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**Courtship display of
Great Blue Herons
at Point Lobos.
More photos on page 8.**

Michael Mitchell

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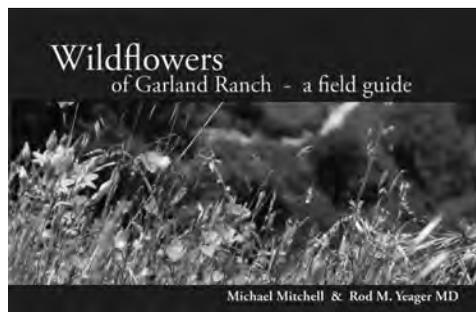
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BOOK REVIEW



Wildflowers of Garland Ranch A Field Guide

by Michael Mitchell and Rod Yeager MD,
8.5" x 5.5" spiral bound

reviewed by Corky Matthews

At long last a colorful handbook is available that does justice to the myriad wildflowers found at Garland Ranch Park, the flagship of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. Drawing hikers, horseback riders, bicyclists, and natural history buffs from a wide area, this Carmel Valley park has never had a compact plant reference work usable by both beginners and more advanced plant enthusiasts—until now.

Over the years dozens of field trips by members of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and the Sierra Club have resulted in a lengthy Garland Park plant list primarily authored by the late Dr. Jim Griffin, director of UC's Hastings Reservation in upper Carmel Valley, and Lee Dittman, an early Park District employee and CNPS volunteer. But there has never been a book devoted to helping the typical flower-loving visitor identify

Wilderness First Aid offered

A two-day Wilderness First Aid class will be held March 5-6 sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. The Sierra Club has offered to pay the course fee for Club hike leaders.

Wilderness medicine, sound judgment, decision making and leadership skills will be taught in a series of interactive lessons and scenarios. Topics include patient assessment, trauma, medical and environmental emergencies. Participants will earn Heartsaver CPR and Wilderness First-Aid certificates. Instructor: Backcountry Medical Guides.

Classes are on March 5 and 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the Garland Ranch Regional Park Museum, Carmel Valley. Costs are \$125 for district residents and \$138 for non residents. Participants must be 16 years old or older. To register visit www.mprpd.org or call 372-3196 x 3.

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the more than 350 species found in this remarkably floriferous parkland.

Now Michael Mitchell and Rod Yeager MD have come up with a book of elegant color photographs and succinct descriptions plus a graceful and informative text that includes a brief introduction to the park, a clear explanation of the structure of the plants, a logical rationale for their arrangement in the book, an illustrative glossary, notes on use of plants by the indigenous people, and a helpful index.

Surprisingly, the authors are a retired lawyer and a retired physician who became captivated by the flowers of this area, so dif-

ferent from their former homes in England and Louisiana, respectively. Their mastery of color photography enabled them to capture not only the brilliant hues of the flowers but also, their distinctive diagnostic characteristics. The authors note that an additional purpose of the book is to serve users "as a reminder of the beauty that they experienced when visiting the park."

As this issue of *The Ventana* goes to press, the books are expected to be available at the park and elsewhere by early March. For further information, please email michael@fmmitchell.net or visit Dr. Yeager's wildflower website, www.rodyeager.com.

Library searching for old Ventanas

The California State Library in Sacramento has a collection of old *Ventanas*. However the Library is missing some old issues. Recently your editor was able to fill in some of the gaps with issues generously donated by long time member and former *Ventana* editor, Corky Matthews. The Library is still missing issues prior to September 1968.

Are these issues hiding in one of your file cabinets or in your closet?

Please take a moment to check your files or your parents' files for these historically

important old issues of *The Ventana*.

The Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club was born in Ansel Adams' living room in March, 1963. The newsletter began in April of that year. The second issue of the newsletter was called *The Ventana Cone*. The first issue may not have had a formal name. By its third issue, the newsletter was called by its present name, *The Ventana*.

If you have any of the first issues of *The Ventana* from 1968 or older, send them to the editor, Debbie Bulger, 1603 King Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

FROM THE EDITOR

Let's work together

It is certainly welcome news that County ownership of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line has finally chugged its way into the heart of Santa Cruz. And to think it took only 20 years. Back in 1990 when State and County voters approved the Prop 116 funds needed for the rail right of way purchase, who would have predicted the process would take so long and end with hold-your-breath theatrics at the last possible minute for the deal to be approved?

But it's done. The Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission is completing the purchase of the most important transportation and recreation corridor in the County remaining in private hands. The possibilities are mindboggling.

The rail line runs for 32 miles from Daventport to the county line south of Watsonville. While recreational uses such as the planned dinner train will attract tourists and locals in the short run, the longer term possibilities are nothing short of revolutionary.

In the future we could see a light rail shuttle between Santa Cruz and Watsonville, a train link to the Pajaro Station in Monterey County with connections to Gilroy, San Jose, and San Francisco. Or possibly PRT (Personal Rapid Transit) above and a bike/pedestrian trail below.

Best of all, the rail corridor is basically level with trestles that eliminate steep

grades. A long discussed bike and pedestrian trail alongside the tracks can create an easy, safe route to 14 schools nearby. Other communities have these trails, why not us?

Parts of such a trail could become sections of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, a long-planned coastal bike and pedestrian way ringing the Bay and providing access to unparalleled bird watching, inspiring views, as well as a travel connection to Monterey.

Many people of various political persuasions came together to achieve this victory. Supporters of the acquisition included Representative Sam Farr, State Senator Joe Simitian, Assemblymember Bill Monning, the Chamber of Commerce and the Sierra Club, the Community Traffic Safety Coalition and City Councils, Friends of the Rail Trail and cycling organizations, and many other groups and individuals.

