Monday, January 9 Marin Chapter Meeting  
“Sonoma Spineflower: The Natural History and Future Survival of one of Marin’s Rarest Plants” by guest speaker Amelia Ryan

The federally endangered *Chorizanthe valida* (Sonoma spineflower) currently has only one wild population, located within Point Reyes National Seashore, making it one of the rarest plants in Marin County and in California in general. Though commonly called Sonoma spineflower, the site on the Point Reyes Peninsula is the only location where a population of this species has been documented.

Amelia Ryan is an ecologist with the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore, where she has worked since 2003. She has a BS in Plant Biology and an MS in Biology, emphasis: Ecology and Systematic Biology. She grew up in the north Bay Area and has been interested in California native plants since childhood. She has been a member of the Marin chapter of the California Native Plant Society since 2004, and has served on its board since 2010.

Monday, February 13, Marin Chapter Meeting  
“Native Plants of Walker Ridge and Bear Valley, Colusa County” by guest speakers Vernon and Doreen Smith

Walker Ridge, mostly managed by BLM, covers an area of 14,000 acres along an 11-mile, north-south trending ridge located on the boundary of Lake and Colusa Counties. The serpentine soils, high elevation (over 3000 feet), and unique geography of the ridge support many rare plants, but this invaluable resource is threatened by a Canadian company that wants to develop a massive wind turbine project. The giant turbines and the associated infrastructure would require clearing of the native chaparral vegetation to provide footprints for the turbines and drastic widening of the existing dirt roads. Some preliminary clearing has already taken place. For these reasons, CNPS is proposing the designation of Walker Ridge as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

The Ridge is situated immediately to the west of Bear Valley, which is renowned in good years as having the best remaining display of fields of wildflowers in Northern California. These vast flowery panoramas have proven to be a mecca for wildflower enthusiasts for decades.
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We made four visits to these two areas in 2010 and 2011 to see and photograph some of the flora that make them so special.

Above: Calystegia collina ssp. oxyphylla by Vernon Smith

January and February meetings:

5:45 p.m. Join friends and meet our speaker for a no-host dinner at Gira Polli of Mill Valley, 590 East Blithedale Ave. at Camino Alto. Please call Gerd or Kristin Jakob at (415) 388-1844 at least one day ahead to be assured of a seat with our group.

7:30 p.m. Meet at the Redwoods retirement home, 40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley. Books, posters, and cards will be for sale before as well as after the meeting. Lecture starts at 8 p.m.

**PRESIDENT’S CORNER**

I have been happy to come back from maternity leave to head the board for the last few months of 2011. Thank you to Jolie Egert for filling in while I cared for my new baby girl. Unfortunately, I will not be able to continue as president next year.

In this newsletter, we outline some proposed changes to our chapter bylaws (which have not been changed since 1982!). These proposed changes, which the membership will vote on at the January program meeting, are described on page 8. At this meeting, membership will also vote on officers for the 2012 Board. Please attend the meeting to have your opinion count!!

Once again, in 2012 we are offering scholarships, one each to an undergrad ($500) and graduate student ($1000) using donations we have received in recent years. Also, we are funding non-native plant removal in Tiburon in order to restore habitat for the Tiburon Jewelflower (*Streptanthus glandulosus* ssp. *niger*).

Native plant propagation has a new home in the County at Green Point Nursery in Novato. The Native plant gardening committee will be holding work parties as well as the annual plant sale there this year. Look for details in this and future newsletters.

Thank you to everyone for your support. Have a great 2012!

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Save native plant habitat at Point Reyes with the…

THIRD THURSDAY WEEDERS

Next workday: January 19th, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Would you like to help improve plant habitat with your own two hands?

Join the “Third Thursday Weeder”—a collaboration of the Marin chapter of CNPS and the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin—to tackle invasive weeds that threaten important plant habitat in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at locations arranged with Seashore staff. In spring and summer of 2011, we hand-pulled small iceplant seedlings at a gorgeous location on the Outer Point, and dug up European beachgrass at Abbott’s Lagoon. Not only did we enjoy fun days of camaraderie in the great outdoors at Point Reyes, we made a significant contribution to improving habitat for native species!

