



California Native Plant Society

MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)

Marin Chapter established 1973

Monday, April 14, Marin Chapter Meeting

John Kipping on "Ethnobotany of California"

John will give us an illustrated introduction to the important California native plants that supplied native people with food; medicine; and materials for housing, clothing, hunting, gathering, storage, transportation, and ceremony. John is an avid Indian basketry fan, and will bring several examples to demonstrate coil basketry techniques he learned from Mabel McKay, employing sedge, redbud, and willow materials.



Willow winnowing basket tray with cone and seeds—John Kipping

John has been a naturalist since the age of 14, when he embarked on his career path at the Randall Junior Museum in San Francisco. He has worked at the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park, and at the Audubon Canyon Ranch in Marin. He conducted alpine research for Paul Ehrlich for two summers in Colorado, and was a commercial river tour guide for nearly 40 years in Alaska, Canada, New Zealand, California, Oregon, and Idaho. For 30 years he has been working and teaching aboard MV Delphinus in southeast Alaska, interpreting the natural world. He holds an MA in Biological Sciences, and a Coast Guard 100-ton master's license, and taught field studies for many years at the UC Extensions at Berkeley, Santa Cruz, Davis, and Los Angeles. Recently retired from his

tree service, John still practices as a certified arborist from his home in the Sierra Nevada foothills near Placerville.



Rubus parviflorus (thimbleberry)—John Kipping

April meeting:

5:30 p.m. (Please note that have changed to an earlier start time.) Join friends and meet our speakers 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.



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our chapter will be unveiling a new website this month! The format has been completely redesigned, and many new features have been added.

The website is often the first introduction potential new members have to our organization, so it has been organized to promote the full scope of our mission statement and the work of the Marin Chapter. Various sections are devoted to: Events (featuring an interactive calendar), In the Wild, In the Garden, Protect, Learn, and About. Popular features, including plant lists for field trips, galleries of plant photos, and resources for identifying plants, have been preserved, but we've enhanced them by using a new image-oriented format. Information on Chapter advocacy for Marin's native plants and comments on land use and proposals for development are also included.

On behalf of our Board, I want to thank Mary Stevens, who has done a wonderful job managing the website for the last 17 years. For many people, Mary has been the "gateway" to our organization, by helpfully fielding and directing inquiries from the general public. Mary had asked to be relieved of these duties, and Vernon Smith has agreed to be the new webmaster.

The idea of creating a more up-to-date website was jump-started by a grant of \$3,000 from IBM, procured by Jim Kasper. Jim then took on the job of chairing a volunteer Web Team, whose members include Dave Long, Sam Gilbert, Vernon Smith, Bonnie Gosliner, Bruce Homer-Smith, and Alison Blume. This dedicated group has been meeting almost weekly for months now, deciding on the best look and format, and making a lot of decisions about content and other informative features. The committee also searched out a professional web designer to help guide the process. The content of the new website will be maintained by Marin CNPS volunteers.

I want to extend a huge "Thank You" to every member of the Web Team for all their hard work. We hope that you, dear members, will find the changes to the website make it more informative, attractive, and user-friendly.

—Charlotte Torgovitsky



PLANTS OF THE MONTH

Text by Doreen Smith; photos by Vernon Smith

In Marin the genus *Trifolium* is well represented: we have many species of both native and non-native clovers. Taxonomists continue to wrestle with the variability of the native clovers and the difficulty of erecting an accurate, phylogenetic classification.

The two taxa illustrated here are not on the State or Federal "rare lists," but in Marin they are uncommon and found growing only in moist grassland at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. The *Jepson Manual* (2nd ed., 2012) does not even list a Marin occurrence of either the perennial Hansen's long-stemmed clover (*T. longipes* ssp. *hansenii*), or the annual Gray's clover (*T. grayi*), which was *T. barbigerum* var. *andrewsii* in the *Jepson Manual* 1st ed., 1993.



Trifolium longipes ssp. *hansenii* (Hansen's long-stemmed clover)

I don't know how well these species will flower this year, but most years *T. grayi* can be found in the mowed verge of the access road to North Beach at the junction with Sir Francis Drake Blvd. (the road that leads to the lighthouse). *T. longipes* grows on the Lunny "G" Ranch, somewhat near the North District Operations Center. Best not to go off trails without alerting the Seashore ranger staff (415.464.5100 x1) and/or the rancher who leases the grazing rights.



