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SEPTEMBER MEMBERS MEETING

Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 pm

Chronicling the Flora of the Jepson Prairie Preserve (or how I contracted the vernal pool virus)

Speaker: Doug Wirtz

Location: Room 7, Orinda Community Center (directions below)

Jepson Prairie was first described by Willis Linn Jepson in 1892. It is a property that has survived, in addition to grazing, a number of "venture capital" experiments. But in 1980 the Nature Conservancy negotiated and executed the purchase of several agricultural properties, consolidating them into a single parcel covering 1,566 acres. In 1982 the Conservancy dedicated that property as the "Willis Linn Jepson Prairie Preserve," and in 1983 the National Park Service designated it a National Natural Landmark. In his presentation, speaker Doug Wirtz will take us on a seasonal journey of the varied flora and fauna of the Jepson Prairie Preserve, which is now owned and managed by the Solano Land Trust.



Vernal pool tadpole shrimp at Jepson Prairie Preserve. Photo © by Doug Wirtz.

Doug Wirtz grew up in south-central Kansas. His family migrated to Northern California in the late '60s, and he began a career in the Fire Service in 1973. At the time of his retirement in 2002, his only interest revolved around a good cup of coffee and a book. A series of seemingly innocuous experiences, widely separated chronologically, combined to spark an interest that has grown into an obsession embracing digital photography and a layman's knowledge of flora.

Doug's association with the Solano Land Trust began in the summer of 2005, when he approached the organization with a request to photograph the entire Jepson Prairie Preserve. After decent training in the fall of 2005, under the tutelage of UC Davis professors and other vernal pool professionals, his "relationship" with Jepson Prairie was formalized. While he still devotes 100-200 hours annually to hiking Jepson, his obligation to the Sonoma Land Trust now extends to the rest of its nearly 12,000 acres of preserves.

East Bay CNPS membership meetings are free of charge and open to everyone. This month's meeting takes place in Room 7 of the Orinda Community Center at 28 Orinda Way (in Orinda Village). Room 7 is at the south end of the Community Center building. The room opens at 7:00 pm; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Contact programs@ebcnps.org or 510-496-6016 if you have questions.

Directions to Orinda Community Center at 28 Orinda Way

From the west, take Highway 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, which is set back from the street on the right. There is additional free parking on the street as well as beneath the library building next door and in the parking lot south of the library. Room 7 is at the south end of the Community Center building.

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. Room 7 is at the south end of the Community Center building.

Next Month's Meeting:

October 26, 7:30 pm, Orinda Library Garden Room
Margit Roos-Collins: A Taster's Guide to the Landscape

NATIVE HERE NURSERY

On behalf of the East Bay CNPS Board, Native Here Nursery is pleased to announce the dates for the Fall Plant Sales. This season, special sales will be held at Native Here Nursery on:

Saturday, September 24th, 10 am to 2 pm and Sunday, September 25th from 10 am to 2 pm

The first of our Fall Plant Sale weekends kicks off in late September and we'll have a selection of native trees and flowers available at a discount.

Saturday, October 15th, 10 am to 2 pm and Sunday, October 16th, 10 am to 2pm

This October weekend sale will feature native bulbs as well as our regular selection of East Bay native plants.

Saturday, November 11th, 10 am to 2 pm and Sunday, November 12th, 10 am to 2 pm

Are you waiting for manzanitas? Mark this weekend on your calendar as the time to get *Arctostaphylos* species at Native Here, along with other locally native plants that are ready in the fall.

Join us each weekend for a dazzling selection of locally native plants, including species of *Arctostaphylos*, *Penstemon*, *Aristolochia*, *Epilobium*, *Salvia* and more.

And of course we'll continue to be open our regular hours: Tuesdays from 12 pm to 3 pm, Fridays from 9 am to 12pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

If you've volunteered at our plant sales in the past and want to be involved again this year, please contact Steve Toby at plantfair@ebcnps.org. Even though our format is going to be a little different this year, we still

need and your help and involvement to put on these fun events that get native plants into the lives of a new audience each year.

