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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Conservation Adventures of the University of California
Botanical Garden

Speaker: Holly Forbes

Wednesday, May 26, 7:30 pm

Location: Conference Center, University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley (directions below)



University of California Botanical Garden Curator Holly Forbes (shown planting a Baker's larkspur, in a photo by Kate Symonds) will describe the varied conservation projects underway at the garden and in the field. The garden is a participating institution of the national Center for Plant Conservation (www.centerforplantconservation.org), working to conserve endangered California plants. Several of these plants are on the verge of extinction, and garden staff members are working with multiple partners to bring them back from the brink through seed banking and propagation to both introduce new populations and/or augment existing populations. Each species provides opportunities and challenges for introduction.

Holly's talk will include information about Baker's larkspur (*Delphinium bakeri*), San Mateo thornmint (*Acanthomintha duttonii*), Mt. Diablo buckwheat (*Eriogonum truncatum*), large-flowered fiddleneck (*Amsinckia grandiflora*) and Franciscan manzanita (*Arctostaphylos franciscana*).

Holly Forbes received her BA from UC Santa Barbara, where she worked on several herbarium floristic projects. She was

an herbarium assistant at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden for three years before joining the UC Botanical Garden in 1988. She has served on the board of the East Bay chapter of CNPS for many years.

East Bay Chapter CNPS membership meetings are free of charge and open to everyone. This month's meeting will take place in the Conference Center of the University of California Botanical Garden at 200 Centennial Drive, east of Memorial Stadium and west of the Lawrence Hall of Science, above the main campus of the University of California in Berkeley. The garden gate will open at 7 pm; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. You are welcome to stroll in the Botanical Garden before the meeting. Please contact Sue Rosenthal, 510-496-6016 or rosacalifornica@earthlink.net, if you have questions.

Directions to the UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley

From I-80: Take the University Ave. exit and proceed east on University toward the hills until it ends at Oxford St. Turn left on Oxford, right on Hearst Ave., right on Gayley Rd., left on Stadium Rim Way, and left on Centennial Dr. The Garden entrance is 3/4 mile up Centennial Dr. on the right. Parking is just past the Garden on the left. Bring quarters for parking.

From Contra Costa County: Take Hwy 24 westbound and exit at Fish Ranch Rd. At the end of the off ramp, turn right on Fish Ranch Rd. and follow it to the stop sign at Grizzly Peak Blvd. Turn right on Grizzly Peak Blvd. and follow it 3.1 miles to the stop sign at Centennial Dr. Turn left on Centennial Dr. and continue for 1 mile to the Garden's parking lot on the right. Bring quarters for parking.

From Dwight Way in Berkeley: Take Dwight Way east to Prospect St. Turn left on Prospect, which merges with Stadium Rim Way. Turn right on Centennial Dr. The Garden entrance is 3/4 mile up Centennial Dr. on the right. Parking is past the Garden on the left. Bring quarters for parking.

Upcoming Meetings

East Bay CNPS membership meetings will be on summer recess during the months of June, July, and August, and will resume in September. Have a wonderful summer!

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New Publicity Chair: Just before the Bayleaf went to press, we found out that new member Beverly Powell (www.linkedin.com/in/bgpowell, blog: Greening California Roofs www.greenroofscs.com) has agreed to be Publicity Chair for the chapter. To share your ideas, comments, questions and especially your suggestions, email her directly at beverly.g.powell@gmail.com.

The following committees need additional members:

Outreach: East Bay Chapter needs a dedicated Outreach person to reach out to our membership for volunteers to cover our requested tabling events throughout the year and possibly finding other venues. Please contact Elaine: elainejx@att.net or any Board member.

Publicity: Help get the word out about the Plant Fair with our beautiful posters. Please contact Charli: volunteer@ebcnps.org

Books and Posters: The chapter owns hundreds of books about California native plants and related topics. Help us get these titles sold and into the hands of interested people. Contact Delia: deliataylor@mac.com, 510-527-3912.

