



# California Native Plant Society

## MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)*

*Marin Chapter established 1973*

### **Monday, January 12, Marin Chapter Meeting**

#### **Dick O'Donnell on "Steens Mountain, Oregon"**

Steens Mountain is located in southeastern Oregon, just north of the Nevada state line. It is one of several fault-block mountains in the Great Basin. At 9,700 feet, it is isolated from other mountains of similar elevation such as Strawberry Peak (200 km north). It has more than 75 square km of contiguous alpine terrain (that is, terrain above 8,000 feet). Only California's Sierra Nevada, 350 km southwest, and Oregon's Willowa Mountains, 320 km north, have more. In addition to these distinguishing topographical features, Steens Mountain has diverse wildlife, including mountain goats and bighorn sheep, and several endemic plant species and subspecies.

Dick travels throughout northern California, Oregon, and Arizona every year to learn about their distinctive floras. For the past two years he has been studying the serpentine flora of northeastern Oregon, visiting interesting places—like Steens Mountain—en route. A retired economist, he 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.



A view from Steens Mountain toward the Alvord Desert—  
Dick O'Donnell



One of several varieties of *Eriogonum ovalifolium* on the upper reaches of Steens Mountain—Dick O'Donnell

### **Monday, February 9, Marin Chapter Meeting**

#### **Judith Lowry on "The Wild Food Garden"**

Judith Lowry's work with wildland seed collecting began her longtime interest in growing and eating edible native plants in a sustainable manner. Her Larner Seeds chapbook, *Notes on the Real California Cuisine*, broke new ground for foragers and native plant gardeners, two groups Lowry would like to see combined. She strongly feels that foraging should begin at home, in the backyard restoration garden, where information about the plants being harvested can lead to knowledgeable and responsible

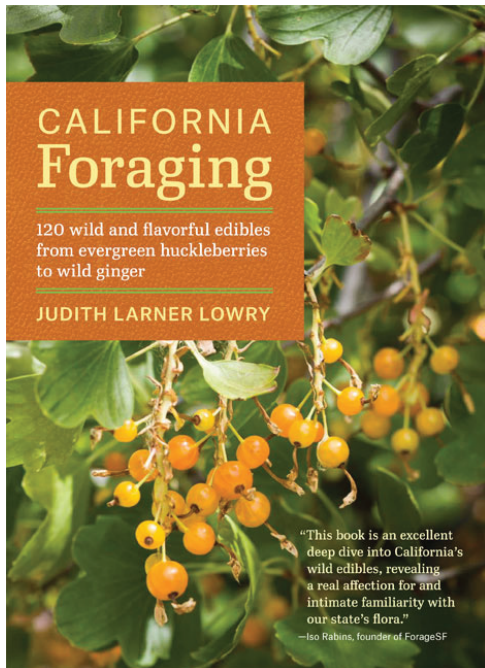


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foraging. Her talk will discuss the ways that foraging and interest in edible native plants can further their survival, and she will offer tips on how to gather and prepare edible species.

Judith Larner Lowry has been the proprietor of Larner Seeds, specialists in California native plants and backyard habitat restoration, for the last 37 years. She has designed, installed, and consulted for many habitat restoration gardens throughout northern California. She is the award-winning author of two books, *Gardening with a Wild Heart* and *The Landscaping Ideas of Jays*, both published by UC Press, and of numerous magazine and journal articles. Her essay "Birdsong Ripens Berries, Wind Brings the Seeds" won Best Nature Essay of 2005 from the John Burroughs Association. Larner Seeds was named *Marin* magazine's "editor's choice" seed company in 2010. Her third book, *California Foraging*, was published in July of 2014; copies will be available at the meeting.



Her one-acre garden of coastal native plants surrounding the Larner Seeds Garden Shop in Bolinas is the scene of many workshops and open houses; more importantly, it serves as a seed grow-out location and textbook for deeper understanding of California's native plants.

January and February meetings:

**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.

## NATIVE PLANT WEEK—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**April 11–19**

The Marin chapter plans to offer all sorts of events and activities to draw attention to Native Plant Week. A spring plant sale on Saturday, April 11 will be the "kick-off" event, but we would like to do much more! We have some ideas already, but we are open to more, and we're looking for more people willing to work with us to make them happen.

