



# California Native Plant Society

## MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)*

*Marin Chapter established 1973*

### **Monday, January 14 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.



**Above:** *Erythronium montanum* (avalanche lily)—by Vernon Smith

### **Monday, February 11 Marin Chapter Meeting**

#### **“Great Basin Flora of the Northern Warner Mountains of Modoc County” by guest speaker Dick O’Donnell**

Modoc County is located in the extreme northeastern corner of California, abutting the Great Basin to the east and the Klamath Region (southern Oregon) to the north, and is not in the California Floristic Province. Most of the county is in the Modoc Plateau Floristic Province. The Warner Mountains of central Modoc County, which run north/south, are not lofty; they barely reach 9,000 feet above the Modoc Plateau, but that is enough for a distinctive flora to take root.

Indifferent to rising gas prices, Dick travels throughout California, and from Oregon to New Mexico every year to savor their distinctive floras. Author of a growing number of articles on the endemic flora of California, he seeks out niches within niches, detecting the unusually constricted habitats of narrowly endemic plants. This

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retired economist has no economic reason to do otherwise, he says. The best course of action, he adds, is to apply himself to the most rewarding undertakings and to share the findings with the botanical world.



**Above:** *Betula glandulosa* (Glandular birch) by Dick O'Donnell; a widespread but uncommon shrub growing in Dismal Swamp, northern Warner Mountains

**Below:** *Linum lewisii* (blue flax) by Dick O'Donnell; all others look pale compared to the intense blue of the population at Cedar Pass, over the Warners



January and February meetings:

**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.

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

### THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

**Next workdays: January 17 and February 21, 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 locations in West Marin. The locations of each session are set in consultation with Seashore staff. Over the past 18 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.



**Above:** Weeding with the Coast Guard at Abbots Lagoon

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

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!



## ETHNOBOTANICAL PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN

**Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m.**

Clint Kellner will present this talk to the Garden Society of Marin as part of their regular lecture series. It will be held in the Livermore Room of the Marin Art and Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross. Consult [www.magc.org/about/directions.html](http://www.magc.org/about/directions.html) for directions.

## GROWING NATIVES!

The cool rainy season is one of the best times to divide a number of plants. A good rule of thumb for deciding when to divide a species is: plants that bloom in spring, like *Iris*, are divided in the fall, plants that bloom in the fall are divided in the spring.

Goldenrods bloom in fall, providing nectar and pollen for beneficial insects when little else is available. When the patch of *Solidago velutina* ssp. *californica* in my garden has finished blooming, I collect some seed, leaving most of it for the wildlife. When I'm ready to divide I dig up clumps within the patch to encourage new growth, and outlying runners to keep the patch to a manageable size. These will get divided up into gallon pots and grown on for the spring plant sale.

I also grow *Calamagrostis nutkaensis* "The King," which, despite being a coastal grass, is quite happy and grows vigorously with a bit of summer water in my Novato garden. It has set numerous side shoots which will be carefully detached without disturbing the parent plant and potted up.



**Above:** Plant propagation at Green Point by Gisela le Maitre

A plant which surprised us all with its garden-worthiness is yerba santa (*Eriodictyon californicum*). We included it in the Green Point demonstration garden, where it grew very quickly to about four feet high with shiny, beautiful dark green leaves, unmarred by the black sooty mold so often seen on this plant in the wild. This plant has sent out numerous runners. Left unmanaged it could colonize the whole berm in a year or

two, but we'll be digging them up and potting on! It's a perfect plant for a large and wildish habitat garden; the flowers attract numerous butterflies and beneficial insects.

Come join us! Each session is fun and educational. We work under a canopy which offers protection on rainy days; we're serenaded by birds and a chorus of tree frogs; 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, 1–3 p.m.**

- January 8 and 22
- February 5 and 19

### **Thursdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

- January 3, 17, 31
- February 14 and 28

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

torgovitsky@comcast.net, (415) 892-9148



## INDIGENOUS GARDENING TALK

### **Wednesday, February 27, 7 p.m.**

As part of a series of talks CNPS is co-sponsoring with the Fairfax Library, Kat Anderson, author of *Tending the Wild*, will speak on "Restoring Partnership with Nature: The Philosophy and Principles of Indigenous Gardening in the Wild". In her own words:

"This talk will highlight the gathering and horticultural methods of California Indians; their mutual benefits to the ecosystem and humans; and how these practices are informed by a Native cultural philosophy that regards plants, animals, and all life as kin. I will discuss some of the exchanges that generate knowledge, respect, and a beautiful coexistence between Native Americans and the natural world. I will explore the possibility that gathering plants in the wilds is a primal need of humans, challenging the audience to look deep into their own cultural traditions to find the traces and severed threads of their plant-gathering heritage, and suggesting possible ways that the human place in wild nature can be restored."

