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Monterey Bay Chapter

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Indigenous Perspectives and Cultural Knowledge

General Meeting Speaker: Kanyon Sayers-Roods

A culture's stories are its original instructions, a map to a world view and guide to going forward. While Western stories have typically held man to "hold dominion" over creation, Indigenous teachings emphasize reciprocal relationship with all beings. Indigenous practices of land stewardship created the verdant (and productive) landscape described as "untouched pristine" wilderness by early European explorers. Kanyon Sayers-Roods, Ohlone and Chumash educator, artist and storyteller from Indian Canyon will share botanical teachings from the Indigenous community, perspectives on sustainable harvesting, and discuss tensions between colonial and Indigenous practices, issues of access to traditional land use and land acknowledgment.

Kanyon Sayers-Roods is a Costanoan Ohlone-Mutsun California native. She is active in the Native Community as an artist, author, activist, student, and teacher. The daughter of Ann-Marie Sayers, she was raised in Indian Canyon, trust land of her family, one of the few spaces in Central California available for the Indigenous community for ceremony. Kanyon's art has been featured at the De Young Museum, and she is a consultant on Indigenous California. She recently formed an LLC called Kanyon Konsulting with the mission of bridging the gap between Indigenous and contemporary value systems.

General Meeting • Thursday, January 9

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

(General meetings are the 2nd Thursday, every other month)

STEWARDSHIP

Weed bashes are ongoing. They will be held on the 1st Saturdays at Point Lobos Ranch on January 4 and February 1 from 1pm to 4pm. They will also be on the 3rd Sundays at Soberanes Creek on January 19 and February 16 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 (registration info on the last page)

Sunday, January 5

Field Trip

Fabulous Ferns & Seedlings

Join leaders Bob Hale and Lynn Bomberger to admire the beautiful soft green of polypodal ferns and learn to identify many different seedlings of the coming spring flowers. We'll 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 ±3 miles has ±700 feet elevation gain. Bring lunch and water.



Michael Mitchell's fabulous Autumn in Garzas Creek field trip just might be his last. He and his wife, Sharon, will soon move back to England. Having Michael with CNPS has been amazing. Thank you, Michael, for EVERYTHING that you did. WE WILL MISS YOU! Photo by Mary Conway

Saturday, January 11

Field Trip

Buzzards Roost at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

If you don't like hiking fern lined trails through a redwood forest with beautiful views along the way, then this hike is not for you. On the other hand, if you love all of the above, let's go! We'll see lots of wildfire devastation and lots of fresh regrowth. ±4 miles with ±800 feet ascent at a leisurely pace. Arrive early, we depart on time. Bring water and lunch. Led by Lynn Bomberger.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 10, 11, & 12
46th Annual Santa Cruz Fungus Fair

Event

Visit the Kingdom of Fungi! Learn about the hundreds of beautiful and fascinating species of local fungi on display in recreated woodland habitats. Enjoy speakers, classes, vendors, kid's hands-on activities and more. Go to: ffsc.us/fair for details.

Monday, January 13

Field Trip

Point Lobos CNPS Mushroom Walk

This ±2mile ramble with negligible elevation change will be on several trails in pine forest and chaparral. We'll stop to look at anything of interest and discuss the symbiotic relationships that have evolved between some mushrooms and plants. We'll also discuss the gastronomic relationships between specific fungi and animals (including *Homo sapiens*). Bring ±\$4 for entrance fee, water, a snack and rain gear. Heavy rain cancels. Led by Stanley Dudek.



Late October can be pretty warm on the Peninsula, but we found lots of shade and even a few interesting plants in the Del Monte Forest on Lynn Bomberger's Carmel to Poppy Hills hike. Photo by Lynn

Thursday, January 23

Field Trip

Mount Madonna Fetid Adder's Tongue Hike

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. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Andy Werner.



Cliff Halverson took us to Mudhen Lake in Fort Ord for a wonderful fall adventure. The combination of viewing birds and flowers made for a very enjoyable field trip. Photo by Cliff

Saturday, February 1

Field Trip

Williams Canyon Hike to Mitteldorf Preserve

This lovely hike is ±4 miles with ±400 feet ascent. 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 have the opportunity to admire the county's largest diameter

redwood and the polypodys around the lodge might be gorgeous. Bring water and lunch. BSLT will cancel our outing if there are downed trees, etc. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger.

February through October

Workshops

2020 CNPS 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.

Sunday, February 9

Field Trip

Del Monte Forest Exploration

Del Monte forest is a truly unique area of many plant communities, including a rich mosaic of two pine species, oaks, rare Gowen cypress, manzanita forests and riparian creeks. We hope to see manzanitas, ceanothus and currants in flower and maybe a few other early spring flowers. There could be a few wet/muddy areas if there is recent rain. Join leader Bob Hale for a special tour of this botanical treasure. ±3 miles with ±350 feet ascent. Bring water and a snack.



