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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On the Edge of the Mount Hamilton Range: The Alameda Watershed's Rare Plants of Late Spring

Speaker: **Heath Bartosh**

Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 pm

Location: Founders Auditorium, Orinda Community Center (next door to the Orinda Library, see directions below)



Heath Bartosh with Mount Diablo in the distance.

The 36,000-acre Alameda Watershed in Alameda and Santa Clara counties collects and stores water for the SF Public Utilities Commission's 2.4 million Bay Area customers. Between May and July 2009, Heath Bartosh and his colleagues at Nomad Ecology conducted rare plant surveys in the Alameda Watershed to identify and locate sensitive botanical resources and provide information for use in future land management decisions.

The surveys found the Alameda Watershed to be rich indeed in rare plants: Of the 514 plant species identified in the surveys, 150 are considered rare or locally rare. In this month's presentation, Heath Bartosh will provide an overview of the botanical surveys and the rare plants he and his colleagues encountered as well as opportunities for future research.

Heath Bartosh is a principal, senior botanist, and GIS specialist with Nomad Ecology, an ecological consulting firm. He is also Rare Plants Committee Chair for East Bay CNPS and a committee member in the state CNPS Rare Plant Program.

Directions to Orinda Community Center at 28 Orinda Way

From the west, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda/Moraga exit. At the end of the off ramp, turn left on Camino Pablo (toward Orinda Village), right on Santa Maria Way (the signal after the BART station and freeway entrance), and left on Orinda Way.

From the east, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda exit. Follow the ramp to Orinda Village. Turn right on Santa Maria way (the first signal) and left on Orinda Way.

Once on Orinda Way, go 1 short block to the parking lot on the west side of the one-story Community Center building set back from the street on your right. There is additional free parking on the street, next door beneath the library building, and in the parking lot south of the library.

From BART (4 blocks): Exit the Orinda station, turn right and cross a pedestrian bridge, then cross a second pedestrian bridge on the left. Go 1 short block on the sidewalk to the third pedestrian bridge. Go 2 blocks on Orinda Way to the Orinda Community Center.

Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, April 28: Bill Libby—Redwood and Giant Sequoia: Why Are They Not Where They Are Not?

Wednesday, May 26: Holly Forbes—Conservation Adventures of the UC Botanical Garden

The East Bay Chapter needs helpers for
Earth Day events

Oakland Zoo-April 17

Dow Wetlands -Antioch April 18

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BRINGING BACK THE NATIVE GARDEN TOUR/NATIVE PLANT SALE EXTRAVAGANZA

Sixth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour
Sunday, May 2, 2010

Native Plant Sale Extravaganza
Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, 2010

Registration is now open for the free **Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour**, which will take place Sunday, May 2, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Participants on the sixth annual, free, self-guided Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour can choose from fifty showcase native plant gardens. They will have the opportunity to learn how to select and care for California native plants, lower their water bills, design a low-maintenance garden, attract butterflies, birds, and bees, and garden without using pesticides. More than 40 talks will be offered throughout the day. More than 5,000 people are expected to register for this annual event; early registration is suggested to ensure a place.

The delightful collection of gardens offered this year ranges from Jenny and Scott Fleming's 50-year-old collector's garden to several that are newly installed, and from five-acre lots to small front gardens in the flats. Garden styles run the gamut – from restoration gardens containing local native plants to the horticulturally available suite of natives from throughout California, and from gardens designed and installed by owners to those designed and installed by professionals.

In the "Preview the Gardens" section at www.BringingBackTheNatives.net are photographs of each garden, extensive garden descriptions, and plant lists, as well as a list of nurseries that sell natives. Landscape designers familiar with designing with natives can also be located on the website;

many of these designers offer discount consultations to tour participants.

A companion feature, the Native Plant Sale Extravaganza, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. This exclusive sale features a number of native plant nurseries which carry large quantities of hard-to-find California natives. This two-day shopping opportunity offers native plant fans a good selection of native plants and provides a relaxed shopping experience. Knowledgeable staff will be on hand to help shoppers select the right plants for their gardens, and Saturday shoppers will have time to visit more showcase native plant gardens on Sunday, May 2, during the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour.

