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PLANT FAIR 2010 PLANNING MEETING

The Plant Fair committee met Saturday June 5 to continue planning, but you are in luck if you would like to help. The committee is still looking for subcommittee leaders and volunteers.

Last year's volunteers helped the chapter with its most important fundraiser of the year, while also having a good time. Volunteers' feedback is actively solicited and incorporated in planning for the next fair. You can have an impact. Here are some volunteer comments from 2009:

- "Thank you for letting me participate. I really enjoyed the day!"
- "You should be thanked for putting on such a well organized sale!"
- "How about making more signs, including some specifically for the cashiers?"

Your help is really needed. A list of the volunteer needs is on the Native Here FaceBook page. If you are not yet a FaceBook member, simply call or email Charli Danielsen (510-549-0211, nativehere@ebcnps.org) to help with preparations), Elaine Jackson (elainejx@att.net) to sign up to work the weekend of the Fair or Beverly Powell (408-408-3439, beverly.g.powell@gmail.com) to help publicize the Fair. You may also attend the upcoming Plant Fair planning committee meetings: Sunday, July 11, 2 pm at Native Here Nursery and Tuesday, August 3, 7 pm at the Danielsen's.

Be a part of the planning! Plant Fair Weekend is October 16-17 this year.

Charli Danielsen, Elaine Jackson, and Beverly Powell

THE SPRINGTOWN ALKALI SINK

Springtown Alkali Sink is unique both in setting and in its assemblage of plants. Although it shares similar characteristics with other alkali sinks found in the northern part of the Central, as well as the San Joaquin, Valley, it's disjunct from them. The most genetically diverse population of the endangered palmate-bracted bird's-beak (*Cordylanthus palmatus*) is found at Springtown, which also supports a number of special status animal species including the San Joaquin kit fox, California tiger salamander, and California red-legged frog.

There are many appealing aspects to Springtown. Vegetation is diverse and seasonal changes in the flora are striking. Four



Livermore tarplant (*Deinandra bacigalupii*) grows in Springtown alkali sink and blooms in Summer.

Photo by Lech Naumovich.

major types of vegetation are found at Springtown: vernal pools and swales, alkali grassland, annual grassland, and iodine bush scrub. An aerial view of Springtown shows how these types of vegetation are arrayed on the landscape and interconnected. Vernal pools and swales are prominent in the early spring when filled by rain. These wetlands occur in low areas between mounds of iodine bush (*Allenrolfea occidentalis*) and in the grasslands. Species associated with the pools and swales change as inundation decreases: rings of early season plants, such as golden-flowered stickyseed (*Blennosperma*), goldfields (*Lasthenia*) and the small white-flowered popcorn flower (*Plagiobothrys*) are followed by rings of *Downingia*, with its striking blue flowers, and snowy white meadowfoam (*Limnanthes*). Coyote thistle (*Eryngium*) often flowers in drying pool bottoms. Animals such as frogs, salamanders, and waterfowl are also associated with the vernal pools.

In early spring, the yellow blooms of stickyseed and goldfields provide a vivid display along with other native grassland wildflowers including blankets of rose and pink checkerbloom (*Sidalcea*), sky blue lupine (*Lupinus nanus*), orange fiddleneck (*Amsinckia*), and several types of clover (*Trifolium*). Native birds forage on seeds set by early wildflowers and grasses and the liquid calls of western meadowlark can be heard across the grasslands. Late flowering annual plants include spikeweed (*Centromadia pungens*), so named for its spiny stems, and the small gray-leaved alkali weed (*Cressa truxilensis*).

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SPRINGTOWN ALKALI SINK (CONT.)

Saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*) forms a deep green carpet where it's dominant. It's the principal species of the alkali grassland and flowers in late spring and early summer. Burrowing owls now have juvenile birds at their nest sites and raptors can be seen foraging over the site.

