

The BAY LEAF

May 2000



California Native Plant Society • East Bay Chapter • Alameda & Contra Costa Counties

Calendar of Events

May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, TUESDAYS:

■ **Propagation and planting sessions** for the October sale of native plants (see below right).

May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, TUESDAYS:

■ **Native Here seed forays**, 9 a.m. (see p. 4).

May 3, WEDNESDAY:

■ **Board of Directors' meeting** at the home of Jenny Fleming, 2750 Shasta Rd., Berkeley. 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.

May 5, 12, 19 and 26, FRIDAYS:

■ **Native Here Nursery** open, 9 a.m.-noon (see p. 4).

May 6, SATURDAY:

■ **Native Plant Restoration Team** and Friends of Five Creeks meets at Buchanan Salt Marsh (see p. 4).

May 7, SUNDAY:

■ **Field trip Albany Hill** (see p. 4).

May 7, 14, 21 and 28, SUNDAYS:

■ **Native Here Nursery** needs a watering person (see p. 4).

May 8, MONDAY:

■ **Deadline for June Bay Leaf**. Give items to Phoebe Watts or Brett Boltz.

May 13, SATURDAY:

■ **60th Anniversary of the Regional Park Botanic Garden** (see insert p. 3).

May 13 and 27, SATURDAYS:

■ **Native Here Nursery** open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (see p. 4).

May 13 and 14, SATURDAY and SUNDAY:

■ **California Wildflower Show** at the Oakland Museum (see p. 2).

May 20, SATURDAY:

■ **Field trip to Point Molate** (see p. 4).

May 24, WEDNESDAY:

■ **Membership meeting**, 7:30 p.m. (see p. 2).

June 7, WEDNESDAY:

■ **Board of Directors' meeting**. Location to be announced.

July 7-9, FRIDAY-SUNDAY:

■ **Field trip to Monitor Pass** (see back page).

In Memorium

Es Anderson, for many years the leader of the group of volunteers who produce the plant sale for the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, died on Friday, April 14. She had been directing preparations for this year's sale from her hospital bed only days earlier. Her enthusiasm for native plants, gardening, and animals enriched us all, and she will be missed. A fuller appreciation of Es will appear in the next *Bay Leaf*.

Plant Sale Activities



Propagation and Potting this month:

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
9 a.m.-noon

Merritt College Landscape Horticulture Area

Come up to the growing grounds at Merritt and join us on Tuesday mornings.

Our May activity is almost exclusively potting, with only an occasional batch of cuttings to prepare; and we must also tend our increasing supply of plants with weeding and watering. There is a job for everyone.

Our plant sale dates are October 7 and 8.

Bring two quarters for the parking permit machine at the gate and a bag lunch if you can stay. More information at (925)376-4095.

. . . Shirley McPheeters

Plant interactions, diversity, and invasions along the South Fork Eel River**Speaker: Jonathan Levine**

For a habitat that spends most of the winter under fast moving water, the plant community bordering the South Fork Eel River is remarkably diverse, home to several species of monkeyflower, orchids, and numerous bryophytes. The most common species is a tussock forming sedge that provides the primary habitat for nearly all other plants in this system. Join Jonathan Levine as he presents aspects of his research showing how these species influence one another both positively and negatively, and explores the relationship between species diversity and community susceptibility to exotic species invasion.

Jonathan is a graduate student in the field of plant community ecology in the Department of Integrative Biology, UC Berkeley. His research interests center around the ecological factors that influence species diversity in plant communities, and the consequences of

that diversity for how communities function. During the past four years of his work with California plants, he has examined these questions along a stretch of the South Fork Eel River contained on the Angelo Coast Range reserve of the UC Natural Reserve System. Prior to his research at UCB, Jonathan studied salt marsh habitats, with most of his field work conducted in the East Coast marshes of Rhode Island. A scholarship from the East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society provided Jonathan with important start-up money for his dissertation, and he is looking forward to sharing his findings with the Society.

The meeting will take place in the Conference Center of the University of California Botanical Garden on Centennial Drive, east of Memorial Stadium, above the main campus of the University of California in Berkeley. The Garden gate will open at 7 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. CNPS books and other publications will be on display and available for purchase. Please contact Jodi McGraw at 528-5090 if you have any questions.

31st Annual California Wildflower Show

More than 150 species of freshly gathered flowers will be displayed at this year's 31st Annual California Wildflower Show at the Oakland Museum of California on Mother's Day weekend. The show takes place Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 14, from noon to 5 p.m. This year's show will focus on flowers from northern and central California west of the Sierra Nevada.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the show, teams made up of museum staff, CNPS members and other volunteers will fan out to collect as many species of flowers as possible. Threatened or endangered species are never collected. Friday, botanists from the Jepson Herbarium of the University of California, Berkeley, with other botanists, identify the species collected. Volunteers arrange the flowers in the museum's Natural Sciences Gallery side bays.

CNPS volunteers and graduate students from UC-Berkeley will be on hand during the two-day show to answer questions. With their assistance, visitors can learn more about using native species in their gardens, existing threats to native wildflower populations, conserving the botanical diversity that is found in the state, and organizations that might be of interest to them.

