

CNPS East Bay Chapter Elections 2021 Chapter Officer Candidates

President: Sally de Becker



Sally de Becker, candidate for President, has been a member of CNPS since 1982 and is the current chapter President. In the past, she chaired the chapter Membership and Field Trips committees and was also Vice President. Professionally, Sally provided technical support for natural resource permitting and compliance with federal, state, and local laws. Her earliest memories of California native plants are of the coast redwoods in the park across the street from her home. Sally is excited to continue working with the board and volunteers on the CNPS mission: to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants.

Vice President: Cynthia Adkisson



Cynthia Adkisson, candidate for Vice President, is the current chapter Vice President. Cynthia has volunteered with Glen Schneider for the past four and a half years at Skyline Gardens, restoring native plants along the Skyline Trail in a joint effort between EBMUD and CNPS East Bay Chapter. She is also an active docent at Black Diamond Mines. Cynthia is an avid fan of the great outdoors. She enjoys learning about it all: the geology, geography, plant life, animal life, and who managed the resources through the ages and how they did that. She believes that any day outdoors is a great day.

Treasurer: David Margolies



David Margolies, candidate for Treasurer, was born in Washington, DC, and moved to California in 1970 to attend graduate school at UC Berkeley, where he was awarded a PhD in Mathematics in 1977. After working at a government lab for some years, in 1985 he joined Franz Inc., a local software company, where he has worked ever since. He became interested in plants as an adult and learned about them from Glenn Keator, taking courses at the California Academy of Sciences. He is an active volunteer at the University and Jepson Herbaria and regularly takes Jepson courses. He joined CNPS in the 1990s and soon started leading field trips for the chapter. He was Assistant Editor of the *Bay Leaf* newsletter for some years and Treasurer of the chapter since 2010. He lives in Oakland.

Recording Secretary: Robin Mitchell



Robin Mitchell, candidate for Recording Secretary, grew up in New Mexico, where she developed a love for the outdoors and native plants. Moving to California for college (earning a BA in Environmental Studies and a masters in Architecture), she quickly became interested in California ecosystems. She pursued this interest by taking classes at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, reading, and experimenting in her own garden. She believes in "plant it and they will come": if you provide habitat by planting native species, insects, birds and other critters find it and thrive. She works at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the Building Technology and Urban Systems Division in the Energy Technology Area, developing software for architects and engineers to determine the energy consumption of buildings. She is a member of the El Cerrito Urban Forest Committee, the El Cerrito Community Garden Network, and the El Cerrito Garden Club (where she is newsletter editor), and she promotes the use of California native plants in all those venues. She looks forward to continuing to support the East Bay Chapter as Recording Secretary, helping to preserve native plant species in our local open spaces as well as encouraging cities and home gardeners to include natives in their landscaping.

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Francis



Jane Francis, candidate for Corresponding Secretary, is a member of the CNPS East Bay Chapter's Conservation Committee, where she co-leads the "Fire Resilient East Bay" public education campaign and contributes to the *Bay Leaf* newsletter. Originally from Tasmania, Australia, Jane has lived in the Bay Area since 2009, when she attended UC Berkeley on a study-abroad program for her journalism degree. Jane is currently employed in the tech sector as a content strategist, where she works with teams and stakeholders across a large corporation to help expand ethics and responsible practices within product development. On weekends you can find her volunteering for a restoration project in the Oakland-Berkeley hills or hanging out at home in Berkeley with her husband and two cats.