And stay tuned for the announcement of our early 2017 Plant Sale schedule.

In other news, Native Here Nursery is hiring! We're looking for a [new nursery assistant](#). You can read more about the job description [here](#) as well as how to apply. If the position sounds like something you or anyone you know would be interested in, please apply and share it widely.

Native Here Nursery is now [on Instagram](#) Follow us [@nativehere](#). If you're on Instagram and have photos of plants you bought from the nursery, or have a photo you'd like to share with us, tag [#nativeherenursery](#) for a chance to have your photo featured.

Native Here still needs watering volunteers. Even though the weather has cooled off (temporarily?), our native plants still need help getting enough water. If you or someone you know would like to spend an hour or so each week at our peaceful and serene growing grounds in Tilden, enjoying the sounds of the birds and the trees and helping native plants, contact us at NativeHere@ebcnps.org and let us know. The plants and our volunteer and staff will thank you.

Amy Leonard

Native Here Nursery manager
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CONSERVATION ANALYST'S REPORT

EBMUD Draft Watershed Master Plan: 2016 revisions (Oakland)

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) held a bustling public meeting at its downtown Oakland district offices on August 15, 2016. I attended along with at least 16 others associated with EBCNPS advocacy topics. More than 100 people attended and approximately 57 people spoke. The predominant topic was that of incorporation of language in the Watershed Master Plan (WMP) to allow mountain bikes on single-track trails, where they are currently banned. More than two thirds of the meeting speakers were vehemently opposed to allowing mountain bikes on single track trails. The Bay Area Ridge Trail mountain bike group provided maps to EBMUD as a suggestion for opening more trails. In response, EBMUD is considering a two- year trial period process allowing bikes on about 10 miles of trails, in four areas throughout

the watershed at Pinole, Eagle's Nest, Skyline to Fish Ranch Rd, and Redwood. I spoke my three minutes outlining our organization's opposition to mountain bikes on single-track trails. In our comment letter, we are taking the opportunity to analyze the plan as a whole including suggestions for new language and declaring support for existing biodiversity objectives.

We oppose allowing a two-year trial period for mountain bikes on these trails. Not all of these proposed trail openings are single track. But we suspect that a two-year period would lead to an entitlement attitude later. We support instead a one-year trial period. We oppose allowing mountain bikes on single track trails, period. Concerns vary from fire danger and hiker safety to vegetation decimation and erosion. One particular stretch of proposed trail opening along Skyline to Fish Ranch Road is beautifully dense with native and rare plants. Glen

CONSERVATION ANALYST'S REPORT CONTINUED

Schneider, our lead volunteer for this area, has nicknamed it Skyline Gardens and advocates for its categorization as a botanical preserve. Our Conservation Committee supported this language in a motion at our last meeting, August 23, 2016. Glen and his thistle-catcher compatriots have documented 233 native plant species on this EBMUD land parcel, 170 of which occur immediately next to the single track hiking trail over a span of less than two miles. Unfortunately mountain bikes are illegally riding at Skyline. A population of *Trillium* has disappeared due to this abuse. It is foreseeable that the trailside native plant populations would continue to decline if trails uses were expanded to include mountain bikes here.

Other public agencies and CNPS chapters have struggled with the principles behind new allowances for mountain bikes. Mountain bikes are non-motorized, two-wheel bikes built for off-highway travel. Single track paths typically support hikers and equestrians, compared to double track paths, or fire trails, which are wider and can support more varied recreation use. In all trail system arrangements, our organization remains concerned with illegal trail cutting and impacts such as the spread of invasive weeds and erosion. Our organization has allied with two local chapters of Sierra Club and the Audubon Society to strengthen our joint message.

EBMUD's first priority is water quality preservation. Recreation activity management has a lower priority. Although they incorporate guidelines for trail use in their master plans and recognize the ever-increasing demand for recreation in the Bay Area, some of the 28000 acres of land and water under their ownership and management may never be open to the public, regardless of high interest. We applaud this conservation stringency. Many of us are naturalists who enjoy a beautiful hike but we recognize that some land should be preserved for its intrinsic biodiversity and watershed value.

