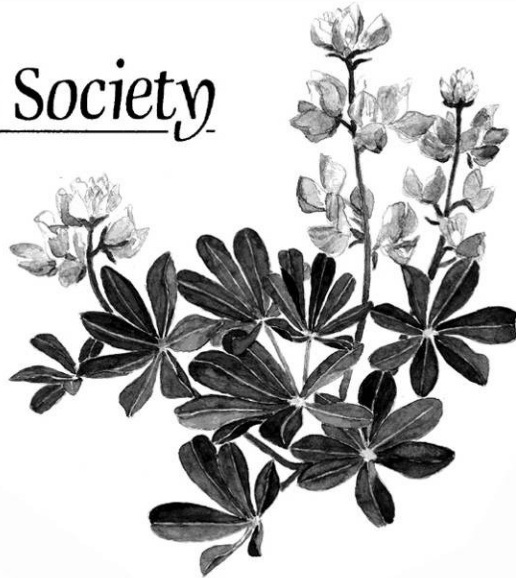


California Native Plant Society
South Coast Chapter



NEWSLETTER
March - May 2011

Upcoming Monthly Programs

Monday, March 7, 2011 Doors open 7:15, Program starts at 7:30 PM

Orcutt's Yellow Pincushion and Restoration of the Ballona Wetlands

Speakers: **Marcia Hanscom** and **Roy van de Hoek**, Co-Directors Ballona Institute

Roy will describe the discovery of an extremely rare coastal dune plant, Orcutt's Yellow Pincushion, at the Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve which is part of the Greater Ballona Wetlands Ecosystem.

Learn about Roy's subsequent research project that involved consulting with various botanists, visiting herbaria and a thorough review of the literature. His conclusion, shared by the state botanist at the California Department of Fish & Game, is that this plant species is highly imperiled and needs emergency listing on the endangered species list.

Roy will be joined by Co-Director Marcia Hanscom, and together they will provide an update on the ongoing restoration efforts in the Ballona Wetlands area, highlighting other flora and fauna of interest and plans for the future.

Location for Monday Monthly Programs: South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula, classroom closest to the garden entrance

Monday, April 4, 2011 Doors open 7:15, Program starts at 7:30 PM

Getting Rid of Your Water-Guzzling Lawn

Speakers **Mimi Anderson**, Garden Magic Company, Manhattan Beach
Mike Garcia, Enviroscape, Redondo Beach

Learn ways to kill your lawn and ready your new space for fall planting. Lessen your dependence on imported water! Be part of the solution: Remove your lawn and discover the aesthetic, economic and environmental benefits that lawn substitutes can bring. Grass substitutes, drought tolerant groundcovers and underground water systems will be part of the discussion.

Monday, May 2, 2011 Doors open 7:15, Program starts at 7:30 PM

South Bay Waterfront Project: Vision Plan

The 606 Studio Graduate Program, Department of Landscape Architecture
California State Polytechnic University at Pomona

Location: **South Coast Botanic Garden**, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula, classroom closest to the garden entrance



Ivan Synder provided this photo taken in 1913 of three women, including his grandmother Vivian Snyder (center) gathering wildflowers by the beach.
His grandmother lived in Hermosa Beach.

**The South Coast Chapter of
The California Native Plant Society
(CNPS) Presents:**

*The 17th annual Spring Garden Tour
Saturday, April 02, 2011 at 9:30am or 1:30pm*

FEATURING 3 GARDENS IN THE RURAL PORTUGUESE BEND AREA OF PALOS VERDES:

1. TRICKETT/HORN GARDEN – Amongst mature Eucalyptus, California Peppers, and assorted fruit trees are natural paths meandering through stands of mature natives with areas of bunchgrass meadows and wild flowers. Great examples of shade tolerant natives and the use of succulents with natives.
2. MAJOR GARDEN – Filled with wonderful examples of native grasses and butterfly attracting plants, this predominantly native plant palette is striking in its combinations of contrasting foliage colors and textures. Many succulent accents used throughout the garden. Backyard sitting areas capture beautiful views of the south slopes of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.
3. STRAUSS GARDEN – This Mediterranean style garden is complete with an olive tree alley, California natives, and low water plantings. There are many butterfly attracting buckwheats. Decomposed granite paths lead to a large sitting area with breathtaking views of the coastline and Catalina Island.