Each saw something they wanted. Better transportation choices, safe routes to school, improved public health, business opportunities, and tourist revenues. And they successfully worked together to get it.

With the purchase of the rail right of way, we now have the opportunity to work together to get a bikeway built on a route we can all agree on.

Let's do it.

—Debbie Bulger

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Curious about coydogs

Are there any coydogs in Santa Cruz? If so, is their behavior any different than regular coyotes? Please contact me at rosendavidg@aol.com.

—David Rosen
Santa Cruz

Peace and environment related

Recently, American geologists returned from Afghanistan to announce that underneath all the fighting lay huge deposits of iron, copper, cobalt, gold and lithium.

Wars have been fought over natural resources for centuries, and the clean up afterward is sketchy with unexploded ordnance a prime culprit around the world. Battles have been waged to control salt markets. Governments toppled for bananas. Conflicts started over opium. Lithium today is one of the most sought after elements in an increasingly electronic economy. Military conflicts leave the natural world poisoned, magnify the warrior mentality, and send the world's poor on the long march across continents for safety, security, and the basic necessities of life.

Today, we are confronted with what appears to be perpetual warfare and global climate change. As global climate change persists, one result will be expanded migration of the rural poor. And, we are saddled with some U.S. politicians who continue to be supportive of projecting American military might across the planet, oppose humane immigration policies, and are resistant to recognizing and acting to reverse global climate change.

Environmentalists, peace and justice activists, and immigration policy reformers must unite in a common struggle to build a movement for long-term social and political change. To learn more visit www.peacecentral.org.

—Gary Karnes
Pacific Grove

Build a bike/pedestrian bridge

I live close to Soquel Drive and 41st Avenue, ride my bike lots, and can see a definite benefit to having a pedestrian bridge spanning the freeway, perhaps connecting Chanticleer Avenue. This would be used by walkers, runners, bicyclists, mothers with strollers, and skateboarders as a shortcut to the beach and/or to a different neighborhood. This location would encourage people to use their vehicles less, people that might need to go to or from Sutter, Grey Bears, the Flea Market, Emerald Bay apartments, Dominican Hospital, the Live Oak Business Park, and the numerous businesses along Soquel Drive, Mission Drive, Chanticleer and the frontage road, known as Soquel Avenue.

According to my supervisor, John Leopold, the Regional Transportation Commission wants to wait until the highway is

Proposed Carmel development to ax 104 large trees

Suppose that one day you woke up to find a sleepy little business on the edge of your quiet residential neighborhood could be turned into 46 towering condominiums!

An upstate New York developer called Widewaters proposes just that for the historic former Carmel Convalescent Hospital, a 3.68 acre site on Valley Way and scenic Hwy. 1 in northeastern Carmel. This is a friendly, single-family residential neighborhood with picturesque, winding, tree-lined streets, currently zoned for two houses per acre.

The Chapter opposes this massive development which would require intensifying the zoning to a high density of 12.5 units per acre—a density not now in the Carmel Area Land Use Plan. The developer aims to build 46 two- and three-story condos called Villas de Carmelo. The plans include clear cutting 104 of the largest 125 trees (mostly Monterey pines) on the site and a variance to build on greater than 30% slopes. Further damage to the environment includes removal of most of the vegetation along the scenic Hwy. 1 corridor to be replaced by a 120-foot-long wall of white stucco two-story buildings. The proposed development would set a dangerous precedent.

Repurposing

Electrician John Howerton took up the challenge in the last issue of *The Ventana* and describes below how he reused and repurposed discarded light fixtures.

“Last year I replaced some light fixtures at a client’s house and offered to bring them home to offer on Craigslist or Santa Cruz Freecycle. As I was hosting a party in a couple of weeks and still hadn’t listed the fixtures, it occurred to me to remove the sockets and install candles. They made wonderful walk lights and were a big hit.”

John has offered to donate a Howerton Electric T-shirt to the best idea submitted to the next issue of *The Ventana*. Please email your photos and explanations to the editor, dfbulger@cruzio.com.



widened, before embarking on such a project. This, of course, could be many years. Presuming the freeway will be widened, a pedestrian bridge could easily be built now to accommodate a wider roadway.

Finally, using a car-free bridge would increase the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists as both 41st Avenue and the Soquel Drive overpass/exit complexes are dangerous and full of toxic fumes. And it would be much more pleasant than the two adjacent traffic-choked interchanges.

—Gary Harrold
Soquel



Myrna Hampton

The spacious grounds of the former convalescent hospital were designed as part of the historical setting. After development of 46 two- and three-story condo units, the historic hospital would be obscured from view.

Wisely, the Monterey County Planning Subdivision Committee, on January 13, recognized it needed more time both to consider the impacts of this project and to read the final environmental impact report, which had not yet been released as we go to press. The Committee continued the hearing until February 24. The Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the California Coastal Commission also would have to approve the development.

The concerned Northeastern Carmel neighborhood has hired Molly Erickson of the Law Offices of Michael Stamp to fight the proposed condos.

If you wish updates or want to help the Chapter and the neighborhood oppose this development, please contact: SOCNC-Watch@aol.com, call Myrna Hampton @ 624-6707, or write to Save Our Carmel Neighborhoods Coalition, P.O. Box 221001, Carmel, CA 93922-1001.