The original Watershed Master Plan (WMP) came out in 1996, and this public process has been ongoing since August 2015 for their 2016 draft WMP, which will probably be finalized later this year. The purpose of a master plan is to develop general guiding principles and vision for the agency over a 20-30 year period. This comment period closes September 2, 2016.

Mountain View Cemetery EIR (Oakland)

In early August 2016 our organization submitted comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a Mountain View Cemetery proposed expansion project. The cemetery is proposing acquiring permits from the City to remove more than 190 mature coast live oak trees (*Quercus agrifolia*) as part of a plan to add future grave sites. More than 100 of

these oaks have a diameter at breast height (DBH) greater than 12 inches. Our organization objected to removing these trees, which provide genetically local oak stock and rich habitat for more than 40 species of migratory song birds, even considering the largely degraded status of the overall habitat (now mostly a landscaped lawn or invasive weeds). On an environmental documentation level, several reports and data representations in the EIR were too confusing to allow the public to make an informed decision. Our lead volunteer for this project, Judy Schwartz, Conservation Committee member and pallid manzanita advocate, uncovered many conflicting details throughout the EIR.

In our organization's strongly worded letter we requested an alternative landscape plan that incorporates existing live oak trees into the proposed design, particularly retaining large swaths/groves of trees and individuals with permanent protection measures. We also requested that this revised grading and landscape plan clearly show where existing oaks will be retained. As the plan stands all these oaks may be removed. They comprise most of the healthy oaks in the entire cemetery. We recommended that an independent biological monitor be present on site during grading to insure the protection of the oaks, including generous margins of protection around root zones and careful grading to insure ongoing lawn irrigation does not overwater established oak tree root zones.

Last minute outreach efforts revealed that this project tugs at the heartstrings of people around the east Bay Area. More than 100 people and organizations copied my email address conservation@ebcnps.org when submitting their comments to the City of Oakland! All of our impact together surely resounded in the inboxes of the councilmembers and city planner. I was touched to read heartfelt emails from people who have family buried at Mountain View Cemetery, from those who enjoy the place as a recreational park refuge, from birders and other environmental advocates, from doctors and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) professionals. It was obvious: we all love Oakland and specifically this peaceful parcel of land.

In the upcoming three to six months before we expect the next EIR distribution, members from our Conservation Committee will continue to reach out to local media and councilmembers, in order to build support for substantially revising this proposed project. All those who submitted comments should receive notice of the next public distribution and comment period regarding this proposed project EIR.

Karen Whitestone
East Bay Chapter Conservation Analyst

THE WAR ON STINKWORT: PART 2 OF THE SAGA

Stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*) pulling season is in full swing, and you are welcome to join in! The past years of clearing it from Highway 24 between the Caldecott Tunnel and Walnut Creek are paying off — some interchanges have yielded just a handful of plants this year. Pulling plants before they flower, reducing the seed bank, and attacking nearby sources: these are all necessary steps. One of the most satisfying incidents was revisiting a one-acre weedy corporation yard I've been working on for about six years. In the early days I took three truckloads of stinkwort to the dump one year, and I probably spent 10-15 hours pulling, stacking and bagging. This year my weeding buddy, Sandy Greenwald, and I spent a mere 40 minutes to pull just a couple of stacks. Other plants are growing in, like wildrye, clover, and coyote brush. Maybe next year stinkwort will be just a memory!

Stinkwort patrolling never goes down to zero effort, even if you find just a handful of plants where there had been thousands previously. Plants show up on tires, are blown by the wind, or maybe you just missed one plant last year. But it becomes more of an Easter egg hunt than drudgery, exploring and revisiting out-of-the-way places known mainly to deer and fence lizards. In fact, one of the pleasures of this pursuit is seeing the world from the point of view of our four-legged neighbors — the holes in the fences, the roar of the traffic, the

narrow trails leading up and away. It's going for a walk with a purpose.