Trifolium grayi (Gray's clover)

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

THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

April 17 and May 15, 9:30 a.m.

Once a month, the Third Thursday Weeders help tackle invasive weeds that threaten important plant habitat in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The group meets 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 three years, we have made great progress on the iceplant and veldt grass infestations at the Outer Point, European beachgrass at Abbotts Lagoon, perennial pepperweed in the Giacomini Wetland, and cape ivy at Pierce Point.

Our April session will take place in the botanically special area called the Paleodunes, southeast of the Lighthouse parking lot. The place is a bit of a hike off the highway, has a spectacular view, and with any luck, a good display of spring wildflowers. We'll be weeding out small iceplant seedlings from areas that have already been weeded once.

In May, the Weeders will make their annual visit to Nicasio Ridge, where annual wildflowers mix with native grassland, Marin manzanita, and Jepson's ceanothus. Our target weed is Napa star-thistle.



In February, the Third Thursday Weeders had a big assist from nine AmeriCorps volunteers—NPS photo

To sign up and receive notification of the meeting places in April and May, please send an email to cklongstreth@gmail.com and be sure to let Carolyn know if you plan to attend.

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 or 415.669.7514 or Ellen_Hamingson@nps.gov. Hope to see you there!

SOD BLITZ—CITIZEN SCIENTISTS NEEDED!

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.

Location: Joseph R. Fink Science Center, Rm 102, Dominican University, San Rafael.

Invasive species represent a major threat to California native flora and fauna. Make a difference by participating in one of our Sudden Oak Death Blitzes! These volunteer-based surveys allow us to map the yearly expansion of the disease, increase our understanding of the spread potential of the pathogen, and identify key trees that allow the pathogen to survive during unfavorable dry spells. Because the pathogen moves short distances, proximity of oaks to established infestations can alert us to the risk of their contracting the infection. Many trees are too far apart for infection to occur even in counties that are well infested; SOD Blitzes allow for an accurate mapping of infection risk.

Even with the recent rains, 2014 promises to be the third dry year in a row. These are the perfect conditions to identify key trees in which the pathogen survives; their removal may be extremely beneficial to lowering disease levels. The SOD Blitz consists of four phases:

- 1) A training in which participants are taught what to look for and how to collect it. All collecting materials are provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their iPhones or Android-based phones, as they may help with collections by downloading the free SODMAP mobile app.
- 2) Participants collect leaf samples in the 1–3 days following the training, and return them to a pre-established collection point. Most participants spend a couple of hours in the field.
- 3) Samples are processed and analyzed at UC Berkeley.
- 4) On October 1, results are published on the web at www.sodblitz.org.

This year our trainings will be short and concise, and we expect to have everybody out within 45 minutes. The training itself will last approximately 30 minutes; the rest will be spent distributing collection packets that include all the materials you need. Even if you attended trainings before, this year we will emphasize how to identify key trees that allow for survival of the pathogen during droughts. Thanks to CNPS for co-sponsoring many of the meetings. Please share this invitation with friends and neighbors. Visit www.sodblitz.org for the full list of 2014 SOD Blitz meetings, and schedule updates.

—Matteo Garbelotto and all the researchers at the UC Berkeley Forest Pathology and Mycology Laboratory
For more information, write wolfgang.schweigkofler@dominican.edu or kristinjacob@att.net.

SPRING 2014 FIELD TRIPS

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 for many of the locations we visit can be found on the chapter website: www.marinnativeplants.org. Additional plant lists may be available; to enquire, contact Doreen Smith at dlsmith@lvha.net.

Wildflower Thrills on Bill's Trail

Saturday, April 5, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Join Nancy Hanson and Carolyn Longstreth on this classic Marin spring wildflower hike and admire the results of a fantastically successful weeding project that Nancy has spearheaded there. In spring, the lower stretch of Bill's Trail in Devil's Gulch offers one of the county's most beautiful displays of spring flora. Masses of starry Solomon's seal, hound's tongue, and columbine mingle freely with checker lily, fairy bells, maidenhair fern, and fetid adder's tongue, draping both sides of the trail. This year, the unusual precipitation pattern makes the extent and timing of the display hard to predict, but it's always a lovely walk and there are unusual woody shrubs there: western leatherwood and California nutmeg.