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What your local Sierra Club has been doing

Besides leading over 200 hikes a year, the Club's most visible local activity, and publishing an award winning newsletter, your local Chapter and Group of the Sierra Club have been busy preserving clean water, protecting our forests, advocating for sustainable transportation choices, fighting for sensible land use, and more. Our volunteers write letters, read Environmental Impact Reports, and testify before public bodies such as Planning Commissions and Boards of Supervisors.

Many thanks are due to the numerous volunteers that make all this happen. If you want to get more involved in these activities contact committee chairs or Executive Committee members listed in the directory on p. 15.



Santa Cruz County

WATER RESOURCES

The Club worked very hard to decrease the heavy sediment load carried by the San Lorenzo River, both a local source of drinking water and wildlife habitat. Currently we are preparing comments for the San Lorenzo River sediment water pollution control plan. Due to the efforts of the late Al Haynes, the San Lorenzo has been listed as "impaired" under the Clean Water Act for years.

Mike Guth and others prepared extensive comments on the Santa Cruz County Storm Water Management Plan to reduce pollution discharges from developed lands in the County. The Plan, however, is only the first step and the Club continues its efforts to get the County to implement measures which carry out the promises of the plan.

Aldo Giacchino took the lead in submitting both written and oral comments on behalf of the Club to the Santa Cruz City Council and other government bodies regarding the City's water supply and extension of water services to the UCSC upper campus. The need to use water wisely and link development to water supply so there will be enough for both humans and wildlife is one of the biggest challenges our region faces. We continue to monitor the City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District joint plans to build a sea water desalination plant. This plant would be a major energy user and could undermine local attempts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. On the other hand, access to desalinated sea water could reduce water demands on local rivers and streams and benefit salmon and steelhead.

TRANSPORTATION

The Sierra Club wrote letters and testified in support of the Regional Transportation Commission's purchase of the Union Pacific Rail Line—a goal that was finally achieved a few weeks ago. Besides enabling train travel, purchase

of the railroad right of way can make possible the Club goal of a bicycle and pedestrian trail along much of the corridor. Additionally, the Sierra Club opposed the widening of Highway 1 and supported the Campaign for Sensible Transportation's lawsuit against Caltrans' incremental widening of the highway.

FOREST POLICY AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Local forestry activists in the Santa Cruz Mountains are faced with a continuous stream of new Timber Harvest Plans which they review and comment on. Many of these plans propose logging on steep, unstable terrain, include driving logging trucks over failing roads which cause sediment to collapse into creeks, and drive through rather than bridge creeks. Forestry consultant Jodi Frediani and other Sierra Club members have attended an astonishing number of pre-harvest inspections and supported efforts by the CA Department of Fish and Game and Santa Cruz County to limit damage to wildlife, especially to salmon habitat.

In a victory to preserve old growth, Jodi Frediani spearheaded collaboration to stop the logging of the Lagomarsino redwoods in San Mateo County, working with the Center for Biological Diversity, Committee for Green Foothills, and Midpeninsula Open Space District backing the effort of the California Department of Fish and Game. This story had a happy ending with the purchase of the property by Sempervirens Fund. Yes, old-growth redwood forest is still commercially logged, contrary to industry-generated confusion over this issue.

Kevin Collins and others wrote extensive comments on behalf of the Club on the Coho Salmon Recovery Plan from the National Marine Fisheries Service. Unfortunately the federal government has waited too long to finally discuss coho recovery under the Endangered Species Act, and it may be too late for these amazing fish.

In collaboration with the California Native Plant Society and the Center for Bio-

Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties

PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED

The Pajaro River Watershed Committee has been working to restore and protect this valuable natural resource for almost a decade. Lois Robin's 2006 video, *Stuck in the Mud: The Pajaro River in Peril*, described the sediment problems of the Pajaro River, which earned a place on America's Most Endangered Rivers list. In a victory for the environment, this year Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties will excavate sediment from the benches in three places along the lower River, allowing it to regain its floodplain in places and meander once again. Hydrologists funded by the Club recommended this work.

The Club is still urging the Army Corps of Engineers to develop an evaluation of the way the upstream flows of the River affect downstream flows. If various upstream areas can be restored and the River is allowed

to assume a more natural course, then many benefits to the downstream river may accrue including reduced flood flow, additional water supply, increased habitat and recreational use, enhanced parks, biking and walking trails, and a more natural and scenic river corridor. The technical expertise of committee members Kenn Reiller and Jim Van Houten have been indispensable in the process.

Committee members attend meetings of the 24 agencies that have a say in the management of the River, write letters to those in authority, conduct outreach education, and work with other organizations such as Action Pajaro Valley and the Pajaro River Watershed Council. The Committee obtained grant funding to hire experts to produce a Community Engagement Plan for the River which was presented to the City of Watsonville and eventually included in the City's recent update of their trails master plan.



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logical Diversity, the Club worked to protect the endangered Santa Cruz sunflower/tarplant and rare coastal prairie habitat in Arana Gulch.

Santa Cruz Sierra Club activists are among the few private citizens from the entire state who regularly attend Board of Forestry hearings and committee meetings.

Jodi Frediani testified before the California Air Resources Board along with a state-wide coalition of groups including Sierra Club CA and Center for Biological Diversity in an attempt to stop new carbon sequestration rules which included clear cutting as eligible for carbon credits. Unfortunately, this preposterous insult to the earth was just approved.

A revision of *Fight Back! Forest Defenders Handbook*, originally prepared for the Santa Cruz Group, was completed and posted online. The updated handbook describes in detail how the public can participate in timber harvest review. The Club also assisted neighbors throughout Santa Cruz County who were concerned by timber harvest proposals that threatened their access roads or watersheds resulting in the ultimate preservation of one property that was slated to be logged.