The Annual Wildflower Show is organized by the Natural Sciences Department of the Oakland Museum of California in collaboration with the California Native Plant

Society, which monitors the collecting; the Jepson Herbarium of the University of California, Berkeley; the University of California Botanical Garden; the East Bay Municipal Utility District; and the Natural Sciences Guild and members of the Oakland Museum of California.

The Oakland Museum of California is at Oak and 10th Streets in downtown Oakland, one block from the Lake Merritt BART station and four blocks from Highway 880. Admission (which includes the Wildflower Show) is \$6 for adults, \$4 seniors and students with ID, free for children five and under. For more information call 1-888-625-6873.

HELP! Since CNPS is a co-sponsor of the Wildflower Show, we need to staff a membership table and provide people who will answer general questions from the public.

Free entrance to the museum is provided for volunteers. To sign up for a two hour shift on Saturday or Sunday, please call Delia Taylor, 527-3912.

Help again! On the afternoon of Saturday, May 13 CNPS is also co-sponsoring the 60th Anniversary event at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park. If you can help 1:30 to 4:30 on that afternoon (tend our information table or help in other ways) please call Jenny Fleming, 848-3455.

COME CELEBRATE
the 60th Anniversary of the founding
of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden



May 13, 2000

1:30 to 4:30

at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Tilden Park

Presented by the Friends of the Garden
and the California Native Plant Society

PRESENTATIONS

1:30 Jenny Fleming - 'Beginnings of CNPS' and
Steve Edwards - 'James Roof, Founding Director of the Garden'
2:45 Barbara Ertter - 'Floristic Surprises of North America'
(Limited Seating in the Visitor Center)

GUIDED TOURS - Highlighting the History of the Garden

1:30 Bert Johnson and Docents

2:45 Joe Dahl and Docents

2:30 - 4:30 BLUEGRASS MUSIC by 'FRESHED PICKED'

REFRESHMENTS on the North Lawn
Everyone is Welcome. Free of Charge.

Native Plant Restoration Activities

Native Here Nursery

May is the beginning of the busiest times for native plant nurseries. Seeds are beginning to ripen. Our first seed foray will be Tuesday, May 2. Meet at the nursery at 9 a.m. if you are interested in helping. Seed forays are impromptu field trips with the nursery collecting permit, to find seeds for future nursery stock. They will continue through the summer on Tuesdays.

The seeds collected last year continue to germinate, so many hands are needed at the nursery to grow them on into ever larger containers. Hours are Fridays from 9 to noon, Saturdays, May 12 and May 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plants are for sale when the nursery is open. Although May through September are not good months to plant, you may set plants aside with a deposit for planting this fall. Check out the Chapter website for sales policies and price list.

A volunteer is needed to water every Sunday. Please contact Charli Danielsen by e-mail cwd@wli.net, phone at 525-9076, or come in when the nursery is open. The nursery is at 101 Golf Course Drive, Tilden Park. Phone at the nursery is 549-0211.

Restoration at Mitchell Canyon

The field at the Mitchell Canyon entrance to Mt. Diablo State Park received a lot of attention this spring. California poppies had spread in a wide swath toward the road following the controlled fire of last year. Some mowing and weeding will be needed this year. Contact Charli Danielsen to arrange training on the mower and to determine the times you are available to mow or weed. cwd@wli.net or 525-9076.

. . . *Charli Danielsen*

Native Plant Restoration Team

Come work in the Buchanan Salt Marsh with the Friends of Five Creeks! We will be pulling ice plant and enjoying this rare opportunity to do restoration work down on the Bay. Thanks to Susan Schwartz of FOFC for the chance to work at this special location. The salt marsh is on the south side of Buchanan Street, between the freeway and Golden Gate Fields racetrack (just west of the freeway). Buchanan is the westward extension of Marin. To park, you may have to go a little farther west to the parking lot for the Albany section of the Bay Trail, and walk back.

Gloves and whatever one likes to use to remove ice plant are all that is needed, though another wheelbarrow or two would help if someone has them. The ice plant is on dry land, so there's no need to wade. We will have extra tools and gloves to lend as well. People might want to bring binoculars and plan to go for a walk

afterwards on the Albany Bulb or the new bay trail going north to Point Isabel—the bird watching is great.

Meet on Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Buchanan Salt Marsh. Wear protective clothing: sturdy shoes, pants and long sleeves, a rain coat just in case (I have to dream); bring water and snacks. If you'd like to receive a monthly update on Team activities, please email me at casartunda@aol.com.