And people are appreciative. Agency managers range from merely cooperative to enthusiastically grateful. I've had favorable interactions with Caltrans, EBMUD, Regional Parks, Contra Costa Public Works, Orinda, Moraga, and Lafayette. Members of the public sometimes give a little toot showing solidarity and support as they fly past at freeway speed. Sometimes we find gardeners out, and we stop and tell them about stinkwort, usually with a smelly example in hand. Sandy has prepared a flyer, and we hand those out. When we ask for permission to weed on private land, we are almost always given permission, and afterwards we sometimes notice the owners have taken stinkwort removal on themselves.

None of this is rocket science, but after eight years, I can assure you it makes a difference. If you would like to get started in your neighborhood, I can help you with technique, scheduling, distinguishing stinkwort from several look-alikes (several *Erigeron* are especially tricky), how to contact land managers in your neighborhood, and talking points if you reach out to private land owners. You are always welcome to come out with us for a test drive!

Barbara Leitner



Stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*) before (left) and after (right). Once the stinkwort is gone, ground opens up for native or at least less invasive non-native plants. Photos by Barbara Leitner.

FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, September 4, 10:00 am, Briones Regional Park Meet Gregg Weber at the Briones Road trailhead. To RSVP, go to www.Meetup.com/ebcnps/.

Sunday, September 11, 10:00 am, Dimond Park in Oakland Sausal Creek in Dimond Canyon has recently undergone major restoration! We will look at the recently daylighted 180-foot stretch of Sausal Creek and discuss some of the native plants that have been used to stabilize the creek banks and enhance valuable riparian habitat. After walking along the restored creek we will loop through the park and follow the Dimond Canyon Trail up to Leimert Bridge.

Meet at the Historical Scout Hut in Dimond Park. The Scout Hut is between the creek, the new restrooms and the basketball court. (Park in the lot next to the Dimond Recreation Center or on the north side of the park on Wellington Street or

Canon Avenue.) The trip will cover about 1.5 miles. The path includes uneven and rocky terrain and a moderate incline.
Trip leader: Camille Nowell
(camille_fawne@hotmail.com, 510-295-9231).

Sunday, September 18, 10:00 am, Delta and marsh plants in Martinez: Join Gregg Weber at the end of Waterfront Road, which you reach by exiting 680 at Marina Vista exit and following signage to Waterfront Road. If you haven't viewed salt and brackish (lesser salinity) marsh plants before, may I recommend a good look at them in the face of a predicted long-term sea level rise.

As with any outdoor activity, there are inherent risks in participating. By attending an event, you agree that you are 100% responsible for your own safety, health and well-being.

HELP PROMOTE CNPS

If you enjoy talking to the public about the issues CNPS advocates but were hesitant to volunteer because you might not know the answers to all the questions, here's your chance. We have two events in the next month or so where you can work side by side with an experienced person to learn the ropes.

Sunday, September 11, Solano Stroll. Help is needed for the Solano Stroll, on Sunday, September 11, 10 am to 6 pm. The East Bay Chapter will have a booth at 1744 Solano Avenue, next to Pharmaca. Helpers are needed for an enjoyable time—no experience necessary. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm. We have two-hour shifts in mind, which means we hope for 4 people. Delia Taylor and/or Janet Gawthrop, old hands at this, will be there the whole time. Our Solano Stroll booth is shown in the picture to the right.

Please contact Delia at deliataylor@mac.com if you can help.

Sunday, October 2, Oakland Nature Festival: 10 am-4 pm at Lake Merritt National Wildlife Refuge. Shifts will be 2-3 hours or whatever you can volunteer. Contact Lesley Hunt at ldhunt@astound.net for questions or to sign up.



LIVERMORE TARPLANT LISTED AS ENDANGERED

It was almost two years to the day that I submitted a petition to list the Livermore tarplant (*Deinandra bacigalupii*) as Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. Yesterday the California Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to give this very rare plant Endangered Status, following staff's recommendation to do so. In two motions:

the Commission, pursuant to Section 2075.5 of the Fish and Game Code, found the information contained in the petition to list Livermore taplant (*Deinandra bacigalupii*) and the other information in the record before the Commission warrant listing Livermore tarplant as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act.

