



California Native Plant Society

MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)

Marin Chapter established 1973

MEMBERS' POTLUCK SLIDE SHOW AND DINNER

Saturday, September 10, 6-9:30 p.m.

Please bring a dish and beverage to share; a \$5 door donation will help us cover facility rental, and bringing your own plate and mug will help reduce waste. Cutlery, napkins, and backup plates and cups will be provided, as will teas and decaf coffee. Help will be appreciated for setup at 5:30 and for cleanup afterwards. Members are welcome to bring guests.

If you have up to 20 images to show from your botanical outings, please bring slides, digital images on a laptop or flash drive, or photo albums. There will be both digital and conventional projectors on hand.

We will conduct a raffle of plants, botanical books, prints, and other appropriate, desirable items, so please consider bringing something to donate.

Location: Lucas Valley Community Center, 1201 Idylberry Rd., San Rafael

Directions: Highway 101 to west on Lucas Valley Rd.; after about two miles, turn right onto Mt. Shasta Dr., then take the second left onto Idylberry, and turn immediately left into the Community Center parking lot.

Questions: Contact Kristin Jakob, Tel (415) 388-1844, or kristinjakob@pacbell.net.



Save native plant habitat at Point Reyes with the...

THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

Next Workday: September 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Abbott's Lagoon

Join the "Third Thursday Weeders" to spend a day at beautiful Point Reyes and help tackle invasive weeds that threaten important plant habitat in the Point Reyes National Seashore!

At our next work party, we'll be joined by a contingent from the Alameda Coast Guard. We'll meet at

the Abbott's Lagoon trailhead 9:30 a.m and hike out to the site of a pilot dune restoration project north of the lagoon. Ellen Hamingson of the Seashore will explain the project and tell us what native plants can be expected to recolonize the dunes. Then we'll get to work digging small European beachgrass plants that are threatening to get reestablished in the area.



Above: Third Thursday Weeders kidding around at the outer point in July—NPS photo

Bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks, warm and wind-stopping layers, sturdy shoes, and work clothes. No shorts or open-toed shoes. We'll pull weeds until about 1 p.m., have a picnic lunch, and then take a hike.

Please let us know if you plan to join the group on the 15th by emailing Ellen Hamingson at Ellen_Hamingson@nps.gov. Ellen will send out a reminder and we'll be sure to wait for everyone before heading to the work area.

Hope to see you on September 15th!



NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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

LATE SUMMER 2011 FIELD TRIPS

Marin Chapter Field Trip News and Policies

Make some seedy pals with the Marin chapter of the California Native Plant Society. All hikes are free and open to the public, so please invite your friends. Beginning plant enthusiasts welcome on all hikes.

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. Contact Brad Kelley, Field Trip Coordinator, at fieldtrips@bradkelley.org, for trip requests or suggestions. Contact hike Leaders with any questions about individual hikes.

Field Trip Plant Lists

Plant lists compiled by Marin CNPS for many Marin localities are available on the Marin Chapter CNPS website at www.marinnativeplants.org.

Listing the Plants of Deer Park

Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

We have plant lists available on our website for many locations in Marin County but not for Deer Park, one of our favorite destinations. So one of the purposes of this hike is to begin a plant list. So as not to overburden ourselves with a bureaucratic task, we will start the list at a time when there are fewer, but still plenty of interesting flowers. As we traverse the famous Yolanda Trail we might abandon our meticulous task altogether as we drink in the beauty that is late summer Marin.

Meet at Deer Park at the end of Porteus Road in Fairfax. Leader: Brad Kelley, fieldtrips@bradkelley.org

OPEN SPACE DISTRICT HIKES

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



CNPS EAST BAY CHAPTER 2011 PLANT FAIR

Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sunday, October 2, 12–3 p.m.

The East Bay Chapter will hold its annual Native Plant Fair at Native Here Nursery. Over 300 species of plants native to Alameda and Contra Costa counties are cultivated at the nursery. 20,000+ plants, including bulbs and ferns, will be offered for sale. A few species are unique to this nursery.

Vendors

The Plant Fair hosts talented vendors who offer unique nature-related items. Vendors will display garden arts and crafts, jewelry and sculptures, rare seeds and bulbs, photographs, hard-to-find books, and numerous posters.