The talk will be given at the Fairfax Library, 2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax. For more information, contact Renee Fittinghoff at reneef94941@gmail.com.

# JANUARY–FEBRUARY 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).

## Lagunitas Creek, Samuel P Taylor State Park

**Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m.–noon**

Watch, listen, and learn while endangered salmon spawn in Lagunitas Creek. Explore the botany of the watershed of California's largest remaining coho salmon population while sharing discussions on the ecology of salmon and local streams, and their relationship to the health of our forests.

We'll meet at the parking lot of the San Geronimo Valley Cultural Center, located at 6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. From US 101, take the Central San Rafael exit and turn west onto 3rd St. Follow 3rd St. west through San Rafael and turn right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Follow Sir Francis Drake Blvd. 10 miles past the town of Fairfax. When you see the San Geronimo Valley Golf Course, keep going for another 1/4 mile. Turn into the first parking lot on your right. For a map, see <http://www.sgvcc.org/about/address.html>. We'll carpool to the Leo T. Cronin fish viewing area. Rain cancels; call Clint if in doubt.

Leader: Clint Kellner, (510) 376-5702 (cell), [Clint.Kellner@Isa-assoc.com](mailto:Clint.Kellner@Isa-assoc.com)

## Carson Falls/Carson Ridge: Pine Mountain Fire Road to Oat Hill Road

**Sunday, February 3, 10 a.m.**

We'll start at the Pine Mountain Fire Road and climb through the serpentine barrens along Carson Ridge to the junction with Oat Hill about one mile out. If we're lucky, we'll see some early-flowering Mt. Tam manzanita. We'll then follow Oat Hill to the Carson

Falls Trail and down to the falls, hiking a total of 1.7 miles from the trailhead. Along the way, we'll look for fetid-adder's tongue, milkmaids, and other early wildflowers. We'll lunch at the spectacular Carson Falls, and hopefully catch a glimpse of the endangered yellow-legged frogs that live there. Meet at the Pine Mountain Fire Rd. trailhead, about one mile south of the Meadow Club on the Fairfax-Bolinas Rd. Heavy rain cancels. Call Amelia if in doubt.

Leader: Amelia Ryan, (707) 481-9932

## Mountain Home to Van Wyck Meadows Troop Loop

**Sunday, February 17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

This is one of the top trails for winter hiking on the mountain. We'll walk through woody vegetation, including some rare manzanitas at the start, as we hike the Matt Davis Trail along the warmer, south-facing slopes with views of the City and the Marin Headlands. We'll return through redwood canyons with ferns and rushing creeks, for a total of five miles of moderately difficult hiking.

Meet at the parking area across from the Mountain Home Inn, about 2.5 miles north on Panoramic Highway from the intersection with Route 1. This hike is especially suitable for beginning plant enthusiasts. Rain cancels; call Eva if in doubt.

Leader: Eva Buxton, (415) 435-2745

## Cataract of Wildflowers: Cataract Trail from Alpine Dam to Laurel Dell

**Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

You'll see why this trail is so popular even if it's in an out-of-the-way location; it is aptly named, with Cataract Creek roaring and tumbling over rocks and boulders during the rainy season. We'll hike the two miles steeply up to the Laurel Dell picnic area, looking at wildflowers in rocky outcroppings and grassy meadows, in shade and sun. We'll return by the same route. This hike is especially suitable for beginning plant enthusiasts.

To get there, drive about seven miles south of Fairfax on the Bolinas Fairfax Road to the Alpine Lake dam. Continue across the dam and about a quarter mile to the unsigned parking area where the road takes a hairpin turn. Rain cancels; call Clint if in doubt.