Great opportunity to see and learn about California native plants from the experts.
Tony Baker & Ric Dykzeul will lead the tour. Plant lists will be provided.
Bring your cameras and note pads.

*Tours take approximately 2 ½ hours. Tours leave from the
Point Vicente Interpretive Center Parking Lot:
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West, Rancho Palos Verdes.
Tours leave on time, please arrive 15 minutes early.*

All ticket sales are done by phone and the tickets are mailed to your home prior to the event. **Tickets \$20-MEMBERS OF CNPS, \$25-NON-MEMBERS OF CNPS.** The number of participants is limited so, call now:

LORETTA ROSE
310-629-0500
ANY DAY FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM

Note to Participants: Rain will cancel this event and your fee will be accepted as a donation to the California Native Plant Society.

Local Sites and Activities

George F Canyon

<http://www.pvplc.org/land/georgefcanyon>

- Saturday Morning Bird Walk – First Saturday of the month 9 AM. Open to all levels of birders. Meet naturalist (and SCCNPS board member) Loretta Rose at the Nature Center. Binoculars provided. Free.
- Saturday Hikes - First Saturday of the month 1 PM. Allow 2 hours for this walk. \$3 per person. Join a guide into this delightful canyon. The guide will answer questions on habitat, geology, drainage, wildlife, folklore and more.

Located at the corner of PV Drive North and PV Drive East in the city of Rolling Hills Estates. Please call 310-547-0862 for exact dates and times.

Bixby Marshland

http://www.lacsd.org/about/wastewater_facilities/jwpcp/bixbymarshland.asp

Tours on the 1st Saturday of each month, 8 AM to noon.

Located northwest of the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) near the intersection of Figueroa Street and Sepulveda Boulevard in the City of Carson.

Madrona Marsh

<http://www.friendsofmadronamarsh.com/naturecenter.htm>

- Out of the Wilds and into Your Garden - More Monkey Flowers_Native *Diplacus/Mimulus* Species and How to Use them. Saturday, March 5 - 10:00 AM- noon. Repeats Tuesday, March 8 – 6:30-8:00 PM. Presented by Dr. Connie Vadheim. California
- Environmental Fair – Saturday March 26 – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Out of the Wilds and into Your Garden Series – The Cutting Garden Native Plants for Cut Flowers- Saturday April 2 - 10:00 AM to noon. Presented by Dr. Connie Vadheim. Repeats Tuesday April 12 - 6:30-8:00 PM.
- Out of the Wilds and into Your Garden Series – **Radiant Reds**: Native Red and Pink Flowers Saturday May 7 10:00 AM to noon. Presented by Dr. Connie Vadheim.

Located at 3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance.

Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve

<http://gardenawillows.org/>

- Stroll the Preserve 2nd Sunday of every month, 1:00-4:00 PM
- Volunteer workdays 3rd Saturday of each month 8:00 -11:00 AM
- Out of the Wilds and into Your Garden -- Gardening with South Bay Native Plants
 - More Monkeyflowers: Native *Diplacus/Mimulus* Species and How to Use them – Thursday March 10 – 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 - The Cuttings Garden: Native Plants for Cut Flowers - Thursday April 7 – 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 - Radiant Reds: Native Red and Pink Flowers - Thursday May 12 – 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Free Classes Presented by Dr. Connie Vadheim. Arthur Johnson Memorial Park - Community Room

Located at 1200 W. 170th Street, Gardena, CA. Between Normandie & Vermont- One block north of Artesia (310) 217-0681.

Point Vicente Native Plant Garden

Scenic Gardening Days

Dates to be determined – 9:30 AM - noon

Point Vicente Interpretive Center - 31501 Palos Verdes Dr. W., Rancho Palos Verdes

Our chapter maintains a beautiful native plant garden at the Point Vicente Native Plant Garden in Rancho Palos Verdes. This is all done by volunteers. Join us in sprucing up this lovely garden overlooking the ocean with other members of our chapter. Bring your gloves, sunhat, and small tools (e.g. clippers and weeders) and perhaps a bucket or bag to hold weeds and trimmings. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to be on our email distribution list, please send email via our website: <http://www.sccnps.org/about-us>

California's First "Native Plant Week"

California has designated the third week of April to be known officially as "California Native Plant Week". This year it will be celebrated April 17-23 and will encompass both weekends (April 16-24).

