



California Native Plant Society

MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)

Marin Chapter established 1973

Monday, May 14 Marin Chapter Meeting **"2600 Miles on the Pacific Crest Trail" by** **guest speakers Bob Sikora and Martha** **Ashton-Sikora**

The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail extends 2,650 miles from the Sonoran Desert at the Mexican border to boreal forests in Canada. The entire route stays within some of the most strikingly beautiful and pristine habitats in the three westernmost states (California, Oregon, and Washington). Passing through some 50-odd national and state forests, parks, and wilderness areas, the trail winds up the Peninsular and Transverse ranges, across the western tip of the Mojave Desert and the Tehachapi Mountains, and along the length of the Sierra Nevada and the Cascade Mountains.



Above: Goat Rocks Wilderness, WA by Bob Sikora

Bob Sikora and Martha Ashton-Sikora completed the entire Pacific Crest Trail and will share with us some of the scenery and wildflowers they saw along the way. In a walk of that length, can one make adequate photographs to give a sense of the whole endeavor and still manage to cover the distance? Join Bob and Martha on their journey and find out. (Hint: It took them 13 years!)

Bob Sikora (MA, zoology, UC Berkeley) was one of the first four research divers at UCB. He taught advanced

placement biology at Berkeley High and enjoys nature photography in his retirement. Martha Ashton-Sikora (PhD, theater, Michigan State University) did her research in India and has authored two books and numerous articles on Indian theater forms. She has taught at the University of Chicago and UC Berkeley.



Above: *Pedicularis groenlandica* (Elephant's Head) by Bob Sikora

May 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, and cards will be for sale before as well as after the meeting. Lecture starts at 8 p.m.

MAY 2012 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.

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. Board Member Doreen Smith, Rare Plant Committee Coordinator, has created an "updated to *Jepson 2*" version of some of these lists. They are available from her by email. In addition, the Natural Resources Database link on the Marin CNPS website has flora and fauna lists for many Bay Area sites.

RECOMMENDED MARIN COUNTY PARKS NATURALIST WALKS

David Herlocker will lead all of the walks listed below. The walks are for adults, and no animals except service animals are allowed. Questions: contact David at (415) 893-9508 or dherlocker@marincounty.org. Heavy rain may cancel. Call (415) 893-9527 on the morning of the walk to hear a recorded message if cancelled.

For more information, visit www.marincountyparks.org/Depts/PK/Programs/Naturalist.

Morning Stroll on the Old Railroad Grade

Tuesday, May 1, 9 a.m.–12 noon

We will enjoy a slow stroll along the old railroad grade, a route that takes us in and out of a series of forested valleys separated by open grassland and coastal scrub habitats—a great combination which will provide us with a nice variety of birds, flowers, and everything else we are lucky enough to encounter along the way. We will employ a car shuttle so we can have a relaxing morning walk—please be on time.

Meet at the end of Glen Drive: from downtown Fairfax, go west on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. for about one mile, turn right at Glen Drive.

Indian Tree Ascent

Friday, May 25, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

We'll try to make it to the top for lunch, but that will depend on how many flowers, birds, butterflies, and

other discoveries catch our eye along the way. We'll ascend through a series of cool forests to the top of the ridge where giant redwoods catch the summer fog. The trek to the summit is long, but worth every step. Distance: 6.5 miles; elevation gain: 1,300 feet.

Meet at the Vineyard Road Trailhead in Novato: from Hwy 101, take the Atherton Ave./San Marin Dr. exit west on San Marin Dr. (which turns into Sutro Ave. after the Novato Blvd. junction), and turn right at Vineyard Rd. Trailhead is where the pavement ends.

Farewell to Spring at Indian Valley

Sunday, May 27, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

We will start the day by checking out the marshes at the head of the canyon to see what's happened to the newts, toads, and treefrogs that have completed their aquatic life. Then we'll explore a north-facing forested slope where the last wildflowers of spring should be in bloom, the butterflies of summer will be plentiful, and most of the birds will still be singing.

Meet in parking area 6: from Hwy 101, follow Ignacio Blvd. all the way through campus to the last parking lot, by the police station.