What's special about California native plants? They are adapted to our soil and climate and are easy to care for. Native plants are naturally drought tolerant. They attract native birds, butterflies, and other forms of wildlife. And, as the gardens on the Tour show, California native plants are beautiful; these lovely gardens display a sense of place that is uniquely Californian.

Admission to the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is free. Registration prior to April 20 is required and can be completed at www.BringingBackTheNatives.net. While registering, a visit to the Carpools and Gardeners Match section of the website will help registrants find neighbors to share gardening skills, native plants, or tools; to plan work parties; or carpool, either on the day of the Tour, or to the Select Tours.

For more information, contact Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call (510) 236-9558 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. www.bringingbackthenatives.net

Deva Luna, Professional Landscape Designer will present "Water-wise Gardening with Native Plants"

Wednesday March 17, 7 pm - 8:30 pm, Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Boulevard, Fremont. This talk is sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter and the East Bay Chapter of CNPS and the Fremont Main Library.

CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

Here are quick updates on some of our most important current conservation issues from around the two-county chapter area. Sometimes EBCNPS takes the lead on an issue; in other cases, we work to support grassroots groups who are spearheading an effort. Please visit our blog at ebcnps.wordpress.com for more details on these and other issues (references below are to this blog).

Point Molate: A suit has been filed by the Coalition to Save Point Molate and a Richmond resident against Contra Costa County for entering into an agreement with the developer and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians before the environmental review process has been completed. The City Council of Richmond voted to extend until March 15th the Land Disposition Agreement which would transfer the land to Upstream Development (the casino project proponent); however, the

City cannot approve the LDA without a certified EIR/EIS. Lech submitted extensive comments on the inadequacy of the DEIR/EIS, and the final document has yet to be released. In addition, EBCNPS wrote a letter to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in support of an application to name Point Molate as one of the 11 most endangered historic sites in the US. You can find both these letters on our blog as well as an excellent article by Jim Hanson from the most recent issue of *Grasslands*, the newsletter of the California Native Grasslands Association. Also, please see David Amme's guest author piece on Point Molate in this issue of the *Bay Leaf*. Dave and Lech will be leading a field trip to Point Molate in May.

Russell City Energy Center: The Bay Area Air Quality Management District approved the final air permit for this mega-power plant which, if built, will operate approximately 1300 feet from the sensitive salt marshes at Hayward Regional Shoreline and will be the 7th largest point source of air pollution in the Bay Area. It's likely that the grassroots groups opposing the power plant will appeal the decision. Read our letter to the editor of the *SF Chronicle*.

Corral Hollow/Tesla: The Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) and the California Sportfishing Alliance have sued California State Parks for operating the Carnegie State Recreational Vehicle Area without the appropriate water quality permits. Carnegie lies within Corral Hollow, an EBCNPS Botanical Priority Protection Area. The complaint is under appeal by California State Parks. Meanwhile, a local grassroots group, Friends of Tesla Park (www.teslapark.org), is advocating for the Carnegie expansion site to be preserved as a low impact natural and historic preserve. The expansion site is a large area to the west of Carnegie that includes abundant native plant communities

RESTORATION PROJECTS

Saturday, March 6, Point Isabel, 10 am to 2 pm. The restoration team led by Tom and Jane Kelly will return to clear exotic invasive species, monitor progress of native vegetation, and welcome the Project Berkeley students to the site. Point Isabel is along the Bay Trail near the parking lot at the end of Rydin Road (not the parking lot next to the café!). To get there on public transportation, BART to El Cerrito and walk west about 1 mile on Central Ave. to Rydin Road (crossing over I-80 and I-580) or take the 52L from University Ave. or points along San Pablo Ave. to the intersection of Central Ave and Belmont Ave. and walk west on Central Ave over the freeways to Rydin Road (Bay Trail). Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen and long sleeves/pants. Bring water. We'll have refreshments and some new stories to share. And please let us know if you plan to attend (510-684-6484, kyotousa@sbcglobal.net).

March 13 at 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Preserve. This crew emphasizes removal of exotic species from the botanic preserve, especially French broom and cape ivy. As we have taken out invasive species, native species have moved in on their own to fill the weeded spaces. If you have gloves and

including the rare desert olive scrub, wildlife, and the historic Tesla mining site. EBCNPS has opposed the expansion since it was first proposed and is supplying the group with botanical information.

