

California Native Plant Society
South Coast Chapter



NEWSLETTER
September - November 2011

Upcoming Monthly Programs

Monday, September 12, 2011

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

California Native Plants That Grow Well in Our Area

Speaker: **Tony Baker** and **Ric Dykzeul** Assistant Horticulture Co-Chairs, South Coast Chapter CNPS

One of our popular traditions is having native plant gurus Tony and Ric as our featured speakers just before our annual plant sale. Their discussion will include some of the plants that we will be selling on Friday, September 30 (members only) and Saturday, October 1.

You can expect to see many samples of foliage and ask as many questions as you want!

Get out your pencils and shopping lists so you will be ready to plant. Remember - - Fall is the best time to plant California Natives.

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

Monday, October 3, 2011

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

Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve

A 30-minute documentary by Producer/Director Randy Baldwin of RB Media Werks

Speakers: **Cheral Sherman**, Vice President, Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve

Anne Eli Rizzardi, Board Member, CNPS South Coast Chapter

Slip back to a time before the South Bay was covered in cement and asphalt to glimpse the land-water interface which once existed here, and learn more about a local vestige of that wetland habitat. We will watch a new 30-minute documentary on the Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve from Producer/Director Randy Baldwin of RB Media Werks.

Following the documentary, Cheral and Anne Eli will provide an update on the ongoing restoration challenges and successes. They will also highlight new annual events designed to encourage the public to stroll, know and love the Preserve.

Monday, November 7, 2011

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

Native Landscapes: A Source of Vision and Sustainability

Speaker: **Bob Perry**, Professor Emeritus, California State Polytechnic University at Pomona

There is an increasing need to reinvent our perceptions and practices regarding our landscapes and gardens. And, there is a need to find a source of inspiration that helps sharpen our vision in ways to achieve increased levels of sustainability and regeneration. This source can be found in native landscapes.

Spend an evening with Bob Perry to learn about the messages he has discovered in native landscapes. Messages he applies to his teaching and professional work. Messages that can help envision our urban landscapes to be sustainable and filled with life. Native landscapes are filled with essential life sustaining benefits; they embody organic energy, sequester carbon and release oxygen into the atmosphere. They adapt and evolve in remarkably diverse ways. Over millions of years, the abundance of their benefits has enabled the web of life to expand throughout this planet.

Can we achieve some of this success in our landscapes and gardens?

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

Point Vicente Native Plant Garden

Scenic Gardening Days

Wednesday September 21, Saturday October 15, Wednesday November 16

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 and do some whale watching while you are at it. Bring your gloves, sunhat, small tools 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>

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Featuring native plants of the Palos Verdes Peninsula

Preview Night for CNPS Members

Friday, September 30

5 - 7 pm

Open to Everyone:

Saturday, October 1

9 am - 4 pm

“Fall is for Planting”



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Location:

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Boulevard
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

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 September 3, October 1, November 5. 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 September 3, October 1, November 5. \$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 – Saturday September 10, Friday October 15, Friday November 11. 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.

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/>

- 4th Annual Fundraiser – Wednesday October 5: 8:00 a.m. -- 9:30 p.m. All day! Simply go have a meal, get take out or buy a pie from:
Marie Calldendar's Resaurant and Bakey
15466 South Western Avenue Tozai Plaza – Gardena
A portion of the price of all meals, baked goods, and take-out food purchases will be donated to: Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve. Please Note: You must have copy of the flyer for Friends of Gardena Willows to receive credit.
- Art in the Willows 4th Annual Mixed Media Show - Exhibition October 8 - October 21
Gallery Hours Mon -Fri. 9 - 5pm, Sat. 11-4pm.
Reception and Silent Auction Saturday, October 8, 2 – 5 PM - Documentary Video of the Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve by Randy Baldwin will be shown at 3 PM
APC Fine Arts & Graphics Gallery 1621 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, CA 90501 310.328.0366
- 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

- Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 1PM to 4PM - [Fall Bug Hunt in the Preserve](#) - You've heard of an Easter Egg Hunt, right? Well, we're hosting our 1st Fall Bug Hunt with our monthly Second Sunday Stroll. Bring the kids and search for toy bugs in the flowers. Emile Fiesler, local Entomologist, will give short talks and answer questions. Docent lead tours will also be provided. Free Admission!
- Thursday November 10, 6:30 – 8:00 PM – Delicious Drinks - [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

