



July-August 2008

The Bay Leaf

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Native Here (see page 7)

Native Here is open for sales and volunteers through July and August:

Fridays 9 am to noon including July 4, Saturdays 10 am to 1pm
Tuesdays 1pm to 4 pm volunteers only: seed sowing, transplanting, watering, weeding

Seed collecting every Tuesday 9 am–1 pm

Meet at the golf course parking lot–kids welcome.

For more collecting days refer to www.ebcnps.org/seedtrips.html or call Gregg at 510-223-3310

Horticulture Program Planning Meeting (see page 7)

Sunday, August 17, 2008, 10 am-3 pm, at the Environmental Education Center in Tilden Park

Field Trips (see page 3)

Sunday, July 6, 2:00 pm, Mount Diablo State Park Summit
Sunday, July 13 and Sunday, August 10, 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Preserve restoration crew

Friday, July 18-Sunday July 20, backpacking trip to Ohlone Regional Wilderness

Sunday, August 10, 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Preserve restoration crew (see July 13 above)

Saturday, August 16, 2008, 10 am, Redwood Park, with attention to sedges and late fruiting plants

Members Meeting to Vote on New Bylaws (see below)

Wednesday, September 24, 7:30 pm, Orinda Public Library (also talk by Lech Naumovich)

MEMBERS MEETING WILL VOTE ON NEW BYLAWS

Notice is hereby given that the first item of business of the membership meeting of the East Bay Chapter of CNPS to be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 7:30 pm at the Garden Room of the Orinda Public Library shall be the formal approval of the proposed bylaws that appear in this issue of the *Bay Leaf*.

This is an historic event in the East Bay Chapter and all members are entitled and encouraged to participate. Once ratified by the membership, the new bylaws will go into effect immediately.

The text is in small type to save paper but is also posted on the chapter website www.ebcnps.org. A larger print version may be requested by contacting David Margolies at the address on page 8.

Background on the new bylaws

A file entitled “bylaws revision” has been passed from each East Bay Chapter President to the next for several terms. In that file were several drafts, none of which had gone to the membership for approval. The last bylaws known to have been approved still had the chapter’s former name, San Francisco Bay Chapter and also ambiguous clauses concerning voting status of committee chairs and terms of service for non-elected board members. A committee consisting of Carol Castro, Charli Danielsen, Sandy McCoy and David Margolies worked for over a year, submitting several drafts

for board discussion. The version on page 4 was approved by the Chapter Board of Directors and now needs to be ratified by the membership of the Chapter per the former bylaws:

“New bylaws may be adopted or these bylaws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3rds) of the members present at a regular or special meeting called for such purpose. . . A copy of the proposed changes shall be included in the notice of the meeting.”

Any member who has comments on or questions about the new bylaws may send them to webmaster@ebcnps.org. The comments will be posted on the website and captioned “in favor”, “opposed” or “general” (as you specify, unspecified will be general). There will not be an opportunity for discussion of the bylaws at the meeting. Comments received by August 15 will be summarized in the September *Bay Leaf*. Ratification is an action item at the September membership meeting and will be followed by the featured speaker, Lech Naumovich, talking about the Chapter’s conservation program.

These new bylaws preserve most of the organization that the Chapter has maintained since its inception. There will still be a Chapter Board consisting of elected officers and appointed committee chairs. The ability of the membership to change the leadership will

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be maintained. The Chapter will retain a collaborative, cooperative form of management.

The new bylaws make clear that the Chapter's bylaws are subordinate to the bylaws of the California Native Plant Society, the non-profit corporation that is the umbrella over all its chapters. There is thus no need for Chapter bylaws to restate basic organizational

and administrative procedures such as membership, fiscal year, etc. Further, the officers elected by the membership will, at the first meeting of the new term, approve a list of committee chairs who shall be entitled to become full voting members of the Board for that year.

Carol Castro, Charli Danielsen, Sandy McCoy and David Margolies

BALLOT INITIATIVE TO PROTECT MORAGA'S OPEN SPACE

Moraga residents have qualified an initiative for the November ballot to protect Moraga's open space areas, many of which face the threat of residential development at levels that would severely harm the existing ecosystems.