Much hard work on the part of the local Group culminated in the County's finally moderating its policy of removing large wood from streams. Such wood provides critical habitat for steelhead and salmon. The new policy now allows removal of large wood only if a threat to homes is immanent.

LAND USE

Kevin Collins and Aldo Giacchino represented the Club in successfully stopping an attempt by the County Planning Department to weaken basic zoning standards in rural areas of the County. Working with the Rural Bonny Doon Association and the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, the Sierra Club convinced the County Board of Supervisors not to approve weaker zoning site standards outside the Urban Services Line. This issue, however, is not settled and will require continuing efforts.

The Club is also working to strengthen enforcement of County environmental codes to protect endangered species which are severely harmed by development and tree and vegetation removal near streams.

In Watsonville, Sierra Club supported

the successful court case that stopped annexation by the City of lands essential to the safety of the Watsonville Airport. The organizations involved in the case were the Watsonville Pilots Association, Friends of Buena Vista, and Sierra Club, along with the CA Division of Aeronautics and CA Pilots Association. The Club was especially concerned about preservation of the rare plants and open space in the area.

Monterey County

THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND IN MARINA

This fund, the result of a settlement from the 1980s, now has \$280,000. Over the last two years, Steve Zmak as Marina Conservation Chair met with other nonprofits to arrange grants for green projects helping coastal habitat. In all, we earmarked about \$130,000 of this fund for coastal restoration projects. This perpetual fund raises money every day from a hotel tax in Marina's Coastal Zone, so it continues to grow.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT LAWSUIT

For years, Sierra Club lawyer Larry Silver, Rita Dalessio, and a local hydrologist have been pressuring the State Water Resources Control Board to enforce a cease-and-desist order issued in 1995 known as SB9510 to reduce overdrafting of the Carmel River. The courts have now upheld this decision and the moratorium on new hook-ups is in place. We are monitoring this carefully and working with other groups to help restore steelhead populations and protect habitat for other ESA species such as California Red-Legged Frog.

GENERAL PLAN 5

Julie Engell, Dale Agron, and other Chapter members continued to provide input on the 2010 Monterey County General Plan. The Chapter expressed

strong opposition to a new policy which will permit cultivation of steep slopes, a change that will result in serious impacts to wildlife habitat, water supply, and water quality. The Club continued its opposition to the Plan's Agriculture Winery Corridor, which will allow winery development without adequate environmental review; we raised serious concerns about the adequacy of water supply to support the level of growth authorized by the new General Plan; and we pointed out the folly of the General Plan's location of new development in flood plains.

After the 2010 General Plan was adopted by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors last October, three environmental organizations with which the Chapter has collaborated filed CEQA lawsuits against the plan. The Chapter supports these lawsuits.

MONTEREY CO COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

Julie Engell and Rita Dalessio represented the Chapter during the development of the MCCWPP. The draft plan designated more than half of Mon-

terey County land as fire prone and called for significant vegetation clearing in unique, valuable, and sensitive habitats. Plan proponents also advocated wholesale abandonment or circumvention of most environmental laws and regulations. Working with other conservation organizations we provided solid scientific comments and recommendations to improve the plan. The Chapter hired attorney Tom Lippe to provide California Environmental Quality Act guidance and forest ecologist Scott Stephens and forestry consultant Jodi Frediani to describe best forest fire reduction practices. Through our combined efforts, the MCCWPP signed in December by the Supervisors was greatly improved.

REGIONAL WATER PROJECT

Julie Engell attended workshops and hearings, including the Public Utility Commission hearings, on the Regional Water Project, a desalination project which is supposed to replace water currently being illegally pumped from the Carmel River watershed.

Sierra Club will continue monitoring this process to see that it provides additional water in the most environmentally safe methods possible.

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Local Events—Peace, Justice & Environmental Activists Unite

- ◆ Join other peace, justice & environmental activists at a Peace Rally on Saturday, March 19th.
- ◆ Protest the U.S. war budget and the extension of American war-making power on April 15th.
- ◆ Join with others in supporting progressive and humane immigration reform legislation on May 1st in Monterey County.

Contact Gary Karnes at the Peace Resource Center, at www.peacecentral.org, 1364 Fremont Blvd. Seaside 93955 for event locations, a list of ongoing activities and to receive the weekly Peace Calendar. 899-7322.



Joan Jones Holtz

These young elephant seals, photographed on San Miguel Island, are called “weaners” because they have been weaned—only they don't know it yet. They are waiting for their mothers to come back to feed them. But the mothers are not coming. Sometimes it takes awhile for the weaners to figure this out.

Non-Sierra Club Events of Interest

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Saturday, February 19

Tree planting

Join Santa Cruz Tree Trust to plant native trees at Harvey West Park. Contact Greg Cotten, contact@santacruztreetrust.org for more info.

Friday & Saturday, February 25 & 26

Banff Mountain Film Festival

Explore the world's last great wild places. Tickets \$12 to \$15. Purchase online at www.ucsc recreation.com or in person at UCSC Recreation or at Pacific Edge. Benefits the UCSC Wilderness Orientation Scholarship Fund. 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Theatre, Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz CNPS

Habitat restoration

Volunteer to restore native habitat in parks in Santa Cruz Co. Wear layered work clothes. Bring

water & gloves. Tools provided. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We work rain or shine, but if things get particularly unpleasant, we call it a day. Contact Linda Brodman, 462-4041, redwdrn@pacbell.net. Website: www.cruzcnps.org.

