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PROGRAMS

Everyone is welcome to attend membership meetings in the Recreation Room of the San Francisco County Fair Building (SFCFB) at 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park. The building is served by the #71 and #44 bus lines, is one block from the N-Judah car, and is two blocks from the #6, #43, and #66 bus lines.

JUNE 3, THURSDAY

Plant Demographics in San Mateo and Santa Clara County

7:30 pm, Speaker: Toni Corelli, Botanist, Member-at-Large, San Mateo County Rare Plants Chair for the Santa Clara Valley Chapter CNPS

The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society covers much of San Mateo and all of Santa Clara County, including most of the Santa Cruz Mountains, the Santa Clara Valley, and the southern Diablo Range east of Hwy. 101 in Santa Clara County. The chapter area includes many unique local floristic communities, including serpentine, coastal strand, maritime chaparral, coniferous forests, and saltwater marshes (both coastal and baylands), just to name a few.

This talk will focus on the floristic regions within the chapter area, and the plants associated with them, including which plants are the most common, the most locally rare, the most invasive non-natives, and so on. The talk will also identify local botanical hotspots on public lands rich in species diversity.

For the past five years, Toni Corelli has been at work on a new booklet entitled the “Annotated Checklist of Plants for San Mateo and Santa Clara County”, using data from the chapter’s archived plant lists, recent lists updated by the Natural Resources DataBase (nrdb.org), and herbarium consortium records. This checklist is a “floristic snapshot” of the plants known to occur within the chapter’s region in the past as well as the present. This can be used as a “life-long plant checklist” for this region, and chapter members and others will be able to contribute information to verify and update this list. The booklet will include the latest scientific name changes from the upcoming 2nd edition of The Jepson Manual. This booklet will be published this summer.

JULY 7, THURSDAY

Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time

7:30 pm, Filmmakers & Speakers: Steve & Ann Dunskey

Steve & Ann Dunskey return for another program, following last year’s popular Butterflies and Bulldozers. Aldo Leopold is an icon among environmental heroes, and his Sand County Almanac is one of the most read and quoted by those awed and humbled by the forces of nature. The Dunskeys have written, produced, directed, and edited dozens of films over twenty-five years. As the primary production team for the U.S. Forest Service, many of their films deal with conservation issues.

Their productions are shown in visitor centers from Washington D.C., to Washington state and from Alaska to Indonesia. Several of their programs have been presented on television, and the pair has won numerous awards for their work.

Information about the film is on the Green Fire web site:

<http://www.aldoleopold.org/greenfire/>

AUGUST 4, THURSDAY

Diamonds in the Rough: Discovering San Francisco's Natural Areas

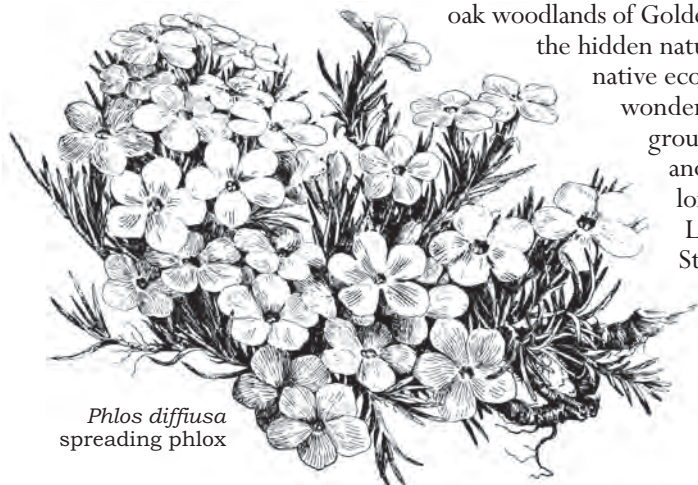
7:30 pm, Speaker: Lisa Wayne, Director of SFRPD Natural Areas Program

Lisa Wayne, Director of the SFRPD Natural Areas Program, will take us on a visual tour of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department’s Significant Natural Resource Areas. From the native oak woodlands of Golden Gate Park to the wildflower fields of the Bayview District, we will explore the hidden natural treasures that still survive in our urban environment. These remnant

native ecosystems support a surprising array of locally rare plants and other botanical wonders that provide habitat for the City’s wildlife. She will discuss the

groundbreaking efforts, hurdles, setbacks and victories on the path to preserving and restoring these urban gems. She will also bring us up to date on the the long term planning efforts to protect and enhance biodiversity in natural areas.

