



# California Native Plant Society

## MARIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*Tiburon Mariposa Lily (Calochortus tiburonensis)*

*Marin chapter established 1973*

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

### **Ryan O'Dell on "Vertic Clay Soil Endemic Plant Species of the Inner South Coast Ranges"**

California contains a rich diversity of edaphic (soil-influenced) endemic plant species, including those restricted to physically and chemically extreme substrates such as serpentine, gabbro, carbonate, gypsum, and clay. Vertic clay soils present a unique extreme stress to plant growth due to extreme swelling and shrinking with seasonal wetting and drying cycles, resulting in formation of deep soil cracks that rip roots. Vertic clay soils derived from gypsum-rich shale have exceedingly low pH (< 5) and often contain high bioavailable concentrations of selenium.

Numerous California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR) species are endemic to the vertic clay soils of the Inner South Coast Ranges (Corral Hollow to Carrizo Plain). Species include *Madia radiata* (CRPR 1B.1), *Deinandra halliana* (1B.1), *Monolopia major*, *Lepidium jaredii* ssp. *album* (1B.2), *Convolvulus simulans* (4.2), *Allium howellii* var. *sanbenitense*, *Caulanthus flavescens*, *California*



*Monolopia major* (cupped monolopia) on hillside



*Fritillaria agrestis* (stinkbells)

*macrophylla* (1B.1), *Acanthomintha obovata* ssp. *obovata* (4.2), *Benitoa occidentalis* (4.3), *Fritillaria agrestis* (4.2), *Lagophylla diabolensis* (1B.2), and *Eriogonum argillosum* (4.3). Most of these species occur in arid climates and flower early (mid-February to mid-April). Premier locations to view Inner South Coast Ranges vertic clay endemic plant species include Corral Hollow Road (eastern Alameda), BLM Panoche Hills and Tumey Hills (western Fresno County), Coalinga Road (southern San Benito County), and Carrizo Plain-Temblor Mountains (eastern San Luis Obispo-western Kern Counties).

The focus of Ryan's talk will be primarily on the characteristics of the vertic soils as an extreme, low-competition habitat and the rare plants that grow there. These species don't appear to form consistent communities. There are some subtle species associations with slope gradient and aspect. Very little is known about the adaptations of these species to the vertic soil condition. He will speculate on what

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the adaptations may be, but verification of those adaptations will be left to future research.

Ryan O'Dell is a Natural Resource Specialist (Botany/Soils/Paleontology) with the Bureau of Land Management in Hollister, California. His specialty is edaphic endemic plant species ecology and conservation.

October meeting:

**5:30 p.m.** Join friends and meet our speaker for a no-host dinner at Gira Polli of Mill Valley, 590 East Blithedale Ave. at Camino Alto. Please call Gerd or Kristin Jakob at 415.388.1844 at least one day ahead to be assured of a seat with our group.

**7:30 p.m.** Meet at the Redwoods retirement home, 40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley. Books, posters, and cards will be for sale before as well as after the meeting. Lecture starts at 8 p.m.



## PLANT FAMILIES AND PLANT ID WORKSHOPS AT SFSU!

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

Talented and knowledgeable graduate botany students at San Francisco State University lead these workshops on the second Thursday of the month. The fall workshop dates are September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10. The atmosphere is relaxed and there are no tests to take.

We will discuss a plant family for approximately 30 minutes and then delve into keying plant(s) of the same family. Understanding the characteristics of plant families is important not only when keying plants, but also when seeing them in the field. So let's be adventurous on this, the first leg of our fall journey, and see how much we can learn about plants and the families they belong to. All aboard!

If you have the old or new edition of the *Jepson Manual* or *Plants of the San Francisco Bay Region: Mendocino to Monterey*, bring it along with a hand lens. If you have any further questions, please email Mila Stroganoff at [milastroganoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:milastroganoff@sbcglobal.net).