AND

the Commission, authorizes publication of its intent to amend Section 670.2, Title 14, CCR, to add Livermore tarplant to the list of plants of California declared to be endangered.

With this listing the Livermore tarplant has the highest level of protection in California, especially on private land. The Staff Summary from yesterday's agenda is available for those interested: <http://tinyurl.com/gue8o5a>

This is a success that can be shared by all involved in the process but especially Jeb Bjerke (CDFW), Cherilyn Burton (CDFW), Jim Andre (CNPS), Greg Suba (CNPS), Bruce Baldwin (UC/JEPS), and Sue Bainbridge (UC/JEPS). Mr. Bjerke in particular worked diligently to move this process forward and provided an expert level review during this process, which inevitably resulted in his recommendation to list this species as Endangered.

It has almost been 10 years since a plant has been added to the California Endangered Species List and with this listing I hope there will be a resurgence of petition submittals.

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Ecological Setting: Alhambra Creek Watershed



Livermore tarplant (*Deiandra bacigalupi*). Photo by Heath Bartosh.

RESTORATION

Saturday, September 3, 9:30 am, Pt. Isabel restoration at Eastshore State Park, on the Bay Trail next to the dog park. Just off I-580 (take Central to the bottom of the I-580 overpass). At the stop sign (Rydin Road) turn right and come down to the end of the street. If you pass Costco on your right, you've gone too far. You'll find us on the trail.

Saturday, September 10, 9:30 am, Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve

Meet Janet, Marcia and park staff at the parking lot off Skyline. Maybe the fencing and construction gear will be gone this month, but street parking on Skyline is free and legal if construction gear takes up too much of the parking lot. The park ranger will supply snacks, water and loaner tools and gloves as needed. We will decide on the work site and weed of the day depending on soil and weather conditions.

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:00 am to noon Join the City of Fremont's Environmental Services to enhance wildlife habitat along Sabercat Creek. Our volunteer work days are on the second Saturday of July and September, and the first Saturdays of other months.

We will most likely start removing invasives along the trail from Quema Drive to Site 3, then we'll be working at Site 3. Follow the trail down from Quema Dr. and Paseo Padre Pkwy, and you may see us already. If not, then turn right at the main trail, and walk along until you see a bunch of mulch and some wire cages.

Registration is required. Please visit Click on the "Eventbrite" hyperlink to find the pages for upcoming events. www.fremont.gov/SabercatRestoration Heavy rain cancels the event.

No experience is necessary. All ages are welcome, but children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Come dressed for the weather and prepared to get dirty (sturdy closed-toe shoes/boots, long pants, hat, sunscreen, and long-sleeved shirt recommended). Bring a signed waiver form, a reusable water bottle, and community service hours forms if applicable. We'll provide tools, some gloves, and water to refill bottles. If you wish to bring your own gloves or tools, please label them.

For more questions or comments, please contact Sabrina Siebert at ssiebert@fremont.gov or call 510-494-4570.

Saturday, September 17, 9:30 am, Pt. Isabel restoration at Eastshore State Park.

Saturday, September 17, Garber Park, 9:00 am-noon. The Garber Park Stewards in Oakland will be weeding and cleaning at Harwood Creek, a tributary of Temescal Creek in this shady open-space park above the Claremont Hotel. Meet at

the Claremont Avenue entrance. Wear long sleeves and pants and shoes with good traction. We provide tools, gloves, water and snacks. Everyone Welcome. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Directions: A map and directions can be found at www.garberparkstewards.org. From Ashby Avenue go .4 mile up Claremont Avenue to the trailhead parking turnout. Bus: via AC Transit #49. Exit at the stop at Ashby/Claremont Avenue intersection, then follow the directions above to the Claremont Ave. entrance.

