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Monterey Bay Chapter

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Hitched to Everything: the Amazing Manzanita

General Meeting Speaker: **Kate Marianchild**

Manzanita first appears in the fossil record 37 million years ago in central California; 35.5 million years ago it began diversifying and dispersing. California now hosts a whopping sixty-two *Arctostaphylos* species, some of which have dispersed naturally as far as Guatemala and Eurasia. In this illustrated lecture, author and naturalist Kate Marianchild will discuss manzanita's multiple adaptations to drought, the evolutionary rationale behind the smooth, thin red skin that peels at the height of summer and "buzz pollination in middle C." We'll hear about manzanita's relationships with other members of the oak woodlands, including lace lichen, silk moths, ants, bushtits, pileated woodpeckers, and mycorrhizal fungi.

Kate Marianchild is the author of Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants and Animals Among California's Oaks. This award-winning bestseller is a delightfully narrated and beautifully illustrated romp through California's most widespread habitat type. With the skill of a storyteller, the accuracy of a scientist, and the enthusiasm of a child, Marianchild profiles the lives and interconnections of twenty-two oak woodland plants, insects, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and birds. The book would make a perfect Christmas gift for any nature lover and it will be available to purchase at the November meeting!

Kate Marianchild lives in a yurt near Ukiah surrounded by acorn woodpeckers, dusky-footed woodrats, and California newts as well as manzanitas, buckeyes, and five different kinds of oaks.

General Meeting • Thursday, November 10
Visiting and Book Purchasing from 7:00pm
Meeting and Program Begin at 7:30pm
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History



STEWARDSHIP

CNPS stewardship is an opportunity to help eradicate invasive non-native plants on the first Saturdays and third Sundays of each month. Please contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690 for details.

GREAT NEWS FOR OUR CHAPTER!

Three pillars of the Monterey Bay chapter, Vern Yadon, Carol LeNeve and Brian LeNeve, were elected Fellows of the California Native Plant Society at the September meeting of the state organization.

Being honored as a CNPS fellow is the highest form of recognition that CNPS awards to its members; those nominated must be approved by the state board of directors, and the chapter council which consists of representatives of all 35 chapters. All honored as Fellows have accumulated extraordinary accomplishments towards the understanding, appreciation, and preservation of California native plants, and only 91 CNPS members have been elected as Fellows since 1965. The only member of our chapter previously so honored is Mary Ann (Corky) Matthews.

Vern Yadon joined the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History as its first director in 1957, spent his career there, retiring in 1992, and still serves as Curator Emeritus. He established the museum's plant collection, tracking down plants from historical records and making new discoveries in the process—several species bear his name, including local treasure *Piperia yadonii*, Yadon's rein-orchid. In 1961 he and Beatrice Howitt began the spring wildflower show; it has become one of the most important in the Western hemisphere, and is still going strong more than 50 years later under the joint CNPS/PG Museum banner.

Vern was a founding member of the Monterey Bay chapter of CNPS in 1966, served as president and led countless field trips over the years. He has been a Pacific Grove council member, president of the Sierra Club, and has long served as independent naturalist on the Del Monte Forest Open Space Advisory Committee. These days he's seen around town on daily walks with Farley, his Dalmatian.

Carol LeNeve joined our chapter around 1980 and focused on the annual plant sale, then held on the lawn at Carmel High School. By the late '80s she was in charge of the sale, and it became the primary source of funds for the chapter under her careful management. She retired in 2012 from managing the sale, by now moved from MPC to the MEarth area at Carmel Middle School, but she still plays a key role. She has served numerous terms as secretary, membership chair, and newsletter editor. Her other roles in the chapter center on books; for many years she has selected the best of books about California native plants to offer for sale at monthly meetings and special events, and she has played a key role in making possible a flora for Monterey County, now in its second edition.

Brian LeNeve began his CNPS career helping Carol at fall plant sales in the '80s, then got involved with management of the spring wildflower show. Brian has developed the system of teams collecting specimens across the county, and his hard work and careful planning have helped make that show a highlight of the year for members and

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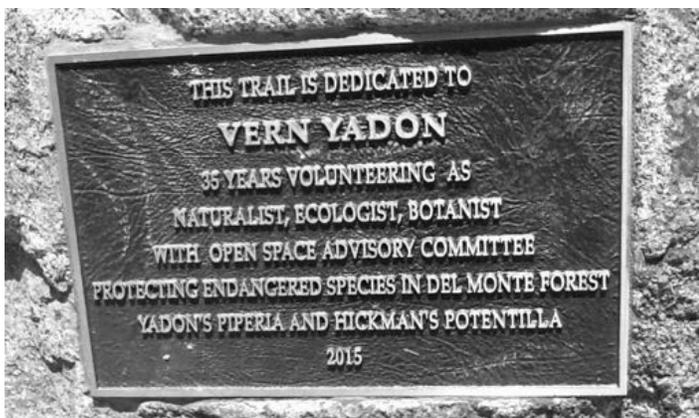
locals alike. He has served as chapter president for three terms and is now membership chair; he's also a long-term member of the state board of directors and chapter council. Other interests include learning all there is to know about the genus *Clarkia*, and championing the steelhead of Carmel River.

