



California Native Plant Society

MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)

Marin Chapter established 1973

Monday, May 12, Marin Chapter Meeting

Matteo Garbelotto on "Update on SOD (Sudden Oak Death)"

Matteo Garbelotto is the Forest Pathology Extension Specialist for the University of California, and an adjunct professor in the Department of Environmental Science Policy and Management. He holds a BS in forestry and an MS in silviculture from the University of Padua, and an MS in plant pathology and a PhD in forest pathology, both from UC Berkeley. His PhD dissertation was on the genetics and ecology of *Heterobasidion* root disease, the most severe root disease of conifers worldwide, with a strong focus on California inland mountain ranges.



His main focus is currently the study of invasive forest diseases, their management, and public education on the subject. Matteo believes in equal footing collaborations between academic researchers and citizen scientists and has been fostering a better integration between the two equally talented and dedicated groups. He served on the European Food Safety Authority for one year, and is one of the two scientific advisors for the California Oak Mortality Task Force. His current projects span from French Polynesia and the Cook islands to the Mediterranean, and from Canada to New Zealand.

His presentation will be an overview of the major exotic invasive forest diseases in California, including origins, biology, epidemiology, ecological impacts, and management strategies. The conclusion will summarize past theoretical frameworks used to study exotic diseases, and the new broader approaches that promise to improve our understanding of how invasive diseases become established and spread.

May meeting:

5:30 p.m. 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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marin's beautiful trails and open spaces are enjoyed by many people pursuing all sorts of activities: hiking, horseback riding, and bicycling. My husband has been an avid mountain biker for many years, but he also enjoys hiking the trails with me. While hiking, he will notice more of the intimate beauty of plants and flowers and the activities of different creatures than when he is bicycling, but in general, being out on the trails, by whatever means, a deep appreciation of the wonderful wild spaces in Marin soon develops.

When Tom Boss of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition first approached me about support for a trail restoration project, I was happy to do what I could to help. Members of the MCBC had noticed that over the years hikers and bikers had created shortcuts through some of the switchbacks along a couple of gullies on the Tenderfoot Trail on Mt Tam. This popular bike-legal trail provides connectivity from downtown Mill Valley to the Mountain Home

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Inn on a switchback traverse along the side of a canyon lined with redwood trees and chain ferns.

The shortcuts left scars and loose soil that was contributing to sedimentation in Cascade Creek, so the MCBC organized a group of volunteers to help remedy the damage done, and asked Marin CNPS to donate plants that could help to restore the understory. Mill Valley Parks & Recreation approved the plans for the restoration work, and Cagwin & Dorward Landscapers contributed jute netting to help control the erosion. On a Saturday morning in March, a group of volunteers first laid the netting along the scars, and then planted natives to reduce the environmental impact and start to restore the visual aesthetic of the redwood forest.



MCBC trail restoration volunteers—Tom Boss

Marin CNPS donated chain ferns, snowberry, thimbleberry, coffeeberry, yerba buena, and monkeyflower in support of the effort to restore this section of trail. Most of the plants donated were grown by volunteers at our nursery. The MCBC installed signs to alert the public about the work, and has organized a group of volunteers to monitor and water these plants during the first summer. We all hope that hikers and bikers will honor the restoration work and stay on the designated trail alignment. If you use the trail, please respect the restoration efforts and encourage others to do so as well.

More information about the Marin County Bicycle Coalition and photos of the volunteers at work on the trail can be found on its website (www.marinbike.org).

—Charlotte Torgovitsky



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.

2014 ECO-FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.



Charlotte's front border—Mieko Watkins

The Eco-Friendly Garden Tour is a free self-guided tour highlighting practices that are sensitive to our local environment and that are designed to conserve water and protect local watersheds and the bay. At each location a professional landscaper, designer, or homeowner will be available to provide information on the garden and answer questions. Native habitat gardens, lawn conversions, low-maintenance gardens, oak understories, permeable paving, and Mediterranean low-water plantings are highlighted this year. For Marin locals, Novato is the only city in Marin where the tour will take place; other cities are in Sonoma County.