Lisa Wayne has a Masters degree in Conservation Biology from San Francisco State University. She has been the Director of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department’s Natural Areas Program since its inception in 1997.



Phlox diffusa
spreading phlox

FUTURE PROGRAM

September 1—*The Once and Future Wetlands: Will estuarine tidal wetlands survive climate change?*

—Tom Parker

FIELD TRIPS

Members and non-members are encouraged to attend these FREE walks. Trips are held rain or shine, but heavy rain cancels unless otherwise noted. **Contacts for additional information are listed after each trip description.** In general, bring lunch, liquids, sunscreen, layered clothing, and hand lens or any other tools/toys that will enhance your exploratory experience.

JUNE 4, Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm
San Bruno Mountain: Radio Road (San Mateo County)
Leader: Doug Allshouse

Usually seen through car windows on a ride to the summit, Radio Road is well worth closer attention as it is subtly loaded with a surprising bounty of life on rock walls and in seeps. The earliest roads in the Guadalupe Hills provided access to truck and dairy farms in the 1800s. When radio towers were placed on the summit, Radio Road was built to connect the site to the road system (originally it joined Mission Street). The resulting road cuts exposed sandstone surfaces that are now home to seasonal displays of coast rock cress (*Arabis blepharophylla*), rein orchids (*Piperia elegans*), and sand mat (*Cardionema ramosissimum*). One very important plant is stonecrop (*Sedum spathulifolium*), the larval host plant of the endangered San Bruno elfin butterfly. We'll look for elfin larvae along the way and see some still-native communities at the summit festooned with fescues (*Festuca* spp.), reed grass (*Calamagrostis nutkaensis*) and stonecrop. Our return will take us down the short leg of the Summit Trail to the parking lot. Self-register (and pay \$5) at the entry kiosk, immediately turn right at the stop sign and follow the road under the parkway to the lot on the other side. Due to the marine influence this venue offers box-of-chocolates weather, so bring layers. Contact: Doug Allshouse, dougsr228@comcast.net or 415-584-5114.

JULY 23, Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm
Golden Gate National Recreation Area: Sweeney Ridge (San Mateo County)

Leaders: Werner Schumann and Jake Sigg

Join us on a stroll up the Sneath Lane Trail through coastal scrub to the Bay Discovery Site atop Sweeney Ridge. You'll be treated to exhilarating views east and west, including the Farallon Islands –

that is, providing dense fog doesn't prevent it. Frequent fog feeds rich populations of lichens, and we'll see large stands of coast silktassel (*Garrya elliptica*). If we're lucky, we might even see a peregrine falcon. Meet at the trailhead at the end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno. If you want to linger for the views, bring lunch. Contact: Jake Sigg, jakesigg@earthlink.net, 415-731-3028.

AUGUST 28, Sunday, 1 to 3 pm
Pedro Point Headlands (San Mateo County)
Leaders: Jake Sigg, Mike Vasey

Co-sponsored by Pacifica Land Trust

The unique aggregation of plants at Pedro Point Headlands and Pacifica Land Trust's ongoing stewardship of this dramatic place where Montara Mountain meets the ocean were the subject of a trip last October. We return this year to keep tabs on the progress of restoration as former motorcycle trails begin to fade and the native vegetation slowly heals. Here Nootka reedgrass (*Calamagrostis nutkaensis*) and California fescue (*Festuca californica*) flourish in association with huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*) and a number of other berry-bearing shrubs. Meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse, 1227 Danmann Avenue, Pacifica. At Highway 1 and Linda Mar Blvd, turn west onto San Pedro Avenue then right onto Danmann. **This field trip is preceded by a restoration work party** organized by Pacifica Land Trust – meet at the Firehouse at 9:45 am; refreshments provided afterward. We highly recommended hands-on restoration as by far the most fun and effective way to learn native plants and their ecology. Contact: Mike Vasey, mcvasey@gmail.com, or Jake Sigg, jakesigg@earthlink.net, 415-731-3028.



Eschscholzia californica California poppy

“I go to Nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in tune once more.”—John Burroughs

CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION

WEED DAY AT THE CAPITOL

by Jake Sigg

As we have done annually for 8 years, weed warriors tramped to Sacramento for Weed Day at the Capitol. Led and coordinated by California Invasive Plant Council, we visited the offices of all legislators, urging greater attention be paid to invasive plants in wildlands.

