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The Cypress Cone

California Native Plant Society
Santa Cruz County Chapter



Photographic Foray of our Native Flora

Member Slideshows and Potluck

Our next meeting, co-sponsored with the UCSC Arboretum, is a special get-together for all who are interested in getting involved and informed about our native flora and their habitats, and as well as our two organizations. Bring your friends—for a great introduction to the beauty of native plants.

Chapter General Meeting

UCSC Arboretum

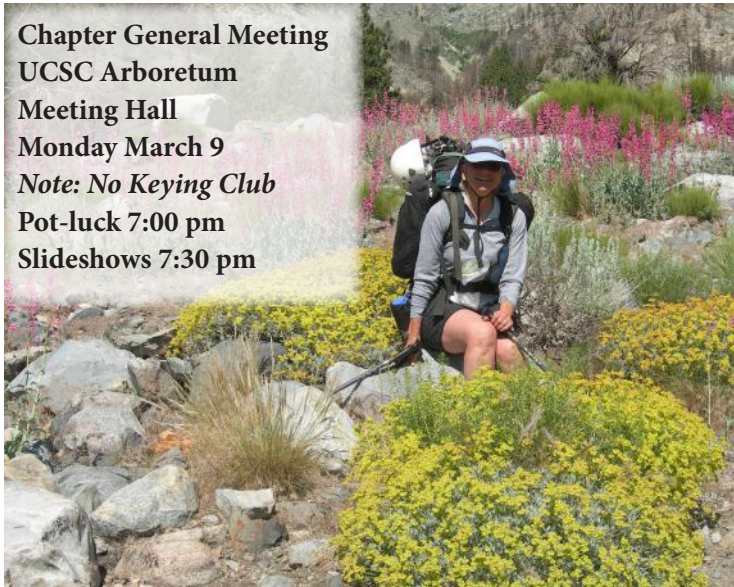
Meeting Hall

Monday March 9

Note: No Keying Club

Pot-luck 7:00 pm

Slideshows 7:30 pm



Debbie Bulger hiking in the East Sierras. Photo: Richard Stover

Did you travel somewhere locally or afar, and have some photographs of California native plants and diverse habitats? Did you take some beautiful pictures of scenery, flowers, and animals along the way? A few folks have signed up to participate, and there is room for more.

Now is a great time to share your wonderful photographs of native plants and habitats with a truly appreciative audience—or just sit back and enjoy the show and share a potluck dish. We hope to make this Members' Night a fun sharing evening.

If you'd like to show your digital photographs, please email Linda Brodman by March 1 (or very soon after!) at redwdrn@pacbell.net or call 831 462-4041. Time allotted will depend on how many participants RSVP. ☺

A Banner Spring Sale Ahead—April 18!

Debbie Bulger and Karen Hildebrand came up with the idea, the clever wording, and the terrific design for our new plant sale banner. It will be displayed for all to see on the fence outside the arboretum, in the weeks running up to the plant sale! The arboretum will also hang its sale banner nearby, promoting both plant sales to passers by. ☺



CNPS Conservation Conference a Great Hit

Did you go to the conference? "Our chapter was well represented," said Suzanne Schettler, "With two of our board members chairing conference sessions, and at least half a dozen making oral presentations. The only frustrating thing was that there were five concurrent sessions always going on and the most interesting ones often seemed to be happening at the same time. Oh, to clone oneself!"

Linda Brodman added, "What a gathering of floristic bio nerds from all over the state! Great opportunities to network, learn, and meet up with old friends, and like-minded comrades to celebrate one of California's great treasures—its trove of native flora. Yet, we are reminded by many key speakers, it will require due diligence on our part to continue the fight and our conservation work, to save our lovely state."

Deanna Giuliano helped Danny Slackey with the Rare Plant Treasure Hunt workshop and held a workshop on Native Plant Propagation for Restoration.

Suzanne Schettler said, "Ken Kellman chaired the session on Lichens and Bryophytes and also gave one of the oral presentations. Brett Hall and Susan Krzywicki, who recently gave a presentation to our chapter, co-chaired the Horticulture session in which I presented 'The Found Landscape.' Larry Ford contrib-

uted a poster on conservation-oriented grazing management."