Membership: We need help to boost our numbers and encourage people to renew their membership. Contact Elaine: elainejx@att.net or Carol: carollbcastro@hotmail.com

East Bay CNPS Scholarships: The announcement of the East Bay Chapter's scholarship program for 2010 will be made in the June issue of the *Bay Leaf*. Interested students should also check the Chapter's website for an announcement. Sandy McCoy, Scholarship Committee.

FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, May 2, at 2:00 pm. David Margolies will lead an afternoon hike at **Samuel Taylor State Park**. See the April 2010 *Bay Leaf* for description and directions.

Saturday, May 8 10:00, am, Blue Oak Trail at Briones Regional Park. There should be quite a few *Calochortus pulchellus*. We will see some unusual plants such as *Myrica californica* and *Pickeringia montana*. The loop has a 700 ft elevation change and quite a few ups and downs. Round trip is about 5 miles.

Meet at the Reliez Valley staging area (no parking or other fees) in Briones Park at 10 am. Gregg Weber will be leading this trip. If there are any questions, call him at 510-223-3310.

Directions: Take 24 east and exit at Pleasant Hill Road north in Lafayette. Go about one mile north on Pleasant Hill Road and make a left on Reliez Valley Road. Stay on Reliez Valley Road about 3.5 miles. The parking lot is on the left, shortly after Withers Avenue.

Sunday, May 9, at 10:30 am, Goodspeed/Nattkemper Trails in Sonoma County

Meet Britt Thorsnes for this wildflower walk on trails around the Sugarloaf Ridge area of Sonoma County. Carpoolers will meet for the hike at the trailhead on Adobe Canyon Road, 2.2 miles off of Highway 12 near Kenwood, approximately 20 minutes north of the town of Sonoma. Adobe Canyon Road is also the access road for Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, including the headwaters of Sonoma Creek. This moderately strenuous hike will cover 7 miles with one stream crossing. The trail begins close to Adobe Canyon Road and climbs up through various plant communities, including mixed oak forest, a riparian zone, chaparral and grasslands. We'll have lunch and turn around at Gunsight Rock, which has a great view of the Sonoma Valley.

Parking is very limited at the trailhead, so if you plan on participating you should call Britt at 510-232-6061 or e-mail her at bthorsnes@earthlink.net. Please let Britt know if you can offer a ride or need a ride, so we can set up carpools from Berkeley or from the Safeway lot in Sonoma.

Sunday, May 16, 10:00 am, Point Molate grasslands in Contra Costa County

The grasslands of the Potrero Hills at Point Molate are one of the last undeveloped landscapes on San Francisco Bay, with intact native coastal bunchgrass prairies. These prairies are currently threatened by a proposed mega-casino project being considered by the City of Richmond and the US Interior Dept. Point Molate is a peninsula in the narrows of San Pablo Bay, in the rain shadow of the Marin County hills and with a spectacular view of Mount Tamalpais, San Francisco and San Pablo bays. On the knolls and swales overlooking the bay are coastal prairie meadows, transitioning into valley grassland. California oatgrass grows with purple needlegrass, squirrel-tail, junegrass, and red fescue next to patches of California fescue and the unique form of creeping wildrye. On this trip we will revel in this as yet undisturbed beauty and discuss

what can be done to save it.

Directions: From the East Bay, take the Western Drive/Point Molate exit from 580, just before the toll booths at the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Proceed straight at the first 3-way fork, which gradually rises up a hill, curving more towards the north. As the road descends the hill, park at the parking lot right before the open gate marked iPoint Molate Restricted Area.

Saturday, May 22, 10 am, Mount Diablo State Park: North Peak Trail from Devil's Elbow to Prosectoris Gap

Meet at Devil's Elbow parking lot at 10 am. This trail is packed with native plants, and relatively few alien species. There may be *Calochortus venustus*, *C. pulchellus*, *Chorizanthe membranacea*, *Hydrophyllum occidentale*, *Arnica discoidea*, a few areas of *Collinsia tinctoria*, *Lupinus* spp., *Cirsium* sp., *Clarkia concinna*, *Lomatium* spp., and many more common species. There are large areas of *Quercus chrysolepsis*. Bring lunch and water. We should arrive back at the parking lot around 2 pm. Gray sky or light rain will not cancel. Trip leader is Gregg Weber. Call 510-223-3310 if there are questions.