This year was different in that we did not ask for money, only to keep weed programs on the books. In recent years, California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) has been expanding its vision beyond traditional ag. We thought that had become firmly established. However, the ugly fiscal situation facing the state has created panic in decision-makers, and CDFA has proposed

eliminating all the weed programs we have spent years fighting for: Weed Management Areas, Biological Control, and other effective weed programs--a truly appalling action. We asked the Legislature to keep the programs on the books, even if there are no funds provided, as it is much easier to restart if funds become available later. The thought of starting to rebuild programs from the ground again is too disheartening to even contemplate.

In the meantime, the weeds haven't stopped growing, and new ones didn't stop at the state border--to the contrary, the flood is increasing with increasing population, trade and travel, fragmentation of habitat, soil disturbance from human activities, nitrogen deposition from air pollution, and so forth. And California's money problems are going to persist for a very long time.

ACTIVITIES

SAN FRANCISCO BOTANICAL GARDEN, SUMMER GARDENING FAIR

Saturday, August 6, 10 am to 3 pm

Gardens thrive in the summer, even in San Francisco! Postpone your Saturday chores and come learn more about plants and gardening from representatives of local horticultural and conservation organizations. Join a local plant club, buy plants and plant products, or simply enjoy a day full of great activities and demonstrations.

San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Information: 415-661-1316 or www.sfbotanicalgarden.org

SAN FRANCISCO NATURAL HISTORY SERIES

Thursday June 16, 7:30 pm—

Getting to the Bottom of the Bay

**Speaker: Marilyn Latta
Randall Museum Theater**

Talks on San Francisco's natural history are held at 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way. **FREE.** Donations are encouraged.
Information: Philip Gerrie 415 641-7457, glassgerrie@earthlink.net or www.randallmuseum.org

CNPS PLANT SCIENCE TRAINING PROGRAM

**June 7-9—Vegetation Rapid Assessment/Releve
Workshop—Julie Evens, Deborah Stout**

Check: <http://cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/> for workshop and course descriptions, locations, and registration costs. If you do not have web access, contact Josie Crawford, Education Program Director at 916-447-2677 x205 or jrcrawford@cnps.org.

REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN

**Saturday, June 11, noon to 3 pm—Pollinator Paradise
Tilden Park, Berkeley**

In this introduction to the world of pollination ecology, we will focus on native bees and bee-friendly gardening.

For more information or to register visit:
<http://www.nativeplants.org/events.html#9>

**Saturday, June 18, 10 am to 2 pm—
Understanding and Identifying the Bay
Area's Dazzling Dragonflies
Tilden Park, Berkeley**

Learn about the earth's earliest fliers: the exotic and beautiful dragonflies. <http://www.nativeplants.org/events.html#10>

**September 17-18—Growing Natives
Symposium**

**Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette
and Tilden Park, Berkeley**

Designing, installing, and maintaining native plant gardens of lasting value is the theme of this symposium aimed at professionals, home gardeners, and native plant enthusiasts.

For more information or to register visit:
<http://gns.cnps-scv.org>

CALIFORNIA NATIVE GRASSLANDS ASSOCIATION

Registration: Judy G-Scott (530-661-2280 or admin@cnga.org) or www.cnga.org

**Saturday, June 11—Introduction to
California Grasslands and Grass
Identification Workshop
Pepperwood Preserve, Santa**

Rosa

Fees: \$30/CNGA Members, \$35/non-members, \$25/Students
Take your first steps into learning about an important yet underrated ecosystem in this new workshop that features lecture, lab, and field components.

**Saturday & Sunday, June 25-26—Identifying the Native
and Naturalized Grasses of California 2-day Workshop**

Learn to identify native and naturalized grasses of California's north coast.

The Dance Palace, Pt Reyes Station, and field sites

Instructors: David Amme

Day 1—Pt. Reyes Station: We will learn about California's grassland ecology, the qualities of specific native grasses for restoration, and become skilled at recognizing the basic groups and common species through working with plant samples in the classroom.

Day 2—In the Field: We will explore a local grasslands, rich with a diverse assemblage of both native and naturalized grasses and make use of our new understanding and skills.

Fees: \$220/CNGA Members, \$240/non-members, \$135/Students
Enrollment limited to 40.