Rare Flowers at Ring Mountain

Wednesday, May 30, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

The late season bloom on this ridge includes one of the rarest and most unusual plants in the world, the Tiburon mariposa lily. We'll look for this and other flowers as well as butterflies, birds, and other wild-life. If time allows, we may travel to Old Saint Hilary's Preserve to see the lovely Tiburon jewelflower and a number of other late-blooming beauties.

Meet at the end of Taylor Rd. in Corte Madera: from Hwy 101, take the Paradise Dr./Tamalpais Dr. exit east and turn right at San Clemente Dr. (becomes Paradise Dr.) Follow Paradise Dr. for 1.5 miles and turn right at Taylor Rd. Gate is on the right.

OTHER TRIPS

Brooks Island

Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

See the April Newsletter for full details. Contact East Bay Regional Parks at (888) 327-2757 or (888) EBPARKS. Limited to 23 people—call soon. Course Name: CNPS Boat to Brooks, Course #29606. Cost is \$72 resident (Alameda & Contra Costa counties) \$80 non-resident.



CNPS 2012 WORKSHOPS

Visit cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/index.php or contact Josie Crawford at (916) 447-2677 or jcrawford@cnps.org for more information.

REMINDER—PLEASE RETURN YOUR MARIN CNPS MEMBER SURVEY!

If you've mislaid your survey or survey email, please email Kristin Jakob at kristinjakob@pacbell.net or call her at (415) 388-1844 to obtain a copy.



A LIBRARIAN'S COLLECTION:

Botanical Art from the Estate of Barbara and Roland Pitschel

The Pitschels' extensive collection of art featuring California native plants has been generously donated to be sold for the benefit of the Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture. The collection will be on exhibit from May through August, 2012.



A special reception honoring the Pitschels' gift and the Library Art Program will be held Saturday, May 19, from 3 to 6 p.m. All proceeds benefit the library, which is open Wednesday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed Tuesdays and major holidays).

Location: Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, 1199 Ninth Ave., San Francisco.

For more information, visit www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/library.



HALLBERG BUTTERFLY GARDENS

15th Annual Open Gardens Celebration

Sunday, June 24, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

At this free event, everyone is welcome to come and learn about the butterfly lifecycle, wildlife gardening, and habitat preservation.

There will be specimens of our local butterflies, wildflowers, and garden plants. Guests are invited to partake in guided plant, bird, and butterfly observation/

identification and self-guided walking tours around the property.

There will be a large selection of butterfly-attracting plants for sale, including Dutchman's pipe, which is the slow-growing host plant for our native pipevine swallowtail butterfly, as well as other host and nectar species. There will be a staffed kids' craft table and the opportunity to purchase books, crafts, and souvenirs.

Location: 8687 Oak Grove Road (across from Oak Grove Elementary School), in Graton/Sebastopol.

Parking shuttle available; limited wheelchair access.

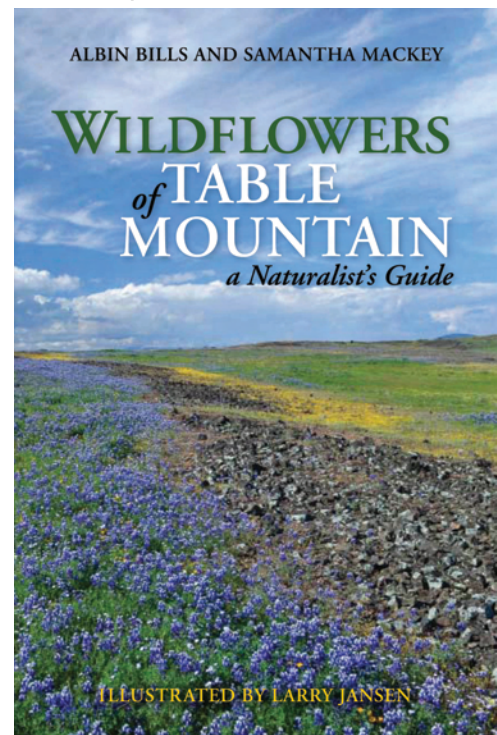
For more information, visit www.hallbergbutterflygardens.org, or contact leah@hallbergbutterflygardens.org or Louise Hallberg at (707) 823-3420.



