



California Native Plant Society

MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)

Marin Chapter established 1973

**Monday, March 8, Marin Chapter Meeting
(Rescheduled from October, 2009)**

“Native Bees are a Rich Natural Resource in Urban California Gardens” by guest speaker Gordon Frankie

Evidence is mounting that pollinators of crop and wildland plants are declining worldwide. A research group at UC Berkeley and UC Davis led by Dr. Gordon Frankie conducted a three-year survey of bee pollinators in seven cities from Northern California to Southern California. Results indicate that many types of urban residential gardens provide floral and nesting resources for the reproduction and survival of bees, especially a diversity of native bees. Habitat gardening for bees, using targeted ornamental plants, can predictably increase bee diversity and abundance, and provide clear pollination benefits.



Above: Dr. Gordon Frankie by Stephen Spiker

Gordon Frankie is Professor of Insect Biology in the College of Natural Resources at UC Berkeley. He received his Ph.D. in entomology from UC Berkeley in 1968. His research interests are in plant reproductive biology, pollination ecology, and solitary-bee ecology. His field research time is split between California and the seasonally dry tropical forests of Costa Rica. He teaches several lecture and field courses in applied conservation biology and environmental problem solving at UC Berkeley.



Above: *Eucera lunata* by Rollin Coville

Dr. Frankie is currently working on a new book on urban bees and their host flowers in California with three other colleagues. The book will be published by UC Press in the Natural History Field Guide Series, with a hopeful publication date of early 2011.

March 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 be prompt 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✿ **Monday 3/1, 7:30 p.m.**

Marin Chapter Board Meeting at Marin Recycling

✿ **Sunday 3/7, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**

MCOSD Field Trip: Tiburon Peninsula Wildflower Hike

✿ **Monday 3/8, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Marin Chapter Meeting: Gordon Frankie on “Native Bees are a Rich Natural Resource in Urban California Gardens”

✿ **Sunday 3/14, 10 a.m.**

Chapter Field Trip: Lower Steep Ravine and Rocky Pt.

✿ **Wednesday 3/17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

MCOSD Field Trip: Baltimore Canyon Open Space

✿ **Wednesday 3/24, 10 a.m.**

Chapter Field Trip: Rock Spring Orchid Hunt, and More

✿ **Thursday 3/25, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

MCOSD Field Trip: Coast Trail to Rodeo Lagoon

✿ **Wednesday 3/31, 9:30 a.m.**

Chapter Field Trip: Cascade Canyon to the “Well”

✿ **Monday 4/5, 7:30 p.m.**

Marin Chapter Board Meeting at Marin Recycling

✿ **Saturday 4/10, 9 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”



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_chasse@nps.gov.

Wednesday, March 3, 1–4 p.m.

Marin Headlands/Slacker Ridge (*Arabis blepharophylla*, *Erysimum franciscanum*, local rarities). Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center.

Friday, March 12, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Marin Headlands/Gerbode Valley (same species as March 3). Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center.

Wednesday, March 17, 1–4 p.m.

Marin Headlands (species and survey location TBA). Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center.

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.

OTHER PLANT MONITORING

Thursday, March 11

Doreen Smith is taking a group from Toronto out to see *Crataegus suksdorfii* in Tomales as a “locally rare plant monitoring” trip. Up to three people can join; contact Doreen in advance at (415) 479 7888 or dlsmith@lvha.net.



FOURTH ANNUAL MARIN ECO-FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR—GARDENS WANTED!

Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Gardens wanted with one or more of the following features:

- Native, drought-tolerant, fire-resistant or deer-resistant plants
- Creek running through the property
- Rainwater catchment system
- Habitat for wildlife
- Erosion control measures
- Hillside terracing
- Permeable surfaces
- Other interesting features—for example, bee hives, ponds, living roofs

Help others see what Bay-friendly features look like by putting your garden on tour! Gardens of all sizes needed. Only requirement: You or your landscape professional be available to talk with people as they tour your garden!

For more information:

- Novato gardens—contact Gina at (415) 499-3202 or gpurin@co.marlin.ca.us.
- Southern & Central Marin gardens—contact Elena at (415) 945-1164 or efreeman@marinwater.org.

2010 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

CNPS will again have a booth at the annual San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, which is now held at the San Mateo Event Center. This has been the Bay Area's premier garden event for 25 years. There are garden displays, seminars, children's activities, and of course, many educational and sales booths. It is a prime opportunity to tell the gardening public about CNPS—highlighting our activities and our vision.

Our beautiful booth last year was a great success! Over the five-day event, volunteers from five Bay Area Chapters (Yerba Buena—SF, Marin, Willis Jepson—Solano, East Bay, and Santa Clara Valley) informed thousands of people about CNPS. Using the many plants in our display, we explained the benefits of planting local natives, signed up many new members, and had lots of fun!