**Location:** SFSU Botany Lab (Room 440) in Hensill Hall, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco. Campus map: [sfsu.edu/~sfsuemap/](http://sfsu.edu/~sfsuemap/).

**Directions:** MUNI's M-Ocean line and #28 bus both stop at 19th Ave. & Holloway St. At the Daly City BART station, board an SFSU shuttle (it runs every 10–15 minutes). If you drive, there is street parking on 19th Ave. as well as paid campus parking. Hensill Hall is located just off 19th Ave., between Winston and Holloway.

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

## THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

**September 17 and October 21, 9:30 a.m.**

Don't you hate to see beautiful native vegetation being displaced by invasive exotic species? If so, consider joining the Third Thursday Weeders! Spend a companionable day at beautiful Point Reyes and help us protect important plant habitat there. The Weeders meet regularly on the third Thursday of every month. The location of each work party is set in consultation with Seashore staff.



The Weeders take a break after a productive morning—NPS photo

Over the past four years, we have removed infestations of iceplant, veldt grass, European beachgrass, perennial pepperweed, cape ivy, and Napa star-thistle. We have a good time and it's highly rewarding to see the native plants making a comeback in these areas!

To sign up and receive notification of the meeting places in September and October, please contact Carolyn Longstreth at [cklongstreth@gmail.com](mailto:cklongstreth@gmail.com) or 415.669.7514. 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



## 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

It's been a "lazy summer" so far, but small tasks keep me occupied each day: tending the nursery plants, keeping tomato vines under control, and a little bit of summer pruning. Apart from replenishing the DriWater tubes on newly planted natives, there's not all that much that has to be done in my garden.

It's the time of year when open boxes of seedy materials start to multiply on every dark, cool surface around my house. I collect seed a little at a time, over a period of days or weeks as they mature on the plant, and then make sure that the plant material is completely dry before I start the seed-cleaning process.

I spend a lot of time simply observing life in the garden; early mornings I see lots of small bees all over the elegant *madia* flowers. They are most likely long-horned bees, which are native solitary bees with a strong preference for flowers in the aster family. The females look like they're snuggling right into the disc as if it were a nice soft bed. The dry pollen clings to the hairs on their bodies; much of it is then moved over to brush-like hairs, called scopae, all the way along their hindmost legs, and that's how they carry it to provision their brooding cells. The male bees, with much longer antennae, just flit about the flowers searching out the females.

By mid-day these little bees are gone, and the *madia* blossoms close up until dusk. Great big shiny black carpenter bees keep working all day long. They visit an assortment of *salvia* flowers, often cutting into the floral tube to get at the nectar. Honeybees also work the whole day, visiting a greater variety of flowers, but always to be seen on the flowers of the various culinary



Goldfinch fledgling on *salvia* seedheads—Bob Watkins

herbs that I grow. They seem to have an affinity with the plants that originate from the same part of the world as they do, searching out the rosemary, even when the blooms are few and scattered, as well as all the basil, marjoram, and oreganos that grow in my garden.

Another frequent visitor to flowers, particularly the verbenas, is the mournful duskywing butterfly, common here in my woodland because the larvae use the oaks as a host plant. I love the name of this spread-wing skipper, and it's also a beautiful little insect in a very subtle way: dark chocolate-brown with faint markings on the front wings, and a fringe of bright white along the edges of the hind wings.

I also notice that the newest generation of tree frogs has made its way up to our wooded hillside; many are no bigger than half an inch. They find plenty of moist hiding places amongst nursery containers. The more mature tree frogs, twice the size and colored golden brown or brilliant shades of green, find homes in all the nooks and crannies in the dry-stacked walls.

The occasional flash of brilliant blue is usually an immature skink dashing for cover; a "colony" seems to like the area right around my fig tree, and coexists with the very large population of western fence lizards that lives on our property. Now there are lots of baby lizards, too; the sweetest little things, who sometimes show up in the strangest of places!