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

Madrona Marsh

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

- Saturday, October 1, 2011, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Starlight Magic on Madrona Marsh-Annual Fundraiser- Join the Friends of Madrona Marsh for our annual fundraising celebration on the Preserve. Music, dinner, gift baskets, auctions, star gazing and more! Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchase on-line through Pay Pal at www.friendsofmadronamarsh.com or at Wild Birds Unlimited in Torrance as well as at the Nature Center
- Saturday, October 8, 2011, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Common Weeds in Your Garden with Tony Baker - Learn about whats growing in your own backyard. Tony Baker, California Native Plant expert, will teach about what weeds may be growing in your yard and how to get rid of them, as well as tips on how to make your yard a water-wise garden. FThis class is \$5 per person and is best for adults.
- Saturday, October 15, 2011, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Planning Your New California Garden with DR. Connie Vadheim - This class is limited to the first 10 who sign up. The cost is \$70 per person or \$80 per couple. This is a 4 day workshop. The dates for this workshop are: Saturdays: Oct. 15 & 29, Nov. 19 & Dec. 10 from 1pm - 4pm. In this workshop Dr. Connie Vadheim, a professor from Cal. State Dominguez Hills will help you design a "New California Native Garden." To register for this workshop call the Nature Center at; (310)782-3989.
- Saturday, November 5, 2011, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Out of the Wilds and Into Your Garden, "Delicious Drinks" - Are you interested in learning about native plants? Join Dr. Connie Vadheim as she teaches you all about native plants in the wild and in your own garden. This class happens the first Saturday at 10 a.m. - 12 noon, of Every Month and Repeats the following Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. FREE
- Mornings on the Marsh – a short Native Walk. Free. Second Tuesday of the Month. 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Discover this hidden jewel, right in our own backyard. Enjoy a leisurely stroll while learning more about this fascinating vernal marsh. ALL AGES WELCOME! FREE!
- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future. Free. Second and Fourth Thursday of the month. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM - Join the Propagation Society as we plant plant seeds for the future of the Preserve. Learn how to : prepare soil for planting on the Marsh, grow native plants for restoration and fundraising events at Madrona Marsh, 'pot-up' plants to larger containers, collect and 'clean' seeds and prune native plants in the nursery.
- Nature Walk. Fourth weekend of every month 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. - Take a stroll on the Preserve and through the Native Plant Garden. Learn about the plants, vernal pools and species that live and visit the Preserve. This is a guided tour and open to all ages. Free

Located at 3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance.

Are You Interested in Volunteering at our Plant Sale?

We need help at our annual plant sale next month with setup, sales, etc. Please talk to any board member or send an email via our web site: <http://www.sccnps.org/about-us>

Preview Night for the California Native Plant Sale

Special Preview Night for Members Only

Friday September 30, 5 PM – 7 PM
South Coast Botanic Garden
Admission is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door
Purchase tickets at South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274.

Avoid the rush and get first pick of sale plants. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine while visiting with your fellow garden enthusiasts. Preview Night is only open to SCBSF and CNPS members.

Madrona Marsh Starlight Magic

Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 5:00-10:00 p.m

A Celebration on Madrona Marsh Preserve featuring live music by The Retros, barbeque dinner catered by Red Car Brewery, gift baskets, auctions and star gazing with Paul Livio. This is a fund raising event to help sustain and protect the programs of the Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center

Master of Ceremonies: Mark Comon of Paul's Photo.
Auctioneer, former Torrance City Council Member, Paul Nowatka

visit www.friendsofmadronamarsh.com to see the Red Car Brewery Menu and a list of truly priceless auction items

Tickets \$50.00 per person
Tickets are available at
Madrona Marsh Nature Center (Pay by cash or check)
or visit www.friendsofmadronamarsh.com to pay by PayPal

New Editor for our Newsletter

Please note that starting with our next newsletter we will have a new editor: Kelley Dawdy. Please send all announcements, articles and suggestions to kellydawdy@yahoo.com. Thank you Kelley for taking over this responsibility for our local chapter.

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Please send any announcement requests, any other articles of interest, comments and suggestions to the newsletter editor: Kelley Dawdy at kellydawdy@yahoo.com

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.

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