual — \$45 ___ Patron — \$300
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