Nancy will give a show-and-tell about how her dedicated group of weeders has managed to eradicate much of the invasive forget-me-not and how the natives have responded. After lunch at the waterfall, all participants will be invited to help with a bit of weeding. Easy walking; distance approximately 1.5 miles.

Meet at the Devil's Gulch Trailhead Parking Lot on Sir Frances Drake Blvd., Samuel P. Taylor State Park. Dress in layers, bring lunch, water, a hat and, if you're so inclined, gardening gloves.

Leader: Carolyn Longstreth cklongstreth@gmail.com
415.669.7514.

Muir Beach and Redwood Creek

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Tanya Baxter, vegetation ecologist at Redwood Creek, a part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, will show us the restoration work that has been done there over the last five years. We will follow one of

two possible routes. We could walk by the riparian corridor and then back up towards the coastal trail realignment and get a close-up of the creek channel and realignment. It is a wetland, so close-toed shoes are highly recommended. We will walk through some soggy areas, but will get to see the restoration channel up close where there are a suite of interesting species. Alternatively, we could walk along the coastal trail to access a portion that was planted and has interesting emergent wetland species. This could be accessible for folks that don't want to risk wet feet and is limited in the diversity that we would encounter. We could still view the newly planted floodplain up close and the other planting areas.

For an overview of the restoration project, see www.nps.gov/goga/naturescience/muir-beach.htm.

Meet at the Pelican Inn, 10 Pacific Way, Muir Beach. Wear sturdy and waterproof footwear, and bring lunch and water.

Leader: Tanya Baxter tanya_baxter@nps.gov.

The Cedars with Roger Raiche

Saturday, June 7, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Marin Chapter of the CNPS will make a trip to The Cedars with Roger Raiche. This is an all-day outing that involves hiking over uneven rocky terrain.

A floristic island, The Cedars is a privately owned 7,500-acre site in a remote part of northwestern Sonoma County—nine miles inland from Timber Cove, a short drive from Cazadero. Because the soil in this mountainous region is primarily serpentine, indigenous flora are specialized and in some cases rare. Plants include Sargent cypress (*Hesperocyparis sargentii*), California lady slipper orchid (*Cypripedium californicum*), Morrison's jewelflower (*Streptanthus morrisonii*), The Cedars manzanita (*Arctostaphylos bakeri* ssp. *sublaevis*), and The Cedars fairy lantern (*Calochortus raichei*). It is difficult to predict what will be in bloom, but Raiche believes his namesake *Calochortus* is a possibility.

For more information, see *Fremontia* vol. 37, no. 2 (www.tinyurl.com/Fremontia-37no2).

This field trip has already reached capacity, but we plan to organize another trip (open only to Cedars novices) in 2015.

NON-CNPS OUTINGS

Friends of Mt. Tam's Annual Wildflower Hike

Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.

Doreen Smith will help ID plants on the 11th. Anyone willing to help ID plants either day for the Rock Spring loop trail is invited. Meet at the Rock Spring parking lot, Mount Tamalpais. For more information, call 415.258.2410.

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MALT Wildflower Walk, Chileno Valley

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) is having a fundraising wildflower walk at Leiss Ranch near Chileno Valley. Hike over pastures and through woods to observe more than 45 different wildflowers that blanket the ranch in glorious color during the spring season—a serpentine rock outcrop is usually covered with gold-fields. Phyllis Faber, MALT cofounder and botanist, and wildflower expert Doreen Smith will help identify the flowers. Landowner Nancy Chaffin, who grew up on the ranch, will share stories of life on the farm. Anyone wishing to attend must make a reservation on the MALT website (www.malt.org). The charge is \$10 for adults; children under 12 are free.



