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The Bay Leaf

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 pm, home of Joe Willingham, 2512 Etna Street, Berkeley

Native Here (see page 5)

Fridays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Native Here Nursery open 9 am-noon.

Extended hours Saturdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24, Native Here open **10 am – 3 pm**

Field trip (see page 2)

Sunday, November 18, 2 pm, Huckleberry Trail, Skyline Boulevard

Restoration Team Meeting (see page 2)

Tuesday, November 27th, 7 pm, 486 63rd St., Oakland (at Telegraph)

Membership Meeting (see below)

Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 pm, Garden Room, Orinda Public Library

CNPS Banquet (see page 4)

All Chapter members and friends are invited to the annual CNPS Banquet on December 8, 2007, to be held at the Town and Gown Club, 2401 Dwight Way, Berkeley, at the corner of Dwight Way and Dana Street.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Poetry of John Thomas Howell and the Making of the New Marin Flora

Speaker: **Wilma Follette**

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

Location: Garden Room, Orinda Public Library (directions below)



Wilma Follette

Wilma will give a slide-illustrated talk with selected quotes from Howell's classic work. As much as possible of the original species discussions, along with Howell's insights and unique—often poetic—observations, has been retained in the new edition. Wilma will share selections of these observations and relate tales from the 12 years of work that went into producing the new *Flora*, a joint project between CNPS

If you haven't heard already, here's some great news: The new edition of the *Marin Flora* has been published and it's as wonderful as the original. And to add frosting to that cake, *Marin Flora* co-author Wilma Follette will be our speaker this month.

Marin and the California Academy of Sciences. Copies of the new *Marin Flora* will be available for purchase (by check or cash) at the meeting, and Wilma will autograph copies.

Wilma is a third-generation, native-born Northern Californian—51 years in Marin County—with a lifelong interest in the outdoors. In 1973 she was one of the founders of the Marin Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. For this society and other organizations she has led numerous field trips locally and around the state, including weekly trips in Marin during March, April, and May over the past 25 years, identifying spring wildflowers, making plant lists, and monitoring rare-listed species for public agencies. For 11 years, Wilma taught a fall community education class in plant identification at the College of Marin. Since 1979 she has enjoyed working with botanical artists to produce and has overseen the distribution of seven different wildflower posters for the state organization of CNPS, and she has been honored for this work as a Fellow of the society.

Wilma's husband Bill, who has pursued photography as an avocation since boyhood, devotes much energy to flower photography, and they travel together throughout the west-

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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ern states pursuing their joint interest. While Bill waits for the breeze to die down and jockeys for the right angle and “most sincere” arrangement, Wilma endlessly keys out and checks references to get the correct epithet on the subject at hand. The result is a collection of over 15,000 slides and great memories of interesting plants in beautiful locations.

East Bay CNPS membership meetings are free of charge and open to everyone. This month’s meeting will take place in the Garden Room of the Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way (in Orinda Village). The Garden Room is on the second floor of the building, accessible by stairs or an elevator. The Garden Room will open at 7:00 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. Please contact Sue Rosenthal, 510-496-6016 or rosacalifornia@earthlink.net, if you have any questions.

Directions to Orinda Public Library at 24 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 southeast side of the new 2-story building on your right. There is additional free parking beneath the building as well as on the street.

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 Library.

Upcoming Programs

December: No meeting (happy holidays!)

Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 7:30 pm (in the Garden Room of the Orinda Library):

To be announced

Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 7:30 pm (in the Garden Room of the Orinda Library):

Frank Almeda – Sustainability and the Living Roof at the New California Academy of Sciences

Sue Rosenthal

NEW RESTORATION TEAM LEADER: MIKE PERLMUTTER

Are you interested in stewarding significant natural areas in Alameda and Contra Costa counties? The Restoration Team needs you. The team is beginning a new phase as Greg Wolford passes the weed wrench to new Restoration Team leader Mike Perlmutter. Mike comes to the position with eight years of ecological restoration experience; he worked for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area on a variety of projects set in diverse native plant communities. Mike is excited to take his experience and enthusiasm for restoration and community based stewardship to the East Bay, but

he needs your help. The Restoration Team will be meeting 7 pm Tuesday, November 27th at 486 63rd St., Oakland (at Telegraph), to review the history of the program and plan for its future. We will evaluate the current and proposed list of restoration sites and map out a work schedule. Then back to the field to keep up with the weeds germinating after the rains.

