**Why Hybridize Natives?**

**General Meeting Speaker: Rich Persoff**

Why don’t native perennials do well in cultivation, and what can we do about it? Must we be “Trophy” Gardeners, growing only the rare, the exotic, the difficult?

When we put our native plants in what would be ideal conditions for East Coast perennials, they frequently act like high school kids with the key to the liquor cabinet! Direct selections of California wildlings too often do poorly, even though through millennia they have developed genetic toolboxes to deal with limited soil nutrients, deer pruning, heat, dryness, fires, shading, crowding, attracting pollinators, etc. We will accompany Rich on his rambles bringing sticky monkeyflowers out of the wild and into the garden. With time and patience, we all can create hybrids of our beautiful native flora.

*Brown-thumbed California native Rich Persoff was entranced by his first Feather River Monkey-flower at the 1958 Stinson Beach Wildflower Show. He has collected at hundreds of locations and made thousands of crosses to develop garden-tolerant strains which maintain their wild character. Named Jelly Beans®*, hybrids have been available for 15 years from Yerba Buena, Native Sons, San Marcos, Suncrest, and Tree of Life nurseries, and have proven themselves reliable, beautiful plants for California landscapes.*

**General Meeting • Thursday, July 14**

Visiting and Book Purchasing from 7:00pm
Meeting and Program Begin at 7:30pm
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

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**SPECIAL REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Our Chapter has openings for several jobs which are listed under ‘Articles, Requests, Etc.’ on page 3. If you enjoy CNPS events and people, please become a volunteer to help out—it would be greatly appreciated.

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**CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS**

**Saturdays, July 2 & August 6**

Stewardship

**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 by 1pm—we’ll return ±4pm. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water and a snack. For details, contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690.

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**Saturday, July 2**

Field Trip

**Wild NW Corner of Toro Park**

Join Ed Mecurio on this short but strenuous hike into a seldom-visited corner of Toro Park. Davy’s centuary, Filagos, tar weeds, Chorizanthes, and others will hopefully still be blooming. If nothing else, we’ll have spectacular views from steep rugged high cliffs. 4 miles with about 700 ft. gain. Bring water, lunch and good hiking boots. Call Ed for a reservation, the meeting time and meeting location at 206-0737. Limit of 8.

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**Wednesday, July 6**

Field Trip

**Williams Canyon Leopard Lily Walk**

Chris Hauser, Santa Lucia Conservancy’s botanist, will lead us on this easy walk of about 5 miles. The trail winds along Williams Creek through a serene redwood forest with very little elevation gain. We’ll see a nice variety of ferns and flowers and possibly spectacular Leopard Lilies. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Santa Lucia Conservancy office parking area, 26700 Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel by 9:30am. Call co-leader Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 15.

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**Sundays, July 17 & August 21**

Stewardship

**Soberanes Creek Cape Ivy Bash**

Here Soberanes Creek falls into the ocean and needs our help

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continuing to remove various invasive weeds—primarily Cape ivy. On these third Sundays, meet in Carmel at the Rio Road Park and Ride by 11am—we’ll return ±2pm. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690 for details.

Thursday, July 21 Field Trip
Cypress Grove Discovery Walk
Join Jerry Loomis on a “questions encouraged” CNPS/Sierra Club discovery walk in Point Lobos. 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 Point Lobos for 22 years and currently is a docent there. About 2 miles with minimal elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00am from Rio Road Park and Ride in Carmel. Call co-leader Lynn Bomberger for a reservation at 375-7777—limit of 8.

Wednesday, August 24 Field Trip
Garzas Creek Hike
Escape your daily grind; slip into serene oak and redwood forests. Unwind with a few other happy hikers and some very quiet woodrats along the Garzas Creek, Garzas Canyon and the Terrance Trails in Garland Ranch. 4 miles, 800 ft. gain with flora & fauna stops. Bring a lunch and water. Arrive early; we depart at 10am from the lower parking lot at Garland Ranch. Call for a reservation—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Among other wonderful things on Michael Mitchell’s Chews Ridge field trip, we saw a darling baby horned lizard! Photo by Michael

After a few hours, we were rained out of Andy Werner’s fantastic Fort Ord field trip. But we saw a ray of sunshine when our trails crossed with Rod Yeager who was out photographing for the soon to be published Monterey County photography wildflower book! Photo by Rod

The trip to Al Washburn’s cabin along the upper Garzas Creek was a fun day for everyone. Picnic participants were even entertained by a very large swarm of lady beetles taking flight! Photo by Al

On Lynn Bomberger’s Little Sur River field trip, we hit one of those special days…sooo many beautiful flowers were blooming: Douglas irises, star flowers, numerous red clintonias and many more. Group selfie by Jesalee LaPatra

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Bob Hale and leader Bruce Delgado admire a young king snake seen on Bruce’s recent Fort Ord Spring Wildflower field trip. It was a beautiful day and besides the snake, we saw many stunning and/or rare plants. Photo by Lynn

Williams Canyon is always a beautiful walk but led by Chris Houser, made it special. He even arranged for large swarms of flying lady beetles to entertain us. Photo by Lynn

The group was very enthusiastic about Bob Hale’s Soberanes Point field trip. They enjoyed a beautiful pallet of wildflower colors and Bob’s knowledge was especially appreciated. Photo by Patrick Furtado

CONSERVATION REPORT

Pebble Beach Inclusionary Housing: Monterey County Planning Commission approved (6-0) the plans for three eight-unit apartments in the pine forest at the end of David Avenue at the boundary with Pacific Grove. The area is an aging pine forest with largely non-native grass understory. The impacts will be mitigated by preserving the rest of the parcel in open space and 1:1 replacement plantings for trees. Our chapter did not take any position on this development.

Rancho Canada Project: The DEIR for the 125 unit housing development on the western Rancho Canada Golf Course has just been released. Our chapter will review the impacts and planned restoration along the Carmel River to ensure that the native plant habitat is restored.

Monterey Downs: The DEIR for the huge Monterey Downs development in Seaside and adjacent portions of undeveloped Fort Ord is still rumored to be nearing release. This project will consist of over 1,000 homes, shopping, a possible horse racetrack and will impact substantial coast live oak forest and perhaps other sensitive plant species. Anyone interested in helping to review the DEIR should contact Bob Hale, hale@nps.edu. Many other organizations have submitted extensive comments, including the Sierra Club, who hired a professional to critique the biological impacts. Our chapter was concerned about impacts to some very biologically diverse parcels and fragmentation of the oak forest.

Carmel Area State Parks: Comment has closed on the preliminary draft of the General Plan. The emphasis is on conservation and restoration. Our chapter is particularly concerned about habitat in San Jose Creek and hopes that general public access will be allowed and the invasive plants dealt with that are threatening the splendid flower fields of that canyon.

ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ETC.

MEETING FACILITATOR—HELP WANTED
Calling all energetic CNPS membership-meeting attendees! Your kind actions are requested for setting up two tables for book sales, staging for the speaker, and additional chairs for last minute arrivals who run fashionably late. If you are willing to help coordinate behind the scenes to communicate availability, arrive early or stay late, your support will be greatly appreciated. Ideal candidates will be willing to commit to at least one year of membership meetings (six meetings) occurring in the odd-numbers months. Please contact Chapter President Chris Hauser at 392-6931 or chauser@slconservancy for details.

Thanks!

CONSERVATION CHAIR REQUEST
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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