The Moraga Open Space Ordinance 2008 Initiative (MOSO 2008) is an extension of an earlier initiative that Moraga voters passed in 1986 (commonly known as "MOSO"). The new initiative strengthens the protections of the earlier MOSO and extends them to currently unprotected areas. MOSO 2008 will protect Moraga's remaining open space by:

- Reducing the allowed development density in open space lands. Moraga's General Plan currently allows one home per five acres in open space areas; this will be reduced to one home per 20 acres (or 10 acres in limited cases) in areas redesignated MOSO 2008 Open Space. The initiative also allows clustering of development on smaller lots and permanent protection of the remaining larger areas from development.
- Enacting robust safeguards for creeks, wetlands, and ridgelines, and preventing development that would adversely affect special status species.
- Extending protection to areas not now covered by the original MOSO that possess important habitat, scenic, and water-quality resources. These areas include 390 acres of Bollinger Canyon (now threatened with a 126-house subdivision) and 450-acre Indian Valley, which under current zoning could be developed with over 200 houses.

Both Bollinger Canyon and Indian Valley support a wonderful diversity of plants and wildlife and include habitat for the Alameda whipsnake and the California red-legged frog.

MOSO 2008 would also protect the land east of Rheem Boulevard near St. Mary's College from the 35-home Rancho Laguna development proposal that would destroy 64 mature native trees and a population of *Pleuropogon californicus*. All three areas, Bollinger Canyon, Indian Valley, and Rheem Ridge, are part of key wildlife corridors connecting EBMUD watershed lands and East Bay Regional Park District lands.

Faced with the prospect of a successful open space initiative, the Town's largest private landowners, the Bruzzones, have placed a counter-initiative on the November ballot. The Bruzzone initiative would enact a "development agreement" for Bollinger Canyon and Indian Valley that would lock in residential densities in those areas for 25 years. If final subdivision maps are filed for those two areas during the 25-year term, the Bruzzones would give the town up to \$7 million to build sports facilities and road improvements.

These dueling ballot measures will give Moraga voters a choice in November between strong open space, habitat, and ridgeline protection with MOSO 2008, or more suburban sprawl and loss of habitat and ridgelines with the Bruzzone initiative.

To learn more about MOSO 2008 or to help with the campaign, please visit www.MOSO2008.org or call Marianne McKay at 925-631-1285.

Suzanne Jones

PLANT FAIR MEETING JULY 12

Our next Plant Fair meeting will be on July 12, 10 am to noon at Native Here. All are welcome to help plan this major fundraiser for our chapter.

We are looking for helpers throughout the summer to prepare the plants for the sale--transplanting, grooming, watering and weeding. We need to inventory what we have. Charli has an easy system for doing this. We need to prepare informative signs about the plants we are selling in the All California section.

We need to line up a couple of people to provide snacks and drinks for the volunteers during the fair.

If you can help, contact Delia (deliataylor@mac.com) or Charli (nativehere@ebcnps.org), or come by the nursery.

Delia Taylor

FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, July 6, 2:00 pm, Mount Diablo State Park Summit

We will walk the Fire Interpretive Trail just below the summit. It is about 1 mile with no significant elevation change. While it has been a dry year, there is always something to see on the summit, including (perhaps) *Stephanomeria*, red penstemon, lip ferns, and numerous shrubs. And there are wonderful views between the flowers.

Directions: From west of the hills, take 24 East towards Walnut Creek, through the Caldecott Tunnel to Walnut Creek. Near the junction with I-680, the freeway splits to go north and to go south. Take the north fork, but stay to the right. Exit almost immediately onto Ygnacio Valley Road. Take a right (so you are going east). Proceed a couple of miles, passing Walnut Boulevard and John Muir Medical Center to Walnut Avenue. Take a right onto Walnut Avenue and go to Oakgrove (Walnut Avenue essentially ends at Oakgrove), take a right and an immediate left onto Northgate Road. It leads into Mt. Diablo State Park (there is a fee). Follow signs to the summit. Park in the large lot just below the summit and meet in that parking lot. The trip is led by David Margolies (home 510-654-0283, cell 510-393-1858, email divaricatum@gmail.com).