Do we have your current email address?

Save the chapter postage costs and reduce paper waste. To receive your quarterly CNPS South Coast Chapter Newsletter via email only, please send your email address to Membership Chair Yas Osako at yasosako@yahoo.com. Let him know you want to do your part to 'Go Green'.

Please send any announcement requests, any other articles of interest, comments and suggestions to the newsletter editor: Christine Martin: ChrisMM@socal.rr.com.

Meet Our Board Members

In our April 2009 Newsletter we introduced the then current board members.

http://www.sccnps.org/images/stories/newsletters/Newsletter_2009-2_April-May.pdf

Since that newsletter was published, we have added several more board members. We appreciate all the hard work our board members contribute to the community.

Rosalie Preston - Dominguez Watershed Liaison

Rosalie is an 11 year member of the California Native Plant Society and joined the SCCNPS Board in 2010. At Pomona College in the late 1960's, she took a botany course from Lyman Benson which included a weekend camping trip to Kern County in the spring to study native plants, including the fields of *eschscholzia californica*. Her first native plant in a garden setting was an *eriogonum giganteum* purchased from the now-closed Begonia Farm nursery. Since then, she has gradually experimented with other native plants in her backyard Gardena-area garden. Since retirement in 2007, she has become a volunteer weeder for the Gardena Willows Wetland and Pt. Vicente's native plant garden. She is one of the four founding members of Friends/Amigos of the Dominguez Watershed which is working to restore the banks of the local flood channels with native plants, create nearby pocket parks, and link all via bike and walking paths.

Karen Thordarson - Outreach Chair

Karen grew up in San Jose, CA and was lucky enough to spend her summers at her grandmother's cabin in Lake Tahoe. Her grandmother took her grandchildren on many hikes in the Sierra, introducing them to the geology and plant life - including smelling the bark of pine trees to see which smelled like vanilla. A long time environmentalist, Karen has become interested in native plants in the past few years. She killed her grass many years ago, has been attending the classes at Madrona Marsh for about a year and is now in the midst of replanting with natives.

Anne Eli Rizzardi - Demonstration Projects Chair

While growing up in Southern California, **Anne Eli's** parents made her join them on day- long hikes in the Alps and on Mounts San Geronio and San Jacinto, where she learned to recognize and love manzanita. As the result of an accidental back-packing trip at the age of 12, hiking changed from drudgery to a life-long love. She would still rather be hiking or skiing in the mountains with her husband than going to meetings. But she believes that nature does not need to end where cement begins, so she goes to meetings and serves on boards, including the Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve, in the interest of inviting nature back into our urban Southern California.

Yas Osako – Membership Chair

Yas grew up in Gardena and remembers playing in “the swamp”, a natural wetland that stretched along Artesia Blvd. Much of the wetland was filled in; a small section is now preserved as the Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve. He has worked in the landscape industry for nearly 30 years. He has worked as a landscape contractor, a grounds maintenance supervisor at an arts institution, and currently manages the grounds at a small college. Yas removed the lawn at his home some years ago and came upon the CNPS looking for unique drought tolerant plants to fill in the space.



Ceanothus

Are You Interested in Volunteering?

We can always use your help with SCCNPS activities. We rely on volunteers to maintain the Point Vicente Native Plant Garden. We need help at our annual plant sales with setup, sales, etc. We also have many outreach and education programs. Our volunteers support events like "Whale of a Day" (Point Vicente Interpretive Center), "Earth Day" (El Dorado Nature Center), "Torrance Environment Fair" (Madrona Marsh Nature Center). Join us on one of these days to provide literature and answer questions at booths. If you are interested in these or any other activities, please talk to any board member or send an email via our web site: <http://www.sccnps.org/about-us>

South Coast Chapter Website

<http://www.sccnps.org/>

Visit our website to see all the updates and events. Special thanks to our webmaster: David Sundstrom.

Renew Online

Renew your CNPS membership online using a credit card. As an option, set it up to **renew automatically** year after year. It is quick, easy, convenient, and reduces renewal mailing costs. <http://www.cnps.org>. Click on the JOIN button

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