Our next work party will take place on Thursday, January 19. Send an email to Ellen Hamingson at Ellen_Hamingson@nps.gov to be notified of the time and place to meet. Tentatively, we are planning to weed around the edges of the Point Reyes Lighthouse parking lot, an area which supports numerous species of unusual native plants. Ehrharta grass and other invasives are trying to displace these species, so the area needs our attention!

Bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks, warm and wind-stopping layers, sturdy shoes, and work clothes. No shorts or open-toed shoes. Please let us know if you plan to join the group by emailing Ellen as mentioned above. Ellen will send out a reminder and instructions on where to meet. For more information, contact Carolyn Longstreth at cklongstreth@gmail.com.

Hope to see you on January 19th!

GROWING NATIVES

It’s time to start propagating plants for our annual spring fundraising sale, and we’re all set up to grow! Facilities have been built, including a comfortable shady work area. We’re equipped with all the necessary tools, and we have 10 cubic yards of soil at our disposal.

Here is the schedule of work days and times:

- Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21
- Thursdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16
- Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon January 14 and 28, February 11 and 25

It’s not necessary to confirm. Come to Green Point Nursery, 275 Olive Ave. at the corner of Atherton Ave. in Novato.

No need to bring anything; we have gloves and tools on hand. Our work space is covered, so only a heavy rain or high winds cancel the workday. Do let me know if you have native plants that can be divided, or seedlings to pot along.

I’m looking forward to sharing in the abundant joys of plant propagation!

—Charlotte Torgovitsky
torgovitsky@comcast.net, (415) 892-9148

2012 JOE KOHN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marin Chapter of CNPS is pleased to announce the 2012 Joe Kohn Scholarship competition. One $500 undergraduate scholarship and one $1,000 graduate scholarship will be awarded to students conducting research on Marin native plants at local colleges or universities. For more information, please consult the Marin CNPS web page.
JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2012 FIELD TRIPS

Marin Chapter Field Trip News and Policies

Make some seedy pals with the Marin chapter of the California Native Plant Society. All hikes are free and open to the public, so please invite your friends. Beginning plant enthusiasts welcome on all hikes.

Come prepared for any type of weather or conditions, dress in layers, have non-slip footwear, and bring rain/wind protection just in case. Although it may be sunny and warm when you leave home, the weather could be cold and foggy when we reach our destination. Bring lunch and plenty of water, binoculars and/or hand lenses, and your favorite field guides. Contact Brad Kelley, Field Trip Coordinator, at fieldtrips@bradkelley.org, for trip requests or suggestions. Contact hike Leaders with any questions about individual hikes.

Field Trip Plant Lists

Plant lists compiled by Marin CNPS for many Marin localities are available on the Marin Chapter CNPS website at www.marinnativeplants.org.

Mountain Home to Van Wyck Meadows Troop Loop

Sunday, January 15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

This is one of the top trails for winter hiking on the mountain. We’ll see some rare Manzanitas at the start as we hike the Matt Davis Trail along the warmer south facing slopes with views of the City and the Marin Headlands.

We’ll return through redwood canyons with ferns and rushing creeks, for a total of five miles of moderate difficulty hiking. Meet at the parking area across from the Mountain Home Inn about 2.5 miles north on Panoramic Highway from the intersection with Route 1. This hike is especially suitable for beginning plant enthusiasts. Rain cancels; call Dabney if in doubt.

Leader: Dabney Smith, (415) 320-9229

From Mount Tam to the Stagecoach

Sunday, February 12, Noon–5:15 p.m.

We’ll hike the second part of the Matt Davis Trail (see last month’s hike) from Pantoll to Stinson Beach and, rather than wear ourselves out, we’ll take the West Marin Stage back up the mountain! Giant chain ferns, mosses, meadows, forests, and views of Stinson Beach and Bolinas Bay make for an ever-changing tableau as we hike down the sometimes steep four-mile trail to the beach. This hike is especially suitable for beginning plant enthusiasts.

