



# California Native Plant Society

## MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)*

*Marin Chapter established 1973*



**Above:** High Sierra Vista by Aaron Schusteff

### **Monday, April 12, Marin Chapter Meeting**

### **“A Sampling of the High Country Flora of the Sequoia/Kings Canyon Area” by guest speaker Aaron Schusteff**

Our April speaker, Aaron Schusteff, will share photos of many botanical treasures from various Sierran locales: Alta Peak and Mineral King on the west side, and Kearsarge Pass, Humphries Basin, and Mono Pass/Pioneer Basin on the crest.

There will be plenty of floral treats, ranging from the low-montane to the high-alpine communities. This will be a chance for you to enjoy sky pilot (*Polemonium eximium*) and alpine gold (*Hulsea algida*) without huffing and puffing to the highest crest!

There may even be some vertebrates and invertebrates thrown in for a bit of biological balance.

Aaron Schusteff was born in Chicago. When he was five years old his family moved to the west (initially Tucson)...at which point, for him, the world changed from black and white to Technicolor! He's had a lifelong love of mountains, deserts, and nature in general. In 1998, after spending too many years indoors studying and teaching mathematics, he immersed himself in a

passion for field botany. This provided a richly fulfilling experience of beauty and fascination...and a good excuse to spend lots more time out in the wild! Aaron's study of botany began with evening classes from Glenn Keator at the California Academy of Sciences, and has been immensely enriched by countless CNPS field trips and members.



**Above:** Sierra Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra nevadensis*) by Aaron Schusteff

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Many of Aaron's plant photos can be viewed on the CalPhotos website at <http://calphotos.berkeley.edu> (enter his name for the Photographer option and click Search).

April meeting:

**5:45 p.m.** Join friends and meet our speaker for a no-host dinner at Gira Polli of Mill Valley, 590 East Blithedale Ave. at Camino Alto. Please call Gerd or Kristin Jakob at (415) 388-1844 at least one day ahead to be assured of a seat with our group.

**7:30 p.m.** Meet at the Redwoods retirement home, 40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley. Books, posters, cards, and native plants will be for sale before as well as after the meeting. Lecture starts at 8 p.m.



## GGNRA RARE PLANT MONITORING

Rare plant monitoring volunteer programs in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Help gather crucial data on rare plant populations in the GGNRA while enjoying some of the most spectacular areas of the park. Monitoring sessions are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP at least two days in advance by calling (415) 561-2857 or sending an email to Michael Chassé at [michael\\_chasse@nps.gov](mailto:michael_chasse@nps.gov).

**Thursday, April 8, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.**

Stinson Beach area (*Stebbinoseris decipiens*, local rarities). Meet at the Stinson Beach parking lot.

**Thursday, April 15, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.**

Nicasio Ridge (*Castilleja affinis* ssp. *neglecta*, *Streptanthus glandulosus* ssp. *pulchellus*, *Fritillaria liliacea*). Meet at the beginning of Laurel Canyon Rd. off Point Reyes-Petaluma Rd.

**Thursday, April 29, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.**

Four Corners (*Calochortus umbellatus*, local rarities). Meet at the "Four Corners" intersection of Panoramic Hwy. and the road down to Muir Woods.