Speakers

- 1 p.m. Saturday: “Restoring a Native Garden Based on California Historical Ecology”—Laura Cunningham (natural science illustrator, naturalist, and author)
- 1 p.m. Sunday: “The Biggest Trees in the World: The Phenomenal and Forgotten Stories of the Vanished Oakland, California, Redwoods”—Richard Schwartz (local historian, storyteller, and author)

Contests

Win a prize for decorating a hat with native materials or displaying native plants in an attractive potted arrangement. Announcement of winners and awarding of prizes: Sunday, October 2 at 2 p.m.

Location

Native Here Nursery is located at 101 Golf Course Drive, Berkeley, across from the Tilden Park Golf Course exit.

Payment Methods

Paying with cash or check is fastest. Credit cards and debit cards are also accepted, but the processing time may be slow.

For more information, email plantfair@ebcnps.org or find Native-Here-Nursery on Facebook.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✿ **Saturday 9/10, 6 p.m.–9:30 p.m.**

Marin Chapter Annual Potluck Dinner and Slide Show, Lucas Valley Community Center

✿ **Thursday 9/15, 9:30 a.m.**

Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Pt. Reyes

✿ **Saturday 9/17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Chapter Field Trip—Listing the Plants of Deer Park

✿ **Saturday–Sunday 9/17–18**

Symposium—Growing Natives: Inspiring & Enduring Gardens, Lafayette/Berkeley

✿ **Saturday 10/1, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. and Sunday 10/2, 12–3 p.m.**

CNPS East Bay Chapter Plant Fair

✿ **Tuesday 10/4, 7:30 p.m.**

Chapter Board Meeting at Marin Recycling

✿ **Monday 10/10, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Chapter Meeting: Gretchen LeBuhn on “The Great Sunflower Project” and local bees

✿ **Monday 11/14, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Chapter Meeting: Lisa and Ralph Shanks on “California Indian Baskets, Part 2”

THE CNPS 2012 CONSERVATION CONFERENCE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

The upcoming statewide CNPS 2012 Conservation Conference in San Diego (January 10–14, 2012) is an opportunity for all of us to come together and celebrate everything we do as a leading plant conservation organization in California. Our membership includes top-level scientists and decision-makers in agencies, universities, consulting firms, and non-profit environmental organizations as well as the grassroots activists working hard on the front lines. We will all join hands at the conference and share what we know and how we do it. Hundreds of CNPS volunteers from chapters throughout the state have contributed to the planning and execution of this event over the last two and a half years. There are sessions and activities for everyone from career botanists to garden enthusiasts.

The committees have planned five days of non-stop workshops, talks, and social and art events. Learn how to start a plant restoration nursery at a workshop, listen to talks on a particular rare plant or invasive species, or contribute to a conversation about CEQA or desert energy projects. There will be five sessions focusing on regional issues from north to south, including those of Baja California. To nourish your appreciation of our native landscape, you may choose to take a drawing workshop with John Muir Laws, read a poem, submit a photograph, admire botanical art, or sing and play music. There will be opportunities to take action on your subject of interest and numerous social events where you will see and meet CNPS members and other experts from all over the state and beyond.

Registration is now open for both the conference events and the hotel. Early registration discounts are available until October 31, with additional discounts for CNPS members and students. Special CNPS conference discounts are available at the conference hotel, the Town & Country Resort, until December 16 or until all rooms are taken. Register for the conference and/or the hotel through the CNPS website at www.CNPS.org/2012.

If you are a student or know students that might want to attend the conference, check out the Student Opportunities and Activities (including registration and/or travel stipend funding) on the conference website.

There are many ways that you can participate in this conference from presenting or attending talks to taking tickets at the door. We need scores of volunteers during the days of the conference and we offer registration rebates to all volunteers who work eight hours or more. If you would like to volunteer, contact our volunteer coordinator, Michelle Cox, at volunteers2012@cnps.org.

We hope to see you there!

—Josie Crawford, Conference Coordinator

PLANTS OF THE MONTH

Text by Doreen Smith

This month's featured plants are the Marin members of the genus *Calycadenia* a.k.a. tack-stem or rosin-weed because the tack-shaped glands on the floral parts make them resinous and sticky to the touch.

These plants are late-flowering annuals in the family Asteraceae with non-daisy-like flower heads.

They have been known to confuse those attempting to identify them from others in the Tarplant group.



Above: *Calycadenia multiglandulosa* by Doreen Smith



Above: *Calycadenia truncata* by Vernon Smith

Two species are definitely still to be seen in Marin, especially the more common white-flowered *C. multiglandulosa*, which grows abundantly on the serpentine rocky barrens in Tiburon, Mt. Tamalpais, and Big Rock Ridge. The other white-flowered species, *C. fremontii*, has not been seen for many years or at least no reports have been filed.