Meet at the Pantoll parking area about five miles north on Panoramic Highway from the intersection with Route 1. Parking fee and stage fare. Rain cancels; call Dabney if in doubt.

Leader: Dabney Smith, (415) 320-9229

RECOMMENDED MARIN COUNTY PARKS NATURALIST WALKS

For Marin County Parks information, visit http://www.maringov.org/en/Depts/PK/Main/Newsletter.aspx or contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508.

Early Wildflowers at Chimney Rock

Wednesday, February 15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

How many species can we find in bloom on this early date? This flower foray is the traditional kick-off to the wildflower season. A number of the early bloomers found here are rare species; plus elephant seals and birds should be plentiful as well (so don’t forget to bring your binoculars). This walk is for adults. We request that no animals (except service animals) attend.

David Herlocker will lead. Questions: Contact David at (415) 893-9508 or dherlocker@marincounty.org. Heavy rain may cancel. Call (415) 893-9527 on the morning of the walk to hear a recorded message if cancelled.

Meet at Chimney Rock parking area (outer Point Reyes, near the end of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard). Directions: From Olema, head north on Hwy 1, turn left at Bear Valley Road (first left) and drive about two miles to the junction with Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, and turn left. Continue about 16.5 miles and turn left at the sign for Chimney Rock.

Abbotts Lagoon

Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

This unique and scenic location is one of the best places in the county to see a variety of birds, including raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl, and more. We will also be treated to a colorful display of early blooming wildflowers. This walk is for adults. We request that no animals (except service animals) attend.

David Herlocker will lead. Questions: Contact David at (415) 893-9508 or dherlocker@marincounty.org. Heavy rain may cancel. Call (415) 893-9527 on the morning of the walk to hear a recorded message if cancelled.

Meet at Abbotts Lagoon Trailhead, Point Reyes National Seashore. Directions: From Olema, head north on Hwy 1, turn left at Bear Valley Road (first left), drive about two miles to the junction with Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, and turn left. Drive about five miles to the junction with Pierce Point Road and turn right. Continue about three miles to the trailhead on the left side of the road.
MANZANITA FIRE ROAD PRESERVE

Trail to the Spiral Circle

In December 2011, the Marin chapter of CNPS supported the successful application by Marin County Parks to the California State Coastal Conservancy for a grant of $450,000 toward the acquisition of a 22-acre parcel in the San Geronimo Valley. The funding for the project—a total of $650,000—must be in place by August 2012. In addition to this grant, the Marin County Board of Supervisors has approved $100,000, and a small group of local citizens has secured donations from various non-profits and individuals that amount to over $50,000. The move is on to find the last $50,000 needed to secure the deal.

This beautiful parcel of mixed evergreen forest, also known as the Morrison property, is a nesting ground for the northern spotted owl. The parcel supports chaparral, some of which occurs on serpentine. Two rare manzanitas are known from the site: Mt. Tamalpais manzanita (Arctostaphylos montana) and Bolinas manzanita (A. virgata). As a result of the unusual chemical composition of serpentine soil, many species are restricted to such soils. According to Eva Buxton, it is highly likely that other special-status species associated with this soil type are present, including Oakland star tulip (Calochortus umbellatus), Tamalpais lessingia (Lessingia micradenia var. micradenia), Tamalpais jewelflower (Streptanthus batrachopus), bristly leptosiphon (Leptosiphon acicularis), Mt. Tamalpais thistle (Cirsium hydrophilum var. vaseyi), and others. Most of these species have limited distributions.

Previous owners of this parcel attempted to develop the land and block public access to the Manzanita Fire Road, a trail used by hikers, bikers and equestrians alike. The trail provides access to the Gary Giacomini Preserve where there is a special stone outcropping that generations of locals have referred to as “the spiral circle”. We now have a unique opportunity to acquire this parcel, add it to the Giacomini Preserve, and ensure that the beloved trail to the spiral circle is available to the public forever.