MARIN CHAPTER NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

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

The focus this spring is on “Butterflies, Bees, and Blooms.” We’ll be offering a wide variety of flowering plants that provide resources for these creatures, including a selection of annual wildflowers. We’ve also been growing a number of native perennials, bunch-grasses, and shrubs, all lovingly nurtured from seed, cuttings, or divisions by our dedicated group of volunteer plant propagators.

More details about speakers and an inventory list will be posted on the chapter website a few weeks before the sale. We’ll also have a selection of native plant books, posters, and note cards for sale. Plan to spend some time enjoying the interesting displays, free talks, and demos that will be offered on the day of the sale.

A sale event like this takes months of planning and just a few days of work, but many hands make the work light, and friendly people working together usually have a good time.

Please help if you can! There’s a free plant, as a Thank You!, for each volunteer.

We’ll need volunteers on Thursday, April 10, to prep and label plants; on Friday, April 11, for setup, pricing, and displaying plants; and on Saturday April 12, to help with plant, book, and seed sales, membership, refreshments, and generally making guests feel welcome.

If you’re interested in volunteering, please contact plant sale co-chairs Kristin Jakob (415.388.1844 kristinjakob@att.net), Charlotte Torgovitsky (415.892.9148 torgovitsky@comcast.net), or volunteer coordinator Gisela Le Maitre (415.898.6893 lemaitredesign@hotmail.com).

CALIFORNIA BOTANICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING

Saturday, April 26

Bay Conference Center, Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies, 3152 Paradise Drive, Tiburon

- 11 a.m.—Field trip to Ring Mountain and Old Saint Hilary’s Wildflower Preserve; Eva Buxton and Doreen Smith are helping to lead the field trips
- 5 p.m.—Social & Annual Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.—Dinner and presentation: “Ecological Contingency in the Effects of Climate on Serpentine Plant Communities” by Dr. Susan Harrison, Dept. of Environmental Science and Policy, UC Davis

For more information and to register online or by mail, visit www.calbotsoc.org.

For directions, see <http://rtc.sfsu.edu/directions.htm>.

Ticket prices:

\$45 for CA Botanical Society members

\$50 for non-members

\$20 for students

Registration closes April 18.



Calamagrostis ophitidis (serpentine reedgrass), Tiburon Peninsula— Neal Kramer

MEET A MEMBER: SAM GILBERT

I am the guy at the back of the group of seasoned botanists, hoping if I say nothing my brutish ignorance might be mistaken for jaded omniscience. Occasionally I'll ask one of the gentler souls a question, so long as no one else is within earshot.

My past includes work in the peace movement, years of study in Taiwan, and much too much attention to "which" versus "that." I know something about Qing history, Japanese novels, Javanese gamelan, abstract expressionism, and German wine.

For a while I rented a room in a house near the western limit of San Francisco's Sunset district. That part of town is pretty foggy, and summers can be dreary. But as my roommates had no interest in plants, I loved the place: I was free to grow whatever I pleased in gardens front and back.

My mother was for six or seven years a professional gardener. She had a frost-white step-side Chevy pickup. Many strangers approached her on the street over the years and tried to buy it.

I grew up in San Francisco, at a wonderful time for movie lovers, before the VCR changed everything. I still see lots of movies.

My first exposure to gardening nuts took place during the nights I worked at Strybing Arboretum's big annual plant sales. These people were amazed by my ability to add up their purchases in my head. Still doing that at the Marin CNPS plant sales. Come watch!

Dave Long, who serves as one of the Marin chapter's two vice presidents, invited me to serve as coordinator of field trips. As the post entails no discussion of the finer points of botany and local flora, I consented.



(Before taking on the job, I had no idea where Mount Burdell or Rock Spring was.) I have also taken on the task of running our Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and Pinterest pages. But honestly only the first sees much activity.



My favorite place in Marin is Tomales Bay. For a while I used to visit it daily in a rowboat. Not infrequently a seal followed me.

It's nice to grow one's own food. In the Sunset district there was a very fine peach tree. In Petaluma I've grown tomatoes and a few herbs. But gardening, for me, is principally an aesthetic endeavour, with few considerations given to the satisfaction of practical needs. I like trees with fine silhouettes, flowers that bloom but for a day (*Ferraria crispa!*), the extraordinary emergence of a seedling from soil, the sight of my cats lingering by my sweet peas and species tulips. And I like that time of the year when the *Romneya coulteri* have

grown so tall that they wave in front of my living room windows. (As you might begin to suspect from my brief list, I grow some plants native to California, fewer native to Marin County, and many that occur only in South Africa.)