Calaveras Dam Expansion: As part of its massive Water System Improvement Program, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is planning to replace Calaveras Dam for seismic safety purposes. The inundation would affect a number of native plant communities in the wild Alameda Creek watershed and will impact at least two CNPS 1B plants (Mt. Diablo helianthella and most beautiful jewelflower). Read Lech's comment letter on the recent DEIR that questions the adequacy of the proposed mitigations.

BART Expansion into Livermore: BART has proposed expanding service into Livermore and recently issued a Programmatic EIR. We're concerned that the service expansion will impact alkali sink habitat, bring growth inducing impacts, and will push development beyond the urban limit line. Read Lech's letter of comment.

Serpentine Prairie: If you haven't yet seen the prairie since the completion of the first phase of tree removal and the installation of the new fence, stop by and walk around. The fence has a lovely rustic look, and the area is beginning to resemble a prairie once again. A good time to catch the beginning of the wildflower bloom is in March. Our sincere thanks to the East Bay Regional Park District for implementing the management plan to protect this fantastic site.

Lech Naumovich and Laura Baker

gear, you may bring your own. If you need gloves or tools, please contact janetgawthrop47@gmail.com. We work at several sites in the preserve, but volunteers will meet and start off from the Huckleberry parking lot off of Snake Road.

Directions: From Highway 13, take the Moraga/Thornhill exit, and follow Moraga from the traffic light at the end of the exit. Go straight on southbound Moraga as it parallels Highway 13. Turn left at the intersection of Moraga and Snake, and follow Snake east (uphill). After only about 1 block, turn hard left at the intersection of Snake and Shepherd Canyon. (If you miss the turn and see Shepherd Canyon Park on your right, turn around and go back to Snake.) Follow Snake uphill to its end at the intersection with Skyline, roughly 2.6 miles. Turn left onto Skyline and follow it a short distance past the newly repaved section to the Huckleberry parking lot

*Jane and Tom Kelly
Janet Gawthrop*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Meet Nina Egert (shown above, photo by Jeff Norman).

True confession: I became interested in California native plants only recently. Growing up in Oregon, I was introduced to wild plants while hiking, but had never made a distinction between indigenous and introduced species. For the thirty plus years that I'd lived in the East Bay, I had sauntered the Regional Park trails, making mental notes of familiar plants. I would fantasize about pristine hilltop views in the time before European settlement.

I was greatly surprised when, pointing out a spot I had presumed to be a native power site, the Regional Park employee with whom I was speaking commented, "I don't think there were any native people living in the Oakland Hills." That didn't sound right. Was it possible that Oakland's indigenous people had not found the hills a hospitable living environment? I went on line, expecting to locate some immediate answers, but none were to be found. 18th century mission records were incomplete. Only a few 19th century records spoke of native people living in our hills.

But as Executive Director of the Vinapa Foundation for Cross-Cultural Studies, I was able to commission the East Bay Regional Park District to create a self-guided trail about local native uses of indigenous plants in Leona Canyon (which many CNPS members have helped restore.)

As important as creek and native plant restoration is, I also feel it important to bring indigenous music back to the land. For the past three years the Vinapa Foundation has sponsored several public events featuring Marvin Marine, a part-Ohlone descendant who teaches dances and songs passed down in secret among California native people in the Sierra foothills.

On April 11, from 1-3 pm, CNPS will be part of one such event featuring Marvin and his dance troupe at the San Pablo Civic Center (San Pablo Ave @ Church Lane). On site, one can also visit municipal historical museums in the Alvarado Adobe and the Blume House. For more information, go to: [\[www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us/main/calendar/calendar.asp?ID=1\]\(http://www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us/main/calendar/calendar.asp?ID=1\), or <http://www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us/sanpabloevents/> or call: 510-215-3000](http://</p></div><div data-bbox=)

New Members

Please join us in welcoming our new members that signed up in the December/January time frame: Robin Hunter, the Calflora Database, Michael Yang, Katie Gallagher, & Reed Lewis. A special thank you to our renewing members. May you enjoy many more years with EBCNPS.