. . . *Noah Booker*

Field Trips



Albany Hill, in Albany, on Sunday, May 7, at 9 a.m. Barbara Ertter will lead a half day hike. Bring water and be prepared for unmaintained trails. From the south, exit I-80 at the Albany exit, and then go to San Pablo Ave., heading north. Turn left onto Solano Ave. at the intersection of San Pablo Ave. and Solano. Follow Solano Ave. west for several blocks, and turn right onto Cerrito. Follow Cerrito to the intersection with Hillside, and turn left onto Hillside. Drive a very short block up Hillside, and then make a hard right turn onto Taft St. Follow Taft St. to the dead end, which is the parking lot for Albany Hill, or park alongside Taft Street. From the north, exit Central Ave. from I-80, and go east on Central until you reach the stop light for San Pablo Ave. Turn right on San Pablo Ave. and follow it to Washington, which will intersect only on the right side. Turn right and go up Washington to Cerrito. Turn left onto Cerrito and follow the directions above to get to the end of Taft St. From El Cerrito Plaza BART station, take the 72 AC Transit bus southbound. Get off at Washington and San Pablo, and follow directions from Washington on foot.



Saturday, May 20: **Point Molate**. 10 a.m. Leader: David Amme. The field trip will focus on the unique native grassland remnants along the bay in this area. We will visit a postage stamp size prairie west of the old railroad track and have lunch overlooking the northern part of the peninsula. Views of the bay and Mt. Tamalpais are spectacular. Grasses will be in full bloom; there will be ample opportunities for learning our local native grasses. Bring your camera.

Directions: Meet at the Point Molate City Park parking lot. Head west on I-580 towards the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Just before the toll plaza, exit on right at Western Dr./Point Molate Exit. Go straight, towards the East Brother Light Station/Point Molate Historic Village. Turn left into City Park parking lot (just over the top of the first hill) just before the new gate entrance that says Pt. Molate Restricted Area.

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New Membership Application

The California Native Plant Society is open to all. The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, and conservation. Membership includes a subscription to the quarterly journal *Fremontia*.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

I wish to affiliate with:

East Bay Chapter (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)

Other _____

Mail application and check to:

Membership Chairman, California Native Plant Society, 1722 J St., Suite 17, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Membership category:

Student, Retired, Limited income, \$20

Individual, Library, \$35

Household, Family, or Group, \$45

Supporting, \$75

Plant lover, \$100

Patron, \$250

Benefactor, \$500

Life, \$1000

Field Trips

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The Milo Baker Chapter invites other CNPS members to join a weekend adventure in the **eastern Sierra**, Friday to Sunday, July 7-9. On Friday afternoon, explore trails through Jeffrey pine forest and meadows. On Saturday, botanize around **Monitor Pass**, 8,000 feet elevation, an open sagebrush and meadow landscape fringed by groves of quaking aspen and enriched with desert and montane wildflowers. At Grover Hot Springs State Park, five campsites are reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Camping fee is \$10/person for one night, \$15/person two nights. Each campsite has a firepit and grill, cupboards, bear-proof lockers and tables, and is near drinking water and restrooms (no showers). The park's mineral springs are channeled into concrete pools, where you can swim or just soak (\$4 for adults, \$2 children). Bring supplies for cooking. Each campsite accommodates a maximum of 8 people and two cars. Please carpool for this trip. Drivers of extra vehicles will need to arrange for offsite parking at the park and/or pay a fee.

Reservations can be made by sending payment (payable to CNPS-Milo Baker Chapter) to Peter Warner, 555 Magnolia Ave., Petaluma, CA 94952-2080. For more information contact leaders Peter Warner at (707) 763-7405 or <peterwarner@earthlink.net> or Ann Howald at 939-0775 or <annhowald@vom.com>.

Activities of Others

Jepson Herbarium 50th Anniversary Celebration and Scientific Symposium. June 16-18, Valley Life Sciences Building, UC Berkeley. On Friday, June 16, there will be an Open House and Informal Reception at the Herbaria, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, June 17, a Scientific Symposium: Discovery, Communication and Conservation of Plant Biodiversity in California, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 2nd floor Valley Life Sciences Building. Speakers and panel workshops will be followed by a tour of the University and Jepson Herbaria at 4:30 p.m. and a banquet at the Radisson Hotel, Berkeley Marina, at 6:15. On Sunday, June 18 there will be botanical field trips. Participants are welcome to register for any or all of the weekend events. Registration deadline is May 19. For more information or to obtain the complete announcement and registration form, contact Betsy Ringrose or Staci Markos at 643-7008. Email: ringrose@uclink4.berkeley.edu or smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu. Visit the web site: <http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/hemicen.html>.

Design with Native Plants with instructor Katherine Greenberg will be offered at Merritt College on four Saturdays: August 26 and September 9, 16 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class includes design concepts, information about plants, visits to native gardens and a native nursery, and a design project. Fee \$70. For more information call 436-2418 or 283-4322. To register, call 436-2413.

"I mail, YOU mail, ahhh e-mail"

Yep, our East Bay Chapter is working on using a faster, more efficient way to communicate to our members on up and coming projects and events in our communities. We are starting to set up a Data Base with e-mail addresses and need your help and permission to do so.

Anyone interested? Please send inquiries to elainejx@wenet.net. Your e-mail address will not be used without your permission. If you don't have one yet, but would like to know more, my phone number is (925) 372-0687

. . . Elaine Jackson (Publicity)

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