JEPSON HERBARIUM WORKSHOPS

The 2011 workshop program is online and classes are open for enrollment. For more information and to register visit:

<http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/2011/index.html>

or contact Coordinator of Public Education:

jepsonworkshops@berkeley.edu or 510-643-7008

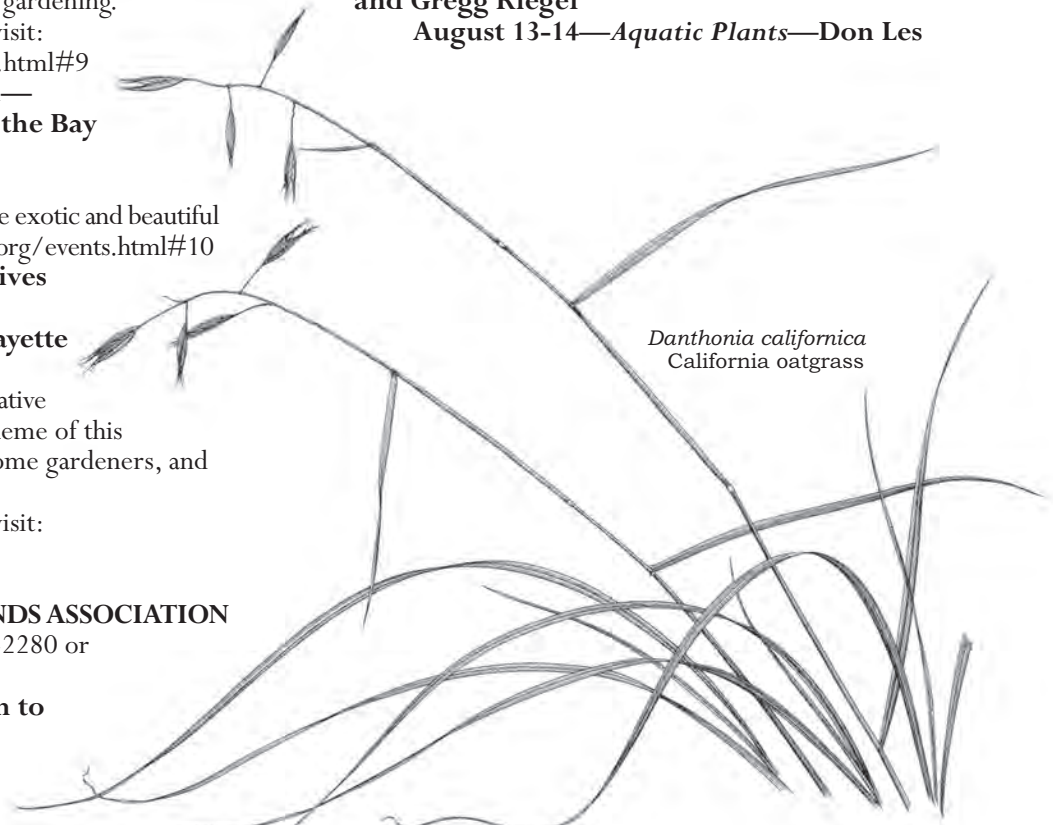
**July 7-10—Rare Flora of the Panamint Mountains
—Dana York**

**July 14-17—Flora and Ecology of the Klamath Mountains
Enriched Conifer Forests—Max Creasy and Marla Knight**

**July 15-17—Potentilla, Past and Present (Rosaceae: tribe
Potentilleae)—Barbara Ertter**

**July 28-31—Flora of the Warner Mountains—Judy Perkins
and Gregg Riegel**

August 13-14—Aquatic Plants—Don Les



Danthonia californica
California oatgrass

FOCUS ON RARITIES

SCARLET MONKEYFLOWER

Mimulus cardinalis

by Michael Wood

With blossoms reminiscent of red lipsticks on a stalk, scarlet monkeyflower is eye-catching indeed. A perennial herb found in moist to wet areas along streams and seeps, you can't help but stop and stare when you happen upon this plant. And the inescapable thought comes to mind: "this would look wonderful in my yard".

Until recently, the genus *Mimulus* was assigned to the figwort family (Scrophulariaceae). (Yes, you're going to have to un-learn that fact!) However, research into the phylogenetic relationships on members of the family now place the genus in the lopseed family (Phrymaceae). This family includes taxa found in a very wide array of habitat types primarily in North America and Australia. Family members are distinguished by having tubular calyces with five-toothed lobes and readily dehiscent (split open upon drying) capsules. Members include diminutive annuals and herbaceous perennials to shrubs up to 13 feet tall.

