Drought or no, California native plants are the perfect choice for Central Coast landscapes. The marine environment of the Monterey Peninsula, with its variable climate, diverse soils, related watershed conditions, and ‘hot spot’ biodiversity, is a particularly interesting place to garden. Our speaker will discuss from her own experience and with photos of exemplary gardens the various ways we can employ native plant adaptation strategies such as form, color, and size in our own private gardens no matter what the microclimate. She will provide a recipe for an ideal habitat garden, address some mysteries and myths commonly found in the world of native plant landscaping, and introduce exciting new developments in the CNPS Horticulture Program.

Peigi Duvall owns the landscape design practice, Indig Design, specializing in indigenous flora of the Monterey and San Francisco Bay Areas. She is a Certified Professional Member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers and a Bay-Friendly Qualified Landscape Professional. She is the former volunteer state Horticulture Program Director for the California Native Plant Society, and her garden designs have been featured on the annual Going Native Garden Tour for nearly ten years.

General Meeting • Thursday, March 12
Visiting and Book Purchasing from 7:00pm
Meeting and Program Begin at 7:30pm
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

The highlight of our Land of Medicine Buddha Fetid Ader's Tongue hike wasn't as much the adder's tongues as it was this robust young albino redwood. Photo by Lynn

Sunday, March 8 10am
Field Trip
Garzas Creek Broomrape Hike
Our 4.5 mile loop with 800 ft. elevation gain takes us through a redwood canyon and along Garzas Creek with six picturesque crossings. If we're lucky, we will see some naked broomrape and possibly some blue scarlet pimpernels in bloom. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00am from Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.
Sunday, March 15, 8:30am  
Field Trip  
Quest for the Rare and Endangered Dudley’s Lousewort  
Meet at Rio Road Park and Ride to carpool to Boy Scout Camp Pico Blanco. We will check out the largest stand of Lousewort, Pedicularis dudleyi. With knowledgeable leaders, Michael Mitchell, Sue Hubbard, Rod Yeager and Chris Hauser we will divide into groups and fan out along the Little Sur River hunting for Lousewort plants. We will also take note of other plants growing in the area and compare them to a historic plant list. While the walk is casual and at your own pace, our hunt will take us off established trails and onto uneven terrain so wear appropriate footwear. Bring a lunch and water. We should be back to Rio Road by 2:00. Call or email for a reservation. Leader: Beth Benoit bthbenoit@yahoo.com or 394-4234.

Two participants on Lynn Bomberger’s recent Fetid Adder’s Tongue field trip are checking the fetid aroma of the adder’s tongue. Photo by Lynn

Sundays, March 15 & April 19, 11am to 2pm  
Stewardship  
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. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdeldgo62@gmail.com for details.

Monday, March 16, 9:00am to noon  
Field Trip  
Garland Ranch Wildflower Hike  
Join Garland Ranch docent, Gordon Williams, as he identifies and names different wildflower, tree and fern species in Carmel Valley! Meet at the River Trail on East Garzas Road, 1.5 miles beyond the Garland Ranch Parking lot (about 9.5 miles East of Hwy 1 on Carmel Valley Road), turn right on Boronda Road and drive to the end. Turn left on E. Garzas and park on the side of the road. The trailhead is almost across the road from the end of Boronda Road. Bring water. For questions, please call Gordon at 372-6374.

Sunday, March 29, 9:30am  
Field Trip  
Jacks Peak Hound’s Tongue Hike  
Along the quiet forested trails in Jacks Peak, we will likely find a beautiful display of hound’s tongue in bloom. Spectacular views of Monterey, the bay and Carmel Valley are promised. About 5.5 miles with 700 ft. elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30am from the NW corner of Whole Foods parking lot in Monterey—please park away from the store. Call leader Lynn Bomberger for a reservation at 375-7777.

Wednesday, April 8, 9:30am  
Field Trip  
Mount Madonna—from Serpentine to Redwoods Hike  
Join Andy Werner on a wonderful tour of Mount Madonna County Park on the eastern slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is a fairly strenuous but shaded hike of about 6 miles with about 1,500 feet elevation gain. We'll walk through redwoods, mixed woodland, chaparral, grasslands and much serpentine. This park is very diverse and very well maintained. Meet by 9:30am at the Sprig parking area on the left side of Hwy 152 when heading towards Gilroy. Bring lunch and water. Call Andy at 476-8616 for more information.