Ash-throated flycatchers and their fledglings stuck around for a longer period of time this year; perhaps it was the bright red summer fruits on the Nevin's barberry that kept them here. They are very shy, but I had a great vantage point from a window in the house. It also seems to have been a good season for goldfinches, juncos, and house finches. I see lots of fledglings coming to the feeder, and lots more foraging in groups with the adults all throughout the gardens.

—Charlotte Torgovitsky



*Madia elegans*—Mieko Watkins

## BOARD NEWS

### Call for Nominations

Chapter members interested in serving as an officer or board member of the Marin Chapter of CNPS or who would like to suggest others for these positions are encouraged to contact one of the Co-Vice Presidents, David Long or Kristin Jakob.

The elected officers are: President, up to two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 11 additional board members. A slate of nominees will be published in the October–December chapter newsletter and voted on at the November membership meeting. In addition to the elected board positions, we have openings for Field Trip Coordinator and Membership Chair, as well as for a person to store and distribute the *Marin Flora* books. Please consider volunteering—it is very rewarding, and CNPS Marin needs you!

Contact information: David Long, 415.381.6327/sfdlong@ix.netcom.com, Kristin Jakob, 415.388.1844/kristinjakob@att.net., or Charlotte Torgovitsky, 415.892.9148/torgovitsky@comcast.net.

### Thanks to Retiring Chapter Board Committee Chairs

Renee Fittinghoff is stepping down as chair of the Gardening with Natives Committee that she created about 10 years ago. Renee organized garden tours and workshops, and found speakers for a very well-attended lecture series at the Fairfax Library. Since joining the board, she has been a great asset to the Chapter's plant sales, helping with plant purchasing and assisting customers during the sale. Renee has also contributed a great deal of time and expertise to native plantings at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary's display gardens.

Sam Gilbert joined our board as the result of a membership survey conducted several years ago. Sam has contributed to the chapter in many ways, not least as Field Trip Coordinator (see separate item from Sam describing what that position entails). He has been a great asset to the board on many levels, bringing his editing skills to proofreading the newsletters, and contributing a great deal of time to getting the new website up and running.

Many thanks to Renee and Sam for their service to CNPS and the Marin Chapter!

—Kristin Jakob, Co-Vice President

### Needed: Membership Chair

The Marin chapter is looking for someone who can reach out to our members and really help our chapter grow! This is a very important position in a volunteer-based organization such as CNPS. The work

can be done at home, and as Chair you can create a committee to help with the tasks, if you prefer.

CNPS members register with the state organization, and each chapter gets a monthly membership report in Excel spreadsheet format. The Membership Chair can decide to keep it simple with a welcome letter to new members on a monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual basis. We have a welcome letter already drafted; it just needs seasonal updating. CNPS stationery, envelopes, and nice little gifts such as a decal, bookmark, and informative brochures are provided for enclosures. Our chapter will reimburse you for any other expenditures, such as stamps.

We also have more ideas to share about various resources and how previous Membership Chairs have reached out to the general membership. Outreach to engage both new members and “old-timers” is vital to the work our chapter does within the community.

Please consider donating your time to an important cause. In the process, you can also help the board of directors come to decisions about what our chapter can do to best protect the amazing floristic resources of Marin County and the state at this critical time.

Please get in touch with me, or either of our Co-Vice Presidents, if you're interested in helping. Thank you!

—Charlotte Torgovitsky

### Needed: *Marin Flora* Volunteer

Wilma Follette has retired from her long-held position handling *Marin Flora* book inventory and distribution on behalf of CNPS Marin. Vivian Mazur handles individual mail-order retail sales, and Jane Medley sells them along with other books at our membership meetings and events, but we need a person willing to store the primary inventory (at present about 70 hardbound and five paperback copies in 11 boxes) and fulfill the periodic state CNPS office orders by UPS, as well as supply the books to a small number of local retailers. Records need to be maintained and an annual inventory and sales report provided to our chapter Treasurer. Anyone interested in helping the chapter in this important capacity may contact Wilma Follette at 415.332.4048 or Kristin Jakob at 415.388.1844/kristinjakob@att.net. Many thanks to Wilma for her dedication to the *Marin Flora* project, and Wilma earnestly hopes that we find a successor soon!