NEW BOOK EDITION AVAILABLE

Wildflowers of Table Mountain, A Naturalist's Guide

This new edition is in full color and has been expanded and revised to be aligned with the taxonomic changes in the latest *Jepson Manual*. Table Mountain, which is a volcanic mesa near Oroville in Butte County, is one of the premier wildflower locations in California. Thousands of visitors from all over the state come every spring to see its spectacular displays of floral color and diversity.



The book is available through the Chico State University Herbarium (contact LJaneway@csuchico.edu) and Lyon Books in Chico (contact info@lyon-books.com).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ring Mountain Restoration

Saturday, May 26, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join Marin County Parks to help restore Ring Mountain. For several years, volunteers have helped remove tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*), an invasive plant related to yellow star thistle, from sensitive habitat on the Ring Mountain Preserve. This event will directly benefit the preservation of the threatened Tiburon mariposa lily (*Calochortus tiburonensis*), and volunteers will likely be able to see this flower firsthand.



Above: Tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*) by Neal Kramer

Please dress with sturdy shoes, layers, and bring water. The work will be moderately strenuous, and is a suitable event for families. For more information, please visit our events page: <http://www.marin-countyparks.org/Depts/PK/Calendar>. Or contact Sam Abercrombie at (415) 473-2128 or sabercrombie@marincounty.org.



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

THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

Next workday: May 17, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Would you like to help improve plant habitat with your own two hands? Join the "Third Thursday Weeders"—a collaboration of the Marin chapter of CNPS and the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin—to tackle invasive weeds that threaten important plant habitat in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at locations arranged with Seashore staff. We have hand-pulled small iceplant seedlings at a gorgeous location on the Outer Point, and dug up European beachgrass at Abbott's Lagoon. Not only do we enjoy fun days of camaraderie in the great outdoors at Point

Reyes, we make a significant contribution to improving habitat for native species!

Our next two work parties will take place on Thursday, May 17th and June 21st. Send an email to Ellen Hamingson at Ellen_Hamingson@nps.gov to be notified of the time and place to meet. In May, we will be pulling little iceplant seedlings (easy work) in a beautiful floriferous place!



Above: Volunteers with a pile of pulled iceplant

Bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks, warm and wind-stopping layers, sturdy shoes, work clothes. No shorts or open-toed shoes. Please let us know if you plan to join the group by emailing Ellen as mentioned above. Ellen will send out a reminder and instructions on where to meet. For more information, contact Carolyn Longstreth at cklongstreth@gmail.com.

Hope to see you on May 17th!



TIME TICKING FOR STATE PARKS

In his letter to the *Marin Independent Journal's* Reader's Forum on April 8, Clint Kellner of Novato wrote:

Thank you for highlighting the needs of Olompali and China Camp State Parks in your editorial last week. Both of these state parks have tremendous natural and historical values. Both parks will close July 1 unless we can acquire enough funds to keep them open. To donate, go to the Marin State Parks Association website (MarinStateParks.org) and scroll down to the orange Donate button on the left. Olompali is one of the most historic spots in California with 8,000 years of continuous human history. It was the site of a large Miwok village, contains the oldest residential structure in northern California, was the site of a battle of the Bear Flag Revolt, supports elements of one of the few remaining Victorian gardens, was the site of a

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commune, and was a former residence of the Grateful Dead.

China Camp State Park represents a historic Chinese shrimping village that were once common around the bay shore and are now virtually all gone with the exception of China Camp. China Camp has historic homes and shrimp drying equipment, and interprets the era of the Chinese shrimp industry, an important part of our cultural and historic heritage. China Camp supports an excellent beach and swimming area as well as hiking and biking trails. Olompali also has hiking trails.



