



# California Native Plant Society

## MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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### **Monday, April 8 Marin Chapter Meeting**

#### **“Along the Wonderland Trail: Plants of Mount Rainier” by guest speaker Vernon Smith**

Mount Rainier rises to 14,410 feet, towering some 8,000 feet above the surrounding landscape. Our speaker made two trips there in 2011 and 2012, hiking about 80 miles along the Wonderland Trail that circles the mountain. The trail goes over the many ridges that radiate out from the central peak, and ranges from 2,600 to 6,900 feet in altitude. Along the way different ecological zones are encountered, starting in dense forests, rising through subalpine meadows, and reaching the alpine region. The plant species encountered reflect the different habitats in which they are found. Some of these species are also found in Northern California but many are not.



**Above:** Mt. Rainier with flowers—by Vernon Smith

Vernon Smith is a retired medical physicist with a PhD in Bioengineering, and is formerly a Professor in the Radiation Oncology Department at the University of California San Francisco. An avid hiker for almost 40 years, he has backpacked extensively throughout the Sierra Nevada and the desert Southwest. He delights in photographing plants with the help and encouragement of his wife, Doreen Smith.

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



### **37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARIN CHAPTER SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE**

**Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**Location:** Green Point Nursery, 275 Olive Ave., at Atherton Ave., in Novato

We'll be offering a large variety of native plants, many grown at our nursery by members and volunteers. Find beautiful and unusual annual and perennial wildflowers, a selection of flowering perennials, lots of bunch grasses, a variety of *Salvias* and an assortment of shrubs and trees. Native seeds are also offered; choose from more than 60 different species!

You'll be able to see many of the plants offered for sale growing in our Native Demonstration Garden, and we'll have experts on hand to help with your selections.

Free demos and talks are scheduled throughout the day. Get insights and information from professional landscape designers and passionate gardeners on: native edible plants, using perennial bunchgrasses in the garden, sheet mulching techniques, inviting pollinators into the garden, and more!

Partake of free refreshments, get information on membership, and browse our selection of native plant books, posters, and cards. Closer to the date, find more information about native species for sale and a schedule of the talks and demos offered during the day at [www.marinnativeplants.org](http://www.marinnativeplants.org).

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Please support our chapter by purchasing plants for your garden, or by helping with the plant sale. Volunteers are needed to help with setup on the Thursday and Friday before, and on Saturday for the sale. If you can help, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Gisela Le Maitre at (415) 898-6893 or lemaitredesign@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Plant Sale Committee Chairs:

- Charlotte Torgovitsky, (415) 892-9148 or torgovitsky@comcast.net
- Kristin Jakob, (415) 388-1844 or kristinjacob@att.net



Above: Pacific Coast iris hybrid by Mieko Watkins

## RARE PLANT MONITORING AT PT. REYES

by Doreen Smith

The first Pt. Reyes rare plant monitoring trip on March 6 was cancelled due to rain. The March 13 visit to Kehoe Beach to look for a new population of coast wallflower (*Erysimum concinnum*) was successful. Six people participated and we found about 100 plants in flower.

This is a low-key effort checking on known and new populations of sensitive species on short hikes and mapping them by GPS. No previous knowledge of rare plants is necessary; we will usually concentrate on only one species at a time. Monitoring is ongoing on Wednesdays until July, except if it rains. Please let me know if you can join our group, even if only from time to time. We shall meet at the Inverness store at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, email me at dlsmith@lvha.net or call me at (415) 479-7888.

## RING MOUNTAIN DROP-IN VOLUNTEER DAY

Join Marin County Parks for a regular “drop-in” volunteer program on Ring Mountain to help restore the native grasslands that make this preserve so special. Activities this spring will focus on weeding our newly planted restoration site. We will periodically include plant walks, bird walks, and special guest naturalists. Volunteer days are held on the last Saturday of every month, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Work is mildly strenuous, but family-friendly. For more information, contact Sam Abercrombie at [sabercrombie@marincounty.org](mailto:sabercrombie@marincounty.org), or visit the Marin County Parks events page for information about this month’s workday: [www.marincountyparks.org](http://www.marincountyparks.org).