**Thursday, May 6, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.**

Tennessee Valley (*Cirsium andrewsii*, local rarities). Meet at the Tennessee Valley parking lot.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- \* **Tuesday 4/6, 7 p.m. (Note New Day/Time!)**  
Marin Chapter Board Meeting at Marin Recycling
- \* **Friday 4/9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
MCOSD Field Trip: Mt. Burdell
- \* **Saturday 4/10, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
Marin Chapter Plant Sale
- \* **Monday 4/12, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Marin Chapter Meeting: Aaron Schusteff on "A Sampling of the High Country Flora of the Sequoia/Kings Canyon Area"
- \* **Wednesday 4/14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
MCOSD Field Trip: Nicasio Reservoir
- \* **Saturday 4/17, 9 a.m.**  
Chapter Field Trip: Mt. Tam Interpretive Association at Rock Spring
- \* **Saturday 4/17, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
Regional Parks Botanic Garden Plant Sale
- \* **Sunday 4/18, 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
Chapter Field Trip: Deer Park—Yolanda Trail with Sustainable Fairfax
- \* **Sunday 4/18, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
Going Native Garden Tour (Santa Clara/Peninsula)
- \* **Friday 4/23, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
MCOSD Field Trip: Soulajule Reservoir
- \* **Sunday 4/25, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
Yerba Buena Chapter Garden Tour
- \* **Wednesday 4/28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
MCOSD Field Trip: Wildflowers of Ring Mountain
- \* **Sunday 5/2, 2 p.m.**  
Chapter Field Trip: Samuel P. Taylor State Park
- \* **Sunday 5/2, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**  
Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour
- \* **Tuesday 5/4, 7 p.m. (Note New Day/Time!)**  
Marin Chapter Board Meeting at Marin Recycling
- \* **Monday 5/10, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Marin Chapter Meeting: Speaker TBD. Check the chapter website for details.
- \* **Saturday 5/15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
Fourth Annual Marin Eco-Friendly Garden Tour

## RARE PLANT OF THE MONTH

Text and photo by Doreen Smith

Now flowering on Point Reyes near Chimney Rock and the Lighthouse areas is coast larkspur, *Delphinium decorum*. The outer Point specimens are short, hairy, few-flowered, and dwarf. These are ssp. *decorum* with leaves with up to five lobes.



**Above:** Coast larkspur (*Delphinium decorum* ssp. *decorum*)

In more sheltered spots the larkspurs grow taller and have more flowers per peduncle; they may be seen north of the Abbotts Lagoon trail and on the Marin Headlands. Some even approach *Delphinium patens*, spreading larkspur, in morphology. This is another local early-blooming species which is usually found further inland and associated with oak woodlands. Local *Delphiniums* can be hard to key out and some of them hybridize with each other as well.



## WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like to make a suggestion for a chapter meeting program, field trip, plant identification workshop, or anything else, please contact us. You can phone or email your ideas to any of the board members listed on page 8 of the newsletter.

## PLANT SALES

### Marin Chapter 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale

**Saturday, April 10, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Our annual sale will be held at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Rd., Tiburon. There will be a good selection of California native plants including flowering currants and gooseberries, ceanothus, manzanitas, irises, salvias, wild strawberries, heucheras, grasses, rushes, and sedges. Volunteers will be needed and appreciated to help set up, write up sales, and assist customers. Volunteering for just an hour or two or for the day is a great way to meet other members and our supportive public. If you can't help this year, we would still welcome you to stop by and pick up a few beautiful native plants. At 11 a.m., Wima Follette will give a talk entitled, "Spring Around California."

**Thursday, April 8, Setup Day:** Plants are delivered to the sale area at the Audubon Center between 12 and 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help label, price, and prepare the plants for sale. Members who may be growing plants for the sale can either bring them on Thursday between 12 and 2 p.m. or on Saturday morning before 8:45 a.m., when the gates will be closed to cars.

**Saturday, April 10, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., Sale Day:** Setting up starts at 8 a.m., arranging the plants, and getting everything ready for opening to the public at 9:30. It would be very helpful if some people could arrive at 8 as there's much to do before the opening. Between 9:30 and 1:30 we'll assist the customers and sell plants. There will be knowledgeable members there to help with horticultural questions.

Items needed: Small boxes about the size of a wine box and wheelbarrows to help us carry plants to customers' cars. For further information or to volunteer, contact Renee Fittinghoff at (415) 388-6850/ reneef94941@gmail.com or Kristin Jakob at (415) 388-1844/kristinjakob@pacbell.net.

