The Native Plant Program at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum and Botanic Garden

General Meeting Speaker: Brett Hall

The Native Plant Program at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum is an ambitious project involving field work, plant collecting, seed banking, mapping rare natural communities, along with teaching students and the community about the rich biodiversity of the central California coast. The program focuses on stewardship, land management practices and developing a 55-acre garden for California natives within the Arboretum (mostly central coast natives). Brett’s presentation will display images of the developing garden, field work in the central coast, and he will share the Arboretum’s career through time with natives and what they hope to accomplish moving forward.

Brett Hall is the California Native Plant Program Director at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum where he has worked for over 43 years. He has held every position imaginable at the Arboretum, including overall Director. A few years back, Brett stepped aside as Director in order to focus entirely on our Native plants. He was born in Carmel, has two brothers living in Pacific Grove, was State President of CNPS from 2009-2013 and works in California plant conservation whenever and wherever he can.

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

STEWARDSHIP

Weed bashes are ongoing. They will be held on the 1st Saturdays at Point Lobos Ranch on January 5 and February 2 from 1pm to 4pm. They will also be on the 3rd Sundays at Soberanes Creek on January 20 and February 17 from 11am to 2pm. Contact Bruce at bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690 for meeting locations and other details.

To help with broom at Monterey’s Quarry Park, please contact Al Washburn at awashburn8@comcast.net.

FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday, January 5 Field Trip
Fabulous Ferns, Lichens & Fungi—Garland Ranch
Join Michael and Sharon Mitchell on a gentle hike along the Buckeye Nature Trail and Cliff Trail in Garland Ranch. We should find a fine display of ferns, lichens and fungi, all being essential parts of the environment’s annual cycle. Even without flowers, there is much to see! ±2.5 miles with ±100 feet ascent. Bring boots or shoes with good treads, a snack and water.

You must register for field trips online at: www.meetup.com/The-Monterey-Bay-Area-Hiking-Group
Jan/Feb field trips will be posted on Meetup Sun. Dec 16
Mar/Apr field trips will be posted on Meetup Thurs. Feb 21
Non-techy but want to go on field trips? Call Lynn at 375-7777

Participants on Lynn Bomberger’s Del Mesa Carmel to Jacks Peak hike enjoyed perfect weather and beautiful scenery. Photo by Nancy Powell
Sunday, January 20
Mount Madonna Fetid Adder’s Tongue Hike
Field Trip
It’s a stinky little flower but an exciting one since it’s one of the first of the new year! Let’s see if the intriguing Fetid Adder’s Tongue is blooming at Mount Madonna. If not, we’ll have a nice hike in a lovely forest. We’ll do ±4.5 mile loop with ±800 feet ascent. Bring water and lunch. Led by Andy Werner and Lynn Bomberger.

On Cliff Halverson’s Moss Landing field trip, we had great weather and we saw a lot of shore birds including ±15 snowy plovers. Photo by Lynn

Wednesday, January 30
Fabulous Ferns, Lichens & Seedlings—Terrace Trail
Field Trip
Join Michael and Sharon Mitchell to admire the beautiful ferns and fascinating lichens and to see how many of the coming spring flowers we can find along Garland Ranch’s finest wildflower trail. We will take the Terrace Trail out and return along Garzas Creek. The ±3.5 mile hike has ±600 feet ascent. Footwear with good treads are essential. Bring a snack and water.

Sunday, February 3
Limekiln State Park Trails
Field Trip
The drive is a long one but, oh, so beautiful! The in-and-out trails are along gorgeous creeks with numerous waterfalls, clear pools, redwoods, sycamores, maples, ferns, redwood sorrel, huckleberries, etc. ±4 miles with ±650 feet ascent. Bring water, lunch and a few dollars for the park entrance fee. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger.

Tuesday, February 12
Williams Canyon Hike to Mitteldorf Preserve
Field Trip
This lovely hike is ±4 miles with ±400 feet elevation gain. It is along Williams Canyon Road where we’ll pass through a spectacular redwood environment with several creeks on our way to Big Sur Land Trust’s Mitteldorf Preserve. We’ll even admire the county’s largest diameter redwood. Bring water and lunch. BSLT will cancel our outing if there are downed trees, etc., due to rain. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger.

March through October
2019 CNPS Workshops
Workshops
CNPS workshops range from basic botany to survey and assessment skills. Space is limited so sign up now to secure your spot! Go to www.cnps.org/workshops for details and registration information.

On Stanley Dudek’s Mount Defiance hike, they found some golden ear-drops, Ehrendorferia chrysantha. They grow on dry slopes and are one of the first flowers to recover after a burn. Photo by Stanley

LOCAL NATIVE GARDENS
Winter and early spring blooming, ‘local hero’ manzanitas and relatives are key seasonal nectar and nesting sources for hummingbirds and other wildlife. Shown here in a nearby garden are (l-r) Arctostaphylos hookeri, A. pajaroen-sis, A. viridissima ‘White Cloud’ in December. Photo by Pat Regan

CONSERVATION REPORT
Jacks Peak Park Cal Fire Grant
The Chapter submitted comments to the Board of Supervisors on this $117K grant to remove fuel vegetation along park roads and around infrastructure. The project planner expressed willingness to accept input from CNPS during the planning process to protect special status plants, Central Maritime Chaparral, and the high-quality Monterey Pine Forest.