EXPLORE THE UNDERGROUND AND DRIP IRRIGATION WITH ROBERT KOURIK AND THE URBAN FARMER

North Marin Water District (NMWD), the Marin chapter of CNPS, and the Urban Farmer Store are co-sponsoring a two-part seminar and workshop on roots and drip irrigation of native plant gardens.

On Thursday, May 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the meeting room at NMWD headquarters, 999 Rush Creek Place, Novato, Robert Kourik will present a lecture on roots and drip irrigation. Kourik is the author of 12 books, including the seminal *Drip Irrigation for Every Landscape and All Climates* and his most recent *Roots Demystified: Change Your Gardening Habits to Help Roots Thrive*.

Then on Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to noon, staff from the Urban Farmer Store will conduct an outdoor, hands-on workshop on the practical aspects of drip irrigation at Marin CNPS' new demonstration garden at Green Point Nursery, 275 Olive Avenue at the corner of Atherton, Novato. Urban Farmer staff will guide participants in the installation of the irrigation system and provide installation tips.

Space is limited, so if you would like to attend, please email Renee at reneef94941@gmail.com to reserve for either the seminar and/or workshop. For the June 2 workshop, please wear gardening clothes and shoes, and bring your gloves! Heavy rain cancels the June 2 workshop. Check out the mini-sale at Green Point that day if you want to purchase some native plants that will benefit from your new-found irrigation knowledge.



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, outreach program for schoolchildren, or anything else that could help us improve our service to the public, please contact us. You can phone or email your ideas to any of the board members listed on page 8.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✿ **Tuesday 5/1, 9 a.m.–12 noon**
Marin County Parks Field Trip— Morning Stroll on the Old Railroad Grade
- ✿ **Saturday 5/5, 10 a.m.–12 noon**
Native plant mini-sale at Green Point Nursery, Novato
- ✿ **Sunday 5/6, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**
East Bay Regional Parks/CNPS Field Trip—Brooks Island
- ✿ **Sunday 5/6, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**
Bringing Back the Natives (East Bay) Garden Tour
- ✿ **Monday 5/7, 7 p.m.**
Chapter Board Meeting at the MAAGC in Ross
- ✿ **Wednesday 5/9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
Mt. Tam Rare Plant Treasure Hunt—TBD Parasitic Plant Search
- ✿ **Monday 5/14, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**
Chapter Meeting: Bob & Martha Sikora on “2600 Miles on the Pacific Crest Trail”
- ✿ **Thursday 5/17, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**
Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Pt. Reyes
- ✿ **Saturday 5/19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**
Bay-Friendly Garden Tour (Marin County locations)
- ✿ **Saturday 5/19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**
Reception—Botanical art from the estate of Barbara and Roland Pitschel at the Helen Crocker Russell Library at Strybing Arboretum
- ✿ **Wednesday 5/23, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
Mt. Tam Rare Plant Treasure Hunt—Carson/San Geronimo Ridge
- ✿ **Friday 5/25, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**
Marin County Parks Field Trip— Indian Tree Ascent
- ✿ **Saturday 5/26, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Ring Mountain Restoration Day
- ✿ **Sunday 5/27, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
Marin County Parks Field Trip— Farewell to Spring at Indian Valley
- ✿ **Wednesday 5/30, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**
Marin County Parks Field Trip— Rare Flowers at Ring Mountain
- ✿ **Thursday 5/31, 7–9 p.m.**
Explore the Underground and Drip Irrigation—Lecture by Robert Kourik (see article on this page for RSVP details)
- ✿ **Saturday 6/2, 10 a.m.–12 noon**
Drip irrigation workshop at Green Point Nursery, 275 Olive Ave., Novato (see article on this page for RSVP details)
- ✿ **Saturday 6/2, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Native plant mini-sale at Green Point Nursery, Novato
- ✿ **Monday 6/11, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**
Chapter Meeting: Bruce Baldwin on “What does the new *Jepson Manual* mean for California floristics?”
- ✿ **Sunday 6/24, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**
15th Annual Open Gardens Celebration at Hallberg Butterfly Gardens, Sebastopol

GARDEN TOURS

Bay-Friendly Garden Tour

The annual Garden Tour will open gates to over 65 gardens located in geographic clusters in Alameda, Marin, Napa, and Santa Clara counties on the following dates:

- Sunday, April 29—Alameda & Santa Clara Counties
- Sunday, May 6—Napa County
- Saturday, May 19—Marin County

All tours run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's host gardens represent the many different styles of Bay-friendly. You will find urban homesteads with orchards, chickens and bees, greywater installations by local experts, and drought-tolerant replacements for water-thirsty lawns. The host gardeners themselves are a diverse group that includes permaculturists, native plant enthusiasts, do-it-yourselfers, and landscape professionals.