### Regional Parks Botanic Garden Plant Sale

**Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**

California shrubs, trees, and perennials will be for sale. Find many plants that are not available in a commercial nursery. Horticultural advice gladly given! Come and explore the Garden and buy some plants to take home.

Please bring boxes to carry home your treasures and an umbrella if it rains. All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the Regional Parks Botanic Garden.

Location: intersection of Wildcat Canyon Rd. & South Park Dr. (near the Brazil Building) in Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley (park along Anza View Rd.) For more information, visit <http://www.nativeplants.org>.

## **APRIL 2010 NATIVE PLANT WALKS**

### **Marin Chapter Field Trip News and Policies**

Take a walk on the mild side with the Marin chapter of the California Native Plant Society. All hikes are free and open to the public, so please invite your friends.

Come prepared for any type of weather or conditions, dress in layers, have non-slip footwear, and bring rain/wind protection just in case. Although it may be sunny and warm when you leave home, the weather could be cold and foggy when we reach our destination. Bring lunch and plenty of water, binoculars and/or hand lenses, and your favorite field guides. Please contact hike Leaders with any questions about the hikes.

### **Field Trip Plant Lists**

Plant lists compiled by Marin CNPS for many Marin localities are available on the Marin Chapter CNPS website at <http://www.marin.edu/cnps>.

### **Mt. Tamalpais Interpretive Association at Rock Spring**

**Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m.**

Volunteers needed to educate the enthusiastic members of Mt. Tamalpais Interpretive Association in correctly identifying the wildflowers near Rock Spring for their traditional special "Wildflower Weekend." Meet at the Rock Spring parking lot on Mt. Tamalpais.

### **Wildflower Walk in Collaboration with Sustainable Fairfax**

**Sunday, April 18, 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

Location: Deer Park—Yolanda Trail. Benefit for Sustainable Fairfax: a donation of \$10 is suggested (no one turned away for lack of funds). This is a family friendly walk, and all levels/ages are welcome!

Join us on a walk and view the native richly colored expanse of spring wildflowers along Fairfax's wild trails, which are immensely diverse and awe-inspiring in their beauty. April is excellent for wildflowers in Marin. The Deer Park area is no exception. Plan for baby blue eyes, yerba buena, and oaks and bay laurels. The creek in Corte Madera watershed should be running, and there will be some picturesque views. This local flora defines our Fairfax landscape and offers us a sense of place, pride, and stability. Bring binoculars and your camera. Bring a lunch if you plan to stay for the entire walk, and always remember to pack plenty of water.

From 101, go west on Sir Francis Drake to the town of Fairfax. Turn left on Pastori, make the first right onto Broadway, and then turn left onto Bolinas. Drive about 0.5 mile, then turn left onto Porteous Avenue. The road almost immediately splits—bear right to remain on Porteous. Drive about 0.5 mile to the parking lot/

trailhead at the end of the road. The walk will take place as scheduled if it rains, unless it is an extreme storm. Contact leader with weather questions.

Leader: Dabney Smith—(415) 320-9229.

### **Samuel P. Taylor State Park**

**Sunday, May 2, 2 p.m.**

Meet in the group picnic area parking lot at the start of the Pioneer Tree Trail (across the creek from the main picnic/parking area). We will walk the Pioneer Tree Trail and part of the Cross Marin Trail, identifying trees, shrubs, and flowers. We should see coast trillium, elk clover, fairy bells, clintonia, anemones, mission bells, and violets among the flowers. Trees include redwoods, oaks, alders, maples, and California nutmeg. The walk is gentle, with a few hundred feet rise and drop over 1.5 miles and then 0.5 miles level.

From 101, go west on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. through Fairfax and the village of Lagunitas into the park. Take a left into the main picnic area a couple of miles after entering the park (there is a fee). Park and walk across the bridge to the group picnic area. Meet at the far end of that parking lot, where the trail starts. Co-sponsored by the East Bay chapter of CNPS.

Leader: David Margolies—[divaricatum@gmail.com](mailto:divaricatum@gmail.com), (510) 393-1858 (cell).