We plan to do it again! This year's show will be held March 24–28 (Wednesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.) The San Mateo Event Center is located at 2495 South Delaware St., San Mateo. There are several public transportation options.

We will need people to help design, set up, and break down the booth, as well as volunteers to staff the booth in two-hour shifts. Working a shift includes access to the entire show for the whole day! Enthusiastic new members and Jepson-carrying veterans are equally encouraged to participate!

For show info: <http://www.gardenshow.com>. To volunteer, contact Ellen Edelson at e.edelson@sbcglobal.net or (415) 531-2140.



ANNUAL MARIN CHAPTER PLANT SALE

The Marin Chapter's Annual Plant Sale will take place this year on Saturday, April 10 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Rd., Tiburon. If you have any special plant requests, are growing plants that will be of saleable size and quality by the sale date, or would be able to volunteer to help out on the sale day, please contact Kristin Jakob at kristinjacob@pacbell.net or Renee Fittinghoff at renee94941@gmail.com.



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You can find a color PDF edition of this newsletter on the Marin chapter website by visiting www.marin.edu/cnps/newsletters.html.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Text and photo by Doreen Smith

The *Zigadenes* of this area begin to flower this month. The earliest species are of the *Zigadenus fremontii* group, now likely to be put in a new family, *Melanthiaceae*, and called *Toxicoscordion fremontii*! The following forms are all lumped into the same species.

On the south-facing slopes of Mt. Burdell, there is a fine population of large-flowered plants with yellow anthers. This same form is present in the Marin Headlands along the Bobcat trail and on Ring Mountain.



Above: *Zigadene* (*Toxicoscordion fremontii*)

On the immediate coast is a dwarf strain that can be seen on the headlands above Drakes Estero, east of the visitor center, near Marconi, and at Oceana Marin, near Dillon Beach. This is the one pictured above.

The most common form in Marin is a tall variety with branching inflorescences and white anthers that's most usually seen in chaparral openings, especially after fires.

Also in serpentine chaparral, such as on the Carson Ridge, there is a small-flowered, unbranched form. Occasionally a form can be seen in the upper edge of the Pickleweed zone of salt marshes, for example, off the trail on the north side of Turtleback Hill in China Camp State Park.

Zigadenus micranthus var. *fontanus* (to be renamed *Toxicoscordion fontanum*), is much later to flower (May) and usually is associated with seasonally-wet serpentine habitats, for example the seeps below Old St. Hilary's chapel, Tiburon and about Rock Spring, Mt. Tamalpais.

MARCH 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. Please be prepared. 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>.

Lower Steep Ravine and Rocky Point

Sunday, March 14, 10 a.m.

Lower Steep Ravine trail and the Rocky Point loop down to the Steep Ravine cabins can be quite incredible in early March. To the east of Route 1 is a botanically rich riparian habitat that is the home to *Trillium chloropetalum* (sessile-flowered wake-robin), both species of *Smilacina* (Solomon seal), *Fritillaria affinis* (mission bells) and *Disporum smithii* (Smith's fairy bells). After seeing those, we'll cross Route 1 and descend down through the "soft chaparral" to lunch overlooking the ocean, passing such colorful gems as *Lasthenia californica* (goldfields), *Layia platyglossa* (tidytips), *Castilleja subinclusa* ssp. *franciscana* (Franciscan Indian paintbrush), and, if we're really lucky, we'll get to smell the heavenly scent of the rare (for Marin) yellow *Erysimum franciscanum* (wallflower).

Meet at the lower trailhead to Steep Ravine, located on Highway 1, a mile or so south of Stinson Beach. If you're unfamiliar with the area, look for the large and visible gate that's the entrance to the Steep Ravine Cabins and park at one of the small parking areas or pullouts nearby.

Leader: Eva Buxton—evabuxton@sbcglobal.net, (415) 435-2745.

Rock Spring Orchid Hunt, and More

Wednesday, March 24, 10 a.m.

In addition to searching through the forest looking for orchids, we will visit a large area of serpentinite soil near Rock Spring with early flowers, such as an unusual large-flowered (sic) *Athysanus pusillus* and the rosulate form of *Claytonia exigua* ssp. *exigua*.

We'll meet at the Rock Spring parking lot on Mt. Tamalpais, located at the intersection of Ridgecrest and Pantoll Roads. This is approximately one mile uphill from the state park ranger station at Pantoll; turn uphill across the road from the ranger station. For those unfamiliar with the area, the ranger station is located on Panoramic Hwy. on the way from Mill Valley to Stinson Beach. There is no charge to park at the Rock Spring paved lot.