Please let me know if you are interested in working with us to help make Native Plant Week a huge success! We have a meeting set for 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 8 in Novato to start the planning process.

Thank you—Charlotte Torgovitsky 415.892.9148



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

## THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

**January 15 and February 19, 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.



Third Thursday Weeders relaxing after a cape ivy work session at Pierce Point Ranch—NPS photo

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.

To sign up and obtain more information, please contact [cklongstreth@gmail.com](mailto:cklongstreth@gmail.com). Plan to bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks, warm and wind-stopping layers, sturdy shoes, and work clothes. No shorts or open-toed shoes. The Park provides tools and gloves.

Hope to see you there! —Carolyn Longstreth

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2015 marks 50 years since the founding of the California Native Plant Society. The Society originated here in the Bay Area, and now has chapters in most counties throughout the state; last year a chapter was even organized in Baja California!

The Society's conservation conference, "Celebrating 50 years of Progress and Promise," takes place in San Jose January 15–17. Members from all over the state participate, and many chapters will be highlighting their accomplishments. Students are encouraged to attend; our chapter has provided funds for several scholarships.

The Marin chapter has accomplished much to be proud of in 2014; we've helped fund a habitat restoration project at Bon Tempe Lake in the Mt. Tamalpais watershed and a grasslands restoration project on Ring Mountain. Various members have initiated and maintain ongoing weeding projects at several locations in the County.

We will feature three of these projects on a poster for the conference, each with a different approach to tackling the very real problem of non-native invasive plants destroying sensitive native habitats. Carolyn Longstreth coordinates with the Pt. Reyes Seashore staff and volunteers to control weeds in various habitats; Eva Buxton's project to preserve a population of Tiburon jewelflower received chapter funding for professional help; and Nancy Hanson has become an official State Park volunteer to help further her forget-me-not eradication project in Samuel P. Taylor State Park.

Last October, Marin CNPS participated in Discovery Days, an event sponsored by Marin Municipal Water District and Marin County Parks and Open Space. The event was designed for children, and the emphasis was on wildlife. We made that obvious connection: native animals, from the tiniest insect to the largest predator, rely on California's native plants and habitats for all their resources. I created a display encouraging attendees to plant native gardens, and to avoid planting some common garden plants that are potentially invasive.

Thank you to members  
Cynthia La Mar



Bumblebee on *Phacelia tanacetifolia*  
—Mieko Watkins

and April Post for helping with the event; together we helped many people pot up a container with seeds of fern-leaf phacelia to help provide for pollinators in their gardens.

*Phacelia tanacetifolia* is one of the very best pollinator plants; but then, most the wildflowers are! I'm writing this column in early December, and ecstatic about the substantial rainfall we're receiving. Seedlings are already germinating, and I plan to sow even more wildflowers all over my property in the next few weeks.

—Charlotte Torgovitsky



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- \* **Monday 1/5, 7 p.m.**  
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC, Ross
- \* **Thursday 1/8, 11 a.m.**  
Planning meeting for Native Plant Week, Novato
- \* **Friday 1/9 & Sunday 1/11, 1–3 p.m. (also 2/8 & 2/13)**  
Habitat Restoration at Samuel P. Taylor St. Park
- \* **Monday 1/12, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Chapter Meeting: Dick O'Donnell on "Steens Mountain, Oregon"
- \* **Thursday 1/15, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. (also 2/19)**  
Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Point Reyes
- \* **Thursday 1/15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
Marin County Parks Naturalist Walk: Indian Valley
- \* **Saturday 1/31, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (also 2/28)**  
Ring Mountain Drop-in Volunteer Day
- \* **Monday 2/2, 7 p.m.**  
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC, Ross
- \* **Tuesday 2/3, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
Marin County Parks Naturalist Walk: Big Rock Ridge
- \* **Sunday 2/8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
Marin County Parks Naturalist Walk: Stroll on the Old Railroad Grade
- \* **Monday 2/9, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Chapter Meeting: Judith Lowry on "The Wild Food Garden"
- \* **Thursday 2/12, 6–7:30 p.m.**  
Plant ID Workshop at SFSU
- \* **Sunday 2/22, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
Marin County Parks Naturalist Walk: Early Flowers at Mt. Burdell
- \* **Thursday 2/26, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
Marin County Parks Naturalist Walk: The 680 Trail
- \* **Monday 3/2, 7 p.m.**  
Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC, Ross
- \* **Monday 3/9, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Chapter Meeting: Dylan Burge on "Ceanothus"
- \* **Saturday 4/11–Sunday 4/19**  
California Native Plant Week

## JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2015 MARIN COUNTY PARKS NATURALIST WALKS

The walks listed here are for ages 15+. MCP requests that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If weather is questionable, call 415.893.9527 after 8 a.m. on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled.

### Indian Valley

**Thursday, January 15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

What we see this day will depend on the timing of the rains. Will the amphibians be breeding? Will there be a bumper crop of mushrooms? Will the flowers of the giant manzanitas be buzzing with pollinators? Whatever the weather, we'll have plenty to discover and discuss. Our route will include one sustained, steep section, but we'll take this part very slowly. Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio Blvd.) The parking fee is \$3.

Leader: David Herlocker 415.893.9508 DHerlocker@marincounty.org.

### Big Rock Ridge

**Tuesday, February 3, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**

We'll slowly ascend the eastern flank of this rugged preserve to enjoy sweeping views of the entire Bay Area as we look for early wildflowers and other signs of spring along the way. This is a moderately strenuous hike (distance: 6.5 miles; elevation gain: 1,200 feet). Car shuttle; please be on time! Remember to bring enough water and food. Meet at the gate at the end of Queenstone Dr. in San Rafael. From Hwy. 101, take the exit for St. Vincent Dr. west. Turn onto Miller Creek Rd., right onto Queenstone Dr., and follow to end (dead end).

Leader: David Herlocker 415.893.9508 DHerlocker@marincounty.org.

### Stroll on the Old Railroad Grade

**Sunday, February 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

We'll enjoy a slow stroll along the old railroad grade, a route that takes us in and out of a series of forested valleys separated by open grassland and coastal scrub habitats. We'll employ a car shuttle so we can have a relaxing morning walk. Remember to bring lunch. Meet at the trailhead at the end of Glen Dr. in Fairfax. From Hwy. 101, take the exit for Central San Rafael west. Follow 3<sup>rd</sup> St. approximately one mile and continue on 2<sup>nd</sup> St., which merges into 4<sup>th</sup> St. 4<sup>th</sup> St. turns into Red Hill Ave. after 0.6 miles; follow for 0.5 miles. Stay right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and follow three miles, turn right onto Glen Dr. and follow 0.5 miles to end (dead end).

Leader: Shannon Burke 415.893.9520 SBurke@marincounty.org.

### Early Flowers at Mt. Burdell

**Sunday, February 22, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

One of the many rare plants found here in Marin County is an inconspicuous nodding white lily called the fragrant fritillary. We'll visit a small population that should be in bloom this early in the season. We'll then head up the trail to see some other early bloomers such as shooting star, milkmaids, star lily, and maybe a few surprises. Meet at the gate on San Andreas Dr. in Novato. From Hwy. 101, take the exit for San Marin Dr. west 2.3 miles. Turn right onto San Andreas Dr. and follow approximately 0.5 miles. The gate is on the right (before dead end).

Leader: Shannon Burke 415.893.9520 SBurke@marincounty.org.

### The 680 Trail

**Thursday, February 26, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**

We'll meet at a trailhead in Lucas Valley (elevation 150 feet), and then carpool up to the Big Rock trailhead (650 feet) to start the walk. It sounds like that would give us a nice 500 foot stroll downhill, but we'll have to go over (or around) Loma Alta along the way. This 7.5-mile walk will include the beautiful new 680 Trail. If we're lucky, we should see a spectacular bloom of Indian warrior along the way. Remember to bring enough water and food. Meet at the trailhead on Lucas Valley Rd. directly across from Mount Muir Ct. in San Rafael. From Hwy. 101, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd. west 2.1 miles. Turn left into the parking area on left (south) side of Lucas Valley Rd.