If you would like to learn more or make a donation, please go the Marin Open Space Trust web site: http://marinopenspacetrust.org or call Linda Nave at (415) 716-8995.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Text and images by Doreen Smith

Christmas berry or Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia) is a common shrub in the Rose family. Considered to be the only member of its genus, it is a large evergreen bush or small tree that has clusters of white flowers in the summer and masses of red berries maturing in the winter.

Distributed widely in California, from Humboldt County to Baja, it was used traditionally to decorate homes for the holidays. In fact the colorful branches with holly-like evergreen leaves and red berries became so popular it was recklessly cut in many places. Now it is illegal to take any on public land, but you can grow your own from seed or cuttings. Several plants are thought to be the reason for the name “Hollywood” and this is the most likely candidate. Coast live oak does have holly-like leaves but never any red berries.
BOARD NEWS

Dear Members,

Due to the proposed Bylaws changes described in this newsletter, our annual chapter elections needed to be rescheduled from November 2011 to the January 2012 membership meeting, because the Bylaws changes need to be approved at that meeting before the election can take place. Here is the slate for the 2012 Marin Chapter Board, reflecting the changes in the Bylaws, contingent upon their approval:

- President: Open—Volunteer needed
- Co-Vice President: David Long
- Co-Vice President: Kristin Jakob
- Secretary: Amelia Ryan
- Treasurer: Daniel Kushner
- Field trip chair: Open—Volunteer needed
- Board Members:
  - Janice Barry
  - Eva Buxton
  - Paul da Silva
  - Phyllis Faber
  - Renee Fittinghoff
  - Wilma Follette

Any member unable to attend the January 9 membership meeting may vote on the slate and the proposed revisions to the Bylaws by mail or email sent to: Kristin Jakob, 289 Tamalpais Ave, Mill Valley, CA 94941, kristinjakob@pacbell.net, by January 8.

The board wishes to extend thanks to outgoing President Stacey Pogorzelski, and Vice President Jolie Egert, for their valuable service to the chapter.

—Kristin Jakob

WE’D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like to make a suggestion for a chapter meeting program, field trip, plant identification workshop, outreach program for schoolchildren, or anything else that could help us improve our service to the public, please contact us. You can phone or email your ideas to any of the board members listed on this page.

Board contact information has been removed from the online version of this newsletter.
CNPS MEMBERSHIP/DONATIONS

The mission of California Native Plant Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. Membership is open to everyone.

Join CNPS Now!

Membership includes informative publications, field trips, monthly programs, and discounts on books and posters. Also included are Fremontia (a journal with articles on all aspects of native plants published three times/year), the Bulletin (a quarterly statewide report of activities and schedules), and the chapter newsletter. Please call the membership chairperson, Ashley Ratcliffe, for more information.

Join or Renew Online

Renew your CNPS membership online using a credit card. As an option, set it to renew automatically year after year. It’s quick, easy, convenient, and reduces renewal mailing costs.


Join or Renew by Mail

Yes! I wish to affiliate with the Marin Chapter.

☐ New Member  ☐ Renewal

Membership Category:

☐ Mariposa Lily $1,500
☐ Benefactor $600
☐ Patron $300
☐ Plant Lover $100
☐ Family, Group, or Library $75
☐ Individual $45
☐ Student or Limited Income $25

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www.cnps.org (state) The state CNPS site is a resource for a wealth of materials, including promotional materials such as banners and posters.

The IRS considers dues in excess of $12.00 per year and all gifts to CNPS Tax Deductible.

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If you wish to receive only the newsletter, please make a $10 check payable to CNPS Marin and mail to: Daniel Kushner, 201 Ross St., San Rafael, CA 94901.