Suzanne added that there were several other presenters from the Santa Cruz chapter too—we are sorry if we omitted your presentation! See this page for conference highlights:

www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2015/index.php

Douglas Iris Companion Plantings

Jackie Pascoe

With the spring plant sale coming up on April 18, it's time to have fun with garden planning. Maybe you'd like to put some *Iris douglasiana* in a bed that gets morning sun: what might go well with its blue and yellow blossoms and strappy dark green leaves? For low plants, how about choosing among yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), *Salvia* 'Dara's Choice,' and a low-growing manzanita or ceanothus? For taller shrubs, perhaps a more upright manzanita or ceanothus, and one of the lovely early blooming species in the *Ribes* genus, maybe *Ribes aureum* to pick up on the yellow in the iris petals. I'm sure you'll have other ideas, and other garden spaces to imagineer... ∞

Pete Veilleux (Iris, Ribes), and Jackie Pascoe



Note from the New Membership Chair

Ann Garside



Jonathan I Felis

Hello fellow Chapter members, I have recently taken over the membership chair position and thought to briefly introduce myself.

I have held a CNPS membership for many years, but my roots as a plant lover go even further back—think shelves full of houseplants pressed against the windows of a Northeast home, the home of my childhood, the windows shielding the poor things from

the bitter and cold of many, many months of inhospitable weather. To this day, I am astounded by the Central Coast growing season—with a bit of judiciously placed watering, it covers most of the year!

More recently (well, for the past few decades), my full time job entailed operations and maintenance of water recycling and wastewater treatment facilities, from which job(s) I was able to retire early. Now I am lucky enough to be able to indulge my first love—PLANTS!—native plants, and the outdoors, for as many hours a week as I like. These days I spend many of those outdoor hours with our Habitat Restoration Team removing invasives, and spend extra "quality time with our natives" doing hands-on growing with our Propagation Group.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you, the members of our Chapter, at upcoming meetings and events; what a wonderful purpose we serve as part of the California Native Plant Society. ∞

Membership News

Ann Garside

The Santa Cruz Chapter of CNPS extends a warm welcome to these brand new chapter members—**Alba Vaz** of Aptos; **Gwendolyn Casebeer** of Bonny Doon; **Dahlia Blau**, **Keith Loving**, and **Jon Vought** of Santa Cruz; and **Ellen Thompson** of Watsonville. Welcome folks!

Anyone who would prefer to receive newsletters via email instead of snail mail, feel free to notify me at aegrdwds@calcentral.com. The e-mailed PDF version of the newsletter is the delightful, color original from which we print our B & W mailed versions. ∞



Thank You Staff of Life

Staff of Life Natural Food Market gathers contributions for us from people who bring their own bags. Thank you, Staff of Life - we do appreciate your support!

Santa Cruz County Chapter Events

Volunteer at the UCSC Herbarium

Thursdays 9:30 am till noon. Carpool from PetSmart parking lot at 9:15 am. Prepare plant collections. Contact **Al Keuter**, akeuter@gmail.com.

Habitat Restoration

We work to restore native habitat in the parks and protected lands in Santa Cruz County. Learn about the natural systems that surround us while helping to restore special and wild places. No prior experience necessary. We welcome individual volunteers from 8 to 80 years, as well as special group projects.

Our upcoming projects are all at **Quail Hollow Ranch County Park**. Contact program leader Linda Brodman for details: 831.462.4041, or redwdrn@pacbell.net

- Saturday, February 28, 10 am - 1 pm**
- Saturday, March 14, 10 am - 1 pm**
- Saturday March 28, 10 am - 1 pm**

Field Trips

Carpooling is encouraged, but not CNPS sponsored. Bring water, layers, sunscreen, hat and a lunch. Heavy rain cancels.

Contact Deanna Giuliano for any questions at drosegiuliano@yahoo.com or call 831.355.4902.