Leader: David Herlocker 415.893.9508 DHerlocker@marincounty.org.



## PLANT IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS AT SFSU!

**Second Thursday of each month, 6–7:30 p.m.**

The botany graduate students at San Francisco State University will lead these free plant ID workshops. They very much enjoy teaching and do an excellent job. The next workshop will take place on February 12. No reservation is required.

Join us for some fun time keying plants and learning plant terminology in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring the *Jepson Manual* (old or new edition) or *Plants of the San Francisco Bay Region: Mendocino to Monterey* (revised edition), as well as a hand lens. Participants are welcome to bring their copy of the *Marin Flora*. If you have any further questions, please email Mila Stroganoff at milastroganoff@sbcglobal.net.

**Location:** Hensill Hall at SFSU, 1600 Holloway Ave., Botany Lab, Room 440. Campus map: sfsu.edu/~sfsuemap/.

# RING MOUNTAIN GRASSLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

**Saturday, January 31 & February 28, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Join us for our monthly drop-in volunteer workday as we focus on restoring the grasslands of Ring Mountain! Ring Mountain is home to numerous rare and endangered plants, but this habitat is being threatened by invasive species. Volunteer work may include invasive species removal, seed collecting, planting native plants, or other restoration activities. Educational components are included as we discuss the plants and animals that inhabit this unique place and explain how volunteer activities are having a positive impact.

Drop-in days are held on the last Saturday of every month (except November and December). Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling, and usually requires a short hike to the site. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks and extra water will be provided. RSVP's are appreciated but not required.

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

Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ring Mountain Stewardship Coordinator Sarah Minnick at 415.473.5058 or [SMinnick@marincounty.org](mailto:SMinnick@marincounty.org).

Check the Marin County Parks website events calendar ([www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/calendar](http://www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/calendar)) for the latest info on meeting times, locations, and activities.



## ZEN OF WEEDING

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

2015 is the fifth 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).

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](mailto:nandean@comcast.net) if you want to attend, need more info, or want notice of other work parties at the park.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Doreen Smith



*Pedicularis densiflora*—Vernon Smith

A hemi-parasitic perennial plant in the family Orobanchaceae, Indian warrior (*Pedicularis densiflora*) is common in Marin woodlands. Flowers can often be early, before the leafing out of deciduous trees, in the late winter and early spring. Often they are associated with madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*). The flowers are red and the leaves are green.



*Pedicularis densiflora* variant—Doreen Smith

Marin does have an unusual variant population, first mentioned by J. T. Howell in his early editions of *Marin Flora*. These plants grow on the San Geronimo Ridge in serpentine chaparral. There they are associated with the Mt. Tamalpais manzanita (*Arctostaphylos montana* ssp. *montana*). The plants have deep rose-pink flowers and reddish-purple leaves.

## MEET A MEMBER: APRIL POST

I live in Tam Valley, an area that has been impacted by over-development on the watershed and subsequent loss of habitat, as well as the loss of many plant and animal species. Since I grew up in the same house I am living in, I am well aware of the truly shocking decline or complete disappearance of whole species in my region!

I made good use of my tomboy childhood with a career in landscaping since the mid-80s here in Marin; I'm now retired. I started out with a love of plants and the outdoors and a green thumb, and I have been learning ever since! During that time I have mostly worked for myself. I have also worked for landscaping companies, nurseries, the College of Marin, and The Urban Farmer, where I learned to install and repair irrigation systems. Through experience I came to understand the futility and dangerous cycles of relying on toxic chemicals to manage landscapes, and I learned to work without them. I also developed an interest in local politics and I try to serve my community by giving my time. I have been on the College of Marin Board of Trustees, I chaired the county's first IPM Commission for its first two years, and I currently am on the Tam Design Review Board, where my knowledge of plants and landscaping remains quite useful.

Although I had long been incorporating native plants in my landscaping business, I really came to commit to using our local natives when I moved back into my childhood home in Tam Valley. This once-abundant region had become almost devoid of bird and insect life, compared to the richness of my childhood. In looking for a place to start addressing these conditions, I began with the water in the creek, since waterways are the heart of the living natural world. County experts told me that testing was difficult and that addressing any issues found through testing was also very difficult. They advised me to plant natives that would help purify the water, while offering cover and food for wildlife.