Leader: Brad Kelley—fieldtrip@bradkelley.org, (415) 459-0569.

Cascade Canyon to the "Well"

Wednesday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for a stunning early wildflower hike through Cascade Canyon up to the "Well," a pool surrounded by flower-covered banks and outcrops. On the way, we will pass through oak woodlands, serpentine grassland, chaparral, and streamside habitats. Last year at this time the bloom was amazing.

The hike will start at 10 a.m. at the entrance of Elliot Preserve in Fairfax. Parking is limited; hikers should meet at Cascade Park at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. To get there, turn onto Bolinas Fairfax Rd. in downtown Fairfax. At the second stop sign, bear right onto Cascade Dr. There is a small park immediately on your right.

The hike is four miles long, with an elevation gain of 550 ft. We should be back by 4 p.m.

Leader: Ashley Ratcliffe—(415) 868-0681.

MARIN OPEN SPACE HIKES WITH DAVID HERLOCKER

Baltimore Canyon Open Space

Wednesday, March 17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

This is one of the best places to see early blooming wildflowers. Within just a mile of the gate we can find an amazing assortment of different habitats (and birds, bees, and more). Getting there: From Highway 101 in Larkspur, take the Sir Francis Drake Blvd. exit and head west towards Kentfield. Turn left at College Ave., turn right at Woodland Rd., and turn left at Evergreen Dr. Continue uphill to the intersection with Ridgecrest; 50 feet uphill from this junction, go left at Crown Rd. Entrance gate is at the end of Crown Rd.

Coast Trail to Rodeo Lagoon

Thursday, March 25, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

We'll meet in Rodeo Valley, and then carpool up the hill to a section of the Coastal Trail flanked by one of the best wildflower displays in the Marin Headlands. We'll make our way back down to Rodeo Valley to scan

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the hills and freshwater habitats for birds and other wildlife. Meet at the east end of Rodeo Lagoon (just after Bunker Rd. crosses the bridge) and park near the end of the first building.

MCOSD RANGER-LED HIKES

Tiburon Peninsula Wildflower Hike

Sunday, March 7, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

MCOSD'S talented Ranger staff host a variety of family-friendly events for all ages and abilities. Rain cancels all outdoor Ranger-led events.

With spring just around the corner, a Ranger will guide you through the Tiburon Uplands in the hopes of viewing hound's tongue, milk maids, Indian warrior, and other wildflowers. Meet at Paradise Beach Park (3450 Paradise Dr., Tiburon).



A TRIBUTE TO JOE KOHN (1948–2010)

For many of us, Joe Kohn came into and out of our lives much as a meteor, accelerating into a brilliant streak of light and then gone. Joe had recently been elected President of the Marin CNPS chapter when he died of lung cancer on January 5th, leaving a huge hole in the Chapter and in all of our hearts.



Above: Joe Kohn by Vernon Smith

Many of us first met Joe when he started attending Wilma Follette's Tuesday Walks in spring 2004. He knew no plant names and looked like a hippie, but he kept coming week after week, year after year. It was

quite a while before we realized how well Joe was catching on to the plant world. As he learned more and more, he was captivated. He began going on field trips of other CNPS Chapters, he took courses from such experts as Stew Winchester, and in the end, he organized and led trips for the Marin Chapter and even for EBRP Botanical Garden at Tilden in Berkeley. When he first became our field trip chair, for some of us it was an eye-opener. "Whoa, Joe is conducting field trips??" And along with great write-ups, he led them with panache and chutzpah. Good for you, Joe!!

A few years ago, Joe also became a graduate of the Environmental Forum and after he completed the course, he organized training days for that program for two or three years. He next began to attend hearings for the Countywide Plan and the Water District's invasive weed issues. He spoke up, always advocating effectively for the native plants and conservation issues generally. He rallied support and urgently urged chapter members to "speak up for the plants," which is being continued today, in part as a tribute to Joe. Most recently, he spoke up at the Board of Supervisors meetings firmly against bicycles on single-track trails.

In November, though gravely ill but with a determinedly hopeful and persuasively upbeat attitude, Joe accepted the office of President for the Marin Chapter. Sadly, he did not live to conduct even his first meeting, but our hearts were touched that he so wanted to serve in this demanding role in spite of a dire prognosis of stage 4 lung cancer.

Joe was inspired by nature and by the environmental issues that have become so pressing. He has been an inspiration to us all as he often claimed we all had been for him, a bright light indeed!

Joe's memorial gathering was memorable for his many friends from his past diverse worlds who attended: his 1960s "Deadhead" music world, his Apple II retrocomputing world, his poker-playing world, and his plant and environmental worlds. All gathered with his family in his living room and told many stories and anecdotes. There were so many affectionate tales! Joe was such a life traveler who was loved and appreciated by all whose lives he touched.