Sunday July 13 and Sunday, August 10, 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Preserve restoration crew

Past *Eucalyptus* removal near the entrance to the preserve has left a partial botanical vacuum which we can encourage to be filled by the nearby indigenous vegetation instead of cape ivy or *Vinca*. Meet us at the parking lot, where you can see the tree removal area, or you can proceed to pull forget-me-nots in the shade of the loop trail. Because of the large amount of duff and chips from the tree removal, we have found that some invasive plants can be removed in summer almost as easily as in the spring, particularly the cape ivy. For those interested, we can also take a quick tour of the extensive native flora at the preserve. Bring water and gloves, and work tools. If you need work tools or gloves, please e-mail Janet Gawthrop at _janetg24@excite.com. Allow a day or two for response.

EARTHSHARE

EarthShare allocates money to 87 environmental groups, including CNPS. Like the United Way, EarthShare gets money from payroll deductions. Representatives are needed for each geographical area. The time commitment is only 15-20 hours in August and September. Training is given, reps attend functions at places like Kaiser Permanente to pass out brochures and it is also okay to pass out plant sale flyers. Excellent outreach opportunity!

Contact: Lynn at housers@sonic.net

Lynn Houser, Chapter Council Delegate from the Milo Baker Chapter, has volunteered for EarthShare.

Friday July 18-Sunday July 20, backpacking trip for mad dogs and Englishmen to Ohlone Regional Wilderness

This summer trip will start from Del Valle Regional Park and proceed at a leisurely pace in the summer sun to Rose Peak. We will limit this trip to 10 people, all of whom must be in physical shape to accommodate carrying their own water and gear for most of three days. No exceptions will be allowed to the numerical limit because wilderness camping is by permit only, and at primitive campsites. You do not have to be a member of our chapter to participate, but this is not an appropriate trip for small children or adults with difficulty carrying their gear. It will be a trip through flora and fauna that have minimal human contact in summer months, with the advantage of a full moon and warm weather that will likely not require a tent for camping. If interested, please contact Janet Gawthrop at _janetg24@excite.com to reserve a space, or call Gregg Weber at 510-223-3310 if you do not have Internet access.

Sunday, August 10, 9:30 am, Huckleberry Regional Preserve restoration crew (see July 13 above)

August 16, 2008, 10 am, Redwood Park, with attention to sedges and late fruiting plants

We will see about 5 species of sedge. Learn some basics of sedge ID and morphology. A copy of *Field Guide to Intermountain Sedges* will be available for reference. We will take Redwood Peak Trail, French Trail, Starflower Trail, Tres Sendas Trail, and Stream Trail.

Directions: Get onto Skyline Drive in the Hills above Oakland. Go to the Chabot Space Center, which is about a mile north of Joaquin Miller Road. Turn into the driveway for the Space Center and park either in the lot or in the parking garage, which is free. Ignore the signs saying no trespassing; they do not apply to Park or Chabot Space Center users. Leader is Gregg Weber. Call him at 510-223-3310 if you have any questions.

Janet Gawthrop



Eagle Peak fieldtrip. Photo by Dadre Traugber.

PROPOSED NEW CHAPTER BYLAWS

BYLAWS for the EAST BAY CHAPTER CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

These By-Laws are effective as of _____, 2008. These bylaws supersede any previous bylaws governing this chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND DEFINITION

The name established for this organization is the East Bay Chapter California Native Plant Society, hereafter "EBCNPS" or "the Chapter". The Chapter is a committee of the California Native Plant Society, a California Non Profit Public Benefit Corporation, hereafter "CNPS". CNPS is a corporation that includes all established chapters.

ARTICLE II. RELATIONSHIP TO CNPS

As a committee of CNPS, all activities and actions of EBCNPS shall be consistent with the mission, vision and goals of CNPS as stated in current governance documents.

CNPS Bylaws govern members, dues and voting, and the following with regard to chapters:

- Application and recognition of chapters
- Minimum requirements for Recognition and Continuation of Chapters
- Chapter Bylaws
- Limitation of Chapter Authority
- Assignment of Members to Chapters
- Members' Eligibility, Dues, Voting, Continuation and Termination of Membership
- Insurance, Contracts and Fiscal Reporting

ARTICLE III. PARTICIPATION IN CNPS

Formal participation in CNPS shall be that the Chapter sends a Delegate to all meetings of the Chapter Council of CNPS, and that the Chapter Delegate votes in CNPS elections. Less formal participation shall be through Committee Chairs communicating with the appropriate CNPS Directors or staff members, and counterparts in other chapters.