Saturday March 28, 10am-3pm. Calypso Orchids of Butano. Join Deanna to see the beautiful purple Calypso orchids, along with western wake robin, skunk cabbage, and an array of flowering native berry species. Hike is about 6.5 miles with some elevation gain. If you're interested in carpooling, meet at the Westside New Leaf parking lot on Fair Avenue at 9:15.

Wednesday April 22, 9:30 am-1:30 pm. Wilder Ranch with Andy Werner. Join Andy on **Earth Day** to see an array of colors of our beautiful *Iris douglasiana* and other spring wildflowers. This is a moderate hike of 6 miles with little elevation gain.

Sunday April 26, 10 am-3 pm. Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve with Kevin Bryant. Join Kevin Bryant on a 4-5 mile loop hike through this local gem, a biological island set in the inland marine sand deposits unique to Santa Cruz County. In addition to seeing several endemic and disjunct species, we'll take in a snapshot of post-fire recovery nearly 7 years after the Martin Fire. There should be plenty of flowers to admire, including dazzling trail sections that take us through populations of *Ceanothus* and other shrubs in full bloom.

Due to the sensitive nature of this area, the trip size will be

limited. To reserve your spot and receive trip details, contact **Kevin** at mtngreen17@gmail.com or (408) 348-9470.

Monterey Chapter Events

Go to <http://montereybay.cnps.org> for details and contacts.

Habitat Restoration

Contact Bruce Delgado at 277-7690 or bdelgdo62@gmail.com for details.

- First Saturday in the month, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Broom Bash, East Side of Point Lobos State Reserve.
- Third Sunday in the month, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Soberanes Creek Cape Ivy Bash.

Field Trips

- Sunday, March 8, 10 am. Garzas Creek Broomrape Hike.
- Sunday, March 15, 8:30 am. Quest for the rare and endangered Dudley's Lousewort.
- Monday, March 16, 9 am. Garland Ranch Wildflowers.
- Sunday, March 29, 9:30 am. Jacks Peak Hound's Tongue Hike.
- Wednesday, April 8, 9:30 am. Mount Madonna—from Serpentine to Redwoods Hike.
- Sunday, April 12, 10 am. Peak of Spring Fort Ord National Monument Wildflower Tour.
- Sunday, April 26, 9am. Upper Garzas Creek Hike/BBQ Potluck
- Wednesday April 29, 9 am. Fort Ord Spring Wildflowers.

Wildflower Show

April 17, 18 & 19, 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. There will be plenty to do all days in addition to enjoying over 600 species of wildflowers.

- Plant ID help, and tours of the museum's native plant garden.
- Each day at 11 am: "Identifying Plant Families" with instructor Sue Hubbard.
- Each day at 2 pm: Drawing Wildflowers Workshop with John Muir Laws (\$15.00 fee).
- Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm: a Native Plant Fair with hands-on activities and information.
- Saturday at 1 pm: Pat Regan presentation: "Native Plant Gardening in Pots."
- Sunday at 2 pm: Michael Mitchell on "Revising the Monterey County Flora."



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Donations to your chapter are tax-deductible and support special projects such as publication of the county Checklist, and conservation activities that preserve important habitats and species in our area. You may earmark gifts for specific areas. (Your membership is also tax deductible, minus \$12 for the journal Fremontia, three issues per year.) Make checks payable to CNPS and send to: CNPS, P.O. Box 1622, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

Newsletter contributions welcomed! Next deadline: April 16.
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Your membership includes Fremontia, a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants; the Bulletin, a statewide report of activities and schedules; and the Cypress Cone.

Richard Stover



CNPS Spring Plant Sale is on April 18 At the Arboretum Eucalyptus Grove

April 11 to April 19 is
California Native Plant Week!

Regular Chapter Events

See newsletter or cruzcnpns.org for details and contacts.

Native Plant Propagation, third Sunday of the month.

Habitat Restoration Help to keep invasives out!

Field Trips Learn more about natives as you hike!

Volunteer at the Herbarium Prepare plant collections

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