## **OPEN SPACE DISTRICT HIKES**

### **Wildflowers of Mount Burdell**

**Friday, April 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

The serpentine-laced slopes on the south side of this Novato preserve produce a splendid mix of wildflowers of all shapes, colors, and sizes. Prepare to be overwhelmed! From Highway 101 in Novato, take the Atherton Ave./San Marin Dr. exit and head west on San Marin Dr. Turn right at San Carlos Way. MCOSD gate is at the end of San Carlos Way.

### **Flowers of Nicasio Reservoir**

**Wednesday, April 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

When this reservoir was created, a large island was formed. We'll cross the causeway to explore this unique landscape and seek out some coastal wildflower specialties. Meet at the trailhead on the Point Reyes-Petaluma Rd. (about 0.7 miles west of the junction with Nicasio Valley Rd.)

### **Soulajule Reservoir**

**Friday, April 23, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**

This site, managed by the Marin Municipal Water District, is one of the hidden jewels of the county. Birds, wildflowers, and abundant wildlife await us in this remote canyon. From Novato head west on Novato

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Bldv., turn right at Point Reyes-Petaluma Rd., turn left on Hicks Valley Rd., and turn left at the Marshall-Petaluma Rd. Go exactly three miles until you see a white gate on your left. Press the black button on the side of the key pad and the gate will open. (Note: there are no signs for SoulaJule at the road or gate.) Drive through gate and follow the signs to our meeting point.

## Wildflowers of Ring Mountain

**Wednesday, April 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Many rare plant species are found here, but the overwhelming diversity of colors and shapes make this walk a “spring classic.” From the north section of Paradise Dr., turn south onto Taylor Dr., and meet at the end of the road.

For more information, visit the Marin County Open Space District website at [http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/PK/Main/mcosd/os\\_walks.asp](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/PK/Main/mcosd/os_walks.asp) or contact David Herlocker at (415) 499-3647.



## GARDEN TOURS

### Fourth Annual Marin Eco-Friendly Gardens Tour

**Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Over 30 locations on this year’s tour! This self-guided tour will include a variety of Bay-friendly gardens. At each location, a professional landscaper, designer, or homeowner will be available to provide information and respond to questions.

Garden Highlights:

- Native, drought-tolerant, fire-resistant, and creekside plants
- Native no-mow lawn and lawn-free landscaping
- Edible organic gardens
- Rain gardens and cisterns
- Smart irrigation controllers
- Permeable surfaces
- Swales
- Creekside restoration
- Graywater systems
- Erosion control measures
- Living roof
- Cob bench
- Habitat for wildlife
- Pollinators (bee hives)
- Vineyard and farms

Free organized tours, demonstrations, and presentations at select locations. Find carpool information at <http://www.rideshare.us>; use lookup code Marin Eco Tour.

Registration required—reserve your place today! Cost is \$10 per person; free passes for students and low-income individuals on request.

Contact Gina Purin (MCSTOPPP) at (415) 499-3202 or [gpurin@co.marin.ca.us](mailto:gpurin@co.marin.ca.us) for more information, or visit <http://www.mcstoppp.org/EFgardentour2010.html>.

## Native Plant Garden Tour

**Sunday, April 25, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.**

CNPS Yerba Buena Chapter presents their annual San Francisco and Pacifica garden tour. No registration required. Free and self-paced. Visit any time between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Visit [http://www.cnps-yerbabuena.org/gardens/annual\\_garden\\_tour](http://www.cnps-yerbabuena.org/gardens/annual_garden_tour) for a garden list, tour map, and more information, or contact Susan Floore at [sfloore@earthlink.net](mailto:sfloore@earthlink.net).

## Going Native Garden Tour 2010

**Sunday, April 18, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

This community-based tour of native gardens in the Santa Clara Valley and Peninsula is free to registered participants. It features about 45 gardens, most of them private home gardens, which are open on tour day for viewing by the public in a do-it-yourself, open house format. The goals of the tour are to demonstrate reduced water use, reduced chemical and pesticide use, improved habitat, and the unique aesthetic appeal of gardens designed with California native plants.