Next volunteer date: Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Meeting Place: the end of Taylor Road, off of Paradise Drive, in Tiburon.

## RARE PLANT TREASURE HUNT CONTINUES FOR 2013

Last year, the Marin Chapter and the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) started leading Rare Plant Treasure Hunts on Mt. Tamalpais to search for and document some of Marin County’s rarest plants. We’re going to continue the project this year at Mt. Tamalpais, and expand the project to Point Reyes National Seashore and Tomales Bay State Park. Some volunteers at Point Reyes will be mapping the bluff wallflower (*Erysimum concinnum*), which was just recently added to the CNPS Rare Plant Inventory.

We are still planning and scheduling some of the events, so look for more updates in the next newsletter and on the RPTH calendar at [www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt/calendar.php](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt/calendar.php). Contact Danny Slakey ([dslakey@cnps.org](mailto:dslakey@cnps.org)) to sign up or for more information. The following date has been set for a trip on Mt. Tamalpais.

- **Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**—Lagunitas Meadows: search for a rare species of owl’s-clover, locally-rare annual vernal-pool *Sidalcea calycosa* ssp. *calycosa*, an uncommon wetland death camas, a star-lily mariposa, and other rare plants.

## 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 6.

## GROWING NATIVES!

A number of chapter members and dedicated volunteers regularly contribute plants to the collection of native plants at Green Point. These are often divisions from the garden, brought to the nursery in a “bare root” state. Our team of volunteers then carefully disassembles roots and shoots, and repots these plant parts into a balanced soil mix; most plants need just four to six weeks to settle in and put on new growth.

One member, Vivian M., has a lovely streamside garden in Inverness; she brings us divisions of native riparian species such as *Aristolochia*, *Asarum*, and *Oxalis*. Vivian also tends a beautiful specimen of mountain dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*), and offered us cuttings when she had to trim the tree. I’ve successfully propagated creek dogwood from cuttings; we’re using the same methods with the mountain dogwood.

Suzi K., another member and passionate native gardener with a beautiful sunny habitat garden in Pt. Reyes Station, brings us dozens of wildflower and native bunchgrass seedlings to pot up. We divided goldenrod and potted up seedlings of woodland melic and globe gilia for the spring sale. Suzi also introduced us to a lovely little bunchgrass, slender hairgrass (*Deschampsia elongata*); we included this species in our demonstration garden, and will also offer them for sale.

My hot sunny garden in Novato provides us with cuttings of a variety of *Salvias*, *Ribes*, and *Mimulus*. Monkeyflowers also seed themselves in my garden pathways; these tiny seedlings are carefully dug, potted on and grown to maturity. Last year some of these seedlings proved to be interesting hybrids of *M. aurantiacus* and *M. puniceus*, producing flowers in all shades of pinks and rusty orange tones.

Come help us propagate! Each session is fun and educational. We work under a canopy that offers protection on rainy days; we’re serenaded by a chorus of tree frogs, sometimes distracted by activity of all the bird life in the area; we share 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, April 2, 16, and 30, 1–3 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 11**, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (*plant sale prep*)
- **Friday, April 12**, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (*plant sale prep*)
- Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

We also need volunteers to help with the plant sale on Saturday, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Come work with us; help us encourage more gardeners to include native plants in their gardens. Each volunteer can pick a free plant as a “thank you” for their help! If you can help, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Gisela Le Maitre at (415) 898-6893 or lemaitredesign@hotmail.com.