I began in 2005 by planting *Baccharis* and grasses, and consulted with Kristin Jakob on grass IDs and native grass recommendations. Although tough invasives and recent weather have made the survival of new plants a bit tricky, a number of things have done well. I have been able to establish "cover" along my banks and I was encouraged enough to release tadpoles into my specially dug garden pond for the last two springs.

Encouraged by the marked increase of butterflies, bees, and birds to my yard with just this modest effort, last fall I cardboard mulched my front lawn; topped it with



dirt; and planted local native plants, flowers, and grass seed mixes. Because I am on a major route to school, many children and their families stopped to watch the first tiny fuzz of green turn into a beautiful meadow of native grasses with wildflowers that bloomed in succession through spring and summer. I barely needed to water and I certainly got plenty of color from these choices, and I got animals, too! One day a neighbor

stopped me in the yard to tell me that she had seen a cottontail bunny in my front yard! The fact is, every day I see something new and amazing, just by walking across the yard!

Over time, I have come to recognize that my entire area is suffering from a much broader-based watershed collapse, due to overbuilding without any mitigation, and the attendant non-native landscaping and escaped invasive plants. Our current drought offers a unique opportunity to renew our efforts to acquaint the public with our wonderful local native plants, and to use the regional natives that are crucial to the survival of our native insects, birds, and mammals.

To this end, last year I approached the County with the idea of reviving the old Civic Center demonstration garden with native plants that work for the future of Marin. During that time I invited several members of CNPS to come up and take a look at the garden to see if this would be a project that would be of interest to the organization. It was a great pleasure to connect with David Long, Renee Fittinghoff, and Charlotte Torgovitsky, whom I had known of from her work at Marin Art & Garden Center. It was truly wonderful to meet with people who were so knowledgeable and who shared my interest and enthusiasm for native plants! The current County policy is to wait until January to assess the drought before any new planting can be done.

Now that I have joined Marin CNPS, I have also become a board member and taken on "Nursery Outreach." This is an attempt to encourage our local nurseries to once again promote drought-tolerant plants, this time favoring our regional natives, not only as a drought strategy, but as a long-term business strategy that allows them to increase and sustain their business even as Marin's population and water demand continue to grow.

Many years ago, when I was chairing Marin County's first IPM Commission, I was asked to work at the annual county-wide garden tour that promoted drought-tolerant plants. I happened to find myself working with Joe Kohn, an old friend of one of my best friends. Joe had become an avid member of Marin

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CNPS, and he raved about how much fun he was having and he tried to get me to join. I was just too busy to take on anything, but I bought my *Marin Flora* right there and then out of the trunk of his car! I feel his hand on my shoulder as I take on these projects. As a new member, I am certain that I have found a group that shares my enthusiasm and passion for our Marin native plants, and I look forward to learning from everyone and supporting our native plant communities.



## FALL PLANT SALE REPORT

Saturday, October 18, 2014 was a beautiful day for a plant sale, and our chapter was back again at our former venue, setting out tents and tables and a wonderful selection of healthy native plants next to the picturesque Lyford House at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Tiburon.



For the last several months Kristin Jakob, Renee Fittinghoff, and Ann Adams have been working to restore and renovate many of the native plantings on the grounds. It really helps our customers, all inspired to “do the right thing” in their own gardens, to see the same plants we’re selling well established on the grounds and providing resources for a host of creatures.

An event like this is much more than just a plant sale; it is an opportunity for our chapter to reach the general community with our message. We help raise awareness about a different kind of garden, and offer alternatives to standard gardening practices. Dan Dufficy, a landscape designer specializing in native plants, was present with advice for gardeners on plant selections and combinations. Dan is the owner of California Native Landscapes Nursery on Shoreline Highway in Mill Valley. Dan’s nursery also offers organic vegetable starts and all sorts of amendments to create healthy soil.