Registration is now open at <http://www.goingnativegardentour.org> and will close at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 18 or when the tour reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Early registration is highly recommended, as the tour usually fills to capacity.

## Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour 2010

**Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

The Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is seeking volunteers who will spend a morning or afternoon greeting tour participants and answering questions at this native plant garden tour. More than 50 gardens located throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties will be showcased on this tour.

Benefits to volunteers include invitations to Garden Soirees, in which tour gardens are open for leisurely, private viewing by hosts and volunteers; a pre-tour meeting with the owner and private tour of the garden you will be staffing; a guaranteed tour reservation for the half day you are free; and a Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour t-shirt. To volunteer, please complete the main registration form. For more information, please email Kathy Kramer at [Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net](mailto:Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net), or call (510) 236-9558 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

## CNPS WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The Plant Science Training Program specializes in providing workshops for professional botanists, biologists, and ecologists to teach the skills and provide the tools and resources for conducting sound scientific surveys for rare plants, rare plant communities, vegetation, wetlands, and invasive plants. Discounted registration fees are offered to CNPS Members.

### ***April 12-14: Vernal Pool Plant Taxonomy—UC Davis and Central Valley Vernal Pools***

Three full days of field and laboratory exercises. Participants will acquire a higher level of knowledge and confidence in identifying vernal pool plants both in the laboratory and in the field. They will learn characters used to distinguish species beyond those used in the typical dichotomous plant key and gain field identification skills to make participants more efficient and effective at vernal pool vegetation assessments, floristic surveys, and rare plant surveys.

**Instructors:** Carol Witham and Nick Jensen

**Cost:** CNPS Members (\$395) | Non-members (\$420)

### ***April 15-16: Classification of Vernal Pool Plant Communities—Central Valley Vernal Pools***

Two-day combination of lecture and field trips. This is an intensive and pragmatic course on plant community identification, sampling design, and ecology. The course also reviews general plant community attributes and the relationship between vernal pool communities and rare species occurrence, conservation, and restoration priorities, as well as vegetation mapping. The course is designed to accommodate consultants or agency staff with diverse backgrounds who want or need to improve their knowledge of, and skills with, vernal pool vegetation and habitats. The class is being designed to specifically accommodate the needs of the California Department of Fish and Game and the US Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Instructors:** Michael Barbour, Ayzik Solomeshch

**Cost:** CNPS Members (\$295) | Non-members (\$320)

### ***May 4-6: Measuring and Monitoring Plant Populations***

Three-day combination of lecture and field exercises. Using classroom and field exercises, the workshop will focus on the role of plant population monitoring for adaptive management. Participants will learn how to develop good management objectives. Topics cover principles of sampling and several sampling designs, field techniques for measuring vegetation, analyzing monitoring data, and presenting results. Participants will receive a copy of the BLM-published book,

*Measuring and Monitoring Plant Populations* by Caryl Elzinga, Dan Salzer, and John Willoughby.

**Location:** TreePeople's Cold Water Canyon Park (located on the ridgeline between Beverly Hills and Studio City)

**Instructor:** John Willoughby

**Cost:** CNPS Members (\$410) | Non-members (\$435)

### ***May 18-20: Riparian Ecology and Restoration***

Please join CNPS and Stillwater Sciences for a three-day, riparian ecology and restoration workshop. The first day, at UC Davis, includes lecture and discussion that provides a conceptual framework for riparian ecology and the natural processes that sustain riparian systems. The remaining days will include at-site lectures and field visits to riparian areas in Marin County and the Central Valley. In the field, we will see how riparian systems function from the source waters to the river mouth, and visit restoration sites that demonstrate a broad range of approaches and techniques. The strengths and concerns associated with each will be discussed, as well as the practical challenges (and solutions) that arise in the planning, implementation, and monitoring phases of riparian restoration and management.