February 19, Quail Hollow Ranch County Park March 5, Younger Lagoon

Monterey CNPS

Habitat restoration

Volunteer to restore native habitat in State Parks in Monterey Co. Wear layered work clothes. Bring water & snacks. Tools & gloves provided. Carpools meet at Rio Rd. Park and Ride. Rain or shine. Contact Jan Shriner, 236-0905, jshriner@mbay.net. Website: www.montereybaycnps.org.

Watsonville Fourth Saturday

Habitat restoration - Watsonville

Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Meet at the Fitz Wetlands Educ. Resource Center at Pajaro Valley HS. Gloves, tools, and snack provided. Call Jonathan Pilch, 728-4106, for more info. No experience necessary.

Saturdays

Garland Ranch Hikes

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District docents lead hikes at Garland Ranch every Saturday. An updated list of all hikes may be found on their website: www.mprpd.org.

Car sharing's a Zip!

by Debbie Bulger

Concerned about the high cost of keeping and maintaining his car, Santa Cruzan Shawn Padilla wondered if he could get along without a car. Then he discovered the Zipcar program.

Zipcar is a car sharing program that gives you wheels when you want them without having to deal with the expense and exasperation of owning a car. No waiting for oil changes,

no car payments, no shopping for tires or trying to find a mechanic you trust. Zipcar takes care of all that and more.

Here's how it works. After joining online, members receive a card which gives them access to Zipcars located in downtown Santa Cruz, on the UCSC campus, or in other cities or universities throughout the US, the UK and Canada. Cars can be reserved online by the hour and by the day at any time of day or night. The hourly or daily rate includes gas, insurance, maintenance and 180 miles/day.

When Padilla needs a car, he reserves one using his smart phone, walks to where the car is parked, swipes his membership card and drives away.

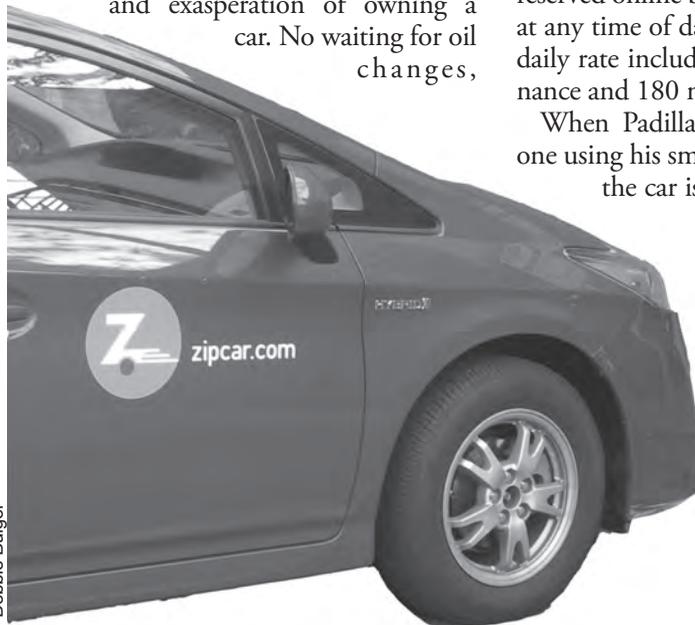
In Santa Cruz the Zipcar fleet consists of sedans, hatchbacks and hybrids. There are currently 15 vehicles in the program, 9 on campus and 6 located in the downtown area.

For Padilla who lives a mile and a half from work, joining Zipcar meant biking to work instead of driving. It also meant saving lots

Shawn Padilla uses his smart phone to reserve a Zipcar.



Debbie Bulger



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of money—\$300–\$500/month. “Do the math,” urges Padilla, who knows about such things as the Chief Operating Officer of the Santa Cruz Community Credit Union. “I was making a car payment, buying a parking permit, spending money on maintenance, gas, insurance, registration. I did a detailed analysis.” Padilla sold his car after joining the program.

Since he works in downtown Santa Cruz, Zipcar locations are within a short walk. Late charges for not returning a car on time greatly reduce the probability a car will not be there as promised.

An unexpected benefit of joining the program according to Padilla is that it precipitated a change in his habits. “I’m more mindful of the environment,” Padilla ad-

mitted. “Grocery shopping requires advanced planning, and I remember to bring my bags.” Studies show that Zipcar members drive about 40% fewer miles than when they owned a car.

Padilla loves the efficiency of sharing Zipcars. He likes it so much, he encouraged the Credit Union to purchase a business membership.

Locally, Zipcar is partnering with the City and County of Santa Cruz, UCSC, and Ecology Action to increase awareness and use of the program. The recent expansion of the program in Santa Cruz is partially funded by a grant from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. For more information visit www.zipcar.com/santacruz.

Intact riparian corridors necessary for healthy streams

by Kevin Collins

The streams that feed the San Lorenzo River begin deep in the Santa Cruz Mountains as headwater creeks. Salmon and other fishes, frogs, and salamanders depend on these streams for their existence.

The quality of these streams as habitat depends on an intact riparian corridor, an area of native trees and understory vegetation. In addition to fish and amphibians, birds and mammals also need intact riparian corridors to live in and move through a landscape humans have altered with cleared fields, roads, and buildings.

There are important sections of our mountain creeks and river systems where the riparian habitat is badly degraded. This deterioration has resulted in the local extirpation of many animals, especially salmon, frogs, salamanders, and certain songbirds.