Die hards! That's what Chunghee and leader Lynn Bomberger were. The field trip was scheduled for the Big Sur area along with a forecast of a lot of rain. It was rescheduled to the Garzas Canyon loop with only a 37% chance of rain—nine people dropped out. We had a great day and the hike was dry! Photo by Angela Hains

Saturday, February 15

Field Trip

Garland Ranch Indian Warriors & Polypody Ferns

This hike of ±3.5 miles and ±800 feet ascent has a beautiful display of polypody ferns and hopefully, lots of Indian warriors. We'll also admire some mushrooms and have lunch beside beautiful Garzas Creek. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger.

Wednesday, February 19

Field Trip

Birds and Plants of Mudhen Lake, Fort Ord

We will be going to Mudhen Lake, which is a beautiful, isolated lake roughly in the center of Fort Ord National Monument. This lake normally has water year-round. It is surrounded by oak-studded grasslands and always has a variety of birds and plants. After taking the ridge route, we will explore the shoreline and nearby trails. The hike is ±5 miles with ±500 feet ascent. Bring water, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, your lunch, and binoculars. Heavy rain cancels. Led by Cliff Halverson.

Friday, February 28

Field Trip

Toro Park Early Wildflowers

This ±5½ mile hike with ±600 feet ascent has a delightful variety of wildflowers: Indian warriors, footsteps of spring, shooting stars are just a few. Bring water and lunch. Arrive early; we depart on time. Seniors 62 and older get into the park free with a photo ID. Leader: Lynn Bomberger.

GARDENING WITH NATIVES

Please contact Peigi Duvall, Horticulture Co-Chair, at (605)704-3926 or peigidv@indigdesign.com. To showcase your native garden!



Late winter to early spring the 'silk tassels' of *Garrya elliptica*, remaining berries of *Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia)*, and bare, grey branches of *California buckeye (Aesculus californica)* color up a seasonal hillside garden. Photo by Peigi Duvall

CONSERVATION REPORT

Sand City South of Tioga Project: The chapter commented on the Draft Habitat Conservation Plan prepared for the massive South of Tioga Project proposed for Sand City. 356 multi-family units, 216 hotel rooms and a restaurant are proposed for the 10.63-acre project site, with only 0.9 acres set aside for mitigating impacts to Dune Scrub habitat where federally endangered sand gilia and threatened Monterey spineflower occur. Mitigation measures fail to conserve any gilia habitat in adjoining undeveloped property where future development will eliminate biologically significant gilia habitat. The Sand City project sets a very bad precedent by not considering cumulative impacts to extremely important gilia and spineflower habitat immediately adjacent to the big proposed development.

Fort Ord Plant Reserve 1 North: On December 13, members of the Chapter's Conservation Committee met with representatives from Del Rey Oaks and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority

(FORA) to learn about new proposals for widening of South Boundary Road. Plant Reserve 1 North and key populations of the California endangered Seaside bird's beak will be severely impacted by proposed road improvements.

Fort Ord Draft Habitat Conservation Plan: The Chapter commented on the Draft Habitat Conservation Plan for the decommissioned Fort Ord military base. The HCP has taken more than 20 years to develop. Because the Fort Ord Reuse Authority will sunset in 2020, the HCP will have to be implemented and funded by a collaborative Joint Powers Authority that has yet to be developed.

Go to <https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/conservation/> for more information on the above Conservation issues.

The Conservation Committee is always looking for additional members. Any help is welcome. Contact committee chair Donna Burych if you want to help, and together we can identify a valuable task that fits your interests and skills. (Contact information is on the last page.)

ARTICLES, REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

TRUSTS, WILLS AND 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!

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 would like 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 long-time Treasurer, Jim Pittman, will be retiring from his CNPS duties soon 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 call Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 or Carol LeNeve at 624-8497 if you can help.



Mudhen or American Coot

Helpful CNPS Information

CNPS is dedicated to Preserving and Protecting California Native Plants and Their Habitats

You must register for field trips online at:
www.meetup.com/The-Monterey-Bay-Area-Hiking-Group
Meeting times, locations, and more details are on Meetup.
Jan/Feb field trips will be published on Meetup Thursday, December 26
Mar/April field trips will be published on Meetup Monday, February 24
Don't own a mobile phone or computer but want to go on field trips? Call 375-7777.

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Newsletter Deadline
March/April Monday, February 17
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