**Instructors:** Bruce Orr, Amy Merrill

**Cost:** CNPS Members (\$395) | Non-members (\$420)

### ***June 1-3: Wetlands Plants and Ecosystems***

First evening presentation followed by two field days interspersed with lab identification exercises. California is rich in wetland ecosystems. They are found across all geographic regions of the state where a combination of topography and hydrology result in saturated conditions at least part of the year. The valleys and rugged terrain of eastern Mendocino County are an ideal location for the study of wetland systems commonly found across the state. These include perennial streams, ponds, and marshes, as well as small intermittent tributary streams, vernal pools, seeps, and springs. This workshop will include field trips to the Hopland Field Station and Little Lake Valley north of Willits to observe plant communities and soil characteristics of different wetland types, and the influences of topography and hydrology. Plants of the sedge (Cyperaceae), rush (Juncaceae), and grass (Poaceae) families are well represented in this region and will be the focus of the class. Participants will have the opportunity to identify difficult plants during scheduled day and evening lab sessions.

**Instructors:** Kerry Heise, Gerri Hulse-Stephens, Joel Butterworth

**Cost:** CNPS Members (\$310) | Non-members (\$335)

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For detailed course descriptions, registration forms, and workshops for the rest of 2010, visit <http://cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops>.

If you have further questions after visiting the website, contact Josie Crawford at [jcrawford@cnps.org](mailto:jcrawford@cnps.org) or (916) 447-2677 ext. 205.

## **WINTER AND SPRING CLASSES 2010**

### **East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden**

Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden at Wildcat Canyon Rd. and South Park Dr. (South Park Dr. is closed November–March), Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley.

***Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.***

**Spring Native Plant Workshop in a Private Garden**  
with Katherine Greenberg

Join garden designer Katherine Greenberg for a spring native plant workshop in her garden. This waterwise garden reflects the character and diversity of the natural landscape and provides habitat for wildlife. Through an informal presentation, discussion, and walk through the garden, you will learn about plants for seasonal interest in spring/summer, attracting wildlife, and design.

**Location:** The Greenberg garden in Lafayette (driving directions provided upon registration)

**Cost:** \$30 Garden members/\$35 nonmembers

***Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.***

**Botanizing California: Mines Road** with Glenn Keator  
(Class Full)

***Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.***

**The Spring Color Palette** with Andie Thrans

Mixing colors is one of the joys of making art, yet it can be frustrating without a clear understanding of the language of color. Our projects will give you the tools to accurately mix the colors you seek, deepen your awareness of how colors interact and create mood, help you observe what colors you are drawn to, and learn ways to make use of this powerful knowledge in your future projects. No experience necessary.

**Cost:** \$75 Garden members/\$85 nonmembers

***Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.***

**Watercolors in the Field** with Andie Thrans

Spring flora will be our inspiration for a lively sampling of painting approaches that dance between controlled and wilder techniques for working outdoors. Our projects include experimenting with different brushes to find your own best marks; watercolor techniques such as wet into wet, dry brush, and glazing; painting one-

stroke leaves and petals; rendering broad energetic gestures; zooming in to portray botanical detail; and more. An understanding of color mixing, such as the techniques taught in the May 1 class, is recommended.

**Cost:** \$75 Garden members/\$85 nonmembers

***Sunday, May 16, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.***

**Botanizing California: Mount Vision at Point Reyes National Seashore** with Glenn Keator

One of the high points on rugged Inverness Ridge, Mount Vision is aptly named for its stunning views of the Point Reyes Peninsula. Its luxuriant vegetation includes a dense Bishop pine understory (both new forests and old) as well as coastal scrub, coastal prairie, and streamside vegetation, all with their own special floras. Our semi-strenuous loop hike of five to six miles will take us down into Muddy Hollow near Limantour Beach and back up again to Inverness Ridge.

