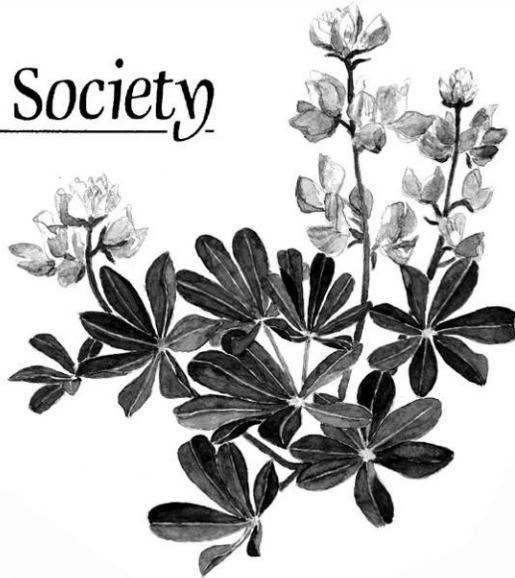


California Native Plant Society
South Coast Chapter



NEWSLETTER
June - July 2011

Upcoming Monthly Programs

Monday, June 6, 2011

Doors open 7:15, Program starts at 7:30 PM

Keeping Them Alive After They're In

Speaker: **Barbara Eisenstein** - Research Associate, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

You bought and planted them at the right time of the year. The weather has been good. What do you do now as the season changes and the heat rises?

Learn how to nurture your new native plants through the establishment period. We will cover watering, pruning, and general care for a young native plant garden.

Barbara is a native plant gardener, horticulturist, writer and blogger (weedingwildsuburbia.com) who lives in South Pasadena and gardens with her dog, Milo. She is the former garden expert for the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden hotline, and is currently a Research Associate at Rancho and a board member for the San Gabriel Mountains Chapter of CNPS.

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

Monday, July 11, 2011

Picnic starts at 6:30 at Madrona Marsh

Munchings at the Marsh - - Come for the Pizza, Stay for the Marsh

Featuring: **Tracy Drake**, Manager of Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center
Dr. Connie Vadheim, Professor, CSU Dominguez Hills

The July 11 meeting will be a picnic at Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center. Pizza will be provided and you may bring a dish to share if you wish. After eating, you can walk out on the Preserve, stroll the native plant garden, and see the Exhibit Hall and its treasures. The Gift Shop will be open. Tracy Drake and Connie Vadheim will be on hand to lead walks and share their wealth of information.

The Nature Center is celebrating ten years of having an actual building in which to provide programs, classes, tours, experiments and information about our natural environment. It enhances the Preserve by providing these happenings and amazing discoveries.

Program Location for Picnic:

Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center
3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance

Parking is across from the Preserve on the north side of the street at the Nature Center.

Monday, August 1, 2011

Doors open 7:15, Program starts at 7:30 PM

Update on Conservation Projects

Speaker: **Danielle LeFer**, Conservation Director
Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

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

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>

Conze Grant Program

The South Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society received a bequest of about \$400,000 from the Vincent Conze Living Trust on March 5, 2009.

The Trust document states simply that the bequest is for "Native Plant Garden Projects" and the Board of Directors discussed preliminary ideas to honor this intent at special retreats on June 19 and August 24, 2009. Over the next year, the Board developed a Conze grant program with detailed criteria for evaluating funding requests, and a related grant application form that is available upon request.

On November 1, 2010 the Board awarded the first Conze grant to Friends of the Parks, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Hermosa Beach, for the purpose of renovating the historic Theodore Payne Native Flora Area of Valley Park in Hermosa Beach.

Since that time, other organizations have submitted grant applications and received funding. To receive a copy of the grant application, please submit an inquiry using the form on the "About Us" page.

Additional Funding Opportunity for Schools

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service offers grants up to \$8,000 as part of the Schoolyard Habitat Program, and a free 132-page *Schoolyard Habitat Project Guide* is available for download.

Historical Background of Conze Grant Program

Elaine Conze was one of the 22 charter members who founded the South Coast Chapter in 1982. She was active with the Chapter through the late 1990s and passed away January 12, 2008 at the age of 97.

Andy, Elaine and Vince Conze formed the Conze Machine Shop just after World War II and provided innovative products for the auto racing industry.

Conze teams had raced at the dry lakes of Southern California in the 1930s, then became known for their oval track cars, and their attempts to win at the Indy 500 and Pikes Peak Hill climbs. Vince preferred to build and maintain the cars, while Andy managed the teams and Elaine handled the day-to-day business of the shop.

Vince never married, and Andy and Elaine never had any children of their own, though they always made their employees feel like family. Andy and Elaine created some memorable trips together. They loved primitive camping. They explored Mexican jungles to see the ancient ruins and stayed with the native Indians in their villages. They visited the Pribaloff Islands to live with Aleut Eskimos and watch the seals, walrus and exotic birdlife. They hiked, backpacked and camped in every state in the USA and all of the Provinces of Canada, except one.

The Conze Machine Shop closed in 1993 and Vince Conze passed away May 6, 2005.

Andy predeceased Elaine.