PG&E North Monterey County Powerline Maintenance
The proposed project is a grading and vegetation removal effort in an area of Environmentally Sensitive Habitat. The Chapter submitted comments voicing major concerns regarding the lack of success criteria and monitoring for restoration to address grading on erosive slopes in excess of 25% and the removal of special status plants and Central Maritime Chaparral.

California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Project
The Chapter submitted scoping comments on the EIR/EA for Phase 2, which includes development of approximately 4.3 additional acres. We
voiced concerns over the cumulative loss of oak woodland habitat and the failure to locate a suitable replacement site for the Phase 1 required mitigation. We requested an updated rare plant survey be included in the final site design with appropriate mitigations attached.

South of Tioga, Sand City
The Chapter spoke at a City Council meeting to point out that the project Coastal Development Permit application failed to address consistency with Sand City’s own Local Coastal Program. The Draft Habitat Conservation Plan was acquired through a Public Records Act request.

ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ETC.

TRUSTS, WILLS & BEQUESTS
Thinking of a Legacy Gift for CNPS? Consider the Monterey Bay Chapter of CNPS in your Trust or Will to help continue our important work conserving native plants on the Central Coast. Be sure to specify the Monterey Bay Chapter, P.O. Box 221303, Carmel, CA 93922, as the recipient of your bequest otherwise, your gift will go to the state CNPS. Thank you!

RANCHO CAÑADA HABITAT RESTORATION
(Palo Corona Regional Park)
Help rewild the former golf course greens, fairways and sand traps by volunteering with a community-based habitat restoration team. All ages and skill levels are welcome to help with seed collection, propagation, planting, monitoring and maintenance. Habitat restoration will be coordinated by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and the Santa Lucia Conservancy with the leadership of a community volunteer Restoration Team. To find out more, please email Scott Hennessy, hennesyst@comcast.net. Rewilding work will occur during the week and on weekends.

NATIVE PLANT GARDENS—ONGOING
Got natives in your garden? We would like to showcase local native plant gardens on our Monterey Bay CNPS social media—a virtual native plant garden tour! Whether deck size or greater, if you or someone you know would be willing to participate by having your gardens captured by image in any of its season’s beauty, please contact Peigi Duvall, Horticulture Co-Chair, at (605)704-3926 or peigidv@indigdesign.com. No garden needs to be ‘perfect’ and, of course, all privacy will be respected. We’re looking forward to seeing you and your garden soon!

TIPS ON REDUCING MEETUP EMAILS
Meetup sends a LOT of emails. To reduce emails, go to Settings in your account, then Email Updates (left side)—decide what you want. Leave on ‘Messages’ so that your leader may communicate with you. Next, at the bottom of the Email Updates page, on the right, click ‘Edit,’ and again, decide what you would like. If you want guidance, call Lynn at 375-7777.

ARE YOU MOVING?
If so, please let us know. Contact our Membership Chair, Brian LeNeve, at brian@brianleneve.com or 624-8497.

CAN YOU HELP?
Our local chapter of the Native Plant Society needs help both large and small. Please see below to learn where we need help:

Treasurer
Our long-time Treasurer, Jim Pittman, will be retiring from his CNPS duties at the end of the year and the Chapter will need a new Treasurer. High math is not a requirement, just a penchant for detail. The Treasurer prepares quarterly summaries and keeps the Chapter’s checkbook. Please speak with anyone on the Board if you are interested.

Meetings Facilitator
The Meetings Facilitator prepares the Pacific Grove 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.

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

2019 CHAPTER ELECTIONS
It’s that time of the year again. The nominating committee proposes the following nominees for office:

President ____________________________
Vice President _______________________
Secretary ____________________________
Treasurer ____________________________

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

The Chapter Board of Directors voted to modify our By-Laws with the following language:

Remove Membership Secretary as an elected officer of the Monterey Bay Chapter CNPS, by removing entry E, Membership Secretary, from Section 1 under Article VI. https://montereybay.cnps.org/documents/chapter/By-laws_CNPSMB_revised.pdf is the location where you may find the full chapter By-Laws.

Please be prepared to vote on both the slate of officers for 2019 and the modification to the By-Laws at the January meeting.

If you are unable to attend the January 11 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 2019 Monterey Bay Chapter, California Native Plant Society election.

Signed _________________________________________

Date ____________________________

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Please mail this membership form with payment to:
Brian LeNeve, CNPS Monterey Bay Membership
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You may also register online at www.cnps.org

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