ARTICLE IV. COMPOSITION OF THE CHAPTER BOARD

The activities of EBCNPS shall be conducted by a Chapter Board consisting of the Chapter Officers, as well as the Chairs of Chapter Committees.

All Chapter Board members must be Chapter members in good standing.

All Chapter Board members have the right to vote. Any Chapter Board member who concurrently holds more than one position (e.g. an officer also serving as a committee chair) is entitled to only one (1) vote.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS OF THE CHAPTER BOARD

The Chapter Board shall hold regular meetings to discuss and act upon business and policy matters at regular intervals, not less than eight (8) times a year. Additional meetings may be called by the President. Proper notification for meetings is described in Article VII.

A vote without a meeting may be held for an issue deemed by the President to require action between meetings. Notice of this procedure shall be sent electronically or by telephone to the Board with a stated deadline for receipt of votes no less than five (5) days after the notice. Votes not received by the deadline will be counted as abstentions. One-third (1/3) of the Board must vote "yes" or "no" and a majority of those must vote "yes" for the matter to be approved.

Chapter Board Members may participate by means of a conference telephone

or email that allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear (telephone/speaker) or read (email) the substance of each other's communication at the same time. Participation by such a meeting constitutes consent to the meeting. Notice shall be provided as set forth in Article VII. Minutes will be taken as set forth in Article VII.

ARTICLE VI. QUORUM REQUIRED FOR BOARD ACTION

A quorum of the Chapter Board is five (5) Board members at a duly noticed meeting. If the Board consists of fewer than five (5) members, the quorum is the number of Board members. The quorum for issues deemed by the President to require action between meetings as described in Article V, above, is as described in that Article.

ARTICLE VII. NOTICE, AGENDAS, MINUTES, AND REPORTS

The Recording Secretary shall provide notice of all regular Board Meetings to all Board members via electronic mail. Notice shall be sent at least two (2) weeks prior to the regular meeting. Board members are deemed to have received the notice if it is correctly sent to their email address on record. If meetings need to be rescheduled, notice shall be given three (3) days prior to the same by telephone, email or personally. Special Meetings (those other than regular meetings described in Article V), also require two (2) weeks notice. If notice has not been provided as set forth above, waiver of notice must be unanimous, including those absent.

The President shall distribute agendas prior to each Board meeting. Special meetings require that the agenda be sent at the same time as the notice.

The Recording Secretary shall take minutes of all Board Meetings. The minutes shall be distributed to the Board via electronic mail and available to all Board Members within a reasonable time period following each Board Meeting.

Reports from Chapter Board members distributed to the Board are to be attached to the minutes of the following meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. CHAPTER OFFICERS

A. The President shall preside at all meetings at which he/she is present, appoint committees, install newly elected officers at the beginning of the new term, call special meetings of the Chapter, committees or any other meeting as needed, and develop the agendas and budget for the year reflecting the goals of the Chapter Board. The Chapter President will cause the annual Chapter Report to be prepared and submitted to CNPS.

The President shall vote only to break a tie.

The President may sign contracts for the chapter upon approval of the CNPS and such contracts must be filed with CNPS.

The President is ex officio on all committees of the Chapter and shall receive notice of any and all committee meetings as well as minutes of all such meetings. The President's attendance at any such meetings is at the President's discretion.

The President is the Chapter Delegate ex officio. The President may, at his/her option, appoint another officer to be the Acting Delegate.

B. The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall exercise the functions of the President and shall have such powers and discharge such duties as may be assigned by the Chapter Board or the President. The Vice President shall keep an inventory of equipment belonging to the chapter and report such inventory to the CNPS office for insurance purposes. The Vice President shall serve as the Alternate Delegate to the Chapter Council.

C. The Treasurer shall submit such reports as required by the corporation, including preparation and payment of sales taxes. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain correct accounts of the transactions of the Chapter following

standard accounting procedures.

The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Chapter with such depositories as may be ordered by the Chapter Board, shall render to the Chapter Board, whenever requested, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Chapter, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chapter Board.

D. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all business meetings of the Chapter Board and make such minutes available following the meetings, shall give notice of all Chapter Board meetings to the Board members, and shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Chapter Board, President, or CNPS.

E. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep files of all correspondence, shall conduct such correspondence as may be directed by the officers, shall forward a record of correspondence to the office of CNPS when requested, and shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Chapter Board or President.

F. The Chapter Delegate shall represent the Chapter in the CNPS Chapter Council. The Delegate shall attend the quarterly meetings of the Chapter Council. The Delegate will vote in all CNPS statewide elections for CNPS Board Members, Officers and Chapter Council Officers. The Delegate will report to the EBCNPS Chapter Board following each Chapter Council meeting.

If the President designates an Acting Delegate to Chapter Council, that Delegate shall attend. Written notice of this substitution must be filed with the Chapter Council Secretary by EBCNPS Chapter's Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE IX. CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Special interest and activity committees make up the vehicles to channel volunteer participation in EBCNPS. Committees may be formed for any activities and interests consistent with the mission, vision and goals of CNPS as stated in the statewide Strategic Plan. Each separate committee has (a) chairperson(s) who administer(s) the committee under his/her/their guidance in accordance with these bylaws.

Committee chairpersons are guided by the rules and policies decided upon by the Chapter Board; however, the day to day administration of each separate committee is undertaken by the decision making process of the chairperson(s) of each committee.

Committee chairpersons may become members of the Board of Directors. The President shall first nominate consenting chairpersons for committees and the Board officers shall confirm the roster of committees and chairpersons at the first meeting of their term. At that point, the committee chairpersons will become non-elected members of the Board. The designation of a committee and chairperson(s) shall be noted forthwith by the Recording Secretary in the official minutes of the first Board meeting that occurs in the term in which the committee is formed and the chairperson(s) named.

The term of office for non-elected Chapter Board members shall be one (1) calendar year. All non-elected Chapter Board members may be re-appointed, there being no limitation on the term of service.

The President may appoint ad hoc non-board committees.

Committees are encouraged to post minutes of meetings to keep the Chapter Board fully informed of on-going activities and decisions within the committees.

Committee chairpersons shall prepare for successors by keeping records of committee business, policy, and decisions, and shall make special effort to train and transfer knowledge to successors.

A committee can be dissolved, and/or a committee chairperson removed, at the discretion of the President with the approval of the Board members. The dissolving or removal of a committee and/or chairperson shall be noted forthwith by the Recording Secretary in the official minutes of the first Board meeting that occurs in the term in which the committee and/or chairperson is dissolved and/or removed. Committee chairpersons have the discretion to remove persons from his/her committee, after taking the matter under consideration with and receiving a vote of approval to do so from the Board members.

A vacancy of any committee chairperson may be filled by an interim appointment by the President. A committee chairperson thus appointed shall hold office for the remaining unexpired term of the position's predecessor.

ARTICLE X. CHAPTER ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS, BALLOTS AND RESULT PUBLICATION, VACANCY AND REMOVAL

Elections shall be held annually. The officers of the Chapter shall be elected by the membership.

The President, with Chapter Board approval, shall appoint a Nomination Committee Chairperson. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall appoint the Nomination Committee Chairperson. The committee selected by the Chairperson shall nominate consenting persons for each elective office. Nominations other than those of the committee may be made by written petition signed by five (5) or more persons in good standing, with written consent of the nominee. Petitions will be accepted by the Nomination Committee when submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the publication of ballots.

Ballots are to be mailed to members at least one (1) month prior to election deadlines. Ballots are to be returned by mail or personally deposited into marked boxes at Chapter functions. The Nominations Committee will count all ballots within one (1) week following the election deadline. Votes will be tallied according to standard procedures established by the CNPS bylaws. Election results will be published in the official Chapter newsletter, The Bay Leaf, in the edition following the ballot and tally, and posted on the official website www.ebcnps.org.

The term of office for all officers shall be one (1) calendar year. No person shall serve as President for more than two (2) consecutive terms. However, that person may be re-elected to the office of president after another person has held office for at least one (1) term. No such term limit restriction exists for any other officer. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms for other offices.

A vacancy of any elected office may be filled by the majority vote of the Chapter Board. An officer thus elected shall hold office for the remaining unexpired term of the position's predecessor.

Each officer shall, upon expiration of term or resignation from office, deliver all records and brief the successor to the office. In the event that no successor is named or available, records and a written summary report shall be delivered to the Recording Secretary or Chapter Board designee.