Think Globally, Volunteer locally

Bay Area-Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour 2010. EBCNPS is looking for volunteers to help at Native Here and various gardens throughout the East Bay. Garden Tour date is Sunday May 2, 2010; Native Here will be open Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd. Contact: volunteer@ebcnps.org

Martinez—Native Plant Garden and Strentzel Meadow located at the John Muir Historical Site in Martinez, ongoing weeding, planting, & learning about our local environment. Contact Elaine Jackson at 925-372-0687 or email elainejx@att.net.

Pleasant Hill—Volunteers are always welcome at the Pleasant Hill Adult Education Center Garden. Contact Monika Olsen at 925-937-1530 or email phecgarden@prodigy.net or go online to <http://phig.webs.com>.

Walnut Creek—Native demonstration garden on The Iron Horse Trail in Walnut Creek near the Walnut Creek Intermediate. Contact Judy Adler, jadlermtnmama@sbcglobal.net.

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

East Bay Chapter needs a dedicated Outreach person. Can you help? You would be in charge of reaching out to our membership for volunteers to cover all of our requested tabling events throughout the year and possibly finding other venues we could share in. Please contact elainejx@att.net or any Board Member.

Book Committee members needed: we need members on our book committee. The chapter owns hundreds of beautiful books about California native plants and related topics. The committee oversees sales at programs and outreach events, selects and orders new titles. Contact Delia Taylor, deliataylor@mac.com

FIELD TRIPS

There are three field trips this month, and another early in April.

Sunday March 7, 9:30 am, Mount Diablo: Back Creek Trail to Murchio Map, return via Meridian Ridge Road

We start at 600 ft elevation. The first mile is a dirt road through oak woodland and riparian areas, then we are on a single track trail through steep rocky more open areas, eventually becoming chaparral. We won't be needing chaps since someone has built trails through the chaparral.

For those who want a short easy walk, you can turn around at Tickwood Trail, which is a mile from the start. Otherwise we will continue uphill for another mile until we arrive at Murchio Gap at 2350 ft. On the return, we will take Meridian Ridge Road.

Directions: Take Ignacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek towards Clayton. Turn right on Clayton Road. In Clayton, go past first place where Marsh Creek Road intersects on the right. A mile further, Clayton road again intersects Marsh Creek Road. Go straight, the road becomes Marsh Creek road. Turn right at Regency Drive and go to the end where we will meet. Rain will not cancel – bring poncho, and shoes that won't be ruined by mud.

Gregg Weber, the trip leader, can be contacted at 510-223-3310 or 510-778-4533 or 510-621-3685 (Google voice - rings both phones)

Sunday, March 14, 2:00 pm, Bird Trail (Chabot Regional Park)

This short (about 1/2 mile, with insignificant elevation gain) trail is a botanically interesting transition zone between redwood forest and mixed evergreen (mostly oak/bay) forest. At this relatively early time in the season there will be osoberry, flowering currant, gooseberries, and lots of western leatherwood in bloom, along with other early wildflowers such as *Trillium chloropetalum*.

The trail starts close to the MacDonald Staging Area in Chabot Regional Park off Redwood Road in Oakland.

Directions: Get on 13 south (going east on Ashby Avenue in Berkeley, or from 24 just before the Caldecott tunnel). Once on 13, take the Redwood Road exit. On Redwood Road, go east (uphill). At the top of the hill cross Skyline Boulevard and go down into the valley, passing various equestrian facilities. About two miles from Skyline Boulevard, turn right into the MacDonald Staging Area parking lot. (It is a large lot and you cross a bridge over a creek; there is a small lot about 1/4 mile to the north which is not the correct place; if coming from the north you reach the entrance to Redwood Regional Park on the left, you have gone about 1/4 mile too far.)

Please contact David Margolies (510-654-0283 (h), 510-393-1858 (cell), divaricatum@gmail.com) if you need further information.