Phil Carpenter is holding a “destroying angel” (Amanita ocreata), a deadly native that looks like a lot of edible mushrooms. On his recent fungi field trip, Phil stressed the importance of knowing the mushrooms you pick to eat because it's easy to be fooled. Photo by Lynn

Sunday, April 12, 10am - 2pm  
Field Trip  
Peak of Spring Fort Ord National Monument Wildflower Tour  
California Native Plant Society volunteer David Styer will lead this tour and BLM Botanist Bruce Delgado will assist. We'll focus several stops and short hikes on rare and beautifully diverse flowers in such habitats as vernal pools, oak woodlands, maritime chaparral, and native grasslands. There will be great vistas along the way. Bring water, lunch, and

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Our chapter is in need of volunteer help to address the many varied conservation challenges such as the ones described in our Conservation Reports. Please contact Bob Hale at 656-3108 or hale@nps.edu for your valued input.

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good walking shoes. Meet at 10am on Lightfighter Drive off Hwy 1 in the first parking lot on the right. We’ll carpool from this location. Early departures are not possible. Co-sponsored by BLM & CNPS. Reservations required; contact Lynn at 375-7777.

**Sunday, April 26, 9am to 3:30pm**  
**Field Trip & Pot Luck**  
**Upper Garzas Creek Hike/BBQ Potluck**

Join Al Washburn at his cabin in the woods along Garzas Creek at 2,000 feet altitude. You will have your choice of a gentle walk along the creek or a more strenuous hike up the steep surrounding hills. There will be beautiful waterfalls and riparian habitat, lush ferns, wildflowers, and probably a few mosquitoes. Meet 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. 4WD useful, but not required, carpooling a must. Bring potluck lunch items to share around a cooking fire. Dogs OK. Call Al at 373-4873 for a reservation or email him at awashburn8@comcast.net.

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**CNPS Santa Cruz Area Field Trips**

Check online at cruzcnps.org for details on listed Santa Cruz area field trips.

**April 11 to April 19 is California Native Plant Week!**

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**ARTICLES, ETC.**

**ADOPT-A-TRAIL WEED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Help is needed to protect some of our nicest wildflower trails from the menace of encroaching weeds. Over the years, several chapter members have worked hard to protect the beauty of Soberanes Canyon (Garrapata State Park) and the Terrace Trail (Garland Ranch Regional Park). Now, help is needed to maintain the native plant displays along these trails. There are weeds suited for everyone—many are easy to pull. We can work in groups or assign areas for those who prefer to work on their own. Soberanes Canyon has been weeded extensively for over ten years, so it is pretty easy follow-up work.

Garland Ranch Regional Park is starting an official Adopt-a-Trail Program, so there is the possibility for our chapter to adopt the beautiful Terrace Trail if there is enough interest.

Contact Bob Hale at 656-3108 or hale@nps.edu or Donna Burych at 656-2737 weepingbirch@yahoo.com. We’re eager for your ideas on stewardship of these special local wildflower trails.

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Bruce Delgado is shown here impersonating a ‘footsteps of spring’ on his recent Fort Ord field trip. But we were too sharp for him—we knew it was only Bruce. Photo by Lynn

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Wednesday, April 29, 9:00am  
**Field Trip**  
**Fort Ord Spring Wildflower Hike**

Come and do a wondrous 6 mile hike with little elevation gain led by Andy Werner in search of lovely spring flowers. Andy will do a scouting outing before our hike to find the best flowers—Fort Ord can have amazing flower displays. Meet by 9:00am at the Creekside parking lot on Fort Ord National Monument. From Highway 68, take the Reservation Road exit and head towards Marina on Reservation Road. After a very short distance, turn left onto Portola Drive and follow the BLM signs to the parking lot. Bring lunch and water—call Lynn for a reservation at 375-7777.

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It was an unusually hot day and we were exhausted. But we were also delighted to see large quantities of wildflowers on Lynn Bomberger’s recent Toro Park wildflower hike. Photo by Dale Harrison
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