A light dinner will be served. RSVP to Mike Perlmutter by 11/23/07 at Perlmutter@audubon.org.

FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, November 18, 2 pm, Huckleberry Preserve

David Margolies will lead a walk along the Huckleberry trail. This late, there will likely not be many flowers. The walk will concentrate on identifying trees and shrubs out of flower. Meet at the parking lot at 2 pm. We will go rain or shine.

Directions: From Highway 13 in either direction, exit at Moraga/Thornhill, and proceed on Moraga parallel to 13 after the exit ramp. Proceed straight through several traffic lights as Moraga changes its name to Mountain Boulevard. Turn left at the stoplight for Mountain and Snake Road. Go

uphill on Snake, to the intersection of Snake and Shepherd Canyon. Turn left to follow Snake Road up to the intersection with Skyline. Turn left at Skyline, and follow it around several curves to the Preserve parking lot on the right.

Sunday, December 9, 10 am. Dan Norris will lead a bryophyte walk starting at the UC Botanical Garden parking lot (on Centennial Drive). The December *Bay Leaf* will have more details.

David Margolies

THE WAYNE RODERICK LECTURES

Winter 2007 - 2008

At the Regional Parks Botanic Garden
Wildcat Canyon Road and South Park Drive (South Park Drive is closed from
November to March)
Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley
510-841-8732 bgarden@ebparks.org www.nativeplants.org

Saturday Mornings 10:30
Free

Notice: Seating is limited. To be sure of a seat, come early and save a chair.

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NOVEMBER

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- 10 Serpentine geocology, Alaska to Baha - Earl Alexander
- 17 Lakes Basin of the northern Sierra Nevada - *in via* and *in patria* - Steve Edwards

DECEMBER

- 1 The natural worlds of the Sierra Nevada - art and science - Jack Laws
- 8 Wider explorations in Napa-Lake region with new biogeographic insight - Dick O'Donnell
- 15 Natural history of Tasmania - Ron Felzer

Don't forget: free tours of the botanic garden every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 when it's not raining.

STATEWIDE CNPS MEETING AND BANQUET

On December 8 Statewide CNPS Meets in Berkeley.

Delegates from CNPS chapters throughout California will be arriving in Berkeley on Friday, December 7th for meetings December 8th at the UC Botanical Garden. The all day meeting will be followed by a dinner at the Town and Gown Club in Berkeley.

Chapter members are encouraged to host visiting delegates.

It is easy duty, as no meals are involved, just a place to shower and sleep. It's interesting to talk with other plant nuts about native plant activities where they live.

Our delegates love to stay in people's homes. If you can help out with a bed or couch, please contact Delia Taylor, 510-527-3912, deliataylor@mac.com. The dates are December 7 and/or 8, 2007. Please indicate the number of people you can accommodate, and any constraints (such as whether the house has smokers, cats, dogs or other potential allergens) as well as contact information for you. Usually the person seeking accommodations will then e-mail or phone you to finalize arrangements.

You are invited to the banquet.

- All Chapter members and friends are invited to the annual CNPS Banquet on December 8, 2007, to be held at the Town and Gown Club, 2401 Dwight Way, Berkeley, at the corner of Dwight Way and Dana Street.
- 5:30 pm to 7 pm: appetizers, beer, wine and soft drinks (first floor – disabled access)
- 7 pm to 8 pm: buffet dinner (second floor – one flight of stairs)
- 8 pm: presentation by Dr. Jodie S. Holt, Chairman of the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, University of California, Riverside. Dr. Holt studies weeds and invasive species that are of serious concern in the agricultural and wild land ecosystems of the southwestern US.
- Acknowledgments

Please note: the dinner and talk will be on the second floor, accessible only by stairs.