Summer is the least popular time to visit - unless you're a botanist. Springtown is hot and windy; there is no shade. Despite these conditions, it's my favorite time. Drought tolerant flowering plants come into prominence with the onset of summer. Alkali sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*) is in full flower. The delicate, airy stems of this large mounding grass float above the plants when caught by the breeze. When mature, the seed heads break off and are dispersed by the wind to new sites. Many plants at Springtown are *halophytes*, plants that thrive in saline or alkaline habitats. They have special adaptations to salinity and excrete salts so cells aren't damaged. Halophytes at Springtown include alkali heath (*Frankenia salina*) with its gray leaves and small pink flowers; tiny, white brittlegrass (*Atriplex depressa*); and San Joaquin sparscale (*Atriplex joaquiniana*). Pickleweed (*Salicornia subterminalis*) is a succulent plant with reddish branch tips and green stems. It provides a bright contrast to other plants. Pickleweed concentrates salts in its stem tips which results in the reddish tinge. The resinous scent of yellow tarplants in flower hangs heavy in the air. Springtown supports a unique late-flowering tarplant, Livermore tarplant (*Deinandra bacigalupii*), which is found only in three locations in the Livermore Valley.

Palmate-bracted bird's-beak is in full bloom with pinkish-purple flowers and glistening wet flower stalks. Salt crystals concentrated along the flower stalks sparkle in the sunlight. Hispid bird's-beak (*Cordylanthus mollis* ssp. *hispidus*), which has small white flowers set in a bristly flower stem, is also in bloom. Large stands of these plants can be found along swales and in the grassland. Native solitary bees pollinate them. Their nests are constructed in bare clay soils and nest openings appear as small holes in the ground.

SPRINGTOWN CONSERVATION

As the blazing heat of the summer arrives, so do the blooms of many unique native plants. The alkaline area just north of Livermore's sprawling suburbs contains some of the Chapter's rarest plants including Livermore tarplant, palmate-bracted bird's-beak, sparscale and alkali sacaton, among others. Sadly, the Livermore-owned Springtown Wetlands Preserve continues to be impacted by off road vehicles, bicyclists that are shaping the landscape for recreation, and illegal dumping. A small group of concerned alkali advocates, the Friends of the Springtown Preserve, led by Mary Ann Hannon of Livermore, has been helping raise awareness about this resource, leading hikes, and helping sponsor stewardship activities in conjunction with local schools and the Livermore Area Park District. Friends of Springtown Preserve has recently been working with a number of non-profit partners, government

Unfortunately tiny, biting, valley black gnats are now common. Visitors should wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and bug repellent. Like female mosquitoes, the female gnats require a blood meal to produce eggs. The gnats are adapted to the expansive clay soils of the sink. Females lay their eggs in the open cracks of the dried clay in the summer. With rainfall the cracks puddle and close. The life cycle is completed when the soil dries and begins to crack again, and the gnats hatch out.

There have been many changes in and around Springtown that have threatened its complex ecology. Until the early 1990s, there was no development around the sink except for the residences to the south. But now increased development has changed the hydrology of the sink, especially with the deepening and concrete lining of Altamont Creek. Overland flows of water have been decreased, altering the vegetation. Weed cover has increased dramatically, invading formerly bare patches of soil which are important nesting areas for solitary bees. One significant invasive species is perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium*). It outcompetes native plants and is very difficult to control or eradicate. The biggest and most deleterious change is the increase in human impacts. Much of the eastern part of the sink was destroyed by extensive grading in the 1980s. Currently, off-road vehicle and bicycle trails and jumps have damaged much of the native vegetation. The sink has been used as an illegal dumping site for trash, petrochemicals, aggregate and asphalt. Parking areas have been cut into the sink at the ends of streets, and fences constructed along the southeastern side of the site have diverted drainages and deepened some channels.

Springtown is an important site to protect and restore. In addition to its open space values, the botanical resources are unique and it provides habitat for many species of wildlife in an increasingly developed region.