Saturday, March 20, 1pm, Vasco Caves Regional Preserve (meet at Round Valley Regional Park)

Britt Thorsnes is organizing this trip, led by East Bay Regional Park Naturalist Kevin Damstra. This area is known for its cultural history, in which its vegetation has played a large part. We will have an opportunity to explore this spectacular park as we search out the plants and animals that make this place home and which have helped to define it as an important place for people of many cultures. The preserve is home to endangered red-legged frogs, fairy shrimp and tiger salamanders, and it is also habitat for kit foxes and a variety of raptors. We are certain to enjoy meadows of restored bunchgrasses and a variety of spring wildflowers. This trip is limited to 16 people. To sign up, contact Britt Thorsnes by email to bthorsnes@earthlink.net or call 510-232-6061.

Directions: To get to the carpool point at Round Valley, take I-680 from the Walnut Creek area and exit at Ygnacio Valley Road near the 680/24 junction. Follow Ygnacio Valley Road east to Clayton Road and turn right. Clayton Road becomes Marsh Creek Road in Clayton. Proceed on Marsh Creek Road past Deer Valley Road until you reach the Round Valley Preserve staging area, on the right side of the road. We'll meet and carpool from this parking lot at 1 pm, returning at 5 pm.

Sunday, April 4, 2:00 pm, hike up Mitchell Canyon in Mount Diablo State Park

We will hike a couple of miles up Mitchell Canyon (to where the going gets fairly steep), and back. There should be many woodland and grassland flowers along the way, including buttercups, larkspurs, owl's clover, blue dicks, and Mount Diablo Globe Lily (and much else).

Directions: from west of the hills, take 24 through the Caldecott tunnel and continue to the 680 interchange. Go as if to 680 North, but immediately take Ygnacio Valley Road, turning right at the light so you are going east. Proceed several miles (past John Muir hospital, through suburbs and some open space, and a Cal State campus) to Clayton Road, where you take a right. Go through several intersections and then turn right again on Mitchell Canyon Road. Go to the parking lot at the end (there is a fee). Meet at the start of the trail near the visitor's center.

Please contact David Margolies (510-654-0283 (h), 510-393-1858 (cell), divaricatum@gmail.com) if you need further information.

Janet Gawthrop

NATIVE HERE

The nursery has been soaked with rains and many of our plants are doing well as a result. Buttercups and creek and cardinal monkeyflowers are blooming. Our osoberryes showed white blossoms in February. We have quite a few nice *Delphinium californicum* in 1-gallon pots. They have creamy green-lavender flowers, grow in grasslands, and go dormant in the summer.

We sold most of our bulbs at the Plant Fair last fall and have only a couple of species available now, when they show small leaves. We have soap root, *Chlorogalum pomeridianum*, and star lily, *Zigadenus fremontii*. Other bulbs, such as *Triteleia*, *Dichelostemma*, and *Allium*, probably won't be available until the Plant Fair next fall, when we will sell them in their dormant, dry state.

Label your plants with our plant labels and markers. We sell non-rusting metal labels in different lengths. We also have three types of grease pencils which will withstand all types of weather.

We also sell a CD of native plants of the East Bay, many of them plants we stock. It has beautiful photos and descriptions and is cross-referenced by common name, scientific name, and plant type. Pick one up if you haven't already.

We accept used plant pots during our open hours. We reuse some of them and put others in a bin just outside our top gate. Feel free to peruse the bin for pots for your own planting projects.

Nature observations

In January the creek flowing through the swale rushed down the channel we dug for it, spilling over a little. Frogs called from dishes and basins filled with water. In January and early

February a covey of quail gathered in the amphitheater to feed. They quickly ran and flew into the surrounding coyote bushes when they detected danger.

Volunteers are welcome to come during our open hours Tuesday, Friday, or Saturday and help transplant, sow seeds, clean up the nursery, spread wood chips, or do other tasks as needed. For more info email us at nativehere@ebcnps.org or call 510-549-0211. We're located across the street from the entrance to the Tilden Golf Course at 101 Golf Course Drive in Tilden Regional Park.

Big Sale Events

Although every time Native Here is open, it is a "plant sale" benefiting the chapter, there are two events that focus attention on native plants, the nursery, and the chapter.