Directions: take 680 to Diablo Road. Go east on Diablo Road. At Green Valley Road, only one lane goes straight ahead. After Green Valley Road, go past and do not turn at the Diablo Country Club sign. In about a mile, turn left at the Mount Diablo State Park sign. Continue to end of Mount Diablo Scenic Boulevard. It becomes South Gate Road as it enters the park. Pay the fee of \$5 at the entrance station. Continue to Junction Ranger Station, and make a right. About 3/4 mile past Juniper Camp's large parking area is a small parking area at Devil's Elbow. That is where we will meet at 10 am.

Sunday, May 23, 10 am, Las Trampas Regional Park

Pete Veilleux will lead this trip to a relatively unknown and under-used park with its transitional flora that includes both interior East Bay species as well as plants that do not venture far inland from the Bay. Meet at Pete's nursery, East Bay Wilds, so that we can carpool to the trailhead and not overwhelm the ranch where we start. We'll hike up through the ranch for about 1/2 mile, and then we'll enter Las Trampas and hike up into the canyon until we reach some cliffs and a cave or two. We will head back around 2:00 or 3:00 pm, depending on how the group feels.

Directions: From points west and north, take 580 east to Castro Valley, and take the Castro Valley Blvd./Crow Canyon exit. Go left at the end of the ramp and turn right at East Castro Valley Blvd. Take another right at Crow Canyon Road, and then turn left at Cull Canyon Road. Drive to milemarker 2.45 (number of miles from turn onto Cull Canyon Road). As you approach the milemarker, look for a big green water tank up on the hill at the right. There is a large chain-link gate to the right immediately past the milemarker. Head up through the gate and park to the left, where the road forks to the right. **From points east,** go west on 580 to Castro Valley and take exit 37. Turn left at East Castro Valley Blvd, and then turn right at Crow Canyon Road. Drive to mile marker 2.45, and as you approach the mile marker you should see the big green water tank on the hill. There is a large chain-link gate near the mile marker. Head up through the gate and park to the left, where the road forks to the right.

NATIVE HERE

Native Here Nursery open every Tuesday, noon-3; Friday 9-noon; and Saturday, 10-2.
Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, open 10 am to 5 pm.

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour Plant Sale Extravaganza

We're part of the tour again this year. The nursery will be open from 10 until 5 Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, selling our wonderful local native plants, garden markers, botanical and gardening books, and the CD of *Native Plants of the East Bay*. Our inventory is posted on the chapter web site. Volunteer shifts will be from 9:30-1:30 and 1:30-5:30 to cover set-up and clean-up.

Volunteer at the nursery

We'll still need volunteers after the garden tour. With the rains gone we'll need people to water plants. Choose a section to water once or twice a week. It's a good way to get familiar with the plants. Volunteers are welcome to come in and help whenever the nursery is open. Even coming in "once in a blue moon" helps the nursery thrive.

We have some great regular volunteers at the nursery. Here are a few that have been active lately:

Barbara Potter is aptly named, as she is an efficient and productive transplanter. We have trouble keeping up with her! Allen Rusk is another excellent transplanter and devoted waterer. May Chen joins them at the potting tables when she is able and is a wonderful source of information about the wildlife around the nursery as she also volunteers at Audubon Canyon Ranch. Gudrun Kleist takes care of our bulbs and brings in her own donated "babies" to pot up. Shirley McPheeters is happy to help wherever she can, including watering, transplanting, and grooming plants. Oona Edelen is eagerly learning about native plants. She's groomed plants, watered, helped with inventory. Rusty Saxton has adopted the "purple" section (Mt. Diablo plants) and waters and weeds plants there. He likes doing heavy-duty labor as well, such as spreading wood chips and moving plants. Rod Rodriguez is another heavy-duty laborer, helping us set up pallets for holding plants, spreading wood chips, and moving materials. Steve Toby likes to help John with various infrastructure projects around the nursery. Michael Yang comes by occasionally and does a variety of jobs, including transplanting, grooming plants, and beautifying the nursery.