### Needed: Field Trip Coordinator

Sam Gilbert will resume the life of the full-time student this fall, hence the chapter's search for a member willing to assume responsibility for field trips. He writes, “I have never led a field trip, but I know who the stalwart leaders are for Marin. I invite them a few times a year to sign up to lead walks everywhere

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from the headlands above the Golden Gate to Mount Burdell, ask for descriptions of the outings, and weigh in on dates. Then I post these announcements to the chapter's Facebook page and the Marin CNPS website, and I submit them to the newsletter editor. I approach knowledgeable botanists and try to enlist them as field trip leaders and I join as many outings as I can. I also maintain a list of the trips the chapter has sponsored over the last decade or so.

"Because I am a member of the board of the Marin chapter, I also attend board meetings and help with other chapter activities, such as plant sales and the website. I hope that my successor would eagerly embrace the varied projects the chapter takes up every year.

"I will train the new Field Trip Coordinator and remain available to answer questions. Please feel free to call or write me with any questions at 707.781.9243 or [srg@uchicago.edu](mailto:srg@uchicago.edu)."



## NEW NURSERY HOLDS WATER FOR WILDLIFE WORKSHOP

**Saturday, September 19, 10 a.m.–noon**

Back by popular demand, Santa Rosa's newest nursery, Wild Toad Nursery, is holding another workshop on providing water to wildlife in home gardens. Specializing in plants for ponds, plants for pollinators, and plants for people, owner Sabrina Howell is a Certified California Naturalist. She has taught gardening in a variety of school programs and has worked with the US Fish & Wildlife Service on their Schoolyard Habitat funding program. Howell is keen on the elements necessary to support wildlife in the garden. "The home gardener can really make an important difference by creating a garden that welcomes and supports wildlife. I can help gardeners learn how to do that," says Howell.

"Water is one of the fundamentals required for wildlife to flourish," says Howell, "and providing water does not have to be complicated." She will be holding this workshop to encourage home gardeners to include small water features in their gardens. It will cover water features that do not use much water and compliment different garden styles, describe how to build various types of water features, and explain how to avoid common mistakes. The class will be held at Wild Toad Nursery, which shares space with West County Oasis Bamboo Garden. A personalized tour of the Bamboo Garden after the workshop is optional. Advanced registration is \$20; \$25 at the door.

For registration and additional information, visit [wildtoadnursery.com](http://wildtoadnursery.com), call 707.529.5261, or email [Sabrina@wildtoadnursery.com](mailto:Sabrina@wildtoadnursery.com).



## CNPS MEMBERS! GOT BROOM?

Borrow as many as six broom wrenches for two weeks at a time from Marin CNPS! Our county is overrun with invasive weeds, especially French broom (*Genista monspessulana*), a shrub native to the Mediterranean area. (It is sometimes incorrectly referred to as "Scotch broom.") Preventing wildfires that start along the wildland/urban interface by creating "defensible space" is a focus of land managers and fire agencies in Marin. With the help of a broom wrench, you can create defensible space around your home, take the battle to adjacent wildlands, or just clean up your property. The wrenches, owned by Marin CNPS, work on virtually all woody plants; even previously cut plants can be uprooted, if a section of the original stem is accessible.