Mary Ann Showers

officials, and non-governmental agencies in order to provide greater protection to this area and help manage it for future generations. EBCNPS members have been active in making the Friends of Springtown Preserve group a success by offering information on rare plant and vegetation communities, and notably all of the steering committee members of Friends of Springtown Preserve are current CNPS members. Please visit www.springtownpreserve.org for more information about Livermore's botanical hotspot. Springtown is listed as one of 15 Botanical Priority Protection Areas in the East Bay CNPS Chapter's newest publication, *A Guidebook to Botanical Priority Protection Areas of the East Bay*.

Lech Naumovich
East Bay CNPS Conservation Analyst

NATIVE HERE

What a year!

With all the rain this spring, lots of plants are growing like weeds. Of course, the weeds also are growing as fast as we can pull or mow them. Many hands make light work, so come join us whenever the nursery is open.

This year the seed seekers are concentrating on plants we do not already have in good supply. Trips are usually planned on Tuesday mornings. The e-mail distribution list is growing, but don't ask to be put on it if you can't ever make Tuesday trips.

New seedlings are being potted nearly every week. Finding just the right spot for them to grow on to sale size is always challenging. Finding the right balance of sun/shade and how often and how much to water is also a challenge. Our team of waterers has been getting back into the groove of watering each section twice a week sometimes very lightly depending on how fast the plants take up water. During the summer, some of these dedicated souls will be taking vacations. The plants will not be, so need even more volunteers to fill in for an hour or two on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

Some plants are not being offered for sale now until October:

- *Iris douglasiana* do not fare well when planted in hot weather.
- *Aristolochia californica* is our "poster child" for this year's Plant Fair, so we are holding them back to assure a supply at the Plant Fair.
- *Asarum caudatum* is best planted in the fall.
- All of the ferns we have will be held until fall.

Keeping track of what we have in the nursery so that a plant list can be posted also takes volunteer time and energy. We now have a system that someone can plug into for an hour or

two that will help achieve the goal of a posted inventory. Spreading the word about the nursery and how it benefits the chapter is another way you can help. Let Facebook friends know about the Native Here Nursery page. Information and photographs are posted frequently. Pick up some of our bookmarks next time you visit the nursery and distribute them to people who might be interested. We also have extra copies of the *Bay Leaf* you can take.

Buy the CD and books to help plan what you will plant in the fall. Volunteer to staff a book table on a Saturday afternoon, or even a Sunday or holiday when we would not normally be open. On Memorial Day, John and Charli put up the nursery signs just at the driveway entrances to see what would happen as they pattered around the nursery. While no sales were made, a few families came by to find out what the nursery was all about, taking a copy of the *Bay Leaf* and a bookmark and hearing a bit about CNPS and our chapter. There are cool places to sit and relax within the nursery, and there is always bird song.



Pipevine (*Aristolochia californica*) will be sold at the Native Plant Fair in October. Photo by Janet Bray.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

See you in September (for the next membership meeting)! Membership meetings will be on summer recess for the months of July, and August. But mark your calendars now for a great program when we resume in September with our regular, fourth Wednesday evening of the month meeting:

Wednesday, September 22, 7:30 pm, Orinda Public Library Garden Room

Speaker: Pete Veilleux, landscape designer, photographer, and nurseryman with a passion for native plants

Topic: Experimenting with native plants in the landscape: If you aren't killing any plants, you aren't challenging yourself enough!

Contribute to the Conservation Analyst Fund!