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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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✿ **Monday 4/1, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**  
Ring Mountain Community Meeting at Marin Country Day School, Corte Madera
- ✿ **Tuesday 4/2, 7 p.m. (Note Date Change!)**  
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC in Ross
- ✿ **Wednesday 4/3, 9:30 a.m. (and ongoing Wednesdays)**  
Rare Plant Monitoring at Pt. Reyes
- ✿ **Sunday 4/7, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
Chapter Field Trip: Beginner’s Plant Walk, Muddy Hollow
- ✿ **Monday 4/8, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Chapter Meeting: Vernon Smith on “Along the Wonderland Trail: Plants of Mt. Rainier” (rescheduled from January)
- ✿ **Saturday 4/13, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
Chapter Plant Sale at Green Point Nursery in Novato
- ✿ **Thursday 4/18, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Pt. Reyes
- ✿ **Friday 4/19 & Saturday 4/20, 10 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**  
Friends of Mt. Tam Wildflower Hike (Friday botanist preview; Saturday hike)
- ✿ **Saturday 4/20, 10 a.m.–noon**  
Sudden Oak Death Blitz at Dominican University, San Rafael
- ✿ **Friday 4/26, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
Chapter Field Trip: Coastal Trail, Marin Headlands
- ✿ **Saturday 4/27, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt at Lagunitas Meadows
- ✿ **Saturday 4/27, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
Ring Mountain Drop-In Volunteer Day in Tiburon
- ✿ **Sunday 5/5, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**  
Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour (East Bay)
- ✿ **Monday 5/6, 7 p.m.**  
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC in Ross
- ✿ **Monday 5/13, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Chapter Meeting: Eva Buxton on “A New Meadowfoam Subspecies in an Agricultural Field”
- ✿ **Thursday 5/16, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Pt. Reyes
- ✿ **Thursday 5/30, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
Chapter Field Trip: Looking at Grasses on Mt. Tam—Rock Spring-Potrero Meadows-Barth’s Retreat Loop
- ✿ **Friday 5/31–Sunday 6/2**  
State CNPS Board/Chapter Council Meeting at Walker Creek Ranch

## APRIL–MAY 2013 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 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](http://www.marinnativeplants.org).

### Beginner's Plant Walk, Muddy Hollow

**Sunday, April 7, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

We'll start at the Muddy Hollow Trailhead, and, depending on conditions, take a walk along the Bayview Trail or the Estero Trail to explore the trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers that we find in this beautiful canyon area. In addition to learning the names of plants, we'll talk about some of the traditional uses of plants for food, fiber, etc. We are likely to see several bird species, as well; bring binoculars, if you have them.

We'll meet at 10 a.m. at the Muddy Hollow Trailhead, located north of Limantour Road (down the dirt road across from the turn for the Hostel). Heavy rain cancels.

**Leader:** Carissa Brands (415) 663-8037

### Coastal Trail, Marin Headlands

**Friday, April 26, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**

This is a trail with many northeast-facing outcroppings and seeps that provides an opportunity to see wildflowers that were in bloom earlier in other locations, and will most probably put on an incredible late-season flower display. This eastern part of the Coastal Trail in the Marin Headlands runs along and above 101 and then over the ridge into the Headlands.

Meet at the parking area near the start of Conzelman Road (the last exit off 101 South before the Golden Gate Bridge), on the west side of 101. Head up Conzelman Road and make a left turn into the parking lot about 50 feet after starting uphill. We'll drop some cars off at the parking lot at the intersection of Conzelman and McCullough roads so that we'll have an easy, leisurely, and beautiful one-way walk. Heavy rain cancels.

**Leaders:** David Long (415) 381-6327, [sfdlong@ix.netcom.com](mailto:sfdlong@ix.netcom.com) and Bruce Homer-Smith

### Looking at Grasses on Mt. Tam: Rock Spring-Potrero Meadows-Barth's Retreat Loop

**Thursday, May 30, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

This beautiful loop takes us through tanbark oak-madrone woodland, open meadows, serpentine grasslands, chaparral, and wet meadows. We will see a stunning array of grasses associated with these plant communities (possibly as many as 50 grass species). I will provide a species list with grass descriptions and other helpful information. Bring a hand lens if possible.

Meet at the Rock Spring parking area at the junction of Pantoll Rd. and Ridgecrest Blvd. Please call Ashley if you have any questions.

**Leader:** Ashley Ratcliffe (415) 868-0681



## PLANT OF THE MONTH

Text and photo by Doreen Smith

*Cerastium viride*, previously known as *Cerastium arvense* var. *maximum*, has recently been recognized as an uncommon coastal species from Northern California into Oregon. It has twice the number of chromosomes and bigger flowers than the more inland native chickweed, *Cerastium arvense* ssp. *strictum*.