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Tax-Deductible Contributions

Tax-deductible contributions to the Marin Chapter are always welcome, either as memorial or honorarium donations or regular contributions. You may designate your contribution for a specific purpose of your choice. Unless otherwise designated, all contributions will be placed in the general fund, which will enable the Chapter to extend our efforts to plant conservation and education. Our regular, ongoing program and operating expenses are largely covered by our plant sales and book and poster sales.

A contribution of $_______ is made in honor of:

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Mail check payable to CNPS to: Daniel Kushner, 201 Ross St., San Rafael, CA 94901.
EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CNPS BYLAWS

In recent months, the Marin CNPS Board has devoted substantial time and effort to considering how to make our CNPS chapter more vital and effective. This included a day-long planning meeting with a professional management consultant and a thorough review of the chapter’s Bylaws. The focus has been on how to enable the chapter to deal more effectively with the threats to native plants and their habitats in our county, to expand educational and outreach activities about the importance and beauty of native plants to the general public and policy makers, and to enlarge the chapter’s membership. The following items provide an overview of the proposed changes to the Marin CNPS Bylaws as proposed by the Marin CNPS Board.

**Provides that all Board Members are to be Elected by Marin CNPS Members**

Under the current Bylaws, a majority of board members are appointed by the Marin CNPS president. This occurs because the current Bylaws require that chairs of standing committees designated in the Bylaws also serve as board members, and that the President appoint the chairs of standing committees. Under the current Bylaws, Marin CNPS members elect only the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to six board members at large. Under the amended Bylaws, all Board members would be elected by the membership.

**Eliminates Requirement that Chairs of Standing Committees be Board Members**

Not every chair of a Marin CNPS standing committee is interested in being a board member. By eliminating the requirement that all chairs of standing committee serve in the dual capacity of a Board member, this will allow greater participation for those who have a particular interest but do not want to assume the responsibilities of a Board position. Of course, a number of people may be interested in both, and will hold a position on the Board and chair a committee.

**Authorizes Two Vice Presidents**

The Marin CNPS has had difficulty recruiting members to serve as President of the organization. The proposal for two Vice-Presidents is designed to take some of the administrative burden of leading the organization off of the President, and make the office of President more attractive.

**Reduces Board Size to a More Manageable Number of Up to 16 Members**

The 16 elected Board members would include five officers (President, up to two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer) and 11 board members. Currently, the Board has 27 members with three additional unfilled positions as Board Members at Large. Not all current standing committee chairs are interested in attending Board meetings, and board meeting attendance averages only about half of total board membership. Both research and feedback from other CNPS Chapter Presidents indicate that Boards this large struggle to be highly effective.

**Authorizes Board to Create Standing Committees**

Currently, the Bylaws specify the Chapter’s standing committees and the board is given no authority to create or eliminate standing committees. This has “cast in stone” the committee structure and made it more difficult to respond to changing conditions. Under the proposed amendment, the Board would be authorized to create standing committees and modify the committee structure as needed, and the Bylaws would no longer enumerate the organization’s standing committees.

**Eliminates Provision that the President shall Represent the Chapter at All Meetings of the State Board of the Society**

This provision is an anachronism because for many years this function has been delegated to a designated Marin Chapter Representative to the State CNPS Chapter Council. Imposing this duty directly on the President makes that office more difficult.

**Reorganizes without Substantive Change Existing Provisions on Election of Officers and Board Members**

Under the proposed amended Bylaws, existing bylaw provisions on the election of officers are placed in a new Article on Election of Officers and Board Members. These are provisions that currently are in the Article on Officers because only the officers are now elected by the membership due to the fact that most board members (standing committee chairs) are currently appointed by the President. This makes no substantive change in existing election provisions.

**Eliminates the Requirement that the Vice President serve as Program Chairman**

The requirement that the Vice President serve as Program Chairman is proposed for deletion because the Vice President may not always be the best person to serve in this position. In fact, the program function has routinely been delegated to persons other than the Vice President.