Chapter Board members may be removed by the membership: A petition for removal must be signed and submitted by ten (10) Chapter members in good standing and delivered to the Recording Secretary; thereafter an election will be held by mail to the membership no later than two (2) months after receiving the petition; the member will be removed if two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast are for removal.

ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS OF CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter field trips and monthly programs are informational meetings of the membership.

In the event the Membership so decides, annual membership meetings may be called and duly organized for purposes as determined by the Membership.

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Quorum shall consist of all members who attend a membership meeting for which all members are notified at least three (3) weeks in advance.

Notice of all regular and special meetings shall be given to all members and Board members by way of the Chapter's official newsletter, The Bay Leaf or electronic equivalent, stating the date, time and location of said meeting. Service of notice will be considered given five (5) business days after the bulk mailing has occurred.

ARTICLE XII. MISCELLANEOUS

In the absence of express authorization of the Chapter Board, (except under the circumstances described below), no officer, committee chairperson or member of EBCNPS shall have the power to categorically bind the Chapter in any manner. The Chapter Delegate, however, is entitled to one (1) vote, as authorized representative of EBCNPS, at the Chapter Council Meeting. In all other circumstances, no officer, committee chairperson, or member of EBCNPS has express or implied authority to legally bind the EBCNPS Chapter at any time or in any way.

MEMBERSHIP

A lovely morning was spent at Native Here on Saturday, May 24th. Several volunteers helped pot plants, sow seeds, clear weeds, move plants, and do general clean up. Delia Taylor had a delightful array of munchies for us to fuel up on. If you missed this help day, do not fret. There will be many more opportunities to help. See Delia's articles that list days and times in the *Bay Leaf* and online.

The dates of the 2008 Plant Fair are October 18th and 19th. If you need filler plants, additions to your current native plantings, or perhaps have friends or acquaintances who have decided this is the year to get rid of the water guzzling grass and put in a native landscape (with so much more value for birders and butterfly enthusiasts), put these dates on your calendar.

For those of you that are planning to help make our 2008 Plant Fair even more successful than last year, now is the time to start thinking about making a few visits to Native Here. You can familiarize yourself with the available plants and current layout of the nursery. It will make your volunteer time at the fair so much more fun, you will know where things are, plus, hanging out with Charli and John is a kick!

Our part in the Bringing Back the Natives Plant Tour was very successful thanks to Janice Bray and her volunteers. Many new and renewing members were signed up, and a lot of our informative CNPS publications were sold. Native Here will be selling those publications throughout the summer.

Get more Involved and have lots of fun doing it!
Think globally, volunteer locally.

Have any questions about upcoming events? Interested in getting more involved? Please don't hesitate to contact us: Elaine Jackson, elainejx@att.net, 925-372-0687 or Carol Castro carollbcastro@hotmail.com, 510-352-2382.

An ad hoc Executive Committee, consisting of at least two (2) officers and any committee chairperson(s) appropriate to the issue, may act on any urgent matter that requires prompt action between regularly scheduled Board meetings. Every effort must be made to contact officers and non-elected Chapter Board members regarding any issues requiring immediate action. The ad hoc committee shall submit a full report on all action taken on behalf of the Chapter at the next scheduled Board meeting.

The Bay Leaf is EBCNPS's official newsletter which is published monthly (excepting August), mailed to all Chapter members and is also available for viewing on the CNPS website at www.ebcnps.org. The Bay Leaf and the website serve as official process of service for notice of regular and special meetings.

The CNPS Non Profit Public Benefit Corporation controls in all matters concerning the Chapter. Any conflict between this document and the CNPS organizational documents shall be interpreted in favor of the corporate documents and regulations.

Brentwood – The Friends of Marsh Creek will be planting a California Native Demonstration Garden in Creekside Park. Contact Mary Grim 925-672-522 x 113 or email mary.grim@ca.nacdn.net.

Clayton – Help needed at the Native Plant Garden at the Clayton Library. Contact Lisa Anich at 925- 689-2642 or email admin@diablocreek.info.

Martinez – Help needed at the new Native Plant Garden at the John Muir Historical Site Visitors Center. Join us on most Monday mornings for an hour or so of general cleanup at our beautiful new garden. Contact Elaine Jackson at 925-372-0687 or email elainejx@att.net.