**Location:** In the field (driving directions provided upon registration)

**Cost:** \$35 Garden members/\$45 nonmembers

***Saturday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.***

**Winged Visitors in Your Garden Sanctuary** with Charlotte Torgovitsky

Now that you're planting California natives for their habitat value, you have probably noticed increased activity in your garden sanctuary. Perhaps you would like to know more about all those creatures. We'll take a slide show tour through a year of birds and butterflies, learning unique and identifying features of the species most likely to be seen in gardens. You'll learn interesting facts about each species, its life cycle, and the important associations these creatures have developed with certain plants. Each student will take home a milkweed plant to provide food for monarch caterpillars.

**Cost:** \$30 Garden members/\$35 nonmembers

***Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.***

**Introduction to Botanical Drawing for Kids** with Gretchen McCondochie

Come have fun finding art in the garden! In this two-hour workshop for children ages 8-12, we will look at shapes, colors, and textures in the garden and then learn how to make drawings of what we see. No experience is needed; drawing materials and sketch pads will be provided. This is the first in a series of classes for kids at the garden.

**Cost:** \$10 for children of Garden members/  
\$15 nonmembers

To register, visit <http://www.nativeplants.org/events.html>. For additional information, contact John Rusk at (510) 528-0526 or [john@rusk.com](mailto:john@rusk.com). Advance registration is required for all classes. Drop-ins are not permitted.

## BOARD NEWS

At the March board meeting, the board voted unanimously to elect Stacey Pogorzelski as Acting President, and Jolie Egert as Acting Vice-President to fill these positions on an interim basis until the chapterwide elections are held in November. In addition, Brad Kelley will be our new Field Trip coordinator until November.

**Please note a change in date and time:** board meetings will be held at **7 p.m.** on the first **Tuesday** of February, March, April, May, September, and November.

### Plant Advocacy Group Forming!

Are you interested in getting involved in protecting our native flora and fauna? Many decisions are made by our cities, counties, state, and nation that impact

our native plants. Being involved could entail writing letters, making calls to legislators, or speaking at county board meetings. This group was the idea of Joe Kohn, and we are hoping some members will be interested in carrying his idea forward! To learn more about how to get involved, contact Stacey Pogorzelski at (415) 789-0475 or [spilogales@hotmail.com](mailto:spilogales@hotmail.com).

### Book Transportation Still Needed

Many thanks to Doyleen McMurtry, who is helping Daniel Kushner with book sales at our meetings! We could still use some help transporting the books between the membership meetings and where they are housed in Mill Valley.

Please contact Kristin Jakob at (415) 388-1844 or [kristinjakob@pacbell.net](mailto:kristinjakob@pacbell.net) if you have questions or may be able to help.

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## Board of Directors

Position	Name
Acting President	Stacey Pogorzelski
Acting Vice President	Jolie Egert
Program Chair	Kristin Jakob
Chapter Council Delegate	Carolyn Longstreth
Alternate Chapter Council Delegate	Open—Volunteer Needed
Programs Co-Chair	Open—Volunteer Needed
Secretary	Paula Dawson
Treasurer	Daniel Kushner
Book Sales	Doyleen McMurtry
Conservation Co-Chair	Eva Buxton
Conservation Co-Chair	Open—Volunteer Needed
Education	Paul da Silva
Field Trips Coordinator	Brad Kelley
Gardening with Natives Chair	Renee Fittinghoff
Historian	Vivian Mazur
Hospitality Chair	Open—Volunteer Needed
Invasives Chair	Charlotte Torgovitsky
Legislation	Phyllis Faber
<i>Marin Flora</i> Project	Wilma Follette
Membership	Ashley Ratcliffe
Native Plant Advocacy Committee Chair	Open—Volunteer Needed
Newsletter Editor	Krista Fechner
Newsletter Folding/Mailing	Paul Kryloff
Plant Sale Co-Chair	Kristin Jakob
Plant Sale Co-Chair	Renee Fittinghoff
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