**Eliminates Sexist Language**

The current Bylaws contain a fair amount of language that today would be considered sexist, for example, “he”, “his”, “chairman”. These have been made gender neutral.
ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1

Members
The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, standing committee chairmen, and up to six additional members at large.

Section 2

Duties
The Executive Board shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the Chapter between business meetings and shall report its actions to the Chapter.

Section 3

Quorum
A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of one third (1/3) of its members.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1

Officers
The elected officers of this Chapter shall be President, up to two Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, and up to six members at large.

Section 2

Election of Officers
Nomination of officers shall be by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President at the second meeting preceding the Annual Business Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make their report to the membership at the business meeting next preceding the Annual Business Meeting. Nominations may also be made by petition of ten (10) members of the Chapter with the written consent of the nominee. Such petitions shall be presented to the Executive Board at its meeting next preceding the Annual Business Meeting nomination may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee. A list of all nominees shall be included in the written notification of the Annual Business Meeting, at which meeting the election shall be held.

Section 3

Duties of the President
The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Executive Board; shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter and of the Executive Board; shall appoint committee chairmen, and other individuals as necessary; shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees; shall represent the Chapter at all meetings of the State Board of the Society; and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to the office.

Section 4

Duties of the Vice President
The Vice President shall exercise the functions of the President during the absence or disability of the President and shall serve as Program Chairman.

Section 5

Duties of the Secretary
The Secretary shall keep minutes of all business meeting of the Executive Board and of the membership; shall give notice of all Executive Board meetings to its members; shall keep files of all correspondence; and shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by that Executive Board or the President.

Duties of the Treasurer
The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate or correct accounts of the transactions of the Chapter, including its assets, liabilities, receipts, and disbursements. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Chapter at such depositories as may be ordered by the Executive Board; shallrender to the Executive Board, whenever they request it, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Chapter; he shall present an annual budget, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board.

Section 7

Vacancies
A vacancy in any office may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the membership of the Executive Board. An officer thus elected to fill any vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor until a successor is elected.

Section 8

Records
Each officer shall keep a record of his term of office and upon the election and qualification of his successor, the officer shall deliver to his successor at the records of his office.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1

Election of Officers and Board Members
Nomination of officers and board members shall be by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President at the second meeting preceding the Annual Business Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make a report to the membership at the business meeting next preceding the Annual Business Meeting. Nominations may also be made by petition of ten (10) members of the Chapter with the written consent of the nominee. Such petitions shall be presented to the Board at its meeting next preceding the Annual Business Meeting nomination may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee. A list of all nominees shall be included in the written notification of the Annual Business Meeting, at which meeting the election shall be held.

Section 2

Vacancies
A vacancy in any office or board membership may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the membership of the Board. An officer or board member thus elected to fill any vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor until a successor is elected.

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COMMITTEES

ARTICLE VII

Section 1 Standing Committees
The Board shall create the standing and other committees as are deemed necessary. The President shall appoint Chairmen of the committees, following committees:
- Membership, Newsletter, Field Trips, Plant Sale, Conservation, Legislation, Education, Rare and Endangered Plants, Escaped Exotics, Hospitality, Sales, Historian, Publicity, and Book Purchases.

Section 2 Temporary Committees
The President may appoint such temporary committees as may be deemed necessary for the business of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII

LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

Section 1 Limitation of Authority
In the absence of express authorization of the Executive Board, no officer, nor board member, nor committee chairman, nor member shall have the power to act or bind the Chapter in any manner.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments
New Bylaws may be adopted for these Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular business meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose. A copy of the new Bylaws or of the proposed amendments, as the case may be, shall be included in the notice of the meeting.

REVISION BYLAWS

Marin Chapter, California Native Plant Society

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1 Name
The name of the organization shall be the Marin Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1 Purpose
The purpose of the organization is the preservation and conservation of the native plants and vegetation of California.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS

Section 1 Membership
Any person, family, or group interested in the native plants of California is eligible for membership in the Chapter. Membership in the California Native Plant Society is a requirement for membership in the Chapter.