*Genista monspessulana* (French broom)—Vernon Smith

Marin CNPS owns wrenches in three different sizes:

- 1 medium wrench—jaw capacity up to 2.25 inches, weight 17.5 lbs
- 2 light wrenches—jaw capacity up to 1.5 inches, weight 11.5 lbs
- 3 mini wrenches—jaw capacity up to 1 inches, weight 5.25 lbs

Please contact Eva Buxton (conservation chair) at [evabuxton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evabuxton@sbcglobal.net) to arrange for pickup or delivery of the wrenches. Your name, address, phone number, and a small deposit per wrench will be required.



## 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](mailto:jdesser@gmail.com).

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Marin Chapter Fall Native Plant Sale

**Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.;**

**set-up Friday, October 23, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Location: Falkirk Cultural Canter, 1408 Mission Ave., San Rafael (across from the San Rafael Public Library)

For our fall sale, we are trying a new venue: the habitat garden and greenhouse on the grounds of the beautiful, historic Falkirk Mansion in San Rafael. The Marin Master Gardeners maintain the display gardens and will be co-sponsoring this sale.

We'll be offering a wide selection of California native perennials, shrubs, and grasses in 4-inch and 1-gallon pots, as well as some select larger plant specimens, books, and posters.

At 11 a.m., Charlotte Torgovitsky will give a talk exploring California native plants for the garden, and digging deeply into plant lore, habitat value, and propagation techniques.

At this time, we most urgently need a Volunteer Coordinator, and closer to the sale date, someone for hospitality. Help will be needed for plant pricing and other pre-sale preparations on Friday, October 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and for a variety of functions on the day of the sale: displaying plants, assisting customers with advice/carry-out, cashiering, refreshments, and take-down. Helpers with brawn will be especially welcome for transporting, setting up, and taking down tables and canopies. Volunteers are promised a free plant, good company, and further education!

Parking: volunteers and customers are welcome to park along the driveway that passes in front of the mansion, or in the main parking lot at Mission and E St., where there is 2-hour parking in the front section. You may also park in the City Hall lot across Mission Ave. from Falkirk.

Please contact plant sale co-chairs Charlotte Torgovitsky 415.892.9148/torgovitsky@comcast.net or Kristin Jakob 415. 388.1844/kristinjakob@att.net with questions or to volunteer.



## PLANT OF THE MONTH

Text by Doreen Smith; photos by Vernon Smith

There are still plants recently noticed in Marin that do not fit neatly into any of the species listed in *Marin Flora* 2007 or the online supplement of 2012. One of them is a *Heterotheca* species, a golden-aster, with a population at "Historic F Ranch." This is the original site of the Pt. Reyes Post Office, where there now remains only a grove of Monterey cypress trees that once sheltered the buildings.



*Heterotheca sessiliflora* ssp. *bolanderi*

Typical *Heterotheca sessiliflora* ssp. *bolanderi* is fairly common in any native grassland in Marin. It grows in close clones of multiple-headed hairy inflorescences on upright stems. The anomalous plants on the sandy flats at "F" ranch grow in flat, spreading, less-hairy clones with isolated single-headed inflorescences.



Above and below: Anomalous *Heterotheca* from Pt. Reyes



Other anomalous plants include an annual *Streptanthus* species on Mt. Burdell and a rayless *Erigeron* on a basalt road cut near Nicasio.

## MARIN CNPS CHAPTER AND OTHER 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.

### Jepson-Johnstone Trail, Point Reyes

**Saturday, September 19, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Join Carolyn Longstreth, Doreen Smith, and forester Tom Gaman for a hike along the lush and scenic Jepson/Johnstone trail to a remote beach on Tomales Bay. This lesser-known path drops from Pierce Point Road down to the bay through a mixed forest of bishop pine, coast live oak and a thick understory of huckleberry and other shrubs, ferns, grasses, and forbs. Some wet seeps add to the habitat diversity. Listed plants include California harebell, Point Reyes manzanita, and California bottlebrush grass. Tom will explain the ecology of this forest and the pathogens that are affecting it.

