

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MARIN CHAPTER

January 2022 Newsletter

Marin Chapter Meeting "Winter Wonders in the Woods at Muir Woods"

Guest Speaker: **Mia Monroe**, Community Liaison for Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Mon. Jan. 10 @ 7:30 PM

[Register for this Zoom meeting here.](#)



Parks Conservancy Public Information Coordinator
Melissa De Gant helped visitors understand the
scope of the Redwood Renewal project in Muir
Woods

by Paul Myers / Parks Conservancy

[Redwood Renewal](#) is a family of projects working for a hopeful future in [Muir Woods](#)! Bold efforts are underway to enhance salmon habitat, redwood forest health, visitor access, and more! Now is the time to visit Muir Woods. We will take a peek at the early floral show ahead! Learn about work on your Marin public lands, ask questions about OneTam, see what volunteers do, hear how we welcome Jr. Rangers!

Mia Monroe is a National Park Ranger, now working as the Marin Community Liaison for [Golden Gate National Recreation](#)

[Area](#) (GGNRA). She has wandered Muir Woods most of her life, is particularly fond of ferns, and volunteers for monarch butterfly community science efforts.

Marin Chapter Field Trips

Field Trip Guidelines:

- **Email Susan Schlosser** at scschlosser52@gmail.com to sign up for a field trip, as we are limiting participants to 15.
- **Electronically sign** the CNPS Liability waiver for the trip (Susan will provide the link.)

Novato Baylands Nursery and Hamilton Wetlands Site Visit
Saturday January 22, 2022 10 AM to 12:30 PM

Field trip leader: **Stacey Pogorzelski**

Join staff and volunteers of [Novato Baylands Stewards](#) for a rare opportunity to tour their nursery and a nearby restoration site. Novato Baylands Stewards is tasked with growing tens of thousands of plants and restoring the wetlands of Hamilton Field and the adjoining Bel Marin Keys parcel. "[Planting A Community in the Novato Wetlands.](#)" an article in the Dec. 2021 Newsletter, describes their mission and positive impacts on the environment and the community.



Female coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) in Redwood
Creek by Jessica Weinberg / Parks Conservancy



Novato Baylands Stewards propagation beds
Instagram - novatobaylandsbstewards



The tour will begin at the nursery and “garden and in-ground propagation beds.” We will then caravan out on dirt roads (weather permitting) to see the newest wetland restoration area in the Bel Marin Keys parcel. This a very stunning location (east of BMK homes). We will see the new levee. It is not accessible to the general public, so it is a unique opportunity. Additional transportation available in NBS trucks and golf carts if needed.

Heavy rain cancels. Masks are required in the nursery building.

This field trip is limited to 15 participants. To sign up for this field trip, email Susan



Schlosser, scschlosser52@gmail.com. She will send you the link to the CNPS waiver required to participate in this field trip.

Contact Stacey Pogorzelski at staceypogo@gmail.com with questions about trip details.

[Read more about this field trip.](#) [Upcoming field trip details can be viewed here.](#)

Chapter Elections

Chapter members voted on our slate during the Nov. and Dec. meetings and have elected the following officers for 2022:



Co-President: Kristin Jakob
Treasurer: Kate Wing
Eva Buxton
Ann Elliott
Laura Lovett

Co-President: David Long
Recording Secretary: Woody Elliott
Paul da Silva
Carolyn Longstreth
Eddie Robertson

Many thanks to our new and continuing volunteers who all contribute to keeping the Marin Chapter vibrant!

Kids' Corner (for the young at heart)

Lichen grows on trees, rocks, and soil. It is a partnership between a fungus (like a mushroom) and an algae (like seaweed or pond scum). New studies have found extra ingredients: other fungi, yeast, and cyanobacteria.

Check out these articles and videos.

- [lichen](#) Britannica Kids
- [Lichen Facts for Kids](#) Kiddle
- [Lichen: Two Living Things in One](#) Sci Show Kids



Lichen on fallen coast redwood branch
Woody Elliott

Want more depth?