Land use practices from 100 years ago have led to many houses that are built too close to our creeks. Many homeowners do not understand that riparian trees and shrubs hold riverbanks together and armor these banks during floods. Redwoods

and other large trees are especially protective. Nonetheless many property owners have removed the riparian trees and shrubs along their section of stream leaving only bare dirt and shallow rooted grasses. Tree removal warms stream waters because of increased exposure to direct sunlight. Heat kills salmon, and the loss of streamside trees and deep water pools is one of the reasons that Coho salmon populations are not recovering. Our streams would be much deeper, narrower and have more stable channels, if big riparian trees had not been destroyed.

Although Santa Cruz County has a Riparian Corridor ordinance, and the State Department of Fish and Game also has regulations, many homeowners are not aware of the regulations or their benefits to the environment. The Sierra Club is embarking on a major new effort to protect and restore riparian corridors in Santa Cruz County. We need your help with community outreach and education and to lobby County officials. Please contact Kevin Collins, bats3@cruzio.com if you can help.

\$5000 appeal fee puts a chill on the public process

by Gillian Taylor

When Monterey County officials make decisions about new development, zoning changes, water supplies, and many other things that affect the environment or our communities, those decisions may be appealed only by paying a fee. Monterey County currently has one of the highest appeal fees of any county in California—almost \$5000 per appeal. When two levels of appeal are required, the cost is doubled.

Having such high appeal fees has a chilling effect on the public's ability to participate fully in their local governance. Such high fees are a deterrent to correcting unlawful or harmful policy decisions. The Ventana Chapter joins other community organizations to call for elimination of such fees for non-profit, public-benefit organizations. The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a hearing on this issue for late March.

The Ventana Chapter supports the differentiation between public interest non-profits and non-profits which function as political and economic advocates. Only ap-

peals in the public interest should receive this fee exemption. The Chapter takes this differentiation seriously, especially in light of the fact that non-profits organized as economic and political advocates often receive significant sums of public money annually. For example, the Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association received more than \$400,000 from federal sources in 2010 to promote the economic interests of their industry. Such organizations, whose budgets are augmented by taxpayers, should not receive fee exemptions on appeals to further their economic interests. The fee exemption should apply only to community groups whose sole interest is the public interest.

Because the appeal process is complex and demanding, and because the proposed changes would only apply to appeals brought by public interest organizations regarding important matters, the proposed changes should not have any significant fiscal impact on the county. Thanks to Supervisor Jane Parker for taking the lead on this issue.

Heron went a courting



Photographer and Chapter member Michael Mitchell was lucky enough to catch these Great Blue Herons mating at Point Lobos. After the male heron has collected a stick to use in nest building and has presented it to the female, he may be lucky in love.

When eggs are laid, both the male and female share incubation duties. Chicks are born nearly naked with their eyes tightly closed.

Great Blue Herons are found on the Central Coast year round.

*Photos by
Michael Mitchell*



Environmentalists continue fight to clean up Central Coast Water



Steve Shimek

From the air one can clearly see areas along the Salinas River near Chular that have been cleared of all vegetation.

healthy areas. Riparian areas offer many environmental benefits which keep creeks and rivers clean. A 50-foot vegetated strip along a creek filters runoff and helps keep pesticides and nitrates from polluting waterways. Additionally vegetated buffers provide habitat to wildlife including endangered Red-Legged frogs and Long-Toed salamanders.

The absence of vegetated buffers on creeks and rivers has an impact not only on these waterways, but also on estuaries such as Elkhorn Slough and on

the Monterey Bay. When agricultural pollutants flush down the waterways to the sloughs and the Bay, they can trigger toxic algae blooms that poison sea otters, sea lions, and birds.

Stop water pollution at its source

The February Recommendations require that property owners comply with water quality standards where the water leaves the farm. The November version shifts the point of compliance from the farm to the "receiving waters." The Sierra Club believes that water quality should be monitored *both* at the farm and at the receiving waters. Knowing sources of pollution enables several farms to partner with each other and perhaps with the County on one pollution control project at lowered cost to each partner. Joint projects would likely be easier to monitor and regulate.

The weakened draft of the regulations continues much of the voluntary compliance which has not worked in the past. Additionally it delays addressing major sources of nitrate and pesticide pollution such as tile drains. Although the weakened draft regulations make some incremental changes for the better, they pale in contrast to the February 2010 draft which was vehemently attacked by the agricultural industry.

Much more needs to be done. The agricultural industry lobbied hard to weaken the Recommendations citing the high cost of keeping our water clean; a comparable analysis was not conducted on the high cost to individuals and the general public of continuing to pollute our water. Nitrates in

well water can sicken farmworkers living in small rural communities. Babies that drink such water can develop "blue baby syndrome," and stop breathing. Research shows that long-term exposure to elevated nitrate levels in drinking water, even levels that are not immediately toxic, can have a wide range of serious health consequences.

Although local governments have failed to account for or analyze the public and private costs of contaminated water, some of the struggles endured by individual communities suggest the costs regionally may be huge. For example, for years the Monterey County farm worker community of San Jerardo suffered with a contaminated water source. The community banded together and obtained public grants totaling about \$5 million to build a new water system. Ongoing operation of the new system costs each San Jerardo household about \$113 per month. These costs do not include the costs for treatment of illnesses and chronic disorders suffered prior to the new water system. Nor do they include the impacts of lost wages during that time.

Can we afford to clean up our water or can we afford not to? Will watered down

rules be adopted or will we take clean water seriously?