The monkeyflowers, so named because the flowers of some resemble monkey faces, include some 150 species. The center of diversity for the genus is western North America, but it is also represented in South America, Asia and Australia. California is host to some 88 native species and subspecies. Of these, three are presumed to be extinct (CNPS List 1A). Members of the genus considered to be rare include 11 taxa on the CNPS List 1B, three taxa on List 2, one taxon on List 3, and 15 taxa on List 4.

Scarlet monkeyflower is a stout perennial herb with hairy stems reaching up to 2½ feet high arising from rhizomes. Clasping the stems, the opposite leaves are from 1-3 inches long with three to five pronounced veins arising from the leaf base. Flowers develop singularly in the axils of the uppermost leaves at the end of 2-3 inch-long pedicels. The tubular blossoms are orange to red, up to 2 inches long, with five reflexed lobes. In our area, flowering occurs June through July.

As mentioned above, scarlet monkeyflower occurs in moist to wet ground. It has been recorded in 45 of California's 58 counties, occurring throughout the California Floristic Province and the Desert Mountains region, at elevations below about 7800 feet. It is also known from Oregon, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Baja California. With such a broad range, you might be asking why it's a topic for this column. But like so many species restricted to wetland habitats, it's range and occurrence is being affected by human activities.

As reported in Howell, *et al.* (1958), from collections made in 1865, scarlet monkeyflower was reported to occur on creek banks in San Francisco; however, by 1958 it seems to have been extirpated. In 2000, using seed collected in the Crystal Springs area, Jake Sigg reintroduced it to Islais Creek in Glen Canyon, where it persists but is at risk from competition by invasive non-natives. It occurs sparingly elsewhere in the San Francisco Peninsula. It is not uncommon in the East Bay. Due to its historic occurrence in San Francisco, scarlet monkeyflower is proposed for addition to our chapter's list of locally significant plant species.

The nice thing about scarlet monkeyflower is that it is hard to miss



Mimulus cardinalis
scarlet monkeyflower

and unlikely to be confused with anything else. So, as you're traipsing around the City's few remaining freshwater wetlands this summer, keep an eye open for it. As always, if you come across it, please let us know. And (do I really need to say it?), please don't collect it for your garden! Scarlet monkeyflower is quite readily available from suppliers of native plants. I'm finally getting around to trying it out in my yard.

REFERENCE

Howell, J.T., P.H. Raven, and P. Rubtzoff. 1958. *A Flora of San Francisco, California*. Univ. of San Francisco. 157 pp.




"All the ants on the planet, taken together, have a biomass greater than that of humans. Ants have been incredibly industrious for millions of years. Yet their productiveness nourishes plants, animals, and soil. Human industry has been in full swing for little over a century, yet it has brought about a decline in almost every ecosystem on the planet. Nature doesn't have a design problem. People do."

—William McDonough, architect and designer



HABITAT RESTORATION

 **Bookmark the daily event calendar at** <http://cnps-yerbabuena.org/calendar>

Alemany Natives at Alemany Farm.

3rd Sundays, 1 to 4 pm. Contact Iris Clearwater, 415-312-2214, iris@natureinthecity.org

Bayview Hill. 2nd Saturdays of September and November. Contact Terese Lawler tereselawler@gmail.com.

Bernal Hilltop. 3rd Sundays, 10 am to 12 pm. Work party contact Jake Sigg jakesigg@earthlink.net; Groups contact Joe Grey 415-831-6328.

Buena Vista Park. 1st Saturdays, 9 am to noon. Contact Kristin Bowman sfgov.org or 415-831-6325.

Brooks Park. Contact Dan Weaver 415-587-4588 or djpweaver@yahoo.com

Candlestick State Park Nursery. 1150 Carroll Street. 1st Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm. Bay Youth for the Environment. Contact Patrick Rump bye@lejyouth.org.

Castro-Duncan Open Space. Contact Dave Thompson or Gloria Koch-Gonzalez 415-821-7601.

CNPS Native Plant Restoration Team. Every Wednesday, noon to 3 pm. Contact Jake Sigg 415-731-3028 or jakesigg@earthlink.net.

Corona Heights. Last Saturdays, 10 am to noon. Contact Jim Houillion 415-552-3542 or coronavolunteers@sonic.net.

Edgehill Mt. Park. 2nd Saturdays, 1 to 3 pm. Contact Stan Kaufman 415-681-4954 or sekfmn@pacbell.net.