Banquet Menu

Chicken breast with wild mushroom & marsala sauce
or Vegetable napoleon (vegetarian/vegan option)

Belgian endive with pears, gorgonzola & candied nuts
Wild rice pilaf with currants & dried apricots
Roasted butternut squash

Dinner roll & butter

Poached pear with caramel sauce

Wine/Soft drinks

Parking is available on the street or at the First Presbyterian Parking Garage on Channing Way between Dana Street and Telegraph Avenue for a fee of \$1 per half hour. That garage closes at 10 pm. Other parking is at the Sather Gate Mall Parking Garage located between Telegraph Avenue and Dana Street, with entrances off Durant Avenue and Channing Way.

Mail your check by November 26. To reserve a place at the Banquet, send a check for \$25 made out to CNPS by November 26, indicating your preference for the main dish: chicken or vegetarian.

CNPS, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento CA 95816-5113

If you are late making your reservation please check with Delia to be sure space is available.

Earn a free dinner! Tasks include decorating, table and chair set up, table setting, serving, table clearing, and the like.

There will be a need for at least 10 helpers. Those who can help from 4 pm to 10 pm will get a free dinner. Please contact Delia if you can assist Saturday afternoon and evening.

To help reduce costs, we will gladly accept donations of appetizers, wine, beer and soft drinks. Please contact Delia if you can help out with the drinks and appetizers.

Delia Taylor, 510-527-3912, deliataylor@mac.com

BANQUET SPEAKER: DR. JODIE HOLT

Dr. Jodie Holt of UC Riverside will present the banquet talk. Her title is **Research: The Critical Component in Invasive Plant Management**.

Invasive plant species threaten wildlands and native plant biodiversity around the world and are of special concern in California. While millions of dollars are spent on control of weedy and invasive plants and restoration of native habitats, far fewer dollars are invested in research, which is the foun-

dation of information that informs management. Dr. Holt will discuss this conundrum using examples from her own research program at the University of California, Riverside, where her students study mechanisms of invasion and ecological approaches to controlling invasive plants.

Jodie S. Holt is Professor of Plant Physiology and Chair of the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences at the University of California, Riverside. She conducts research in the ecology

of weedy and invasive plants and in ecologically sound weed management practices. Dr. Holt is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA), where she is also an Associate Editor of the journal, *Invasive Plant Science and Management*. Within the University she has served as member and chair of various departmental, campus, and UC committees. Dr. Holt presents numerous invited and volunteer talks at national, regional, and statewide meetings,

gives short courses, and has authored numerous refereed technical and semi-technical papers concerning basic and applied aspects of her research program. The third edition of her co-authored book, *Ecology of Weeds and Invasive Plants: Relationship to Agriculture and Natural Resource Management*, was released in August 2007.

Delia Taylor

NATIVE HERE NURSERY

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped put on the Native Plant Fair. We still have plants left after the fair and will have extended hours on Saturdays (10 am - 3 pm) all through this month, unless it's pouring down rain of course. November is a prime planting time because the soil is moist and the temperatures are cooler.

We do accept donations of plant pots. Any types of pots we don't use in the nursery we put in the pot bin just outside our entrance at the top of the hill. Anyone is welcome to take pots from this bin for their own use.

We also used to accept plant donations, but do not any more because of a county quarantine on the light brown apple moth.

Volunteers are welcome to help with seed sowing, transplanting, weeding, and more. Stop by during our open hours this month, no need to call ahead of time.

Nourish a plant and it will grow. Nourish a child and she will know.