The yellow-flowered species, *C. truncata*, is so far known to Marin from only a few plants from the top of Mt. Burdell, where they are growing on igneous rocky sites. This species of *Calycadenia* is more common in other California counties.

GROWING NATIVES: INSPIRING & ENDURING GARDENS

Saturday, September 17, Lafayette and Sunday, September 18, Berkeley

Designing, installing, and maintaining native plant gardens of lasting value is the theme of this symposium aimed at professionals, home gardeners, and native plant enthusiasts.

The Saturday program at the Lafayette Community Center includes presentations on garden design by author Carol Bornstein, site preparation by landscape professional Deva Luna, sourcing native plants by Michael Craib of Suncrest Nurseries, case study of a 40-year-old native plant garden by landscape professional Luke Hass, maintenance tips by nurseryman and author David Fross, a panel discussion, and Q&A. The Saturday program includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

The Sunday program at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Berkeley offers five concurrent workshops over two time slots: container gardening by Pete Veilleux, wildlife gardening by Don Mahoney, plants for dry shade by Katherine Greenberg, rockeries in native plant gardens by Steve Edwards, and aesthetic pruning by Jocelyn Cohen. Participants are invited to

bring a picnic lunch and stay for afternoon plant sales and docent-led tours at two locations: Regional Parks Botanic Garden and Native Here Nursery.

The symposium is organized by CNPS, Friends of Regional Parks Botanic Garden, and Pacific Horticulture. Members and subscribers of the sponsoring organizations receive a discount on registration fees. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. For more information and to register, visit <http://gns.cnps-scv.org>. If you have questions, call Margot Sheffner at (510) 849-1627.



BOARD NEWS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Chapter members are encouraged to nominate themselves, or others with their permission, for any of the following elected offices on the Marin CNPS Board of Directors: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and up to six Members-at-Large. A slate of nominees will be published in the October–December chapter newsletter, and voted on at the November membership meeting. If you wish to make a nomination, or have any questions about these board positions, please contact the Nominating Committee, Kristin & Gerd Jakob, (415) 388-1844, or kristinjacob@pacbell.net.

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The mission of California Native Plant Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. Membership is open to everyone.

Join CNPS Now!

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

Join or 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/Renew**.

Join or Renew by Mail

Yes! I wish to affiliate with the Marin Chapter.

New Member Renewal

Membership Category:

- Mariposa Lily \$1,500
- Benefactor \$600
- Patron \$300
- Plant Lover \$100
- Family, Group, or Library \$75
- Individual \$45
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Tax-deductible contributions to the Marin Chapter are always welcome, either as memorial or honorarium donations or regular contributions. You may designate your contribution for a specific purpose of your choice. Unless otherwise designated, all contributions will be placed in the general fund, which will enable the Chapter to extend our efforts to plant conservation and education. Our regular, ongoing program and operating expenses are largely covered by our plant sales and book and poster sales.

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GET YOUR COPY OF THE REVISED *MARIN FLORA!*

Now available: the long-awaited, 2007 revised edition of John Thomas Howell's classic *Marin Flora* (originally published in 1949). Copies of the book are available at chapter meetings and most field trips. You can also print out an order form at the chapter website (www.marinnativeplants.org).

Prices:	Hard cover	Soft cover
Retail	\$45 (plus \$3.49 tax)	\$35 (plus \$2.71 tax)
CNPS members (20% off)	\$36 (plus \$2.79 tax)	\$28 (plus \$2.17 tax)



LARNER SEEDS OPEN HOUSE

Larner Seeds would like to announce that tours of their 30-year-old California native plant garden will be held on the third Saturday of every month at 2:30 p.m. in Bolinas. See their website (www.larnerseeds.com) for directions. Also, they will be promoting "The Real California Cuisine," native-plant-based eating, at our booth at the upcoming National Heritage Exposition at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds September 13, 14, and 15 from 11 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Petaluma Seed Bank or at <http://theheirloomexpo.com>.

PLANT COMMUNITIES OF MARIN COUNTY

Do you want to learn more about the diverse plant communities of this special county?

Plant Communities of Marin County, written by David Shuford and Irene C. Timossi and illustrated with exquisite black and white photographs of the communities and their member species, is an excellent resource. Send your check payable to **CNPS** for \$11 per copy (shipping, handling, and tax included) to:

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