- Registration is required to receive a Tour Guidebook which contains directions and garden descriptions
- Cost is \$10 for a Tour Guidebook alone, or \$35 for Guidebook, plus Bay-Friendly Membership

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.bayfriendlycoalition.org/2012TourRegistration.shtml>.

Bringing Back the Natives (East Bay) Garden Tour 2012

Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

This is a free, self-guided tour of 50 fabulous gardens that provide habitat for wildlife, are pesticide-free, conserve water, and contain 60% or more native plants.

After registering, you will receive a garden guide in the mail. The guide contains more than enough tickets for two people, as most people see four to six gardens. (Twenty tickets are located at the back of the guide). Every adult (age 16 and older) must provide a ticket at the greeting table before entering a garden.

Registration is required in order to receive a garden guide, which contains garden addresses, maps, and directions.

Native plants will be sold at a variety locations. Several native plant nurseries will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekend of the tour. Knowledgeable staff will be on hand to help you select plants right for your garden throughout the weekend.

More than 50 free talks will be given throughout the day. The garden guide contains the schedule.

Handicapped-accessible gardens can be found by looking at the last column in the "Gardens at a Glance" matrix at the back of the Tour Guide.

Please DO NOT visit these gardens on Saturday, May 5, as the hosts will be busy preparing for the big event

on the following day. The free tour takes place ONLY on Sunday, May 6.)

For more information and to register, visit www.bringingbackthenatives.net. Photos, extensive garden descriptions, and plant lists are available online.



MARIN CHAPTER PLANT SALE RECAP

The clouds parted and the sun shone at the end of a rain-filled week on Saturday, April 14 for our 36th annual plant sale. There was much different at this sale—a new venue, longer hours, and more plants grown on site. Marin Audubon, Nancy Bauer, and the Master Composters Corps added to the informative and festive atmosphere.

We were all very pleased not only with the number of customers but with the degree of interest they expressed in native plants. Charlotte Torgovitsky and her Garden Friends, Annie's Annuals, Mostly Natives, and Buckeye Nursery supplied the beautifully grown plants that we sold.



Above: Native plants and happy shoppers at our annual plant sale, by Jeff Le Maitre

Our success would not have been possible without the help of our numerous volunteers: Ann Adams, Annette Anzalone, Alice Bachelder, Janice Barry, Nancy Brown, Karen Brummel, Wilma Follette, Gerd Jakob, Cynthia LaMar, Gisela Le Maitre, Carolyn Longstreth, Lynn Lozier, Suzi Katz, Vivian Mazur, Doyleen McMurtry, Stacey Pogorzelski, Sandy Ross, Doreen Smith, Fred Sommers, and Mary Stevens. Also, our thanks to Jim and Lisa of Green Point Nursery for agreeing to share their site with Marin CNPS.

We are excited by the possibilities presented by this new venue! Upcoming propagation sessions and Saturday mini-sales will provide the public with ongoing opportunities to purchase our native plants.

—Kristin Jakob, Renee Fittinghoff, Charlotte Torgovitsky, and Daniel Kushner

PLANTS OF THE MONTH

Text by Doreen Smith

Some Marin rare plants have had their botanical names changed in the new Flora, *Jepson Manual, Second Edition*.

One of the most unexpected changes was that the annual mint found in the sand dunes of Pt. Reyes, thought for many years to be "*Monardella undulata*", was really the quite different species "*Monardella sinuata* var. *nigrescens*". The real *M. undulata* is a perennial, shrubby plant from Southern California. Only one of the images on Calphotos.org is the real *M. undulata*. It is by Gerald and Buff Corsi of the California Academy of Sciences, and it is from the Nipoma Dunes.