Section 2 Right of Members to Vote
Each member shall be entitled to one vote on any question requiring a vote of the membership. Any group having a single membership shall have one vote. The official voting delegate of this group shall be so designated in writing.

Section 3 Termination of Membership
Non-payment of dues shall terminate membership. Membership may not be transferred.

Section 4 Meetings of Members
The members of the Chapter shall hold meetings at such times and places as they deem suitable, necessary, or convenient to accomplish the purposes of the chapter. There shall be at least six meetings annually, as is required of each Chapter by the Bylaws of the California Native Plant Society. The meeting prior to the December meeting of the State Society shall be the Annual Business Meeting. Written notification shall be sent to each member entitled to vote at that meeting.

Section 5 Quorum
One tenth (1/10th) of the membership of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum at any meeting when business is transacted or elections held.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

Section 1 Chapter Dues
The Chapter may assess Chapter dues in a manner and amount approved by vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V

BOARD

Section 1 Members
The Board shall consist of the officers and up to eleven additional members.

Section 2 Duties
The Board shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the Chapter between business meetings and shall report its actions to the Chapter.

Section 3 Quorum
A quorum of the Board shall consist of one third (1/3) of its members.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers
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Section 3 Duties of the President
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The Vice President shall exercise the functions of the President during the absence or disability of the President.
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Section 8  Records
Upon the expiration of an officer's term of office and upon the election and qualification of a successor, the officer shall deliver to the successor the records of his/her office.

ARTICLE VII  ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
Section 1  Election of Officers and Board Members
Nomination of officers and board members shall be by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President at the second meeting preceding the Annual Business Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make a report to the membership at the business meeting next preceding the Annual Business Meeting. Nominations may also be made by petition of ten (10) members of the Chapter with the written consent of the nominee. Such petitions shall be presented to the Board at its meeting next preceding the Annual Business Meeting nomination may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee. A list of all nominees shall be included in the written notification of the Annual Business Meeting, at which meeting the election shall be held.

Section 2  Vacancies
A vacancy in any office or board membership may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the membership of the Board. An officer or board member thus elected to fill any vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor until a successor is elected.

ARTICLE VIII  COMMITTEES
Section 1  Committees
The Board shall create the standing and other committees as are deemed necessary. The President shall appoint chairs of the committees.

ARTICLE IX  LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY
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In the absence of express authorization of the Board, no officer, nor board member, nor committee chair, nor member shall have the power to act or bind the Chapter in any manner.

ARTICLE X  AMENDMENTS
Section 1  Amendments
New Bylaws may be adopted or these Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular business meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose. A copy of the new Bylaws or of the proposed amendments, as the case may be, shall be included in the notice of the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Monday 1/9 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Chapter Meeting: Amelia Ryan on “Sonoma Spineflower: The Natural History and Future Survival of one of Marin’s Rarest Plants”

Sunday 1/15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Chapter Field Trip—Mountain Home to Van Wyck Meadows Troop Loop

Thursday 1/19, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Third Thursday Weeder’s Workday at Pt. Reyes

Tuesday 2/7, 7 p.m.
Chapter Board Meeting at the TCC (Tamalpais Conservation Club) office at the Marin Art & Garden Center in Ross

Sunday 2/12, Noon–5:15 p.m.
Chapter Field Trip—From Mount Tam to the Stagecoach

Monday 2/13, 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Chapter Meeting: Vernon and Doreen Smith on “Native Plants of Walker Ridge and Bear Valley, Colusa County”

Wednesday 2/15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Marin County Parks Naturalist Walk—Early Wildflowers at Chimney Rock

Thursday 2/16, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Third Thursday Weeder’s Workday at Pt. Reyes

Sunday 2/25, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Marin County Parks Naturalist Walk—Abbots Lagoon

DONATION IN MEMORY OF BARBARA LACHELT
Many thanks to Barbara’s son Russell, who has given the chapter a number of plant posters and books from Barbara’s library, in addition to a monetary donation in her memory.
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