Fort Funston Green Team (Nursery and Stewardship Program). Every Saturday, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Contact 415-239-4247 or skato@parksconservancy.org.

GGNRA Habitat Restoration Team. Every Sunday, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm with lunch break. Contact volunteer@parksconservancy.org or 415-331-0732. Locations hotline: 415-561-4747.

GGNRA Site Stewardship Program. Every Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm. Sites vary in Pacifica or Marin Headlands. Contact 415-561-3073 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org

Glen Canyon. Wednesdays & 3rd Saturdays, 9 am to noon. Friends of Glen Canyon. Contact Jean Conner 415-584-8576, Richard Craib 415-648-0862.

Golden Gate Heights Sandy Dunes Native Plant Community Garden. Contact Barbara Kobayashi okim1946@yahoo.com.

Golden Gate Park Oak Woodlands. 2nd Saturdays, 10 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Rob Bakewell 415-710-9617 or rcbakewell@gmail.com

Green Hairstreak Butterfly Corridor. 2nd Sundays, 10 am to noon, 14th Ave. at Pacheco. Contact Nature in the City at 415-564-4107 or steward@natureinthecity.org

Haight Ashbury Stewards. Contact Nature in the City 415-564-4107.

Half Moon Bay State Beach. 650-726-8801 or hmbrestore@gmail.com

Heron's Head Park. 2nd Saturdays, 9 am to noon. Contact Myla Ablog 415-282-6840 or heronshead@lejyouth.org.

Lake Merced. 1st Saturdays, 1 to 3:30 pm. Contact Friends of Lake Merced: Craig or Martha Spriggs 415-661-1668.

Lands End Stewardship. Every Thursday & Saturday, 1 to 4 pm. Contact 415-561-4864 or lands_end@parksconservancy.org.

Linda Mar State Beach 4th Sundays, 10 am to noon. Contact 650-451-1130 or 94116bc@gmail.com.

Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery. Wednesday, 1 to 4 pm & Saturday, 9 am to noon. Contact 415-332-5193 or AShor@parksconservancy.org.

McLaren Park. 2nd Saturdays, 10 am to noon. Contact Kristin Bowman sfgov.org or 415-831-6325.

Mission Creek Bank Restoration. Generally Saturday mornings. Contact Ginny Stearns for times 415-552-4577 or GinnyStearns@gmail.com.

Mt. Davidson. 1st Saturdays, 9 am to noon. Friends of Mt. Davidson: Contact Kristin Bowman sfgov.org or 415-831-6325

Mt. Sutro. 1st Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm Contact Craig Dawson: craig@natureinthecity.org

Pacifica's Environmental Family. 4th Sundays, 10 am. Contact Shirley Suhrer 650-359-0892.

Pigeon Point Lighthouse. Contact Restoration Coordinator 650-726-8801.

Presidio Native Plant Nursery. Wednesday & Saturday, 1 to 4 pm. Contact 415-561-4826 or ehuerta@parksconservancy.org.

Presidio Park Stewards. Every Wednesday & Saturday, 9 am to noon. Contact 415-561-3034 x3445 or PresidioParkStewards@parksconservancy.org.

Presidio Plant Patrol. Every Friday 1 to 4 pm. Contact 415-561-3034 x3445 or PresidioParkStewards@parksconservancy.org.

Redwood Creek Nursery and Stewards. Wednesday & Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm. Contact 415-383-4390 or RedwoodCreek@parksconservancy.org.

San Bruno Mountain. Tuesdays, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm: Earthcare Wetlands Project

Wednesdays, 10 am to 12:30 pm: Greenhouse volunteers-Mission Blue Nursery,

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10 am to 12:30 pm: Weed Rangers Stewardship Outing,

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 am to noon:

Bog Restoration

www.mountainwatch.org, 415-467-6631.

SF Recreation & Parks Department. Natural Areas Program. Kristin Bowman sfgov.org or 415-831-6325.

San Pedro Valley County Park, Pacifica. 3rd Saturdays, 9 am. Contact Carolyn Pankow 650-355-7466.

Save the Bay. Tidal marsh habitats. Saturdays, 9 am to noon. Native Plant Nursery work on the first two Wednesday's of the month. Contact Natalie LaVan 510-452-9261 x109, or www.saveSFbay.org/volunteer.

Shields/Orizaba Rocky Outcrop. Contact Paul Koski at pkoski7@netscape.net.