Janice Bray is a long-time, enthusiastic volunteer, coming almost every Friday as well as watering on Wednesdays. She published our CD of *Native Plants of the East Bay* with Gregg Weber's and Charli's help. (The CD is available at \$25 with

pictures and descriptions of hundreds of local natives.) She loves to extol the native plants we have at the nursery. She sells plants, waters, pots up plants, and collects seeds on our collection walks. Gregg is our botanical expert. He is excellent with plant identification and leads our seed collection and cutting collection walks, with an eye for unusual and/or rare plants. He sows seeds and sticks cuttings at the nursery, and helps us identify difficult plants, such as *Carex*.

Other volunteers will become more active as the watering and seed collecting seasons begin. More on them in a future article.

And of course we can't leave out Charli and John Danielsen. Charli is our mother hen, running the nursery and providing direction and inspiration to volunteers and customers alike. John keeps the nursery looking good, taking care of all our infrastructure maintenance and improvements. He likes potting up the bigger plants as well. Keeping the nursery going takes a lot of their time and it seems like they are there almost every day, but they seem to enjoy it.

Seed walks start in May

Seed collecting walks start this month on Tuesdays. Help us collect seed for propagation at the nursery. Each week we go to different locations in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We have collection permits. Meet at the bottom gate of the nursery at 9 am. Finish times will vary depending on how far we travel.

Vegetation Management

Native Here has some great resources to help with managing vegetation around your home for fire safety and weed control. *Vegetation Management Almanac* for the East Bay Hills contains images of some of the worst weeds here, as well as information for making decisions about what to do and when. It is discounted to \$20. Although designed for Southern California gardens, *Care and Maintenance of Southern California Native Plant Gardens*, the publication in Spanish and English, is a wonderful reference for caring for your garden and is available from us for \$15. We also have *Oaks of California*, for \$23. This book has descriptions, photos, keys, and distribution maps of all the species of oaks in the state, including many hybrids.

Remember that when you purchase plants from Native Here Nursery you are supporting the East Bay Chapter of California Native Plant Society.

Margot Cunningham

Native Here is now on Facebook! Become a friend of Native Here Nursery, and stay updated with the latest photos, information, and helpful hints.

BOTANICAL PRIORITY PROTECTION AREA

In last month's *Bay Leaf* we introduced the *Guide to the Botanical Priority Protection Areas of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties* with the first of 15 guest authors' pieces to be featured each month in the *Bay Leaf*. The following guest author's piece on Altamont Pass was provided by Dr. Elizabeth Zacharias who is the Vascular Plant Research and Curatorial Associate at the Harvard University Herbaria. She studies evolution and systematics with a particular focus on the California flora, plants in alkaline areas, and conservation.

Heath Bartosh, Rare Plant Committee Chair

Amidst the largest concentration of wind turbines in the world lies the Altamont Pass Botanical Priority Protection Area. The Altamont Pass is regionally important as a meeting place of three subregions of the California Floristic Province: the San Joaquin Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, and South Coast Ranges. Within this landscape, alkaline natural communities such as Northern Claypan vernal pools and Valley Sink Scrub can be observed. These areas are unique natural communities and are extreme habitats. Plants that live here can survive the harsh alkaline conditions that are sometimes expressed as

alkaline scalds, which are characterized by a salty crust that forms on the soil surface. The appeal of the Altamont Pass is drawn from its mesmerizing landscape with its rolling hill topography that is strikingly golden in the late summer. This time of year is especially intriguing because it is when the *Atriplex* species that inhabit these alkaline refugia thrive and are most readily identifiable. In the fall, late season plants, namely the tarweeds and alkaline-loving plants, flourish in the hot dry temperatures and alkaline lowlands that by this time have produced their radiantly white salt deposits. The spring is also alluring as these dry hills gain a greenish hue as the annual grasses and herbs begin to germinate, grow, and explode into color when in flower. Historically, Native Americans and gold prospectors used the Altamont Pass as a trade route or thoroughfare to the Sierran gold country. In 1853, the transcontinental railroad was built through the pass. In 1915, the Lincoln Highway was routed through the pass and later became the Altamont Pass Highway in 1938. From that time development within the pass was relatively static until wind farms began to populate the area in 1981.

