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General Meeting at Arboretum!

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Plant Keying Session with Deanna Giuliano 6:00 to 7:00 pm

General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Bring your FAVORITE dozen plant photographs of 2021!

Location: UCSC Arboretum and Botanic Garden

Plant Keying Session at 6 PM with Deanna Giuliano



Arcostaphylos crustacea. Photo: Deanna Giuliano

Come learn your Manzanitas! No experience is necessary. If you have a hand lens, microscope, Jepson Manual or any resource book, bring them with you to the meeting.

General (Business) Meeting starts at 7 PM

Come vote in your Annual Elections! See page 2 for slate.

Share your FAVORITE dozen photographs of 2021!

Join in the fun with a show and tell by members; bring your shots from far or near. Just bring a thumb drive with your digital photos; we'll have the computer and projector. You can tell us a little bit about them, and you'll never have a more appreciative audience for your favorite native plant photos.



Aquilegia formosa Photo: Linda Brodman



Prez Sez

Linda Brodman

During the past two years, we have faced many personal and professional challenges. I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and looking forward to the new year.

Our Chapter has had many changes in its leadership team, and I'm honored to have served in this role for the last 4 years. In 2022, we will be welcoming two new fresh faces (once elected) to our Board, Marisa Gomez and Ariel Hunter. Some folks are stepping down from the Board; however, they will continue to volunteer time for small duties that keep the ship running! If you have some energy and time to give, don't hesitate to let me know.

The pandemic has entered a new phase; albeit our coping skills seem to be better now than when it started to unravel in what seems like so long ago. In October, we had our first in-person public meeting since January 2020, and

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It's time for our Chapter Annual Election!

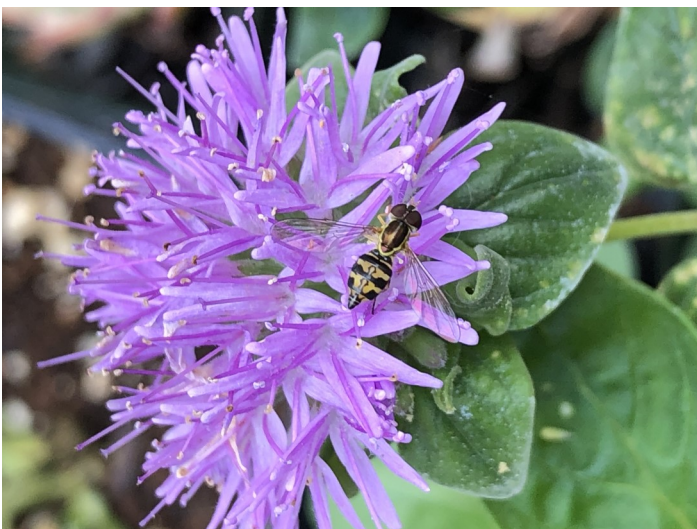
The Chapter Board of Directors are responsible for nominating a slate of directors and officers to be put before the members for the coming year at the annual business (general) meeting. All Chapter members may run for office; nominations may be made from the floor at the general meeting. Here is the slate put forth by the current Board of Directors:

Chapter Officers/Executive Committee

President	Linda Brodman
Vice President	Lucy Ferneyhough
Treasurer	Linda Brodman
Chapter Council Delegate	Lucy Ferneyhough
Secretary	Marisa Gomez
Past President	Deanna Giuliano

Board Members

Board Member	Deanna Giuliano
Board Member	Sylvie Childress
Board Member	Suzanne Schettler
Board Member	Stephen McCabe
Board Member	Kari Olsen
Board Member	Brett Hall
Board Member	Joe Bonanno
Board Member	Eva Marie Bonanno
Board Member	Ariel Hunter



Monardella villosa Russian River. Photo: Kari Olsen



Linda getting ready to tackle pampas grass at at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park. Photo: Chuck Baughman

Habitat Restoration Projects

Linda Brodman

Restoring native habitats in the parks and protected lands in Santa Cruz County, one (pulled) weed at a time!

Our regular team projects will be starting up again, mainly returning to our ongoing long term efforts (20 years and counting!) at French broom removal at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park. I will also be considering returning to other parks and open spaces for 2022.