To get to the trailhead from Central Marin (or from further afield), take Sir Francis Drake Blvd. west through Marin County. Go past Fairfax, the San Geronimo Valley, Olema, and several miles past Inverness (on the west side of Tomales Bay). Shortly after entering the national park, you will come to a fork in the road; bear right onto Pierce Point Rd. Continue about 1.5 miles to an unmarked pullout on the right where a chain link fence and gate lead to a private road. If you reach the turnoff for Heart's Desire Beach, you've gone too far.

**Leader:** Carolyn Longstreth, 415.669.7514, cklongstreth@gmail.com

### Geology of Ring Mountain with David Bero

**Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

In lieu of the regularly scheduled drop-in volunteer day to protect and restore Ring Mountain's grasslands, come for a walk to learn more about the rocks that underlie Ring Mountain's unique soils and vegetation communities. Join us for a hike with geologist David Bero to learn about the geology of Ring Mountain. As a local resident and professor of geology at Sonoma State University, David Bero has spent 20 years mapping the geology of Ring Mountain and the Tiburon

Peninsula, one of the most significant geologic sites on Earth. The maps and the accompanying report were recently published by the California Geological Survey. Bero is one of many geologists who have studied Ring Mountain over the years, but nothing had been published at this level of detail before; his map is now the definitive geologic map of the region.



Turtle Rock on Ring Mountain—Sarah Minnick

Remember to bring lunch. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call 415.893.9527 after 8 a.m. on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Meet at the gate at the end of Taylor Rd. in Tiburon. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at 415.893-9508.

**Leader:** David Bero



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

\* **Tuesday 9/1, 7 p.m.**

Chapter Board Meeting at the MA&GC, Ross

\* **Friday 9/11, 1–3 p.m. (also 9/13, 10/9, and 10/11)**

The Zen of Weeding, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, Lagunitas

\* **Friday 9/11, 6–9 p.m. (also 10/2 and 11/6)**

Marin Plant ID Workshop

\* **Thursday 9/17, 9:30 a.m. (also 10/21)**

Third Thursday Weeders Workday at Point Reyes

\* **Saturday, 9/19, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Chapter Field Trip: Jepson-Johnstone Trail, Point Reyes

\* **Saturday 9/26 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Geology of Ring Mountain walk with David Bero

\* **Monday 10/5, 7 p.m.**

Chapter Board Meeting (location TBD)

\* **Monday 10/12, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Chapter Meeting: Ryan O'Dell on "Vertic Clay Soil Endemic Plant Species of the Inner South Coast Ranges"

\* **Saturday 10/24, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Chapter Fall Plant Sale at Falkirk Mansion

\* **Monday 11/9, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**

Chapter Meeting: Eva Buxton on "Some Plants from the Land of Linnaeus"

## ZEN OF WEEDING

### Habitat Restoration at Samuel P. Taylor St. Park *Second Friday & 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.

## MARIN CNPS CONTACTS

Position	Name
President; Plant Sale Committee Co-Chair	Charlotte Torgovitsky
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Co-Vice President; Chapter Council Delegate	David Long
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Newsletter Editor	Krista Fechner
Newsletter Mailing	Paul Kryloff
Poster Sales	Gerd Jakob

**Open Positions:** Field Trip Coordinator, Conservation and Invasives Committee Co-Chair (Invasives), Membership Committee Chair, *Marin Flora* volunteer

## MARIN PLANT ID WORKSHOPS

Would you like to join other people interested in a closer look at Marin plants? Then come to the monthly Plant ID Workshops at the College of Marin. Upcoming workshops will be on the first Friday of each month (except for September 11, to avoid the Labor Day weekend), from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room SMN 112 on the Kentfield campus. Bring curiosity, as well as plants and a copy of the *Marin Flora* if you have them. Paid parking is in Parking Lot #9 (P9), and the SMN building is just over the pedestrian bridge that crosses Corte Madera Creek. For more information, contact Paul da Silva at [pdasilva@marin.edu](mailto:pdasilva@marin.edu).



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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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