Sunday, September 18, 9:00 am, Sibley Regional Park OK, you can still do some restoration this weekend even if you slept in on September 17. Meet the park ranger and CNPS volunteers at the Oakland-side parking lot off of Skyline Boulevard. While we sign in and pick up water, we will also decide if we want to head back to the notorious wall of broom near Old Tunnel Road, or pick a work site closer to the volcanic loop trail.

Directions: To reach both Huckleberry and Sibley parks exit Highway 13 at Park and turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Cross over 13 and turn left onto Mountain at the stoplight. Drive parallel to 13 north on Mountain until you reach the light for Mountain and Snake. Turn right (uphill) onto Snake and follow it all the way to its other end at the T-intersection with Skyline. If you see Shepherd Canyon Park on your right, then you missed the left turn to stay on Snake--you can turn around at the small parking lot. Turn left at Skyline, and you will see the Huckleberry parking lot several hundred meters further north, to your right. To reach the Skyline parking lot at Sibley, keep driving north on Skyline another few hundred meters and you'll see it to your right.

If you are driving to Sibley from Orinda, you can reach the park by exiting at Fish Ranch Road, the last westbound exit before the Caldecott Tunnel. Follow the road to the left turn sign for Old Tunnel Road, and then follow it to the end at the staging area. Be sure to e-mail either sibley@ebparks.org or janetgawthrop47@gmail.com to let us know if you are arriving by this route.

Saturday, September 24, join Friends of Albany Hill for the last Saturday of the month work party, 9:30-11:30 am. Location to be announced. Gloves and tools provided but bring a favorite weeding tool if you like. Wear closed-toed shoes with good traction and clothes that can get dirty. Long pants and long sleeves recommended. Free t-shirts for participants. For more info: friendsalbanyhill@gmail.com

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POINT ISABEL RESTORATION

Summertime ... and the work parties are easy. That is because Nature's spring frenzy is waning and we've had so many enthusiastic volunteers helping out at Point Isabel.

In July, we welcomed another extraordinary group of teachers-in-training from CorePower Yoga. The crew set to work clearing weeds from a new site that will be planted this coming winter. This area will become a butterfly habitat for the Anise Swallowtail and Monarch. The area was covered in oat grass and other weeds but the CorePower Yoga volunteers were unfazed and when the day was over the whole area was transformed and ready for mulching. We never cease to be amazed at how much work they get done in just a few hours. In July and August we were finally able to turn our attention to the invasion of Algerian lavender (*Limonium ramosissimum*) along a berm jutting into the marsh as well as throughout a large section of Hoffman marsh itself. The entire stretch of the berm (earth covering a waste water pipe) was invaded by this lavender, but after multiple weed pulling efforts with stewards and core volunteers, and with many thanks to the leadership of core volunteer Nancy (who worked day after day removing the plants), it is now cleared of all visible traces of it. We previously eliminated the Russian thistle (*Salsola soda*) from this berm and the land now looks like a "marsh sunbeam" with marsh gumplant (*Grindelia stricta*) blooming along its entire length.

Tracking the tides, we scheduled numerous work parties within Hoffman marsh and removed massive swaths of Algerian lavender that were choking the sea lavender (*Limonium californicum*), pickleweed (*Salicornia pacifica*), and other California native marsh plants. Thanks go to Laura, Sue, Gudrun, Nancy, Jeff and Karen for helping us with this effort. The sea lavender is now breathing easier and rewarding bees and butterflies with its clusters of beautiful lavender flowers blooming throughout the marsh. Algerian lavender will undoubtedly re-appear but we have it under control at last and will continue removing it as it emerges.

Special thanks to East Bay CNPS member Gregg Weber for coming out to Point Isabel and identifying a couple of plants that had suddenly shown up along a newly cleared section of the trail. Gregg ID'd both of them as California native plants. One is coast tarweed (*Madia sativa*) and the other is Canada horseweed (*Erigeron canadensis*).

Thanks as always to stewards Margot, Ivy, and Lewis and to core volunteers John and Rob for their unceasing work to protect and enhance the habitat at Point Isabel. And to our EBRPD ranger Bruce for the tremendous support he gives us.