Tennessee Valley Nursery and Stewards. Every Tuesday, 10 am to noon & 1 to 4 pm.

Contact 415-331-0732 or lponzini@parksconservancy.org.

White-Crowned Sparrow 3rd Saturdays, 9am - noon Contact sfrpd.volunteerprogram@sfgov.org



Quercus lobata
valley oak
by Margaret Kemp

FOUNTAIN THISTLEWORK PARTY

Saturday 4 June 10 am to noon

Intersection of I-280 and Highway 92

Leaders: Ken Himes and Jake Sigg

Santa Clara Valley and Yerba Buena Chapters are returning to our ongoing restoration work at this site. This will be our fifth visit, and the rewards for our work are very visible.

The challenge this time will be to find any pampas grass seedlings, which should be few--or absent! Australian tea tree, *Leptospermum laevigatum*, will be an ongoing problem, but easily manageable. Whereas pampas grass seeds are exceedingly short-lived, the tea tree has a longer-lived seedbank whose longevity is unknown to us.

The site is steep and, in parts, slippery. Wear appropriate footwear.

NOTE: We will not park where we have in the past, along the shoulder of the 92/280 North offramp. Meeting and parking directions will be provided when you RSVP to jakesigg@earthlink.net, 415-731-3028.

CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Community Thrift

We sincerely thank all of you who have donated furniture, clothing, books, CDs, and housewares to CT and designated CNPS as the beneficiary. Donating is easy. Simply drop off clean and saleable items at the CT donation door, open from 10 am to 5 pm every day, and **ask them to list CNPS (charity #152) as the beneficiary**. The donation door is located on the south side of the building on Sycamore Alley, parallel to 18th Street and perpendicular to Mission and Valencia Streets. Sycamore runs one way from Mission toward Valencia. Please note that, because of the February 2009 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, CT can no longer accept any children's items. CT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax-deductible. Shopping at CT supports not only CNPS, but 200 other worthy nonprofits. Thank you so much for continuing to benefit our chapter in this way!

Cole Hardware

As a participant in Cole Hardware's Community Assistance Partnership Program with San Francisco schools and nonprofit organizations, our chapter received a credit for \$92.98, representing 10% of our readers' purchases in any one of the four Cole Hardware stores that were credited to CNPS in 2009. All you need to do is **tell the cashier to credit your purchases to #1424**.

OPEN POSITIONS

WANTED: CHAPTER GOOGLE GROUP MANAGER

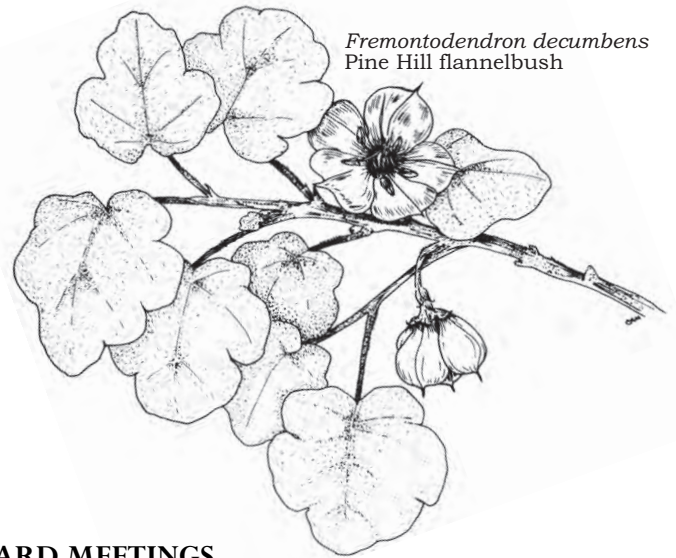
Surprise! The Yerba Buena chapter has a Google Group for use in communicating with chapter members online. It was set up, and is currently managed, by Arvind Kumar of the Santa Clara Valley chapter. Surely there's a Yerba Buena chapter member who can volunteer to take over this important job?

Managing the Google Group would involve receiving and posting news of events for our chapter as well as other area chapters in a timely manner; and adding to the list of email addresses in the Group. After an initial investment of effort, the job should not be terribly time consuming.