Tour Events:

- Native Plant Sale All Day
- 11 a.m.: Creating a Low Water/Low Maintenance Garden
- 1 p.m.: Sheet-Mulching Demonstration
- 2 p.m.: Top Five Native Plants For Your Garden

The Eco-Friendly Garden Tour is a public outreach and education program that promotes sustainable gardening practices by showcasing inspiring home gardens throughout the North Bay Area. It is sponsored by the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership and North Marin Water District.

Charlotte Torgovitsky's Oak Woodland Habitat Garden will be on the tour. An article describing her garden appeared in "Inspiration and Advice for Gardening with Native Plants" (*Fremontia* Vol. 40, No. 3/Vol. 41, No. 1, <http://tinyurl.com/Fremontia-40no3>) and the garden was also featured in Nancy Bauer's book, *California Wildlife Habitat Garden*.

For more information, visit www.nmwd.com and www.savingwaterpartnership.org.

REMOVING BROOM TO SAVE RARE PLANTS



Sharon Hampton, Sam Gilbert, Alison Pence, and Carissa Brands—Eva Buxton

On a Saturday in April, four willing habitat restorers showed up on the Middle Ridge in Tiburon to battle French broom. Broom wrenches were available and many big piles of uprooted plants at the end of several hours bore witness to a successful effort. Many thanks go to Sam Gilbert, Sharon Hampton, Alison Pence, and Carissa Brands. Carissa spends a lot of time weeding thanks to funds allocated to the project by the Marin Chapter of CNPS and a generous contribution by Janice Barry. If you would like to help save habitat for rare and endangered plants such as Tiburon jewelflower and Tiburon buckwheat, please contact Eva Buxton at conservationmarincnps@gmail.com or 415.435.2745



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

THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

Thursday, 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.

In May, the Weeders will make their annual visit to Nicasio Ridge, where native grassland mixes with the

rare Tiburon paintbrush, Marin dwarf flax, and a new species of *Ceanothus*, probably endemic to Marin. Our target weed is Napa star-thistle.

To sign up and receive notification of the meeting place in May, please send an email to Ellen_Hamingson@nps.gov and be sure to let Ellen know if you plan to attend so she can send you directions to the meeting place.

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. Hope to see you there!

P.S. The Third Thursday Weeders will not be meeting in June. See you in July!



Third Thursday Weeder rescues native sedum from invading iceplant—Carolyn Longstreth



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 (May 1 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).

MAY 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.cnpsmarin.org. Additional plant lists may be available; to enquire, contact Doreen Smith at dsmith@lvha.net.

Tiburon's Middle Ridge with Eva Buxton

Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Serpentine outcrops are found in three main locations on the Tiburon peninsula—on Ring Mountain and Old St. Hilary's (both Marin County preserves) and on the Middle Ridge (a Town of Tiburon open space parcel). Eva Buxton, who has led a habitat restoration effort partially funded by Marin CNPS for federally- and state-listed species on the Middle Ridge for several years, will lead a hike (approx. 1.5 mile) on this site to observe some of the rare species such as the Tiburon jewelflower and Marin dwarf flax, as well as other species that occur both on and off serpentine soils.

Meet on Gilmartin Dr. with the preserve on your left. From Hwy 101, take Tiburon Blvd. east for 2.9 miles to Gilmartin Drive. Make a left and drive uphill for 0.7 mile and park along the curb. Dress in layers; bring sun hat and sunscreen, lunch, and water.

Leader: Eva Buxton evabuxton@sbcglobal.net 415.435.2745

NON-CHAPTER OUTINGS

Nicasio Native Grass Ranch

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.