Phyllis M. Faber

Special Thanks

The Marin Chapter would like to thank the following people for donations in memory of Joe Kohn:

Walter Karmazyn, Steve and Christy Terry, Robert Feist and Gail Oshiro, Bruce Golding, Brian Donovan, Judith Cleaver, Phoebe Antonio, Meryl Sundove and Roger Harris, Roxanne McDaniel, Sean O'Malley, and Eva Buxton. These donations will be kept in a fund to be used expressly for a cause or remembrance that would have had special meaning to Joe.

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.

March 1-5: Dunes, Wetlands, and Coastal Scrub Volcanoes: An Introduction to the Plants and Habitats of San Quintin, Baja California

Three days of field trips out of San Quintin, interspersed with lectures, with a day of travel between San Diego and San Quintin, on each side of the workshop. Bus travel will be arranged between San Diego and San Quintin and is included in the price. The workshop price includes four nights in hotels but does not include meals. Passports are required now for travel to Baja.

Instructors: Sula Vanderplank and Jon Rebman

Cost: CNPS Members (\$720) | Non-members (\$745)

March 25-27: Rare Plants and Habitats of Eastern San Luis Obispo County

First evening presentation followed by two field days. Overview and field studies of rare plants and vegetation of eastern San Luis Obispo County. Emphasis on field identification, habitat characteristics, conservation status, and management concerns. Potential stops include sites in the Carrizo Plain, Temblor Range, Caliente Range, eastern La Panza Mts., and Cuyama Valley, depending on phenology, mud, and logistics.

Instructors: David Keil, Deborah Hillyard, Kevin Merk

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

March 29-31: Vegetation Rapid Assessment—Carrizo Plain

Three-day combination of field exercises and lectures, presented by CNPS and the California Department of Fish and Game. The course is a combination of lecture and field exercises in vegetation sampling. It will focus on collecting data using the CNPS Rapid Assessment protocol. We will discuss applications of fine-scale vegetation sampling, classification and mapping, how to document rare natural communities, and how vegetation information fits into planning documents.

Instructors: Todd Keeler-Wolf, Julie Evens

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

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)

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 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.

Sunday, March 14, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Tending the Native Plant Garden: A Workshop at the Fleming Garden with Luke Hass

Started in the 1950s, Scott and Jenny Fleming's garden is one of the oldest and most beautiful native plant gardens in the state. Instructor Luke Hass has maintained the garden since 2002. This will be a great opportunity to learn how this landmark garden is cared for and get the inspiration and guidance to beautify your own garden.

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Location: The Fleming garden in Berkeley (driving directions provided upon registration)

Cost: \$30 members/\$35 nonmembers

Sundays, March 21 and 28, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Learning All About Our Native Lilies with Glenn Keator

In the first session, we'll view images and walk through the Botanic Garden to find as many lilies and lily relatives as possible. The second session will be a local field trip to see several species in their native habitats.

Location: The Botanic Garden (March 21) and in the field (March 28); driving directions provided upon registration

Cost: For each of the two classes: \$35 members/\$45 nonmembers

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 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 Thrams

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 members/\$85 nonmembers

Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Watercolors in the Field with Andie Thrams

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 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 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 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 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. Advance registration is required for all classes. Drop-ins are not permitted.

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 if you have questions or may be able to help.

RENEW ONLINE

Renew your CNPS membership online using a credit card. As an option, set it to renew automatically year after year. It's quick, easy, convenient, and reduces renewal mailing costs.

Visit www.cnps.org and click JOIN.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Did you join CNPS before or during 1994?

The state CNPS organization is interested in having the date that members joined CNPS in order to acknowledge long-term members.

In late 1994, CNPS changed over to a program called DonorPerfect in which they could enter the join dates of members into their membership list. However, the previous program in use did not have a way to record that information. So for members who joined prior to November 1994, their join dates are missing in the database.

If you joined prior to November 1994 and you know the date, please contact Marcy at mmillette@cnps.org or (916) 447-2677.

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Board contact information has been removed from the online version of this newsletter.

Dedicated to the Preservation of California Native Flora

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The Society, working through its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding of California's native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations. Membership is open to all.

Join CNPS Now!

Membership includes informative publications, field trips, monthly programs, and discounts on books and posters. Also included are *Fremontia* (a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants), the *Bulletin* (a quarterly statewide report of activities and schedules), and the chapter newsletter. Please call the membership chairperson for more information.

Yes! I wish to affiliate with the Marin Chapter.

Membership Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mariposa Lily | \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Benefactor | \$600 |
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