Martinez – Strentzel Meadow is in the process of planting a native butterfly garden and possible seeding of additional native grasses. A talk will take place in the August/September time frame on seeding of native grasses by Alyson Aquino, District Conservationist, United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. 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

Walnut Creek - Native plant 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.

New Members

Please join us in welcoming those who joined in April. There was a glitch in obtaining the new member list for April. Rather than miss anyone, we decided not to place names in this issue.

Carol Castro and Elaine Jackson

HORTICULTURE PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING 8/17

In March, we invited chapter members to participate in developing a strategic plan for the future of our chapter's horticulture program (our annual all-California plant sale and Native Here Nursery). Since then, about 40 people have offered their ideas by completing a questionnaire.

The next step is to gather everyone who would like to participate further at a half-day workshop to discuss the options and set our future direction. We have scheduled that meeting for Sunday, August 17, 2008, 10 am-3 pm, at the Environmental Education Center in

NATIVE HERE

See the Calendar (page 1) for sale and volunteer hours. Seed collecting every Tuesday 9 am-1 pm. Meet at the golf course parking lot-kids welcome. For more collecting days refer to www.ebcnps.org/seedtrips.html or call Gregg at 510-223-3310.

Can't help during regular hours? Have kids? Consider spending a couple of hours in the early morning, or after work in the evening, watering at Native Here, listening to the birds and enjoying the cooler parts of the day in the beautiful nursery setting. There are toys for kids. If interested, email us at nativehere@ebcnps.org.

Plants are for sale but they will require extra care in your yard until fall. You can leave them in their pots under light shade with regular water until the rains come or plant them but they will need protection from sun and regular watering.

At the nursery, many plants are dormant through the summer, annuals have gone to seed, and bulbs are resting until fall. Plants that don't like summer water are tucked away in cool parts of the nursery. They will return to the sales floor in time for the October 18-19 Plant Fair.

Books are for sale at good prices as you pay no sales tax at Native Here. Summer is a good time to plan for what to plant in the fall and winter. We have great books for sale to help you. Two wonderful references are *Care and Maintenance of Southern California*

CONSERVATION ANALYST CAMPAIGN

East Bay Chapter members have responded to the Conservation Analyst's fund appeal with a generous outpouring of support. Thus far we have received donations totaling \$16,880. We have not yet reached our goal but are well on our way. Many thanks to the following donors for digging deep. (The next Bay Leaf will list more donors.) If you have not yet donated to our fund, please consider doing so. We count on your help to keep the program alive and well.

John Alcorn, John K. Anderson, Martha B. Baker, Ronald Barklow & Viola W. Saima-Barklow, Linda Beidleman, Peter Boffey, Carla Bossard, Michael and Patricia Boyland, Carmen Castain, Robert & Frances Connick, Charlice & John Danielsen, Mary M. Davis, Sally de Becker, John T. & Lisa Doyen, Frances Du Pont, Catherine

Tilden Park. All interested Chapter members are invited to attend (whether or not they have answered a questionnaire). If you are interested, RSVP to Sue Rosenthal (rosacalifornica@earthlink.net or 510-496-6016) by Friday, August 1. Bring your ideas and your lunch to the workshop; we'll provide an open and welcoming forum, beverages, and dessert. We'll also send background materials and directions to the meeting place to all who register.

Sue Rosenthal

Native Plant Gardens, which has wonderful general information on garden care and maintenance in both English and Spanish; and *A Vegetation Management Almanac for the East Bay Hills*, illustrating the worst weeds of the bay hills, and decision points for how and when to manage them with least adverse effects on native plants and wildlife.

Landscaping Ideas of Jays and Hardy Californians are great reads—words of wisdom from two amazing California plantswomen. There are also books on *Ceanothus*, *Iris*, *Calochortus* and conifers; floras of Marin, the California desert, and the checklist of East Bay plants. Kids' books include: *Dragonflies of North America*, *Color and Learn*, and *Grandmother Oak*.

We accept used pots when the nursery is open Fridays and Saturdays and on our volunteer day every Tuesday. We reuse some of them and put the rest in the bin just outside the top gate. Anyone is welcome to take pots from this bin to use for their own planting projects.

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