GROWING NATIVES!

Tuesday, April 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. will be the last propagation session at Green Point Nursery; sad news, but this is no April Fool's joke! We're already looking for a new location for our nursery operation; in the meantime we'll continue to grow natives, but on a much reduced scale.

The Marin chapter Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 12, will also be the last sale held at this venue.

Please help if you can:

- **Thursday, April 10**, from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.: we'll be grooming, labeling, and pricing plants.
- **Friday, April 11**, from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.: we'll be setting up tents and tables and plant displays.
- On the sale day, **Saturday, April 12**, we'll need helpers from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Come to Green Point Nursery, 275 Olive Ave. at the corner of Atherton Ave. in Novato.

—Charlotte Torgovitsky
torgovitsky@comcast.net 415.892.9148

BUZZ ON BY THE BAY TO THE GARDENERS WORK PARTY FOR POLLINATORS!

Marin CNPS, in cooperation with Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary, is in the process of developing the gardens at the Audubon site in Tiburon. We are starting with a pollinator garden in front of the historic Lyford House.

We invite all interested gardeners to join us on the first Thursday of the month (April 3 this month) at 10 a.m. to help prepare the site for fall planting. Bring gloves, hat, sunscreen, any favorite gardening hand tools and a picnic lunch. Rain does cancel.

Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary is located at 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon.

RSVPs appreciated but not required. For more information, contact Ann Adams (415.456.9398 ann.adams1668@gmail.com), Renee Fittinghoff (415.388.6850 reneef94941@gmail.com), or Kristin Jakob (415.388.1844 kristinjacob@att.net).



REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

On April 19, the naturally beautiful and tranquil living museum of California native plants (aka The Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park, Berkeley) will be transformed into a party-scene for gardeners and aspiring gardeners.

Rain or shine, staff members and volunteers will be available to answer questions. All proceeds from the sale will directly benefit the Garden. Please bring empty boxes to carry your treasures home. Cash, checks, VISA, M/C, AmEx accepted.

As you approach the garden, volunteers will direct you to parking spots. The Garden opens at 8:30 a.m. Seasoned shoppers come before 10 a.m. to get in one of the three lines. Then, at 10 a.m. sharp, you'll hear the voice of our new Garden Director Bart O'Brien announcing: "Our Spring Plant Sale is OPEN!" (Please say hello to Bart and recently retired Director Steve Edwards!) Shoppers walk briskly (running not advised) toward the display areas. Experts are stationed at every post. See you there!

Location: Wildcat Canyon Road at Anza View Road in Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley. No entrance admission! No parking fee!

For more information, call 510.544.3169, write Bgarden@ebparks.org, visit or www.nativeplants.org.

