No Bees, No Food, No People.
Jake Reisdorf’s visionary retail store and education room has come to life in Carmel By-the-Sea. But at his core, there’s more to Jake than just honey and hives. Through his “Jake Gives Back” campaign he visits schools and community groups educating others about honey and bees. This CEO is empowering current and future generations to make positive decisions concerning honey bee health, habitat and pollination. Remember: No Bees, No Food, No People.

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. As there is a waiting room at our Zoom meeting, please come early!

Presentation will be Thursday, July 8th at 7:30pm

Named California Small Business of the Year, CSUMB Startup Challenge Main Street Division Winner and SCORE’s National Young Entrepreneur of the Year is just the beginning for Jake. He is the Owner and Operator of Carmel Honey Company. What began six years ago as a 5th grade homework assignment has now grown into a sweet family business. Learn more about this Carmel High School Senior and how he started a business in middle school, but also about the importance of bees to our ecosystem and the truth about real raw honey.
CONSERVATION UPDATE

1. **MST SURF! Bus Road**
   The Chapter submitted extensive comments on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the bus road proposed west of Highway 1 by Monterey-Salinas Transit. The new road is proposed for the narrow space between the freeway and the old railroad tracks immediately east of Fort Ord Dunes State Park. The Chapter advocated for the preparation of a full EIR and more thorough environmental review, as well as an analysis of alternatives. The proposed road would be dedicated exclusively for bus traffic and is situated in sensitive dune habitat that could host a number of rare dune plant species. (NN)

2. **Del Rey Oaks Habitat Reserve (CNPS Reserve 1 North)**
   The second mediation session scheduled for early March was postponed indefinitely until the City completes legal research. In June 2020, the Chapter sued Del Rey Oaks and the now-disbanded Fort Ord Reuse Agency because the 4.63-acre Reserve, which was protected as a mitigation condition in 2000, is now threatened by the construction of an expanded and realigned route for South Boundary Road. The road realignment would connect General Jim Moore Blvd. with Laguna Seca and service new developments sites within the city limits of Del Rey Oaks and Monterey. (NN)

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**The Leadership Garden Hedgerow at Rancho Cielo: By Julie Lorenzen**

The hedgerow installation began in May 2019. The National Charity League Class of 2020 helped with the install as part of their Senior Project. We had 17 senior girls plus their mothers come to Rancho Cielo starting in May and ending in September.

We began by removing weeds on the berm between the Leadership Garden and Transitional Housing. We then sheet mulched the entire area. The next step was irrigation. We ran Netafim tubing in three sections and added spaghetti tubing with drip emitters after the plants were installed. The plants were installed over a month’s time.

We also added about a pound of California Native wildflower seeds, which so far has resulted in an abundance of poppies and some yarrow. I am hoping that we will see even more wildflowers. However, we did recently find our first lupine. I am hopeful that we will begin to see even more.

Since the original install we have had to remove and add new plants. Some of the original plants didn’t make it and we are constantly adding plants to where we have empty spots. Recently we added Toyon, Coast Live Oak, Salvias and Arctostaphylos.
Plant of the month, by Patrick Regan

*Diplacus (Mimulus) aurantiacus* and hybrids

**Sticky Monkey Flower**

One of the classically “Californian” shrubs that school children learn about at an early age, sticky monkeyflower is indeed sticky leaved but otherwise a bit of a mystery, albeit memorable, in regard to the “monkey” part of the name. (Do you see an open-mouthed Lion tailed macaque in the flower?) Native through much of California from Oregon to Baja, this extremely common “shrublet” adds splashes of color to the native landscape for many months of the year. Rather than confusing you with classification changes; the plant that I will refer to going forward, is like a foster child in botanical taxonomy, moving from genera and family repeatedly over the last 3 decades and still slated for another official re-adoption soon – will simply be referred to as sticky monkeyflower. Typical colors range from light orange to deep brick red but natural variation and plant breeder’s efforts have produced pure white, cherry red, pink, yellow and multi-colored flowers. Right now, in my personal garden, one can find bright chiffon yellow, bronze orange, cream, red and dark pink selections in bloom. Left solely to the whims of the weather, sticky monkeyflower will usually explode into bloom in mid spring and flower profusely for a couple months until things completely dry out and it goes into a death like dormancy until the next rainy season. But this versatile little plant can provide multiple flushes of bloom throughout the course of the year by shearing off finished blossoms and giving an occasional, little water boost. This works just as well in containers on a patio as it does in the ground.

Many books will tell you that this is one of California’s most deer resistant plants, but that comes with a caveat or two; Extreme drought apparently causes deer to become illiterate and the more you water your monkeyflower plants (and most other natives) the more attractive they will look to those hungry, reading challenged deer. Naturalized monkey flower that gets no supplemental irrigation will be relatively long lived and truly deer resistant, but will test your aesthetic sensibilities for a few months in late summer. Happily, this plant is incredibly easy to grow and is more than worth the effort to try it both ways – supplemented and un-supplemented, to get the benefit of hummingbird attracting blooms all summer long and drought tolerant beauty in the dry border each spring. If need be you can treat them like annuals and water regularly in your traditional garden, replanting each winter or spring.

Botanists, Gardeners and nursery growers have selected dozens of unique color tones and variations over the years and introduced them to the garden world. Nurseries carrying native plants can have literally dozens of different named selections and species at this time of year. San Marcos Growers >Mimulus (smgrowers.com), A gallery of Mimulus cultivars - Native Plant Database (theodorepayne.org), Bush Monkeyflower | Nature Collective (thenaturecollective.org).

The late plant breeder Richard Persoff tinkered with monkey flowers from all over the state for nearly 30 years. His introductions provide a bigger flower and even more colors from deep darkest red to cheery lemon yellow. Richard was a bit of a rebel in the native plant horticulture world that he tried to create a truly water *tolerant*, disease tolerant, gardener tolerant plant that anyone could grow and intentionally used horticultural practices that would make most native plant growers queasy. His results were magnificent, and his passion is missed. Selections to look for include: ‘Jack’, ‘Jelly beans orange’, ‘Jelly beans lemon’, ‘Jelly beans red’, Jelly beans Gold’, ‘Jelly Beans Orange’ and a multi-colored form called ‘Jelly beans Fiesta marigold’
CNPS Monterey Bay Chapter is seeking a New Program Director!
If interested, please contact Brian LeNeve at the contact info listed below.

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