Lots of people work together to organize a sale like this. Our plant sale flier was beautifully designed by Laura Lovett, posted by members, and used for advance media publicity and outreach by Alison

Blume. A number plants offered for sale were expertly grown by volunteers working with Charlotte; other plants were purchased. Kristin organized the plant purchases with help from Renee Fittinghoff and Daniel Kushner. On Friday, the purchased plants and the plants we grew, as well as all of our event equipment were transported from Novato to Tiburon by Charlotte with help from Treva McCarty, Ann Bauer, Gulden Canbolat, and Georgia and Gary Fie.

After everything was at the sale venue, we had plenty of help with the setup of tables and canopies, arrangement and pricing of plants, signage, deer protection, and other preparatory tasks from Nancy Brown, Ann Adams, Doyleen McMurtry, April Post, Gerd Jakob, Jonathon Jacobs, Jeanne Lau, and Alice Bachelder.

Many of the same people returned on Saturday, ready to help customers with advice on plant selections. Loretta Figueroa helped sell plants; Sam Abercrombie, Sam Gilbert, and Amelia Ryan ably acted as cashiers and handled credit card sales for the first time. Cynthia La Mar staffed the membership table and provided cashier support, Georgia Fie and Stacey Pogorzelski helped Doyleen with book sales, and Wilma Follette was on hand to sell the *Marin Flora*. Gerd Jakob helped with sales of posters and cards, and members of the Yerba Buena chapter offered their beautifully printed t-shirts and tote bags.

Although we lacked a hospitality coordinator, several people kindly donated delicious sweet treats, enjoyed by volunteers and customers alike! Jim Kasper, Paul da Silva, and Harold Hirsch all helped in a variety of ways, including break-down; Marcia Basalla, Georgia, and Gulden all helped transport the equipment and supplies back to Novato, and Jane Medley picked up the book inventory at the close of the sale.

We sold a lot of plants, signed up some new members, and, at the end of the day, plants that were not sold were donated for native gardens at the Audubon Center and the College of Marin, and to help with stream restoration projects in Mill Valley.

Thank You All—We couldn’t have done it without you!  
—Kristin Jakob and Charlotte Torgovitsky, CNPS Marin Plant Sale Co-Chairs



## FIELD BOTANY AT COLLEGE OF MARIN

Next spring, Dr. Paul da Silva and the College of Marin will once again offer the popular *Field Botany of Marin* class (Biology 161). Classes begin in late January.

Topics covered include plant identification and evolution, as well as structure and function of Marin plant communities. For more information, visit [www.marin.edu](http://www.marin.edu) or contact the instructor at Paul.daSilva@marin.edu.

## MARIN CHAPTER BOARD ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2015

Thanks to all members who came and voted at the November 10 membership meeting, and to the continuing and new officers and board members!

The following slate of officers was elected:

- President: Charlotte Torgovitsky
- Co-Vice President: David Long
- Co-Vice President: Kristin Jakob
- Secretary: Sam Abercrombie
- Treasurer: Amelia Ryan
- Board Members:
  - Jacoba Charles    - Sam Gilbert
  - Paul da Silva     - Carolyn Longstreth
  - Phyllis Faber     - April Post

## IN MEMORIAM: DR. DOROTHEE PERLOFF

It is with sadness that we report that Dorothee died on November 2, just one day before she would have celebrated her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 2002, Dorothee graciously served as President of CNPS Marin, before suffering a massive stroke. She was an acclaimed physician, renowned for her pioneering research in hypertension and renal artery disease, clinical professor of medicine, and director of the hypertension clinic at the UCSF School of Medicine until her retirement in 1994. Following her retirement, she continued to volunteer and teach in the UCSF medical clinics until her debilitating stroke. Please join friends and family for a memorial service at 2 p.m. on January 11 at the Mill Valley Community Center.

## MARIN CNPS CONTACTS

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

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
Treasurer	Amelia Ryan
Secretary	Sam Abercrombie
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Board Member, Field Trip Committee Chair/Coordinator	Sam Gilbert
Board Member; Legislation	Phyllis Faber
Board Member	Jacoba Charles
Board Member	Carolyn Longstreth
Board Member, Nursery Outreach	April Post
<i>Marin Flora</i> Project	Wilma Follette
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# 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](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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