**Above:** *Cerastium viride* (spring snow, or western field mouse-ear chickweed)

Plants are perennial, with almost-succulent opposite, entire, sessile green leaves forming mats that can be covered with the showy five-petaled white flowers looking almost like a dusting of snow on the vegetation. In Marin, fine examples can be seen in spring along the cliffs south of Tomales on Highway 1 and on the Chimney Rock Peninsula at Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

## STATE CNPS BOARD & CHAPTER COUNCIL COMING TO MARIN IN JUNE!

As many of you know, the state board and Chapter Council have quarterly meetings at different locations around the state. This year, the June meetings will take place at the Walker Creek Ranch, off of Hicks Valley Road in the remote northwestern part of Marin County.

The Marin Chapter will host the meetings, together with the Milo Baker Chapter in Sonoma and the Napa Chapter. Directors and Chapter Council delegates will begin arriving the afternoon of Friday, May 31st, and the business meetings will take place Saturday and Sunday morning, June 1–2.

Weather permitting, a bonfire is planned for Friday night after a buffet dinner. While the agenda for Saturday morning is usually taken up with administrative business, Saturday afternoon sessions may include a breakout on native plant gardening, membership building, and other topics of interest to CNPS members. Saturday evening will feature a barbeque dinner, followed by a keynote address by Roger Raiche, former director of the California Native Collection at the University of California Botanical Gardens in Berkeley, CNPS Fellow, a founding partner of Planet Horticulture, and former co-owner of the famed Cedars property in Sonoma County. Hikes are to be offered Sunday afternoon at Walker Creek Ranch and at Abbots Lagoon in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Walker Creek Ranch is a rustic environmental education center managed by Marin County. To attend, you must register in advance for lodging and meals at a special website to be posted by the state office of CNPS. Walker Creek Ranch is remote enough that those who wish to attend may well want to spend the night to avoid having to drive home late on dark, winding roads. A variety of reasonably-priced lodging types will be available, ranging from camping, dormitory style rooms with a bathroom across a patio, semi-private rooms for 3-4 people with an adjacent shared bathroom, to private rooms. While most meals will be provided by Walker Creek Ranch, the three hosting chapters will provide a portion.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with serving food, cleaning up, and greeting/orienting visitors. Please contact Carolyn Longstreth (cklongstreth@gmail.com or 415-669-7514) or Kristin Jakob (kristinjakob@att.net, 415-388-1844) to volunteer, obtain details about the agenda, or to be notified when registration opens.

We are looking forward to showing our CNPS colleagues from around California our beautiful corner of the state! Let's show them a great time!

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

## THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

**Next workdays: April 18 and May 16**

**9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

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. The Weeders meet regularly on the third Thursday of every month, either in the Seashore or at other sites in West Marin. The location of each work party is set in consultation with Seashore staff. Over the past 20-plus months, we have made great progress on the iceplant and veldt grass infestations at the Outer Point, European beachgrass at Abbots Lagoon, perennial pepperweed in the Giacomini Wetland, and cape ivy at Pierce Point.

To sign up and receive notification of the meeting places in April and May, please send an email to Ellen Hamingson at [Ellen\\_Hamingson@nps.gov](mailto:Ellen_Hamingson@nps.gov). Be sure to let Ellen know whether you plan to attend so we'll know to wait for everyone before heading to the work area.



**Above:** Enthusiastic Weeders at the Outer Point—NPS photo

Special note: the Weeders' spring (and second anniversary) celebration has been postponed to our April work-session, April 18, due to the cold dry weather of late. Hopefully the wildflower show at the Lighthouse parking lot will be in full swing by then, free to flourish without the constraint of the pesky veldgrass! Contact Ellen or Carolyn below if you are interested and we'll keep you posted on the details!

Bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks, warm and wind-stopping layers, sturdy shoes, work clothes. No shorts or open-toed shoes. The Park provides tools and gloves.