Co-sponsored by CNPS Yerba Buena Chapter

As much as one-third of the surplus CO₂ in the atmosphere today is carbon lost from agricultural lands. Rancher John Wick is a pioneer in managing grasslands to remove carbon from the atmosphere and hold it in the soil. He cofounded the Marin Carbon

Project to demonstrate and promote agricultural practices that improve soil health and lessen climate change. Increasing soil carbon automatically increases water-holding capacity, plant production, and overall ecosystem function. Six years of peer-reviewed and published research support the methods used in Marin to manage working landscapes that produce healthy food and durable fiber while enhancing soil carbon and fostering high biodiversity and thriving native plant communities. Join Wick and members of the Yerba Buena chapter to see how this is done, while viewing the native grasses on the Wick ranch.

Directions: Follow the signs from 4499 Nicasio Valley Drive to 250 Road to the Ranches, Nicasio.

Leader: John Wick

Contact: Jake Sigg jakesigg@earthlink.net 415.731.3028



RING MOUNTAIN GRASSLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

The last Saturday of each month (January through October) provides an opportunity to help preserve, restore, and experience the native grasslands that make Ring Mountain special. This month our regular drop-in volunteer day coincides with our annual Ring Mountain Thistle Pull! We'll work together to ward off invasive tocolote (*Centaurea melitensis*), a feisty, non-native plant that was once widespread, but is on the decline due to this annual event.



Tiburon jewelflower (*Streptanthus niger*)—Doreen Smith

Our efforts help protect many unique, native species, including the endangered Tiburon mariposa lily, a beautiful flower found only on Ring Mountain. At this event, we will have the opportunity to listen to interpretive talks and find out what's in store for the future of this incredible preserve. We will also take small groups to visit the Tiburon mariposa lily in bloom! Become a part of this habitat restoration success story or return to Ring Mountain and continue your stewardship of this special place. This is the perfect time of year to visit!

This is a moderately strenuous activity and is suitable for volunteers of all ages. Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Questions: contact Ring Mountain Stewardship Coordinator Sarah Minnick at (415) 473-5058 or SMinnick@marincounty.org.

See the events calendar on the Marin County Parks website (www.marincountyparks.org) for information about upcoming workdays.

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

CNPS 2014 WORKSHOPS

May 27–29: Herbaria Specimen Collecting for Floristic Work—Tejon Ranch

This 2.5-day course is a combination of classroom and field studies in the Tehachapi Mountain Region, Kern County, California. It will provide participants with an understanding of the equipment and skills necessary to make botanical voucher specimens of vascular plants with the goal of depositing specimens in their local herbaria.

In the field, participants will learn about the process of making specimen collections including the equipment necessary, prioritizing which plants to collect, data collection, plant pressing, label making, and the process of submitting vouchers to herbaria.

The workshop will provide a chance to explore Tejon Ranch, California's largest contiguous piece of private land, which is situated in one of the state's most ecologically interesting locations—the Tehachapi Mountains. Fieldwork will focus on the middle- and high-elevation areas of the ranch that have little history of botanical study. Join us for a chance to learn and explore!

Target Audience: Professional botanists, ecologists, land managers, resource specialists, academics, and conservationists. Participants should have an understanding of plant terminology and adequate experience in plant identification.

Instructors:

- Nick Jensen, Graduate Student at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and past CNPS Rare Plant Program Director
- Heath Bartosh, Senior Botanist of Nomad Ecology

Locations:

- Classroom: Tejon Ranch Conservancy 1037 Bear Trap Rd., Lebec
- Field Site: High elevations of Tejon Ranch (4,000 to 7,000 feet)

Cost: CNPS Members \$360; Non-members \$395

June 10–12: Vegetation Rapid Assessment/Relevé

Lead instructors: Todd Keeler-Wolf and Jennifer Buck-Diaz

Location: Crystal Cove State Park, Laguna Beach, CA

This workshop is presented with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. It consists of an introductory evening lecture and two field days with exercises in fine-scale vegetation sampling for professional and student botanists, ecologists, resource managers, and conservationists. Participants should have an initial understanding of the subject

matter and basic plant identification skills. This course focuses on sampling plant communities using the CNPS/CDFW combined vegetation rapid assessment/relevé method. We will discuss applications of fine-scale vegetation sampling, classification and mapping, how to document rare natural communities, and how vegetation information fits into planning documents.