- [Between Two Lichens](#) What's in a Lichen? How Scientists Got It Wrong for 150 Years, National Geographic
- [Why is Lichen Important?](#) Eco Sapien
- [What's Not to Lichen? Little Known, Little Understood?](#) National Institute of Environmental Health Science

New Year's Resolution: Tackle Those Invasive Plants!

Your resolution to work on creating defensible space around your home can be aided by borrowing a weed wrench from Marin CNPS. Broom and other fire-prone woody plants are easier to remove using a weed wrench when the soil is moist.

You may borrow up to seven wrenches in three sizes, including one large wrench weighing 16.5 lbs. with a jaw capacity of 2.5 inches. Contact Eva Buxton (Conservation & Invasive Species Chair) evabuxton@sbcglobal.net



Broom wrenched from property neighboring China Camp State Park by Mary Jo Walker

Here are excerpts of notes from someone who borrowed two wrenches:

Hello Eva,

The CNPS weed wrenches were incredibly helpful in removing the Broom. Essential really. This is such a great service that the CNPS offers. I can hardly believe I was able to do all the pulling and moving myself. It took about 2 months from beginning to end. We back up against China Camp State Park, so I feel good about getting this huge hedge of Broom out of here. We can now see the beautiful park oaks.

We were thinking of hiring a landscaper to do it, but feared they would take out the natives along with the broom.

Mary Jo Walker, CNPS member for over 30 years, first in SF, then Santa Cruz, and now here.

[Read more about the wrenches. . .](#)

Upcoming Marin Chapter Events - 2021

1/10 @ 7:30 PM - Chapter Meeting ["Winter Wonders in the Works at Muir Woods"](#) Guest Speaker: **Mia Monroe**, Community Liaison for Golden Gate National Recreation Area

1/22 10 AM to 12:30 PM - Field Trip [Novato Baylands Nursery and Hamilton Wetlands Site Visit](#)

Check CNPSMarin.org for upcoming field trips and events as they are scheduled.

Marin Chapter Board Meetings generally occur on the first Monday of each month. To attend, contact co-President David Long sfdlong@ix.netcom.com



Other CNPS and Related Events

Participate in CNPS Events - Statewide & Organized by Other Chapters, etc. Peruse the [CNPS Calendar of Events](#). Here are a few from CNPS and elsewhere:

1/2 @ 10 AM - [New Year Hike](#) Marin Headlands & Rodeo Beach, Latino Outdoors SF Bay Area

1/6 @ 5:30 PM - [Naturehood Gardening: Seeding Wildflowers](#)

Jan. 10-11, 2022 - [Northern California Botanists](#) two-day symposium: "Tools for a New Decade of Managing Northern California Plant Communities" in a fully virtual format, plus a third day of online workshops. Also included are a poster session and keynote speaker.

1/13 @ 5 PM - [Wildlife Webinar](#), Latino Outdoors SF Bay Area

1/13 @ 7:30 PM - [Learn about favorite local native plants by using Calflora](#) Yerba Buena Chapter

1/18 11:30 AM to 1 PM - [Plant Talk Panel w/ Susan Karasoff as guest](#) Gardening questions answered.

1/18 @ 7:30 PM - [Resilient Landscaping: Gardening in the Defensible Space Zone](#) Milo Baker Chapter

1/19 @ 7:30 PM - [Treasure Hunting after the 2020 Fires](#) Amy Patton, CNPS Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Manager, hosted by Santa Clara Valley Chapter



Lichen on Coast Live Oak branchlet - Ann Elliott

Join the fun!

Spread the news about Marin CNPS. Submit ideas, articles, events, photos, art work, literary items to Ann Elliott, Newsletter Editor annonfire@gmail.com.

Please promote our events and stories on your social media. Thank you!



Lichen on water tank and Ann Elliott by Woody Elliott

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