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

Volunteer in your State Park May 9, May 20, June 12, and June 20. Go to volunteer.monterey@parks.ca.gov or 574-9008 for details.

You may find more stewardship opportunities on our chapter’s website at https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/

FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS (registration info on the last page)
ALL FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS, ETC. ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UNKNOWN AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION. PLEASE CHECK ON MEETUP OR OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN OF ANY CANCELLATIONS.

**Wednesday, May 6**
Field Trip
Limekiln State Park Trails, CNPS Members Only
The drive is a long one but, oh, so beautiful! On this CNPS members only event, we’ll hike in-and-out trails beside gorgeous creeks with numerous waterfalls, clear pools, redwoods, sycamores, maples, ferns, redwood sorrel, huckleberries, stream orchids, 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.

**Friday, May 22**
Field Trip
Point Lobos Shoreline and Forest Hike, CNPS
Point Lobos is always a beautiful destination. On this outing we’ll take in the stunning shoreline of the North Shore, Cypress Grove, and some forest trails. There might not be many flowers, but the views will be breathtaking. The hike

Using Native Plants for Fire Resistant Landscapes
General Meeting Speaker: Greg Rubin
Far from being the fire-bombs often depicted in the media, a native landscape can be an ecologically responsible approach to creating effective defensible space. Having had over two dozen properties experience major fire events in San Diego county, not a single home was lost. Intrigued by his success, the US Navy picked Greg’s company to conduct a five-year research study into the effectiveness of California native landscapes as enhanced defensible space. Greg’s Co-Principle Investigator was Dr. Jon Keeley, one of the world’s foremost fire ecologists. Greg will cover the startling conclusions from the research, as well as general principles for successful native landscape design, installation, and maintenance. Designed appropriately, a native landscape may help protect your home in a fire.

Greg Rubin founded California’s Own Native Landscape Design, Inc. in 1995, emphasizing a uniquely ecological approach to landscape design, different from ornamental horticulture. Greg (with Lucy Warren) co-authored two best-selling books from Timber Press: The California Native Landscape, and The Drought Defying California Landscape. He has made frequent appearances in television & radio, as well as written articles for (or been featured in) numerous publications. In 2018, he was chosen Horticulturist of the Year by the San Diego Horticultural Society. 1st, 2nd 3rd

**General Meeting ● Thursday, May 14**
Visiting and Book Purchasing from 7:00pm
Meeting and Program Begin at 7:30pm
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History
(General meetings are the second Thursday, every other month)

**STEWARDSHIP**
Weed bashes are ongoing. They will be held on the first Saturdays at Point Lobos Ranch on May 2 and June 6 from 1pm to 4pm. They will also be on the third Sundays at Soberanes Creek on May 17 and June 21 from 11am to 2pm. Contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado62@gmail.com or 277-7690 for meeting locations and other details.

**Hikers were not disappointed on Cliff Halverson’s Mudhen Lake field trip in Fort Ord. There were plenty of birds, flowers, and conversations to keep everyone happy. Photo by Cliff**

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is ±3.5 miles with ±150 feet ascent. Bring ±$4 for entrance fee, water, and lunch. We depart on time. Led by Lynn Bomberger.

**Tuesday, May 26**  
**Field Trip**  
**Mount Madonna—The Most Beautiful Jewel Flower, CNPS**  
Join Andy Werner for a field trip to Mt. Madonna on the eastern summit of the southern Santa Cruz Mountains. We'll see four species of Mariposa lilies in bloom as well as the serpentine-loving Jewel Flower. Also blooming will be the Candy Flower at probably its most southerly location as well as many other plants in this serpentine-influenced park. ±9 miles with ±1,500 feet gradual elevation gain. Bring water and lunch.

Lynn Bomberger’s Santa Lucia Preserve field trip was especially interesting with several botanists and many wildflower enthusiasts along. Photo by Patrick Lovejoy

**Saturday, May 30 to Tuesday, June 2**  
**Class**  
**Sudden Oak Death BLITZ**  
Help save California's native oaks and participate in the annual SOD Blitz by contributing to a statewide survey for Sudden Oak Death. Due to the statewide “Shelter in Place” ordinance, we redesigned the activity so it will be safe for everybody. Participants start by going to www.sodblitz.org for a training video about the non-native pathogen responsible for SOD, with instruction on how to spot symptoms and collect samples which help us understand and track the disease. Contact Kerri Frangioso at 530-219-1575 or kfrangioso@ucdavis.edu. For more information, visit www.sodblitz.org.