For more information, contact Carolyn Longstreth at [cklongstreth@gmail.com](mailto:cklongstreth@gmail.com) or (415) 669-7514. Hope to see you there!

# SOD BLITZ: A CITIZEN-SCIENCE PROJECT TO COMBAT SUDDEN OAK DEATH

**Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.–noon**

If you are concerned about the spread of Sudden Oak Death (SOD), here is an opportunity to help scientists combat the disease. SOD Blitzes will be taking place all over the central California coast this spring, many of them cosponsored for the first time by CNPS chapters, in an effort to boost publicity and participation.

Training is provided by Matteo Garbelotto, Principal Investigator, Extension Specialist and Adjunct Professor at the UC Berkeley Forest Pathology and Mycology Laboratory, [www.matteolab.org](http://www.matteolab.org).

Marin CNPS is cosponsoring a free SOD Blitz Training on April 20 at Dominican University in San Rafael. Volunteers will be trained in a two-hour session to look

for infected California bay laurel trees (which spread the disease). They will then collect bay leaves in any area they choose, using the materials and instructions provided, and deliver them back by Sunday evening to Dominican, where they will be picked up and analyzed by the forest pathology laboratory at UC Berkeley.

Individuals with GPS capability on their phone or other device may also be asked to attach metal tags to trees to enable a longer-term survey of how the pathogen persists in drought years. Depending on the findings, a follow-up meeting may be held in the fall to discuss preventative measures.

For more information, contact Carolyn Longstreth at 669-7514 or [cklongstreth@gmail.com](mailto:cklongstreth@gmail.com); [www.sodmap.org](http://www.sodmap.org) shows areas previously studied.

**Location:** Dominican University, 155 Palm Ave., Joseph R. Fink Science Center, Room 102, San Rafael  
More information can be found at [www.sodblitz.org](http://www.sodblitz.org).

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## 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](http://www.cnps.org) and click **Join/Renew**.

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Yes! I wish to affiliate with the Marin chapter.

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## BOTANISTS NEEDED FOR FRIENDS OF MT. TAM WILDFLOWER HIKE

**Friday & Saturday, April 19–20, 10 a.m.**

The MTIA (Mt. Tamalpais Interpretive Association) has a new name—FMT (Friends of Mt. Tam)!

FMT will hold their annual Mt. Tamalpais State Park Wildflower Hike on Saturday, April 20. The botanist preview and wildflower identification/flagging will take place on Friday, April 19. **Botanists are needed both days.**

Meet at the Rock Spring parking lot/trailhead at the intersection of Pantoll Rd. and Ridgecrest Blvd. Bring lunch to have with the group. Event will finish up around 12:45 p.m. Overall distance covered will be about two miles at a slow pace.

Contact Jordan Herrmann, FMT Event Chair, at [herrmann48@comcast.net](mailto:herrmann48@comcast.net).



## NINTH ANNUAL BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR

**Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Registration for this tour is now open. This free, award-winning tour features 40 Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that are pesticide-free, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants. This self-drive tour showcases a variety of gardens, from large parcels in the hills to small lots in the flats. Native plant sales and talks are offered at select gardens. Space is limited; registration is required. Register early to ensure a place.

Volunteers needed. Please register or volunteer at [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net).

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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](http://www.marinnativeplants.org)).

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Retail	\$45 (plus \$3.49 tax)	\$35 (plus \$2.71 tax)
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## RING MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY MEETING: MANAGING THE RING MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

**Monday, April 1, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

The Ring Mountain Preserve is an exceptional treasure for its rich natural resources and open space values, but it is currently facing a variety of challenges. We invite you to join Marin County Parks in a conversation about these challenges and opportunities. Come learn how you and your community can become an active part of protecting Ring Mountain.

Marin County Parks' staff will address resource protection efforts and goals, our partnership with The Nature Conservancy, and visitor use issues.

The meeting will be held at Marin Country Day School's Multipurpose Room at 5221 Paradise Drive, Corte Madera. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m., and light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by March 29 to Sam Abercrombie at [SAbercrombie@marincounty.org](mailto:SAbercrombie@marincounty.org).

We hope to see you there!