The first will be May 1st and 2nd, when the chapter's Native Here Nursery participates in the Plant Sale Extravaganza with Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour. Volunteers will be needed to help new customers on both days. Come volunteer for a few weeks before the event to become familiar with what is on offer.

The other event is the Fifth Annual Native Plant Fair which will be held October 16th and 17th. Mark your calendars! If you have volunteered before, plan to help again. If you haven't, a wonderful new experience awaits. There are some vacancies on the planning committee, too. Contact the nursery for more information or to let us know what you are interested in doing.

Margot Cunningham and Charli Danielsen

SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

CNPS will again have a booth at the annual San Francisco Flower & Garden Show which is now held at the San Mateo Event Center. This has been the Bay Area's premier garden event for 25 years. There are garden displays, seminars, children's activities, and of course, many educational and sales booths. It is a prime opportunity to tell the gardening public about CNPS--highlighting our activities and our vision.

Our beautiful booth last year was a great success. Over the five-day event, volunteers from five Bay Area Chapters (Yerba Buena-SF, Marin, Willis Jepson-Solano, East Bay, and Santa Clara Valley) informed thousands of people about CNPS. Using the many plants in our display, we explained the benefits of planting local natives, signed up many new members, and had lots of fun.

We plan to do it again! This year's show will be held March 24-28 (Wed-Sat: 10 am-8 pm, Sun: 10 am-6 pm). The location is the San Mateo Event Center, 2495 South Delaware Street, San Mateo. There are several public transportation options. For more information on the show see www.gardenshow.com.

We will need people to help design, set up and break down the booth as well as volunteers to staff the booth in 2 ½-hour shifts. Working a shift includes free access to the entire show for the duration. Enthusiastic newcomers and Jepson-carrying veterans are equally encouraged to participate. To volunteer: contact Ellen Edelson (e.edelson@sbcglobal.net or 415-531-2140). Free entry for volunteers.

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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.

Introduction to Bryophytes

Two-day Workshop March 6-7, 2010
Brent D. Mishler and Ken Kellman

Valley Life Sciences Building, UC Berkeley and East Bay Regional Parks
See <http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/2010/index.html> for registration information.
Contact: Staci Markos, Jepson Herbarium, UC Berkeley, 1001 Valley Life Sciences Bldg, Berkeley, CA 94720-24655, 510-643-7008, smarkos@berkeley.edu

California Native Plant Sale

Saturday, April 17, 2010, 10 am to 3 pm

Organized by the Volunteers of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden

The Botanic Garden is located at the intersection of Wildcat Canyon Road & South Park Drive near the Brazil Building in Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley. (Admission is free during the sale.)

California shrubs, trees, perennials. Find many plants that are not available in a commercial nursery. Horticultural advice gladly given. Come and explore the Garden. Buy some plants to take home. Please bring boxes to carry home your treasures and an umbrella if it rains.

Refreshments available. Proceeds directly benefit the Garden.

http://ebparks.org/parks/vc/botanic_garden 510-544-3169 <http://nativeplants.org>

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Public Relations/Publicity Committee

Tuesday, March 9, join Wendy at 7 pm at the Danielsen's home, 10 Kerr Avenue, Kensington. See below.

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Native Here (see page 6)

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

Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Joe Willingham, 2512 Etna Street, Berkeley.

Be part of a chapter public relations/publicity committee. Bay Area broadcaster. Wendy Tokuda, has agreed to lead a workshop on publicity and the changing modes of public outreach. Come to find out more about how to publicize East Bay Chapter CNPS and its activities.

Tuesday, March 9, join Wendy at 7 pm at the Danielsen's home, 10 Kerr Avenue, Kensington 94707 (from Arlington, turn on Rincon which becomes Kerr) for a lively discussion and some how-to. Tina Wistrom has agreed to start a chapter Facebook page, so bring ideas on how to make that an outstanding page. A publicity committee can make use of your time and skills at writing and photography, your willingness to check and update information and perform clerical tasks such as e-mailing Facebook invitations to members, keeping track of contacts in other organizations, updating the great list of contacts Margot and Dinah have put together, and more. Bring your ideas and willingness to help make our chapter more visible to the general public.

For more information, contact Charli Danielsen at nativehere@ebcnps.org, or leave a message at 510-525-9076.

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