—Teresa LeYung-Ryan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✿ **Tuesday 4/1, 1–3 p.m.**
Plant propagation at Green Point Nursery, Novato
- ✿ **Thursday 4/3, 10 a.m.**
Buzz on By the Bay Work Party, Audubon Center, Tiburon
- ✿ **Saturday 4/5, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**
Chapter Field Trip: Wildflower Thrills on Bill's Trail
- ✿ **Monday 4/7, 7 p.m.**
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC, Ross
- ✿ **Friday 4/11 and Saturday 4/12, 10 a.m.**
Field Trip: Friends of Mt. Tam's Annual Wildflower Hikes
- ✿ **Saturday 4/12, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**
Chapter Plant Sale at Green Point Nursery, Novato
- ✿ **Saturday 4/12, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
Field Trip: MALT Wildflower Walk, Chileno Valley
- ✿ **Monday 4/14, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**
Chapter Meeting: John Kipping on "Ethnobotany of California"
- ✿ **Thursday 4/17, 9:30 a.m.**
Third Thursday Weeders Workday, Pt. Reyes
- ✿ **Saturday 4/19, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**
Regional Parks Botanic Garden Plant Sale, Tilden Park, Berkeley
- ✿ **Saturday 4/26, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Chapter Field Trip: Muir Beach and Redwood Creek
- ✿ **Saturday 4/26, 10 a.m.**
SOD Blitz at Dominican University, San Rafael
- ✿ **Saturday 4/26**
California Botanical Society Annual Banquet and Meeting
- ✿ **Saturday 4/26, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Ring Mountain Drop-in Volunteer Day
- ✿ **Monday 5/5, 7 p.m.**
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC, Ross
- ✿ **Thursday 5/8, 10 a.m.**
First Thursdays by the Bay, Audubon Center, Tiburon
- ✿ **Monday 5/12, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**
Chapter Meeting: Matteo Garbelotto with an "Update on SOD (Sudden Oak Death)"
- ✿ **Thursday 5/15, 9:30 a.m.**
Third Thursday Weeders Workday, Pt. Reyes
- ✿ **Saturday 5/31, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Ring Mountain Drop-in Volunteer Day
- ✿ **Saturday 6/7, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.**
Chapter Field Trip: The Cedars with Roger Raiche
- ✿ **Monday 6/9, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**
Chapter Meeting: Debra Trock on "Botanizing Western North America: 160 Years at the California Academy of Sciences"

SIGN UP FOR E-BULLETINS TO KEEP UP WITH CNPS MARIN NEWS!

Periodic e-bulletins are sent out to members and others who wish to be reminded of upcoming events and activities or notified of schedule changes. To sign up, please write to Jim Desser at jdesser@gmail.com.



HELP NEEDED FOR BOOK SALES, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORT!

Doyleen McMurtry has retired from book sales, a position she has graciously held for a number of years. The chapter urgently needs one or more volunteers to sell books at our membership meetings and plant sales, if these sales are to continue. Also welcome would be a volunteer to store the inventory, and to bring a selection to and from our meetings and events. This could easily be a shared position, with storage and transport handled by a different volunteer from the salesperson.

MARIN CNPS CONTACTS

Position	Name
President; Membership Committee Chair; Program Committee Co-Chair; Plant Sale Committee Co-Chair	Charlotte Torgovitsky
Co-Vice President; Plant Sale Committee Co-Chair; Program Committee Co-Chair	Kristin Jakob
Co-Vice President; Chapter Council Delegate	David Long
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Please contact Kristin Jakob at 415.388.1844 or kristin-jakob@att.net if you have questions or think you might be able to help.



NEW CHAPTER WEBSITE COMING SOON!

The Marin chapter will unveil its new website this month. Visitors to our old website will be directed to our new website, where you will find all the old favorites—plant lists, newsletters, upcoming events, and so on—but you will see many more pictures, a dynamic events calendar, and entirely new sections. The website is going to look very different, and we believe you will find what you need more easily.

An announcement will be made in an upcoming e-bulletin when the site goes live. When it does, please spend some time exploring our new creation, and let us know what you think. Our new webmaster, Vernon Smith, can be reached at vsmith@lvha.net.

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

CNPS MEMBERSHIP/DONATIONS

The mission of the 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 benefits include 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, Charlotte Torgovitsky, 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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Sacramento, CA 95816-5113

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RING MOUNTAIN GRASSLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join Marin County Parks for our regular drop-in volunteer program on Ring Mountain, where we will be working to restore the native grasslands that make this preserve so special. This spring we will continue to remove noxious weeds and take care of the native plants that were installed by hard-working volunteers this winter. This project is being conducted in partnership with Marin-CNPS, and provides opportunities to get involved in all aspects of restoration efforts. The native plants for this project were grown in the Home Ground Nursery within Green Point Nursery by volunteers (nursery volunteer opportunities also advertised in this newsletter), and subsequently planted out by numerous groups over the rainy season.

Work on Ring Mountain is mildly strenuous, but family-friendly. Ring Mountain drop-in days are always held on the last Saturday of every month, January through October. For more information, contact Sarah Minnick at sminnick@marincounty.org, or visit the Marin County Parks events page for information about upcoming workdays: www.marincountyparks.org.

Location: End of Taylor Road, off Paradise Dr., Tiburon.