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

## RARE PLANT MONITORING

Text and photo by Doreen Smith

In 2013 I hope to revive the weekday rare plant monitoring and hiking group at Pt. Reyes starting in March. So far the day most chosen by those already consulted is a Wednesday. This will be 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.

The first species we will count and map is the fragrant wallflower, *Erysimum concinnum*, newly recognized as being more uncommon than previously thought by our State CNPS rare plant specialists.



Above: *Erysimum concinnum* (fragrant wallflower)

Please let me know if you can join our group, even if only from time to time. We shall meet on Wednesdays (if no rain) at the Inverness store at 9:30 a.m., until August.

If you have any questions, email me at [dsmith@lvha.net](mailto:dsmith@lvha.net) or call me at (415) 479-7888.

—Doreen Smith

## 2013 JOE KOHN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marin chapter of CNPS is pleased to announce the 2013 Joe Kohn Scholarship competition. One \$500 undergraduate scholarship and one \$1,000 graduate scholarship will be awarded to students conducting research on Marin native plants at local colleges or universities. For more information, please consult the Marin CNPS website.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✿ **Monday 1/7, 7 p.m.**  
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC in Ross
- ✿ **Thursday 1/10, 10:30 a.m.**  
Chapter Plant Sale Committee Kick-off Meeting, Green Point Nursery, Novato
- ✿ **Thursday 1/10, 7 p.m.**  
“Ethnobotanical Plants for Your Garden” talk by Clint Kellner for the Marin Botanical Society at the MA&GC in Ross
- ✿ **Saturday 1/12, 10 a.m.–noon**  
Chapter Field Trip: Lagunitas Creek, Samuel P Taylor State Park
- ✿ **Monday 1/14, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
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“Indigenous Gardening” talk by Kat Anderson at the Fairfax Library
- ✿ **Monday 3/4, 7 p.m.**  
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- ✿ **Monday 3/11, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Chapter Meeting: Glenn Keator on “Designing California Native Gardens”
- ✿ **Saturday 3/16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
Chapter Field Trip: Laurel Dell

## WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES

### CNPS 2013 Workshops

Visit [www.cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/index.php](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/index.php) or contact Josie Crawford at (916) 447-2677 or [jrcrawford@cnps.org](mailto:jrcrawford@cnps.org) for more information.

### Wayne Roderick Lectures

These free lectures take place at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Berkeley on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Visit [www.nativeplants.org/roderick.html](http://www.nativeplants.org/roderick.html) for a schedule.

## BEQUEST FROM KEN HOWARD

Our long-time CNPS member and friend, Ken Howard, who died on September 4, 2011, has left the Marin chapter of CNPS a handsome bequest. Plans are being made for a proper tribute to Ken and for the wise use of his generosity.

Born in England, Ken served in WWII in the British army, and lived in Puerto Rico and New York before settling in San Francisco, where he was a florist for many years. He and his longtime partner emigrated to a charming Victorian house in Sausalito and Ken soon became a staunch member of the Marin Audubon Society, serving on the Board from 1977–1984. He joined the Marin chapter of CNPS in the mid-80s and soon was teaching us birdsong as we walked along trails.

Ken maintained his love of all nature over the years with his involvement in bird, plant, and lichen societies. He was a regular for many years on Wilma's Wednesday Walks and served on the Board for many years starting in 1991 as CNPS field trip chair. Subsequently, he served as Plant Sale Co-Chair and Chapter Historian. Ken was on the trails every week of every year identifying plants and enjoying the bounty at his doorstep.

Also a painter, Ken exhibited his paintings as far away as Los Angeles. He was an avid music buff, especially the opera, and read voraciously particularly on Roman and British history and mythology. Ken Howard led a very rich life full of appreciation and knowledge of nature and he reflected this richness in his cheery special greeting for each person that never failed to lift one's spirit. "Hi Ducky" rings in my ears to this day. Ken's genial company and knowledge are sorely missed by his many friends in our chapter. He had a great gift of loving life that he shared with those around him and now he is continuing to generously share with his gift to the chapter.