Jane + Tom Kelly



The August 6th crew at Point Isabel. Photo by Jane Kelly.

GREENS AND BEASTS FEAST AND OUTING 10/23/16

SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
11 AM-4 PM**

3RD ANNUAL GOURMET GREENS AND BEASTS FEAST

Padre Picnic Area, Tilden Regional Park

A potluck picnic and fun fest for members of CNPS and The Wildlife Society
Native (and nonnative) foods and beverages
Games, plant raffle, great company, fun for all ages!
\$5 adults, \$3 students/children

[Check the chapter website and the October *Bay Leaf* for updates](#)

POINT ISABEL PICTURES



Laura and Tom pull Algerian lavender to make room for the native *Limonium californicum* (right). The CorePower Yoga group at Pt. Isabel. Photos by Jane Kelly.



CNPS SYMPOSIUM ON GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE 9/17/16

The California Native Plant Society is hosting a day-long symposium on gardening for wildlife. The symposium will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2016, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at Foothill College, in Los Altos Hills. The speakers are:

- Judith Lerner Lowry, author and owner of Lerner Seeds, will present “The Importance of Being Local for Habitat and Design” and talk about the deep reasons to use locally native plants in the habitat garden from the perspectives of the purist, the bees, and the designer.
- Sara Leon Guerrero, researcher at the Urban Bee Lab, U.C. Berkeley, will present “Native Bees Need You!” and describe how native pollinators benefit our gardens, showing some of the most common local bees with their favorite nectar and pollen-rich plants to grow in your garden.
- Liam O’Brien, illustrator, lepidopterist, and conservationist, will present “The Butterflies of San Francisco: How They Relate to Your Garden” and describe the butterflies in the tiny geographical area of San Francisco.

- Frederique Lavoipierre, Director of Education at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, will present “Hedgerows as Habitat” and show how you can take a boring, mono-culture hedge and transform it into a magnet for wildlife.
- Bart O’Brien, author and Manager, Regional Parks Botanic Garden, will present “Designing your Habitat Garden” and describe easy, practical steps which you can take now to create a landscape rich in wildlife and movement.

Early registration (by August 31) is \$90 per person for the general public, \$80 per person for CNPS members, or \$55 per person for students; late registration is \$100 for the general public, \$90 for CNPS members, or \$65 for students. Register in advance at www.cnps-scv.org; same-day registration (if space is available) begins at 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

For more information: <http://www.cnps-scv.org>, email: symposium2016@cnps-scv.org, or call: 650-260-3450.

BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES

The [Bringing Back the Natives](#) fall workshop schedule is now up and registration is open.

Join us this fall, and learn how to:

- remove your lawn, and receive up to \$2.00 a square foot for doing so (18 spaces left)
- install a drip irrigation system (15 spaces left)
- select native plants for your garden (2 spaces left)
- propagate natives from seeds, cuttings, and divisions (5 spaces left)
- and garden sustainably (12 spaces left)

These workshops will fill; register now to avoid being disappointed. (The address and directions to each workshop, along with a list of items to bring, will be e-mailed one week before the event.)

Save that Date! Native Plant Sale Extravaganza, Sunday, October 23

Please join us on Sunday, October 23, at this year’s fall Native Plant Sale Extravaganza, when seven nurseries will be open from 10:00-4:00, with knowledgeable staff on hand to help you select native plants for your garden. Fall is the time to plant natives; take advantage of this great opportunity to purchase hard-to-find plants! Shop to your heart’s content, as a portion of the proceeds from this event go to support the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour.

Sponsors are being sought to support the 2017 Tour; let us know if your company would be interested in becoming a Tour sponsor.

Follow and “like” the Tour on Facebook to see a changing gallery of native plant garden photos, read about what to do in your native plant garden each month, and stay informed about Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour events.

I hope to see you this fall at one of the Tour workshops or the Extravaganza!

Kathy Kramer

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Visit the Garden Tour on Facebook

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