Native Here Nursery is located in Tilden Park at 101 Golf Course Drive, across the street from the entrance to the Tilden Golf Course. Contact info: 510-549-0211, nativehere@ebcnps.org, www.ebcnps.org, click on Native Here link.

Margot Cunningham, Native Here Nursery
Correction to Native Here's article in the November Bay Leaf: it was written by Charli Danielsen, not Margot Cunningham)



Smiling Margot ready to sell y'all some native plants. Photo by Janice Bray



CNPS Plant Science Training Program Upcoming Workshops

*For more information visit CNPS state website at <http://cnps.org/cnps/education/>
or call / email Josie Crawford at (916) 447-2677 or jcrawford@cnps.org*

November 7- 8, 2007 **Riparian Ecology and Plant Identification for Professional Botanists, Casitas Springs, Ventura Co.**

Primary Instructors: David Magney, Cher Batchelor

March 4-5, 2008 **Rare Plant Surveys, San Diego County**

Primary Instructors: Fred Roberts, Michele Balk

March 25-27, 2008 **Vegetation Rapid Assessment, Jasper Ridge.**

Primary Instructors: Todd Keeler-Wolf, Julie Evens, Nick Jensen

April 14-16, 2008 **Vernal Pool Plant Taxonomy, UC Davis and Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley vernal pools**

Primary Instructors: Carol Witham, Ellen Dean, Jennifer Buck.

May 4-5, 2008 **Weed Identification, Ecology, and Invasions**

Primary Instructors: Joe Di Tomaso, et al, location tba

May 20-22, 2008 **Wetland Plants of the Lower Sacramento Valley**

Primary Instructors: Virginia Dains, Bob Holland, and Captain Tule

ACTIVITIES OF OTHERS

Help plant natives on Berkeley paths November 17 and December 1

Join Berkeley Path Wanderers and Friends of Five Creeks in planting natives on paths in the upper Codornices Creek watershed, 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, November 17 and Saturday, December 1, with light picnic lunch included. Meet at 10 am at the bottom of lower Glendale Path, Campus Drive and Glendale Avenue in Berkeley, for these "progressive" work parties. Groups will move from site to site, ending with lunch at Glendale-LaLoma Park. The project, partly financed by a grant from the UC Berkeley Chancellor's Community Fund, aims at a loop route with great views, demonstration plantings, and, eventually, signs and a brochure. Contact Susan Schwartz at f5creeks@aol.com or 510-848-9358 for information.

Natives Garden Tour seeks volunteer Webmistress/master

The Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is seeking a volunteer to manage its website (www.BringingBackTheNatives.net). The Webmistress/master must be comfortable with HTML and CSS. Retiring Webmistress extraordinaire Peg Hardaway Farrell (who has maintained the site for the last two years) used Dreamweaver and PhotoShop. While site maintenance goes on throughout the year, fall is the busiest time, as the "Preview the Gardens" section is being created then. If you'd like to help support the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour and have the skills and some time to spare, please e-mail Tour Coordinator Kathy Kramer at Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call 510-236-9558.



Fall berries: dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*) (l.), redberry buckthorn (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*)(r.) Photos by Gregg Weber

BALLOT FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

East Bay Chapter, California Native Plant Society Ballot for Chapter Officers for the January 2008–December 2008 Term

Vote for each office. Place a check mark or x in the box beside each name.

President	Charli Danielsen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-President	Delia Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Holly Forbes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recording Secretary	Barbara Leitner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corresponding Secretary	Laura Baker	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why vote in an uncontested election? The CNPS members who have agreed to serve as officers deserve the support of the membership. These are volunteer positions requiring dedication and a considerable amount of time.

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Other _____

E-mail _____
(optional)

Membership category:

- Student, limited income, \$25
 Individual, Library, \$45
 Household, Family, or Group, \$75
 Supporting, \$75
 Plant lover, \$100
 Patron, \$300
 Benefactor, \$600
 Mariposa Lily, \$1500

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