Photos, clockwise from top center:

Chloropyron molle ssp. *molle* (soft bird's-beak), formerly known as *Cordylanthus mollis* ssp. *mollis*. Photo by Vernon Smith.

Monardella sinuata var. *nigrescens* (wavy-leaved monardella), formerly known as *Monardella undulata* (curly-leaved monardella). Photo by Doreen Smith.

Streptanthus glandulosus ssp. *niger* (Tiburon black jewel-flower), formerly known as *Streptanthus niger*. Photo by Doreen Smith.

Chloropyron maritimum ssp. *palustre* (Pt. Reyes bird's-beak) formerly known as *Cordylanthus maritimus* ssp. *palustris*. Photo by Doreen Smith.



Hosackia gracilis (coast lotus), formerly known as *Lotus formosissimus* (harlequin lotus). Photo by Doreen Smith.

Arctostaphylos montana ssp. *montana* (Mt. Tamalpais manzanita), formerly known as *Arctostaphylos hookeri* ssp. *montana*. Photo by Doreen Smith.



GROWING NATIVES

Plant propagation is a year-round endeavor!

While a number of our “babies” have gone on to live in various gardens around the county, we are busy growing still more plants. We have beautiful seedlings to pot along: more wildflowers, cobweb thistles, and buckwheats. *Eriophyllum* and *Satureja* are taking root from cuttings, and there’s room on the greenhouse benches to start more perennials from seed.

We always have a great time while working together, sharing good energy, tips, and ideas; as an added bonus, volunteers helping with propagation often take home choice plants for their own garden!

Following is a schedule of work days and times:

- Tuesdays: 1–3 p.m.
April 17, May 1, 15, and 29
- Thursdays: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
April 26, May 10, May 24

MARIN CNPS CONTACTS

Position	Name
Co-Vice President; Plant Sale Committee Co-Chair; Program Committee Co-Chair	Kristin Jakob
Co-Vice President	David Long
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Board Member; Education and Publicity Committee Co-Chair	Paul da Silva
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Board Member; Gardening with Natives Committee Chair; Plant Sale Committee Co-Chair	Renee Fittinghoff
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Board Member; Website	Mary Stevens
Board Member; Membership Committee Co-Chair; Program Committee Co-Chair	Charlotte Torgovitsky
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Poster Sales	Gerd Jakob
Open Positions: President, Conservation and Invasives Committee Co-Chair (Invasives), Education and Publicity Committee Co-Chair, Field Trips Committee Chair	

More great native plants available at these mini-sales!

- Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.–12 noon
- Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Come to Green Point Nursery, 275 Olive Ave. at the corner of Atherton Ave. in Novato. No need to bring anything; we have gloves and tools on hand, all necessary supplies, and lots of grow-power!

I'm looking forward to sharing in the abundance of plants propagated here at Green Point!

Charlotte Torgovitsky

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NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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

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

CNPS MEMBERSHIP/DONATIONS

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
- Student or Limited Income \$25

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Tax-Deductible Contributions

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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Web www.marinnativeplants.org (Marin chapter)

www.cnps.org (state) The state CNPS site is a resource for a wealth of materials, including promotional materials such as banners and posters.

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GET YOUR COPY OF THE REVISED *MARIN FLORA*!

The 2007 revised edition of John Thomas Howell's classic *Marin Flora* (originally published in 1949) is available at chapter meetings and 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)

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MT. TAMALPAIS RARE PLANT TREASURE HUNT 2012

The Rare Plant Treasure Hunt (RPTH) is a volunteer program started by CNPS. It's designed to get people excited about rare plant conservation, as well as to gather important data on rare plants around the state. Details for trips will be at www.cnps.org/cnps/rare-plants/treasurehunt/calendar.php. To RSVP for a trip or find out more info, send an email to dslakey@cnps.org.

- **Wednesday, May 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
TBD - Parasitic plant search, Mt. Tam
- **Wednesday, May 23, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
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