The Desert Underground: Exposing a Valuable Hidden World Under Our Feet
Program Speaker: Robin Kobaly

Through original artwork, graphics, and photography, Robin will lead her guests on a virtual tour of the desert underground. This “tour” reveals the amazing partnerships that connect every native plant underground across the landscape. Journey through the interlocking biological and geological systems that work together to gather, move, and share resources, pass information between plants, create a surprising carbon sponge, and help to combat climate change wherever desert soils remain intact. It may be the first time you appreciate caliche! You won’t believe what is happening under our feet.

Because the Chapter is still observing the COVID-19 directives to avoid large gatherings of people, we’ll have a presentation using Zoom in lieu of a regular chapter meeting at the Pacific Grove Museum. You can watch the lecture at home on your computer. The Zoom link will be posted on the website, https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/ and sent a day or two in advance in an eblast.

The Zoom presentation will start at 7:30 and you’ll need to login to the web link with the instructions that will be available on the Chapter website and sent in the eblast.

Presentation will be Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:30pm
Because of restrictions on groups still mandated by the state, county, CNPS, and/or Meetup, we are still eliminating group stewardship events at this time.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**Election of Officers and Directors**

The revised chapter bylaws accepted last year require the election of chapter officers and directors to take place at the last scheduled meeting each year. As the November meeting is the last scheduled meeting, as president I am offering the following slate of officers and directors for the calendar year 2021.

President \hspace{1cm} Brian LeNeve
Vice President \hspace{1cm} Pat Regan
Secretary \hspace{1cm} Bob Hale
Treasurer \hspace{1cm} Jim Pittman
Board Member \hspace{1cm} Peigi Duvall
Board Member \hspace{1cm} Brian Edwards
Board Member \hspace{1cm} Rosemary Foster
Board Member \hspace{1cm} Carol LeNeve
Board Member \hspace{1cm} Nikki Nedeff

As always, nominations will be accepted during the meeting (zoom meeting) and the vote will be on the entire slate of officers.

If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to participate, please send your proxy to Carol LeNeve at ccleneve@att.net or mail to P.O. Box 1012 Carmel CA 93921.

While we do have a slate of officers nominated, we need a member to take over the treasurer position as Jim has requested to be replaced.

While currently not a board member (but has been a board member in the past), we also need a newsletter editor and a field trip chair to fill those vacant positions as well as a future program chair as the current chair also wishes to be replaced. Anyone interested in any of these positions please contact me at brian@brianleneve.com

Brian LeNeve
President, Monterey Bay chapter CNPS

**SEEKING NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

The Monterey Bay Chapter is seeking a newsletter editor to help us format and edit the bi-monthly periodical for our members and interested subscribers. If you have an eye for detail, and like being the first to know about all the news fit to print regarding local flora, contact Brian LeNeve at brian@brianleneve.com.

**FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS**

Because of restrictions on groups still mandated by the state, county, CNPS, and/or Meetup, we still are not able to have field trips at this time.

**CONSERVATION REPORT**

Go to https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/conservation/ for more information on conservation issues.

**Plant Reserve 1 North Lawsuit:** The Chapter continues to request that the City of Del Rey Oaks honor its 20-year-old commitment to protect the 4.63-acre city-owned Habitat Reserve we refer to as Plant Reserve 1 North. The site was conserved as a CEQA mitigation in the late 1990’s to protect rich Maritime Chaparral habitat that supports the CA Endangered Seaside bird’s beak and a number of other special status plant species. In 2010, road improvements were approved for a new intersection and round-about at the corner of South Boundary Road and General Jim Moore Blvd, which would have obliterated the Plant Reserve. Last June the Chapter litigated to halt the proposed road work and at its September 2020 meeting, the Del Rey Oaks City Council requested that a new alignment for the road and round-about be analyzed. This new alignment is proposed to be located to the north of the Reserve, however we have not seen the new design plans and have yet to learn whether the Reserve will be entirely protected (including during construction). The Chapter has requested mediation on numerous occasions and our first mediation session with Del Rey Oaks is scheduled for November 5, 2020.

**PLANT SALE CLEARANCE**

Thursday, Nov. 5 – Nov. 19*

* - While Supplies Last

After a successful Virtual Plant Sale in September, CNPS Monterey Bay is inviting members and prospective buyers to participate in our Virtual Clearance Sale. Remaining inventory will be available to purchase online at deep discounts on Fall/Winter blooming species of native flora. Links and updated information will be available at: https://chapters.cnps.org/montereybay/plant-sale/
Just in case you are not receiving any snail mail, email, social media, newsletters, phone calls or smoke signals, and you have shunned television, radio, magazines, books, and swapping tales over the back fence…you need to know if nobody has already told you….it is THAT season again.

Yes, it is planting season! (What did you think I was talking about?) It is that time of year where no matter how hot it gets during the day, the sunset brings a need for a sweater and no matter how powder dry and lifeless the soil seems, a little water brings a rapid burst of new life (though not always the life you were hoping for).

It is time to put those plants you bought at the virtual plant sale or grew from seed and nursed along through the summer, into the ground and water them like you are trying to drown them (This one time. Do not continue to flood them. Wait a week or until they look like they are thirsty, and water again).

This is great time to add your backbone plants: the woody shrubs that will provide the long-term structure of your planter, border, hedge or specimen garden. The Central Coast provides an amazing diversity of woody shrubs, both upright and low spreading, evergreen and deciduous. Some of the best are from the genus Arctostaphylos. Our regional flora provides horticultural selections of Manzanita that fit any garden setting. From the diminutive Arctostaphylos edmundsii ‘Bert Johnson’, a beautiful selection of our indigenous little sur Manzanita, to the tree like Arctostaphylos manzanita ‘Dr. Hurd’, there is a manzanita for any garden in the Monterey Bay area. These plants will be in bloom soon, providing natural hummingbird feeders wherever you place them.

Coincidentally, we have a bunch of Arctostaphylos selections left over from our recent, first ever virtual plant sale. These are the plants we bought from our vendors. We have a lot of plants that we would rather have you plant than keep in the nursery. More great Central Coast beauties from the Ceanothus genus, gorgeous selections of Ribes, (gooseberries and currants), Monkeyflowers, Irises, Coffee berries and more, all at deeply discounted prices. Watch your email inbox for the re-opening of the CNPS web store/virtual nursery. You will be able to place your order and then arrange for pick up on Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings in mid-November. Some plants that are less than stunning right now, but still completely plantable, will be discounted even more.

See you online or in the garden!

- Pat

**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!

**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 Carol LeNeve at 624-8497 if you can help.
Helpful CNPS Information Page

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

When field trips are again allowed, you must register for them online at:
www.meetup.com/The-Monterey-Bay-Area-Hiking-Group
Meeting times, locations, and more details will be on the above Meetup.
Field trips will most likely be posted on the above Meetup by individual leaders
when Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

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