Cost: CNPS Members: \$335 / Non-members: \$370

For more detailed course descriptions and to register, visit www.cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops.



ZEN OF WEEDING

Habitat Restoration at Samuel P. Taylor St. Park Second Friday & Second Sunday of every month, 1–3 p.m.

2014 is the fourth year for our Marin CNPS collaboration with Samuel P. Taylor State Park and San Geronimo Valley's SPAWN (Salmon Protection and Watershed Network). Our list of exotic invasives has grown to about 10, although we focus mainly on *Myosotis latifolia* (forget-me-nots).



Weeding forget-me-nots

This is easy, companionable work. Spending time working under the redwoods restores our spirits as well as the habitat. Our goal is an invasive-free park. We want all the campers and visitors to Samuel P. Taylor Park to discover a more pristine native habitat. Bring your friends, neighbors, and families to join in this great project. We guarantee you will have fun and get hooked on weeding the woods.

We meet just before 1 p.m. at the far end of the picnic area. Bring gloves and get a free parking pass when you volunteer.

Contact Nancy Hanson at nandean@comcast.net if you want to attend, need more info, or want notice of other work parties at Samuel P. Taylor Park.

MEET A MEMBER: KRISTA FECHNER

Originally from suburban Philadelphia, I went to college in Providence, RI, lived in Boston for three years, then moved out to Davis, CA in 1991 to attend graduate school. My interest in plants started in elementary school: I did a science fair project on edible weeds, and was quite inspired by a biography of Luther Burbank. However, in high school, my scientific interests turned more toward animal life, and I ended up with a BA in human biology/psychology, then went on to get a PhD in nutrition.

In both college and grad school, my main hobby was DJing at the campus radio station. At UC Davis, I hosted an industrial/electronic dance show and gained a reputation as “the Industrial Martha Stewart” for the yummy baked treats I’d make for visiting bands. Although I no longer DJ, I love trading music tips with friends, introducing them to my latest discoveries in alternative electronica, dubstep, and international music.

It wasn’t until I moved to Novato in 1998 that I started hiking regularly; that’s when I became enamored with the wildflowers on the hillsides of Marin. I joined CNPS to learn more about plant identification, and started photographing my botanical finds. I enjoy hunting for flowers during backpacking and camping trips to the Sierra Nevada and California deserts. Anza Borrego, Joshua Tree, and the Carson/Ebbetts Pass area are some of my favorites places.



Funastrum cynanchoides (fringed twinevine), Anza Borrego

I worked on a lot of newsletters in grad school, and transitioned from nutrition to a career in technical writing. When the chapter put out the call for a new



newsletter editor in 2005, I saw the chance to volunteer my skills in service to a wonderful cause. It seemed like it was meant to be, as previous editor Paul Kryloff was a colleague of mine at FICO at the time. In 2009, I finally kicked my botanical skills up a notch by taking Paul da Silva’s plant identification course at College of Marin.

Lately I spend less time amongst the local flora because I’ve developed a passion for sea kayaking. Most weekends I can be found exploring the aquatic environment of our local bay and coastline with fellow members of BASK (Bay Area Sea Kayakers).

I volunteer as Member Outreach chair for the kayak club and bring baked goods to our general meetings. (Dessert Chair is an official BASK position!) I also help teach rescue and paddling skills in the club’s annual skills clinic. Currently, I’m training for my first long-distance kayak race: 100 miles down the Sacramento River, from Redding to Chico.



In the photo above, I’m doing a pour-over (riding a wave over some rocks, timing it with the ocean swell); beneath me you can see the native sea palm (*Postelsia palmaeformis*). It’s edible and quite tasty; fortunately for this kelp, it only grows on rocks washed by constant waves, so it’s difficult to harvest. For more information, see *Fremontia* vol. 32 no. 1 (<http://tinyurl.com/Fremontia-32no1>).