Our fundraiser for 2010/2011 will be in the Fall, but we accept donations at any time. Send your tax-deductible contributions to
CNPS East Bay Chapter
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Berkeley, CA 94705

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Notes, meet Dawn Kooyumjian (photo by Peter Suchecki)



While in high school when my friends were out doing all the things high school students do, I spent many an evening curled up with the J. L. Hudson seed catalog. Burpee, Park, and even the seed catalogs I sent away to England for had beautiful seductive color photography, but the J.L. Hudson, unillustrated, no frills, mimeographed catalog—no doubt, this was a catalog for serious plant lovers. I spent hours poring over its pages deciding what to order. *Simmondsia chinensis*. I loved jojoba shampoo and now I could make my own! Unfortunately the seeds did not germinate. *Pinus edulis*. Wow! I could grow my own pine nuts! I put the seeds with soil in a baggie and stuck it in the refrigerator.

My mother: Dawn, why are there baggies of dirt in the refrigerator?

Me: I'm stratifying seeds for piñon pines so we can grow our own pine nuts.

My mother: Well, we'll be long gone by the time you harvest the first crop.

The seeds did germinate, but I lost the trees after about a year — grasshoppers devoured them.

I came to native plants as a gardener. I have always loved wildflowers, and learned their names while young. When I lived in Washington, D. C., friends could always recognize my house by the patches of golden California planted out front. However, it was not until my graduate studies in landscape architecture at UC Berkeley that I really began to learn about and truly understand the enormous diversity of our native plants and respective ecosystems. While a student, I had the opportunity to work at Blake Garden, the teaching garden for UCB's Department of Landscape Architecture. I am now one of the staff gardeners there where I maintain sections of the Cut Flower Garden and Redwood Canyon, as well as teach students about the complex and dynamic systems at work in the garden.

One of the wonderful things about Blake Garden is its diversity. Along with the formal gardens, we have a drought-tolerant area showcasing Mediterranean plants from here and afar, and redwoods planted by Mrs. Blake in the 1920s along one of the two streams flowing through the garden. This spring we restored a small wetland, which provided habitat for hundreds of polliwogs. We have been working hard restoring the other stream, a tributary of Cerrito Creek, and would welcome volunteers on this or other garden projects.

When I joined the EBCNPS, the sheet included a column labeled "Interests." My first reaction was to put down "Secret Seed Stealer" but feared the plant police would come after me. Instead, I put down "All Plants." That's me — lover of all plants, especially the ones I have yet to meet and grow.

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New Members

Please join us in welcoming our new members for the May/June time frame, Terry Campbell, Janis Irvin, Dawn Kooyumjian, Leah Larkin, Cindi Miller, Susan Rambo, and Aaron Sunshine.

As always, a huge thank you to our renewing members.

Think Globally, Volunteer locally

Third Annual Beaver Festival Martinez, August 7th, 11-4. Let's check out the local fauna munching on our native willow. Tabling help is always welcome.

Do you have, or know of, a local event coming up in your neighborhood that would be a good location for CNPS to have a display table? You can host it.

Come on up to our Native Here Nursery (during business hours) and pick up supplies to pass out. Call us with any questions.

Chapter Jobs Bulletin

Are you finding yourself with some time to spare, and/or looking for an activity that will get you involved in your community by promoting local native flora? Look no further; we have just the position for you. Our next Outreach person could be **you**.

Contact elainejx@att.net or any Board Member for more information.

Elaine Jackson

NATIVE PLANT WEEK RESOLUTION NEEDS SUPPORT

Dear CNPS folks,

My name is Joshua Stark, and I represent the California Native Plant Society in Sacramento. Specifically, I work on legislative and regulatory advocacy.

Last week, Assemblywoman Noreen Evans introduced ACR 173, a resolution sponsored by CNPS that creates a California Native Plant Week, to be celebrated each third week in April.

I am asking for you all to get the word out about this resolution. Among the things you can do to help get this bill passed unanimously include calling and writing your state

Assembly member, and also sending a letter of support to Assemblywoman Evans.

Additionally, if you would like updates on the status of the resolution (for example when it is coming up for a hearing, or amendments have been made), please respond to this email, and I will be sure to let you know as the bill winds its way through the Legislature. If you have any further suggestions for helping to get this bill passed, or if you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,
Joshua Stark
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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a volunteer activity you can do in your spare time? How about contributing your writing and research skills to the Publicity team? We are working on several projects, and welcome ideas for your contributions for making the chapter more visible to the public and to native plant lovers.