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>

Local Sites and Activities

George F Canyon

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

- Saturday Morning Bird Walk – First Saturday of the month 9 AM. Saturday June 4, July 2, August 6. Open to all levels of birders. Meet naturalist (and SCCNPS board member) Loretta Rose at the Nature Center to look for hooded orioles, Western tanager, black-headed grosbeak, White crowned sparrows and more. Binoculars provided. Beginners welcome. Free.
- Saturday Hikes - First Saturday of the month 1 – 3 PM. Saturday June 4, July 2, August 6. \$3 per person. Join a guide into this delightful canyon. The guide will answer questions on habitat, geology, drainage, wildlife, folklore and more.
- Full Moon Hike – Friday June 17, Friday July 15, Saturday August 13. Time to be determined. Held on or near a full moon evening, this walk brings you to the top of the canyon for a fantastic view of city lights below. On this two-mile round-trip hike you will experience nocturnal delights as well as a 300 ft. rise in elevation. Lots of fun!! Bring a flashlight. Children must be at least 8 years old. Please allow 2 hours for the walk; \$10 per person. Limited to 20 participants. Reservations required. Please call (310) 547-0862 to RSVP and learn the start time.

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.

Madrona Marsh

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

- Out of the Wilds and into Your Garden - Tracy's Insect Garden: Attracting Insects to Your Garden Using Native and Selected Non-native plants. Saturday, June 4 - 10:00 AM- noon. Repeats Wednesday (this time only), June 8 – 6:30-8:00 PM. Presented by Dr. Connie Vadheim. California State University Dominguez Hills. Free.
- Bugs, Bugs, Bugs with Brent "The Bug Guy". Free. Saturday June 11. 10:00 AM to noon.
- Out of the Wilds and into Your Garden Series – Buzzing of Bees: Native Bees and How to Attract Them. Saturday July 2 - 10:00 AM to noon. Presented by Tracy Drake, Madrona Marsh Nature Center Manager. Repeats Tuesday July 12 - 6:30-8:00 PM. Free.
- Out of the Wilds and into Your Garden Series – Water-wise Success: the First Two Years in a Native Plant Garden. Saturday August 6 10:00 AM to noon. Repeats Tuesday August 9. Presented by Dr. Connie Vadheim. Free.
- Mornings on the Marsh – a short Native Walk. Free. Second Tuesday of the Month. 10:00 AM – noon.
- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future. Free. Second and Fourth Thursday of the month. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
- Nature Walk. Free. Fourth weekend of every month 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Located at 3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance.

Bixby Marshland

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

Open to the public 1st Saturday of each month, 8 AM to noon. June 4, July 2, August 6,

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

Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve

<http://gardenawillows.org/>

- Second Sunday Stroll in Honor of Fathers – Saturday June 12 - 1 to 4 PM. Free native plant to the first 25 men. Free
- 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. Free Classes Presented by Dr. Connie Vadheim. Arthur Johnson Memorial Park - Community Room

Tracy's Insect Garden: Attracting Insects to Your Garden Using Native and Selected Non-native plants. Thursday June 9 – 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Buzzing of Bees: Native Bees and How to Attract Them. Thursday July 7 – 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Water-wise Success: the First Two Years in a Native Plant Garden. – August 11 – 6:00 – 7:30 PM

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

Mark Your Calendars

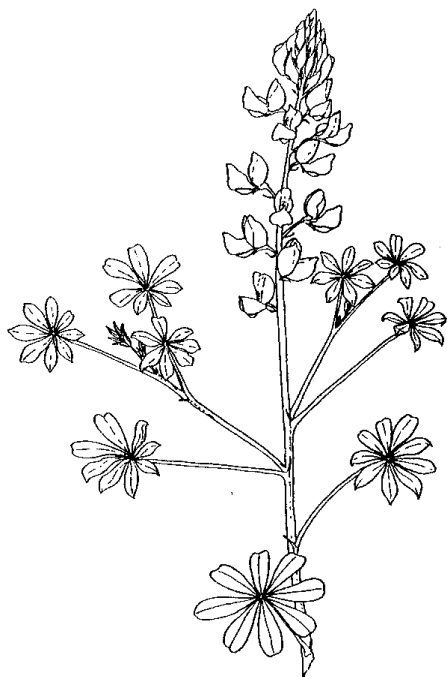
Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday October 1, 2011
9 AM – 4 PM

Preview Night (Members Only)
Friday September 30 5 – 7 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden

Plant of the Month
By Angelika Brinkmann-Busi
(Reprinted from our April-June 2005 Newsletter)



Succulent or Arroyo Lupine
(*Lupinus succulentus*)

The succulent lupine is in the logo of our CNPS Chapter.

Lupines belong to the Pea Family (*Fabaceae*) and have typical palmately compound leaves. The Succulent or Arroyo Lupine is a stout erect annual, 8-24 inches high.

The leaves are dark green and broad with rounded tips. The flower spikes appear from February to May. The flowers are arranged in whorls and are deep purple-blue with a white to rusty-red vertical zone and a small yellow spot on the banner.

Succulent Lupine occurs in many plant communities. It can be found growing in heavy soils on grassy flats and slopes below 2000 feet in central and southern California.

The name "succulentus" means thick and fleshy and was given to the plant because its leaves are fleshier than the ones of other lupines, although it is not really a succulent plant.

Succulent Lupine is one of the easiest native lupines to grow in a garden situation. Germination may be improved by soaking the seeds in hot water for a few hours. They need to be planted immediately after soaking.



Bush Lupine
(*Lupinus longifolius*)

Bush Lupine (*Lupinus longifolius*) is an erect shrub, up to 5 feet tall. They greyish leaves are slightly silky on both surfaces. The shrub blooms from April to June and has light bluish, slightly whorled flowers.

The plant grows in chaparral and coastal sage scrub communities and can be found here in places like in Chadwick Canyon.

Bush Lupine requires well-drained soil and sunny to partly shady conditions.

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South Coast Chapter Website

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

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