—Phyllis M Faber

## COMING SOON: ID WHAT YOU SEE

The Marin chapter of CNPS has embarked on a new project to create an online plant identification website for commonly seen plants along Marin trails. The website is called *Favorite Marin Plant Walks: ID What You See*. This project was proposed to the chapter by member Bruce Homer-Smith, a Sausalito IT professional. In roaming the trails of Mt. Tam, Bruce, as a relative newcomer to California flora, had difficulty identifying the plants he saw. And as an IT professional he thought there should be an online resource for easily identifying at least the most commonly seen plants along trails in Marin. Reflecting his enthusiasm for California native plants, Bruce offered to lead this project and lend his high-tech skills to making this website a reality.

At the same time Bruce was discussing this project

with the chapter, Jana Geddis, a University of San Francisco Environmental Science student who would like to expand her knowledge of local native plants, expressed an interest in volunteering with Marin CNPS. She saw work on this project as a natural fit with her interest in learning more about local flora and is now working with Bruce on the project.

To facilitate plant identification, the plant ID website will be organized around trails used by Marin CNPS for field trips. We'll select the most obvious plants from existing plant lists for these field trips, and then make adjustments as we take the field trips in the coming year. Plants in the website will be organized first by walk, and within each walk by trees, shrubs, flowers, ferns, and grasses. Each plant listed will have three photos that illustrate plant identification characteristics, and a link to a page for that plant with additional plant photos and information. We may tweak this format plan as the site grows and evolves.

We anticipate that Marin CNPS members will be a major source of plant identification photos for the site. In connection with this project, Marin CNPS would like to create an open-source plant photo archive of Marin flora that the chapter could use for the plant ID website and for other educational purposes. If you are a photography buff, we would like to encourage you to bring your camera along on field trips, so you can take photos for the archive. Also, if you have plant photos you would be willing to share with the chapter for this purpose, please let Bruce Homer-Smith know at [bruce@quartetsystems.com](mailto:bruce@quartetsystems.com) or (415) 729-9090.

## MARIN CNPS AT THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BAEER FAIR!

CNPS will be at the Bay Area Environmental Education Resource Fair on Saturday, January 19 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come visit us at the Fair, located at the Marin Center in San Rafael, and discover all sorts of resources available to teachers and the general public. Special workshops are also offered throughout the day. Visit [www.baeerfair.org](http://www.baeerfair.org) for more details.

Marin CNPS wants local teachers and school garden coordinators to know that we can provide plants, both California natives and well-behaved habitat plants, to enhance your school garden. We're here to help you create more excitement in your school garden by inviting in the pollinators and other beneficial wildlife. We have resources available to help with the planning stages of a habitat garden, and we're growing hundreds of plants every year at our new volunteer-powered nursery, which we offer at discounted prices to schools, other non-profits, and for restoration projects.

Contact Charlotte Torgovitsky at (415) 892-9148 or [torgovitsky@comcast.net](mailto:torgovitsky@comcast.net).

# NATIVE PLANT SALES 2013

## ***Call for Volunteers! It's not too soon to start planning!***

The Fall Plant Sale brought together our membership, other like-minded organizations, and experts on various aspects of native plant gardening; it saw hundreds of volunteer-grown native plants go home with enthusiastic gardeners in perfect time for planting during the rainy season.

Mini-workshops and hands-on demos were offered on pruning, composting, planting native bulbs, and wildflower seeding. Aesthetic pruner Michael Alliger offered tips on pruning natives, both in the garden and in containers. Soil scientist Stephen Andrews demonstrated three different methods of home composting, and a worm bin and a Soil-saver compost bin went home with lucky winners! The Hungry Owl Project and Marin Audubon Society created displays and had members on hand with advice about bird-friendly gardening. Sustainable Novato, the Novato Streetscape Committee, and the Novato Community Garden project were also present to promote the good work they do.

CNPS now has a permanent location for plant sales and workshops and a beautiful demonstration garden to encourage more gardeners to plant natives. We've invested in signage, tents, tables, and chairs in order to more easily create an instructive and friendly atmosphere. Most of the plants we're offering for sale are being grown on site at our new volunteer-powered nursery.



**Above:** Shoppers enjoy the fall Plant Sale at Green Point Nursery by Gisela de Maitre

We're looking for members with event planning and organizational skills, an interest in horticulture, and ideas and interests in garden education programming. You are invited to join a Plant Sale Committee, and contribute your expertise and energy to plan some interesting sale events for 2013. We can stick with two major sales a

year, or create mini-sale events featuring a specific type of plant or instructional workshop. This is an opportunity to get really creative, and also to help our Marin CNPS chapter network with other non-profit organizations. Let's work together to promote more awareness of how native plant gardens have a positive impact in the day-to-day sustainable living movement in our county!