How to help:

- Come to the March 17 meeting of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board in the Watsonville City Council Chambers. Even if you don't feel you know enough to speak, your presence will be very important. Volunteers will be there to pass out identifying tags so the board knows you are there to support clean water.

- Call one of the Sierra Club activists below for more information regarding time of the meeting and other details. The meeting is during the day. At press time the agenda had not yet been posted so the exact time this issue will be considered is not yet known.

Santa Cruz County: Deirdre Des Jardins, campaign@mbaysav.org, 423-6857.

Monterey County: Julie Engell, engellj@comcast.net, 920-2734.

Steve Shimek, Julie Engell, Deirdre Des Jardins, and Debbie Bulger contributed to this article.

A public hearing on March 17 could have a major impact on the quality of water on the Central Coast. Your attendance could make a difference in cleaning up our rivers and streams.

In December, the California Water Resources Control Board released a study showing that Central Coast surface waters are the most toxic in the State. Local rivers, including the Pajaro River, the Salinas River, and their tributaries are listed as "impaired" under the Clean Water Act due to a variety of causes including agricultural runoff. Because surface water also recharges groundwater aquifers, polluted streams and rivers degrade the major source of drinking water on the Central Coast.

To help remedy the situation, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board released Draft Recommendations in February of 2010. The February draft was revised in November 2010. The newer version is considerably weakened. Sierra Club joins Monterey Coastkeeper, Surfrider Foundation, the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, Food and Water Watch and other groups in supporting the original February 2010 recommendations.

Vegetated buffers

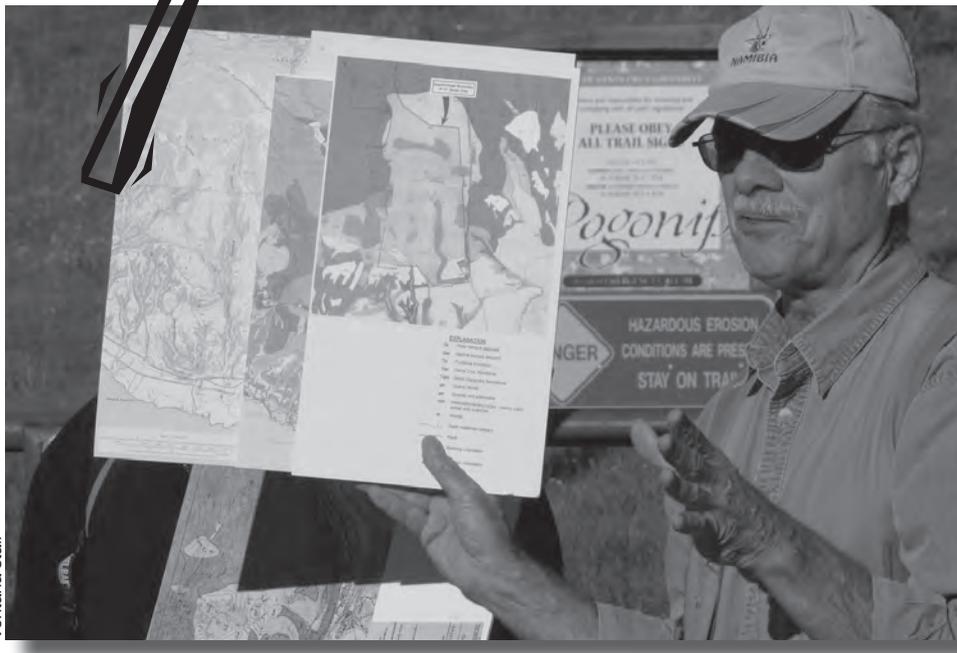
The February Recommendations protected all riparian areas adjacent to property where agricultural runoff occurs. The weakened November Recommendations address only riparian areas next to waters listed as impaired under the Clean Water Act. The revised recommendations do nothing to *prevent* impairment of currently

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POGONIP GEOLOGY *rocks*

Ventana staff



Jerry Weber displays colorful maps depicting the geology of the Pogonip.

by Sarah Rabkin

“Geology,” according to Gerald “Jerry” Weber, a geological consultant and retired UCSC earth sciences lecturer, “is a four-dimensional jig saw puzzle with most of the pieces gone.”

On January 22, Weber led 47 Sierra Club hikers on a geologic ramble through the Pogonip—the 640-acre Greenbelt, owned by the City of Santa Cruz, bordered by the UCSC campus to the west and Hwy. 9 to the east. This sunny Saturday marked the 110th Pogonip outing organized by club members Peter and Celia Scott.

Introducing the group’s guide, Peter Scott quoted UCSC colleague Al Smith: “Jerry Weber knows more about the geology of Santa Cruz County than anybody else in the world.” Yet even Weber laments the amount of guesswork involved in piecing together the origins of local landforms that have been acted on by hundreds of millions of years of rock formation, earth movement, and erosion, and covered with dense vegetation.

Weber held up a series of colorful maps representing contradictory interpretations of the Pogonip’s faults and formations. Nobody yet knows which, if any, is correct. Wielding a rock hammer, he chipped at outcrops along a route shaded by live oak,

bay laurel, and redwood trees. He identified a deposit of mudstone here, a block of marble there.