A more detailed article on the contributions of our three new Fellows will appear in an upcoming edition of *Fremontia* magazine.

by Peggy Grier and Chris Hauser



Bruce Cowan recently led a fantastic field trip in the Del Monte Forest. Along the trail, we passed this plaque which The Del Monte Forest Property Owners installed to dedicate the trail to Bruce for 35 years of serving on the Del Monte Forest Open Space Advisory Committee for helping to preserve native vegetation and combatting non-native plants. Photo by Lynn



Vern Yadon was also recently honored for his many years of service by the Del Monte Forest Property Owners with the above plaque. Vern's plaque is also installed in the Del Monte Forest. Photo by Bruce Cowan

CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Thursday, November 3 **Field Trip**
Falling Leaves at Maple Falls, Nisene Marks

Join Andy Werner and Lynn Bomberger on this 8 mile Nisene Marks hike with 700 feet elevation gain. Our path takes us through a lovely forest along beautiful creeks and eventually to serene Maple Falls. If our timing is right, we will enjoy gently falling maple leaves around us as we relax for lunch at the falls. Agility is required. Bring water, lunch and money for a park pass. Arrive early; we depart at 8:40am from the far end of the parking lot in front of REI in Marina or depart from the parking lot behind Aptos Station at 9:30am. Contact Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation—limit of 8.

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CNPS Fellow Carol LeNeve is shown here selling books at our recent plant sale. Photo by Lynn

Sun Nov 13 & Tues. Dec. 27 **Field Trip**
Del Mesa Carmel to Jacks Peak Park

Join me in a new hike that begins at Del Mesa Carmel in Carmel Valley. From Del Mesa we'll hike into a seldom visited area, then into Jacks Peak Park and back. We'll have a peaceful forest walk with great views along the way. About 5-½ miles with ± 600 feet elevation gain. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00am from Del Mesa. Call for a reservation and directions to the meeting location—limit of 8. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Thursday, November 17 **Lecture**
Lester Rowntree—A Fascinating Woman

Lester Rowntree, famed Carmel Highlands field botanist, seed collector and writer, is the subject of a talk November 17th, 5pm at the Sunset Center, Carpenter Hall in Carmel. The lecture is free. Grandsons Lester and Rowen Rowntree will describe the life and work of this outstanding woman and her contribution to the knowledge of California native plants. In the 2006 edition of Lester's, *Hardy Californians*, Monterey Bay CNPS author Rosemary Foster is acknowledged for the 720 item bibliography which took Rosemary many years. The lecture is presented by the Carmel Residents Association as part of their, "Reliving our History," series during Carmel's Centennial Year.



CNPS Fellow Brian LeNeve at the check-out table of our recent plant sale. Photo by Lynn

Wednesday, December 14 **Field Trip**
Fairytale Fly Agarics of Del Monte Forest

Some years we get skunked and some years we're awestruck by the beauty of these amazing giant red mushrooms with white polka dots. Let's go see what's out there. Either way, we'll have a nice

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walk in a beautiful forest. Bring water; lunch gives us the option of purchasing a Poppy Hills sandwich. 5-½ miles, 750 feet elevation gain. 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.

ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ETC.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our local chapter of the Native Plant Society needs help both large and small. Please look at this list of things where help is needed:

Conservation Chair

As conservation chair, you may share your civic knowledge of proposed property developments anywhere on the peninsula for our newsletter every other month.

Meetings Facilitator

The meetings facilitator prepares the PG Museum for our meetings every other month by setting up chairs and a few tables. After the meeting, the facilitator will help to put the items away.

Pick-up Our Mail

This job consists of retrieving our mail from the post office at the mouth of the valley once a week and distributing it to various board members and/or chairpersons.

Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 or Carol LeNeve at 624-8497

OUR REVISED COUNTY BOOK

THE book, *The Plants of Monterey County, an Illustrated Field Guide* by Mary Ann Matthews and Michael Mitchell, is now available at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, CNPS online store and Pilgrim’s Way Bookstore.

HORTICULTURE

Thank you to all who came out to our annual Plant sale to support our chapter by buying plants! And an even bigger thank you to all of you that helped with selling the plants whether behind the scenes with publicity, sign making and snacks, or on-site with hauling, organizing and sharing your passion.

For those of you with plant questions and patience, thank you also. We would like to start addressing those plant questions on a regular basis, in a more active way in the coming year. Starting in our next newsletter we will have a horticulture section to introduce new and old standby plants, give a few details and pointers

for growing them and what they will be compatible with. If you have burning native plant horticulture questions send them our way and we will try to address them in the newsletter or by email.

Coming soon we are looking to start a gardening group with native plants at the MEarth habitat nursery to give practical training in plant identification, propagation and gardening with native plants. We are in the planning stages now and would love to hear from interested members. If you would like to be included, send me an email at native_gardening@reganbhc.com. Pat Regan

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

It’s that time of the year again. The nominating committee proposes the following nominees for office:

President———**Nikki Nedeff**

Vice President———**Beth Benoit**

Secretary———**Bob Hale**

Treasurer———**Jim Pittman**

Membership———**Brian LeNeve**

As always, nominations from the floor are welcome, however, the nominee must agree to the nomination.

If you are unable to attend the January 8 meeting, please sign and date this election form and send it to Carol LeNeve, Box 1012, Carmel, CA 93921. It will become a proxy for voting.

I hereby authorize _____ to vote as my proxy in the January, 2017 Monterey Bay Chapter, California Native Plant Society election.

Signed _____

Date _____



Scientific Illustration of the White-Lined Sphinx Moth by Brooke Weiland



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