But it's a terribly important job. Currently, the major tools the chapter uses to communicate with its members are the quarterly newsletter, announcements at monthly member meetings, and Jake Sigg's online Nature News. Proper use of this additional tool will make it possible to inform chapter members of late-breaking news, and to send out calls for action. For example, using this tool should help the chapter do a much better job of mobilizing members to attend public hearings and voice concerns on matters related to native plants in particular, and the environment in general. It would help give the chapter a more public voice and increase membership.

If you have experience with a Google Group, or are reasonably computer savvy and are willing to learn how to deal with one, please contact Casey Allen (casey@sflandscapes.com, 415.572-1144) or Linda Shaffer (ljshaffer1@comcast.net, 415.206-1428). We thank you in advance.

(OPEN POSITIONS *continued on page 7*)



Fremontodendron decumbens
Pine Hill flannelbush

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm on the second Monday of every month except August and December. Contact Casey Allen for information (415-572-1144, Casey@SFLandscapes.com).

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OPEN POSITIONS *(continued)*

DESPERATELY SEEKING A MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR!

The Yerba Buena Chapter is in need of a volunteer to manage our membership records on an ongoing basis. The job does not require attending board meetings, although doing so might be the best way to ensure good communication. Please consider whether you can fill this role or, possibly, recommend someone who can.

Qualifications:

A computer, an internet connection, and a reliable printer
Expertise with creating mail-merge documents using Microsoft Access, Word, and Excel

Willingness to give CNPS about 1-2 hours per month, a little more in February, May, August, and November (months when this newsletter goes to press)

Reliability, responsibility, self-motivation, patience, and a high comfort level working with minutiae

Job Overview:

The membership coordinator works directly with the newsletter editor to keep track of the chapter's members and other recipients of its quarterly newsletter and to produce address labels and letters as needed for mailings. The chapter covers the cost of all supplies. The coordinator's primary job is to maintain the chapter's two databases of names and addresses which are currently in Access.

Specific tasks are:

1. Around the 15th of each month, the coordinator receives emailed Excel files containing updated membership information.

2. The coordinator may receive emails, phone calls, or mail from members and subscribers regarding address changes. This information is to be communicated to CNPS' Sacramento office.
3. In February, May, August, and November, the coordinator prepares a list of new members for publication in the newsletter.
4. In February, May, August, and November, the coordinator prepares address labels and letters (welcome letters to new members, renewal reminder letters, etc.) as needed for the newsletter mailing and delivers them to the newsletter editor by mail or in person.
5. The coordinator may receive checks and information from new and renewing subscribers and members. Subscription checks are forwarded to the chapter treasurer. Membership checks are forwarded to the Sacramento office along with database updates.
6. The coordinator provides monthly reports to the board and responds to questions and issues that are raised.

Apart from the monthly updates mentioned in #1, the chapter is responsible for maintaining its own database, creating its own chapter newsletter editor lists from the latest directory, and producing all its own materials for labels and letters.

A previous membership chair is available to help the new person settle in, as are the statewide membership coordinator and several current board members who have some knowledge of the process.

If you can help the chapter by taking responsibility for this important job or know someone who can, please contact chapter president Casey Allen: 415-572-1144 or Casey@SFLandscapes.com.



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Franciscan Wallflower
by Margo Bors

Make the switch to the NEW Electronic Newsletter!

If you would prefer to receive your *Yerba Buena News* electronically instead of by postal mail, we are now able to offer this alternative. You may want to elect for the electronic newsletter to help save trees or to reduce chapter printing and mailing costs. Or perhaps it is your preference because the computer is your communication mode of choice.

If you prefer mail delivery, do nothing.

Members and subscribers will continue to receive mailed paper newsletters unless they request a change.

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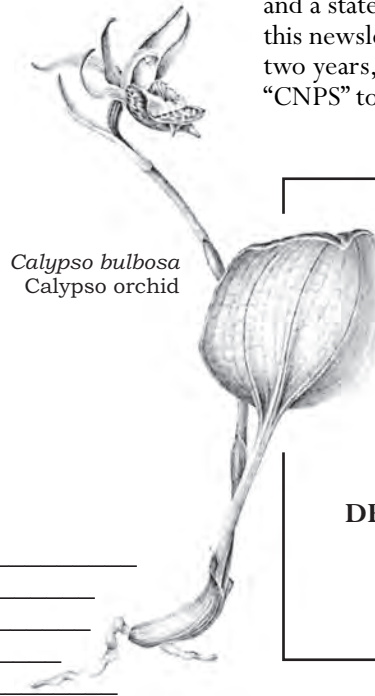
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