Elizabeth Zacharias PhD.

RESTORATION IN MAY

On Saturday, May 8 at 9:30 am, the Huckleberry Regional Park restoration crew meets at the parking lot. 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 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.

Janet Gawthrop



Lewisia disepala in Fresno county. I've been wanting to see this rare plant for many years, and on March 28 Jeff Greenhouse and I were finally given an accessible location on Quarry Dome at just over 4,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada. Photo and note by John Game.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Meet Erin McDermott and family

Hi, I am Erin McDermott, the East Bay chapter Vegetation Chair. I have met some of you on field trips and at Membership Meetings and I look forward to meeting more of you!



Erin with husband Emil Lewis and daughter Siobhan. Photo by Miguel Crawford.

I am proud to be a Bay Area native. I was born at Walnut Creek Kaiser (the same place where our daughter Siobhan was born on March 10, 2010). I grew up in Moraga and have lived in Berkeley since 1998. My parents are responsible for my interest in the outdoors and native plants. They would load up my older sister and me and all our camping gear and head to the mountains where we spent summers camping in Plumas Eureka State Park and Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Our family was even featured on the cover of USA Today when I was 10, in an article on how families spend Memorial Day weekend. My sister and I had a good time playing cards, roasting marshmallows, and sleeping in the tent, but we every so often we would ask "Why can't we go to Disneyland like normal families!"

My mom would reward us for hiking. She would give us one peanut M&M (yes, just one!) for every 30 minutes or so we hiked without complaining. I would suck on the M&M and try to make it last for 30 minutes until I received the next

one. Another family trip I remember as a preteen was driving dirt roads in the Delta on a wildlife refuge while my parents looked for migrating birds through binoculars. We ended up getting stuck in the mud in our Ford Crown Victoria and had to wait for hours to be towed out of the mud in the middle of nowhere (this was before cell phones so we had to wait for someone to come by and discover us). That was our last bird watching wildlife refuge trip that I can remember.

Not until I went to summer camp near Lake Tahoe at age 12 did I realize it was cool to be into the outdoors. My camp counselors were college students who were into backpacking and hiking and the Grateful Dead, and were so cool (much cooler than my parents!) I came home from summer camp a Beatles-loving outdoorsy vegetarian. I am sure my parents were thrilled, except maybe about the vegetarian part.

I went on to UC Santa Cruz where I studied general biology and to UC Davis where I studied botany and horticulture. Currently I am a principal, botanist, and arborist with Nomad Ecology based in Martinez and can honestly say I love my job and all the outdoor places it takes me.

My husband and I are looking forward to raising our daughter the same way we were raised, taking her on long hikes and spending hours in the outdoors. Hopefully like me, she will have a life-long love of the outdoors, nature, and native plants.

Erin McDermott

New Members

Please join us in welcoming our new members who joined during February and March:

Shelagh Brodersen, Elan Goldbart, and Susan Schall. As always, a huge thank you to our renewing members.

Think Globally, Volunteer Locally

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

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and will be considered by
the Board.*

Botanical Workshop, Flora and Natural History of the Southern Sierra, July 11 – 17, 2010, Golden Trout Wilderness Camp, at 10,000 feet in the Southern Sierra. Instructors: Tim Thomas and Pam McKay.

Don't miss this botany workshop that will teach us about the flora and natural history of the Golden Trout Wilderness, Cottonwood Lakes Basin and the John Muir Wilderness. Guided hikes and interpretive talks will be lead by experienced trip leaders, Tim Thomas and Pam McKay. We will study plants in the field during the day (remember to bring your hand lens) and in the evenings will be lectures, slide shows and an opportunity to key plants with dissecting scopes. Plant list will be provided.

Cost: \$495.00 (includes meals from Sunday dinner through Saturday lunch)

Registration deadline: May 15, 2010

For registration information or questions about the workshop contact:

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Library

Oakland Museum Wildflower Show
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Email _____

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Other _____

Membership category:

Individual, \$45

Family, Library, Group or International, \$75

Plant Lover, \$100.00

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Patron, \$300

Benefactor, \$600

Mariposa Lily, \$1500

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Other _____

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