Consider helping us with:

- History of the East Bay CNPS chapter
- Plant Fair

- Facebook page for Native Here
- Or add your own special touch in a new project,

Most of these projects have files and other volunteers to help you get started or join with you in the effort.

Call Bev at 408-406-3439 or email beverly.g.powell@gmail.com.

Beverly Powell

RESTORATION PROJECTS

Saturdays, July 10 and August 7, 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Park

Meet at the parking lot where we can divide up tools and split to work on pulling *Genista* in the canyons or on cape ivy and other invasive species near the entrance. If you need tools or gloves, we can provide loaners if you let us know at janetgawthrop47@gmail.com. Otherwise, feel free to just show up.

Directions: From Highway 13 from either direction, exit at Park and take the uphill turn from the exit ramp back over 13. At the traffic light for the Park and Mountain, turn left onto Mountain (parallel to northbound lanes of 13). At the intersection of Mountain and Snake, turn right and go uphill on Snake until the intersection of Snake with Shepherd Canyon, where you make a hard left to follow Snake. Snake Road ends at the intersection with Skyline, where you turn left and follow Skyline a short distance to the Huckleberry parking lot.

Sundays, July 18, and August 1, Summer Restoration Crews at Serpentine Prairie/Redwood Regional Park

Mad dogs, Englishmen, and all others can join East Bay Regional Parks staff to remove yellow star thistle at the Serpentine Prairie. Past removal has diminished the star thistle

outbreaks in the prairie, but continued removal will clear the way for ongoing restoration work. Meet at the parking lot next to the Trudeau Training Center (the former headquarters building of EBRP). Bring water, gloves, and tools, or let us know if you need loaners.

Directions: From Highway 13, exit at Joaquin Miller Road and take it east. Follow Joaquin Miller Road uphill to its end at the intersection with Skyline, controlled by a traffic light. Go south on Skyline, which will be straight through the traffic light. Turn left into the parking lot, on the left only a short block south of the light.

Mass transit directions: Take BART to the Fruitvale station, or take AC Transit bus # 57 to the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and 35th Ave. From either location, take AC Transit bus # 54 eastbound/uphill on 35th Ave. As it goes uphill 35th Ave. will change its name to Redwood Road. Get off the bus at the stop for the intersection of Campus Drive and Redwood Road (you'll need to press the stop when the bus is at the traffic light, before it proceeds to Merritt College). Walk uphill on Redwood Road until you reach the intersection with Skyline. Cross Skyline, turn left, and follow Skyline north to the Serpentine Prairie. On weekends, AC Transit # 54 runs every 30 minutes.

CHAPTER BOARD DECIDES TO WIND UP BOOK PROGRAM

The East Bay Chapter for many years sold books about flowers, botany and related topics at members meetings and other events. Changes in the book selling business have made our book selling business less necessary, less financially viable and more difficult to manage. The chapter board has decided to discontinue selling books (except for ones we publish and speaker's books at membership meetings.)

For many years, the Chapter book program was run by Elly Bade, and it generated revenue and made books of interest available to members. But a little over a year ago Elly retired as Book Coordinator. Since then, Joanne Orenge has handled displaying books for sale at the annual Native Plant Fair and at many of our programs. We are most grateful for the many, many volunteer hours given by Elly over her years as Book Coordinator and by Joanne during the last year and a half. We also thank the many volunteers who helped with the sales program over the years and the Chapter members who have supported the chapter through their book purchases.

The job of managing the overall book selling function has not been filled since Elly retired. At the same time, changes in book retailing have called into question the viability of a

Chapter book program: before it was difficult to find a good selection of books on flowers and botany, now Amazon and other online retailers have filled that gap. Further the buying power of online retailers allows them to sell at discounts from the publisher's list price which small operators like our chapter cannot match. Finally, finding adequate and convenient storage for books has proved difficult.