**June 1 to TBA**  
**Wildflower Show**  
**Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District's**  
**21st Annual Summer Wildflower Show Goes Virtual**  
Visit our website www.mprpd.org beginning June 1, for our first interactive online display of the Park District’s Summer wildflowers. Learn about pollinators and how to dissect a flower. Don’t miss your chance to let us know about your favorite flower.

**Wednesday, June 3**  
**Field Trip**  
**Chews Ridge Wildflowers—Scouting Outing, CNPS**  
Join Stanley Dudek on his scouting outing for this special traditional field trip on June 7. Our pace will be a little faster on this day than the weekend field trip. As the highest public road in Monterey County, Chews Ridge always offers a unique variety of plants. There will be several stops with hikes of a mile or two. Bring lunch and water. All-wheel or 4WD vehicles are recommended. Please sign up for only one Chews Ridge field trip.

**Sunday, June 7**  
**Field Trip**  
**Chews Ridge Wildflowers, CNPS**  
Join Stanley Dudek on this special traditional outing. As the highest public road in Monterey County, Chews Ridge always offers a unique variety of plants. There will be several stops with easy to moderate hikes of a mile or two. Bring lunch and water. All-wheel or 4WD vehicles are best. Please sign up for only one Chews Ridge field trip.

**Thursday, June 11**  
**Field Trip**  
**Santa Lucia Preserve Soap Plant Walk, CNPS Members Only**  
The Santa Lucia Conservancy invites you to experience the amazing plant community of the Santa Lucia Preserve. Join us for a fairly easy CNPS members only shuttle hike of ±3 miles with ± 200 feet ascent. We hope to see evening blooming soap plant flowers and will definitely see a lot of other flowers. We will meet at the Santa Lucia Conservancy office, NOT the gatehouse area. Arrive at least 10 minutes early; we will have two sign in sheets. Bring water and dinner. Led by Lynn Bomberger.

**Saturday, June 13**  
**Field Trip**  
**Ft. Ord National Monument Summer Wildflower Tour, CNPS**  
This will be a LONG field trip—DON’T SIGH UP IF YOU CAN’T STAY THE ENTIRE TIME. CNPS volunteer David Styer and BLM Botanist Bruce Delgado will lead this tour at Fort Ord. 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 also be great vistas along the way. Bring water, lunch, and good walking shoes. We will carpool from the meeting location. Early departures are NOT possible. Co-sponsored by BLM & CNPS

Cliff Halverson took a group into Toro Park to admire early wildflowers. Here, on the Gilson Gap Trail, they paused to admire the last of the toyon berries. Photo by Cliff

**Wednesday, June 17**  
**Field Trip**  
**Soap Plant Quest to Mudhen Lake, CNPS**  
We will be going to Mudhen Lake, a beautiful place near the center of Ft. Ord National Monument. ±5 miles, ±500 feet ascent. The late start will let us miss the hottest temperatures
and may lead to sighting the soap plant in bloom. Bring water and a snack, a hat and sunscreen. Led by Cliff Halverson.

**Sunday, June 28**

**Field Trip**

**Williams Canyon to Mitteldorf Preserve, CNPS Members Only**

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 have the opportunity to admire the county’s largest diameter redwood. 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.

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**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 help, 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.

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**GARDENING WITH NATIVES**

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

**California native bulbs are great fun to grow in containers. From late spring to early summer, this local hero, Calochortus luteus will light up your garden with its yellow petals and red/brown markings. In the wild, it can be found in open grasslands and slopes away from direct coastal influence. Commonly called yellow mariposa (butterfly) lily or ‘golden nuggets,’ it wants NO summer water but make sure to mark where you’ve planted it since its leaves die back. Photo by Peigi Duvall**

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Soap Plant Flowers by Cliff Halverson
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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.
May/June field trips will be published on Meetup Saturday, April 22
July/August field trips will be published on Meetup Monday, June 22
Don't own a mobile phone or computer but want to go on field trips? Call 375-7777.

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