When I’m not working, kayaking, swimming, making jewelry, playing word games, sewing, or photographing wildflowers, I can be found tending my San Rafael garden, where I grow apples, lemons, oranges, pears, Saturn peaches, a variety of vegetables and herbs, and an increasing number of succulents. My partner Nathan and I live with our two tuxedo cats, Scribble and Purrogie.

10TH ANNUAL BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

This delightful collection of native plant gardens ranges from a 30-year-old wildlife oasis to brand new installations, from five-acre lots to small front-yard gardens, from local native plants to natives from throughout California, and from gardens designed and installed by owners to those designed and installed by professionals.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and May 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Native Plant Sale Extravaganza will take place. During the Extravaganza, a number of nurseries specializing in California natives, many not normally open to the public, will carry large quantities of unique and hard-to-find California natives.

Registration is required. Registrants will receive a Garden Guide containing descriptions of each garden and directions.

Visit www.BringingBackTheNatives.net to register for the tour, view photos of the gardens, read garden descriptions, download plant lists for each garden, obtain contact information for landscapers that specialize in native plant gardens, and more.



PLANTS OF THE MONTH: NATIVE CERASTIUM SPECIES

Text and photos by Doreen Smith



Cerastium arvense or *C. viride* (field chickweed), Pt. Reyes
The Jepson Manual (2nd ed., 2012) offers a new treatment of the native species of *Cerastium* that grow near the coast in Marin. Do we have *Cerastium arvense* ssp. *strictum* or *Cerastium arvense* ssp. *maximum* that's now put into the new taxon *C. viride*? According to the Consortium of California Herbaria records, Pt. Reyes has both species, each at different ends of the Peninsula, which to me seems to be unlikely. The flowers from

plants of Pt. Reyes, west of the San Andreas fault, usually have less-cut petals than those from east of the fault such as from the cliffs near Tomales. The problem needs more field and DNA laboratory work. Much of the old "morphology-only" taxonomy is being updated based on laboratory work that requires materials unavailable to the fraction of the general public interested in field botany.



Cerastium arvense or *C. viride* (field chickweed), Tomales



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- * **Thursday 5/1, 10 a.m.**
First Thursdays by the Bay, Audubon Center, Tiburon
- * **Saturday 5/3, 10 a.m.**
Field Trip: Nicasio Native Grass Ranch (co-sponsored by the Yerba Buena Chapter)
- * **Sunday 5/4, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**
Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour (East Bay)
- * **Monday 5/5, 7 p.m.**
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC, Ross
- * **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 5/17, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**
Marin-Sonoma Eco-Friendly Garden Tour
- * **Sunday 5/18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Chapter Field Trip: Tiburon's Middle Ridge with Eva Buxton
- * **Saturday 5/31, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Ring Mountain Drop-in Volunteer Day
- * **Saturday 6/7, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.**
Chapter Field Trip: Ring Mountain (with the Northern CA Society of Botanical Artists)
- * **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. Please contact Kristin Jakob

at 415.388.1844 or kristinjakob@att.net if you have questions or you can help.

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

The Marin Chapter unveiled its new website in April. Visitors to our old website will be directed to our new website, www.cnpsmarin.org. There you will find all the old favorites, such as plant lists, color newsletters, and upcoming events, but you will see many more pictures, a dynamic events calendar, and entirely new sections. The website looks very different, and we believe you will find what you need more easily. Please spend some time exploring our new creation, and let us know what you think by contacting our new webmaster, Vernon Smith at webmarincnps@gmail.com. Email Vernon if you'd like to submit reports and photos of wildflowers in bloom!

Note: Be sure to update your web browser bookmark for the site, as we will no longer be at marin.edu/cnps or any of the other links that you may have used.

MARIN CNPS CONTACTS

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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

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- 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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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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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.cnpsmarin.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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PLANT COMMUNITIES OF MARIN COUNTY

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

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

Phyllis Faber
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