The Chapter still has over 600 books (about 115 different titles) available for sale. The current plan is to sell these at discounted prices at a members' only book sale (date and location to be determined--look for an announcement in the September *Bay Leaf*) and then to everyone at the Native Plant Fair (October 16 and 17). A list of the book inventory will soon be posted on our website. The chapter board is investigating additional ways to dispose of our remaining inventory. Members who can assist in selling these books or with managing the winding up of our book program should communicate with the Board.

This change does not affect book sales at Native Here Nursery. Native Here maintains its own inventories and purchasing and sales policies and does sell books as part of its program.



Gregg Weber and Janet Gawthrop led the field trip to the Bird Trail in Chabot Regional Park in March (taking over from David Margolies, who was ill). They are shown (Gregg to the right, Janet to the left) in the photo in the upper left. Also shown are wood rose fruit (*Rosa gymnocarpa*), fringe cup flowers (*Tellima grandiflora*), and giant trillium (*Trillium chloropetalum*). All photos by Bill Sikora.

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Committees are formed based on chapter needs and the interests of volunteers. Proposals for committees and projects are welcome and will be considered by the Board.

Thanks to all the donors to the Conservation Analyst Fund. Here are donors through the end of 2009 in addition to those listed in the May 2010 *Bay Leaf*. We raised over \$28,000. Linda Adams, Catherine L. Anderson, Zelda Bronstein, Carol and Pedro Castro, Albert Chung, Elizabeth Davidson, Nada Ferris, Alan Fishman, Sara Goolsby, Jessica Hamburger, Marguerite Harrell, Suzanne Jones and Robert Elia, Kristi Jue and Julie Kinder, Tim Kask, Jerry Kent, Ingrid Madsen, William J. McClung, Sandy McCoy, Charles and Anne Olsen, Richard Orlando and Kathryn Hughes, Elizabeth O'Shea, Carol Pahl, Susan Rosenthal, Doris Sloan, Jane Steven, George and Helene Strauss, Shirley M. White, Myrtle R. Wolf, Bill Yund.

As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives.

Henry David Thoreau

We shall never achieve harmony with land, any more than we shall achieve absolute justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations, the important thing is not to achieve but to strive.

Aldo Leopold

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Restoration Projects (see page 5)

Saturdays, July 10/ August 7, 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Preserve.

Sundays, July 18/ August 1, 9 am, Serpentine Prairie, Redwood Regional Park.

Field Trips: no field trips scheduled.

Native Here (see page 3)

Open for business & volunteer help: Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm, and Tuesdays 12 pm - 3pm.

Plant Fair Planning Meeting (see page 1)

Meet at Native Here Nursery at 2 pm on Sunday, July 11. Meet at the Danielsen's (510-549-0211) Tuesday, August 3, 7 pm.

Best Kept Secrets: Native Plants for the Garden, a Talk by Pete Veilleux, 7-8:30 pm, Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Boulevard, Fremont, 510-745-1401. Visit www.ebcnps.org for more information.

Board of Directors' Meeting

No meeting in July. August Meeting Wednesday August 21, 6:30 pm, home of Delia Taylor, 1851 Catalina Avenue, Berkeley.

For late breaking news and events, join the chapter announcement mailing list by visiting <http://groups.google.com/group/ebcnps> and clicking on [Join this group](#). Email traffic is low and limited to official chapter announcements.

For the latest activities of the Conservation Committee check out <http://ebcnps.wordpress.com/>.

You can add yourself to the CNPS eNewsletter mailing list for current news about CNPS. The mailings are approximately monthly. Look under Publications on the cnps.org website or go to <https://cnps.org/cnps/publications/news/index.php>.

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Membership category:

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Other _____

Mail application and check to: California Native Plant Society, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento CA 95816