**Above:** Amelia Ryan, Doreen Smith, and Alice Bachelder at the fall Plant Sale by Gisela de Maitre

The first meeting of the Plant Sale Committee will be held on Thursday, January 10. We'll meet at 10:30 a.m. at Green Point Nursery and take a short tour of our venue. Follow-up discussion will take place over a brown-bag lunch at Charlotte's home, a short drive from the nursery.

Contact Kristin or Charlotte, Plant Sale Co-Chairs, for more details and to volunteer!

- Kristin Jakob (415) 388-1844, [kristinjakob@att.net](mailto:kristinjakob@att.net)
- Charlotte Torgovitsky (415) 892-9148, [torgovitsky@comcast.net](mailto:torgovitsky@comcast.net)



## **MARIN BOTANY COURSE**

For all those who want to get to know the plants of Marin just a little better, Jolie Egert (former Marin CNPS chapter Acting President/Vice President) will be teaching a course called Field Botany of Marin beginning Tuesday evening, January 15 at the College of Marin (Kentfield campus).

The course includes introductions to the principal communities, families, and genera of Marin County plants. Laboratory sessions using the *Marin Flora* for identification and field trips to significant areas of floral diversity will be highlights of the course.

To register, go to the college website at [www.marin.edu](http://www.marin.edu). For more information, contact Jolie at [jolie@gowildconsulting.com](mailto:jolie@gowildconsulting.com).

# BOARD NEWS

## Marin Chapter Board Election Results for 2013

The following slate of candidates was elected by members attending the November 12, 2012 membership meeting:

- President: Open - Volunteer needed
- Co-Vice President: David Long
- Co-Vice President: Kristin Jakob
- Secretary: Amelia Ryan
- Treasurer: Daniel Kushner
- Board Members:
  - Janice Barry
  - Eva Buxton
  - Paul da Silva
  - Phyllis Faber

- Wilma Follette
- Carolyn Longstreth
- Sandy Ross
- Charlotte Torgovitsky

In committee news, we welcome Sam Gilbert as our new Field Trips Committee Chair/Coordinator; Sam came to our attention as a Member Survey respondent who had expressed an interest in this area of chapter activities. He is a fan of *Calochortus*, *Arctostaphylos*, and even genera that do not occur in the Californian wild. He lives in Petaluma but hunts native plants in Marin. Welcome, Sam!

We also welcome Bruce Homer-Smith as chair of a new project to develop a website with plant ID photos and text for favorite Marin County walks.

—David Long & Kristin Jakob, Co-Vice Presidents

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## MARIN CNPS CONTACTS

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

Position	Name
Co-Vice President; Plant Sale Committee Co-Chair; Program Committee Co-Chair	Kristin Jakob
Co-Vice President	David Long
Secretary	Amelia Ryan
Treasurer	Daniel Kushner
Board Member	Janice Barry
Board Member; Conservation and Invasives Committee Chair (Conservation)	Eva Buxton
Board Member; Education and Publicity Committee Co-Chair	Paul da Silva
Board Member; Legislation	Phyllis Faber
Gardening with Natives Committee Chair	Renee Fittinghoff
Board Member; <i>Marin Flora</i> Project	Wilma Follette
Board Member; Chapter Council Delegate	Carolyn Longstreth
Board Member	Sandy Ross
Field Trip Committee Chair/Coordinator	Sam Gilbert
Rare Plant Committee Chair	Doreen Smith
Website	Mary Stevens
Board Member; Membership Committee Co-Chair; Program Committee Co-Chair; Plant Sale Committee Co-Chair	Charlotte Torgovitsky
Book Sales	Doyleen McMurtry
Membership Committee Co-Chair	Ashley Ratcliffe
Historian	Vivian Mazur
Newsletter Editor	Krista Fechner
Newsletter Folding/Mailing	Paul Kryloff
Poster Sales	Gerd Jakob
ID What You See Website	Bruce Homer-Smith

**Open Positions:** President, Conservation and Invasives Committee Co-Chair (Invasives), Education and Publicity Committee Co-Chair

# 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**.

### 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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Please mail application and check payable to **CNPS** to:

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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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