Over the last almost two years, our workdays have been for experienced volunteers only, as we were not quite ready to open up to new or drop-in volunteers. Given the nature of change as we know it these days, if you are interested in joining us please contact Linda Brodman by email at redwdrn@pacbell.net or call at 831-462-4041. I will determine if we can have more volunteers closer to the time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Restoration Dates: Locations to be determined

Sunday, January 16, 2022 10 am to 1 pm
Saturday, January 22, 2022 10 am to 1 pm
Sunday, February 6, 2022 10 am to 1 pm
Saturday, February 12, 2022 10 am to 1 pm



Removal of pampas grass at at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park. Photo: Chuck Baughman

Field Trips

Henry Cowell State Park

Sunday January 23, 10am to 2pm (bring lunch, water)

Leader: Deanna Giuliano

Hike Henry Cowell with Deanna Giuliano and enjoy spectacular panoramic views from the observation deck while seeing our local *Arctostaphylos silvicola* in full bloom along with a few other local manzanitas in this special sand hill habitat that meanders through the forest and redwoods. This 5-mile round trip hike is a leisurely walk through the woods. Bring water, layers, sunscreen, hat, and a lunch. Meet at the County Juvenile facility off Graham Hill Rd.

This hike is limited to 12 people. Heavy rain cancels. Carpooling is encouraged. If you have questions about the trip, contact Deanna Giuliano at drosegiuliano@yahoo.com or 831 278-2699.

Fort Ord

Weds. January 26, 10am to 2:30pm (bring lunch, water)

Leader: Andy Werner



Arctostaphylos silvicola. Photo: Deanna Giuliano

Join Andy Werner at the Gigling Road parking area of Fort Ord for a field trip into the beautiful maritime chaparral habitat. Duration of the hike is 10-2:30, mileage is around 5-6 miles with some elevation gain, but nothing steep. The pace will be moderate with stops to look at and talk about plants. Bring lunch, water.

Due to the very confusing nature of the many unmarked and similar looking trails, if you start this hike you are going to have to do the whole hike.

To get to the meeting spot, take Lightfighter exit off Hwy 1, go into Fort Ord and turn right on Gen. Jim Moore Blvd. Go a couple blocks to Gigling Rd and turn left onto Gigling. Follow Gigling past the large Department of Defense building on your right to a gated area and park in the sandy area on your right—bingo! You are there. There are no bathrooms or any facilities at all.

We will focus on the beautiful, but confusing *Arctostaphylos* genus, as well as the incredible diversity of Fort Ord!

Hike is limited to 12 people. Sign up with Andy at: apwerner44@gmail.com.

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in-person fall plant sale since 2019 at the Arboretum. It was very revitalizing, and downright fun with a new sense of freedom to see people enjoy themselves at our public event, plant sale, and field trips. Be sure to check out the manzanita field trips coming up in January, and the latest news about habitat restoration work. We plan on continuing these events through 2022.

As I write this, mother nature has provided more rains, and much needed relief and supply to our land and reservoirs. With this ongoing wet winter, there is a harbinger for a prolific spring bloom. I remain hopeful.

Thank you for your support of our Chapter and mission in protecting California flora.



Sylvie Childress, board member.

Fall Plant Sale Sells Out Early

Julia Davenport

Due to overwhelming demand for native plants and members eager to attend an in-person sale, our October 16 plant sale was completely sold out in less than two hours, a first for our chapter! We were so

happy to see you all again, it felt almost normal. It was a beautiful day and we thank you for coming.

Our apologies to those of you who were unable to purchase the plants on your list. We will re-think our sales strategy for the spring sale to have more plants available to people who come a bit later, as there were lots of disappointed plant lovers this time.

The plants looked gorgeous thanks to our wonderful propagators. Many thanks to all the workers that day—it was a busy morning!

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Welcome New Members!

We hope to meet you at our next General Meeting, Tuesday, January 18, 6:00 keying session, 7:00 meeting. UCSC Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Masks required.

Justin Burks	Linda Handley	Beatriz Monteiro
Tricia Clark	Diana Hearn	Rebecca Rockom
Guy Cochrane	Armando Hernandez	Samantha Roger
Carolyn Conklin	Martin Hernandez	Leah Stern
Michael Coulson	Ariel Hunter	Don Stevens
Chuck Faulkner	Nancy Keck	Patty Walters
Devon Francis	Sally Mack	Evans Whitaker
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