Scientists like Weber have gleaned invaluable knowledge of the area’s geology—information that planners and builders ignore at their peril. Parts of the Pogonip and UC Santa Cruz campus, for example, sit on a block of limestone, called a karst landscape, in which the carbonate rock has been gradually eaten away by weak carbonic acid formed when rainwater mixes with carbon dioxide. As a result, the dissolved and fractured ground is riddled with caves, tunnels, and sinkholes that turn the land into a “giant sponge.” In addition the area is also crossed by a series of faults, which fortunately are not seismically active, except for possibly the Ben Lomond fault, along which Ben Lomond Mountain has been elevated.

Weber enchanted his audience with tales of the dangers of overlooking the underlying geology. Engineers hired by the University have sited building supports atop “void spaces” (sinkholes) where truckload upon truckload of concrete simply disappeared into the underlying cave systems. Weber also divulged that campus planners in the early 70s selected well sites on the advice of dowsers, only to drill deep into dry rock.

Weber noted that the karst landscape features few visible creeks or streams; most rainwater seeps through the permeable soil and accumulates underground in the vast complex of fractures and passages. When a several-hundred-foot-deep campus well was pump tested, withdrawing one million gallons of water over the course of one week, the testers saw negligible (if any) impact on the overall volume of water emerging from the springs that lie at the base of campus. Weber said the amount of water stored under campus is about 3,000 acre-feet, or a billion gallons. In times of drought or other emergency need, this untapped underground reservoir might serve, he said, as an alternative water supply.

Stopping at a bulge of moss-covered, hole-pocked stone curving gracefully outward alongside the trail, Weber explained, “This is tufa—a limestone deposit created by a spring, similar to formations found at Mono Lake and other sites.”

Another piece of the puzzle fell in place for the attentive hikers.

VWA Trail Work Parties

The following work parties are not sponsored by the Sierra Club. The Club makes no representations or warranties about their safety, supervision, or management. They are published as a reader service.

Saturday, February 19 – Tuesday, February 22
TRAIL WORK: BLACK CONE TRAIL

We’ll hike out the Pine Ridge Trail from near China Camp and work on the Black Cone Trail. Strenuous 8-mile hike; participants must come prepared for a 4-day trip. The work is in the first 3 miles of the Black Cone Trails. Contact Leader for more details. Leader: Betsy MacGowan trailcrew@ventanawild.org.

Saturday - Sunday March 5 – March 6
TRAIL WORK: UPPER CARRIZO TRAIL

The Carrizo Trail near Cone Peak is a historic trail which has become overgrown and needs brush removed in the top two miles. A one-night overnight, with a 3-mile hike from the vehicles to the work site. We have 1000' elevation gain on the hike in, which makes the return easy. We’ll camp at Cook Springs Camp. Contact Leader for more details. Leader: Betsy MacGowan trailcrew@ventanawild.org.

Saturday - Sunday, March 12 – March 13
TRAIL WORK: UPPER CARRIZO TRAIL

Continuing work from the previous weekend. A one-night overnight, with a 3-mile hike from the vehicles to the work site. We will camp at Cook Springs Camp. Contact Leader for more details. Leader: Betsy MacGowan trailcrew@ventanawild.org.

Saturday - Sunday, April 2 – April 3
TRAIL WORK: BIG PINES TR. PAT SPRINGS

We’ll hike from Bottcher’s Gap to Pat Springs, a strenuous 7-miles, removing fallen trees and brush as we go. Contact leader for more details. Leader: Steve Benoit 394-4234 or trailcrew@ventanawild.org.



Dale and Kathy in August 1965.

Katharine Barton Wright Wilson 1923 – 2010

Long-time members who missed the recent obituary in the *Monterey County Herald* will be sorry to learn of the passing of Katharine “Kathy” Barton Wright Wilson, 87, who with her husband Dale and daughters Robin and Holly, was very active in the early years of the Ventana Chapter.

Kathy supported many chapter activities behind the scenes, working on preparing and mailing *The Ventana* in the days when the copy was typed on mimeograph stencils and run off in the offices of various volunteers. In addition she was a major branch on the Telephone Tree, which notified a pre-arranged group of volunteers when letters or phone calls were needed for urgent conservation issues. She was very supportive of Dale in his more visible jobs with the chapter, where he served on the Executive Committee, as Education Chair, and mastermind of the Chapter booth at the County Fair.

The family was also active in the outings program, leading and participating in a number of family backpacking trips. A special project that went on for some years in the 60s and 70s was Trail Days in the Santa Cruz Mountains, where Dale, as an engineer for State Parks, organized and designed new trails and rehabilitated old ones in the Forest of Nisene Marks and other parks.

Kathy’s life was changed dramatically by a reckless driver who crashed into her car at the dangerous San Miguel Canyon intersection on Hwy. 101 before the overpass was constructed. Although seriously injured, she gradually regained the ability to walk, but in recent years had been confined to bed. She never seemed to complain or feel sorry for herself, even this last holiday season sending a Christmas letter emphasizing that it had been a wonderful year following the activities of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

For over 20 years after leaving Carmel Valley, she lived in a charming house next door to her daughter Robin in Foresthill, near Auburn, California, surrounded by the art, music, and books that she had collected all her life, and which gave her great comfort in her later years. Donations in her memory to environmental charities would do honor to a kind and selfless soul.

Kathy’s Celebration Service will be Sunday, March 20, 11:00 a.m. at Pioneer Cemetery on Elm Street in Auburn, CA.

—Corky Matthews

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OUTINGS RATINGS

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All outings begin and end at the trailhead. Carpooling to and from the trailhead is strictly a private arrangement between the driver and the riders. Carpool drivers are not agents or employees of the Sierra Club.

EXPLANATION OF RATINGS:

The outings described vary in difficulty from leisurely walks to strenuous hikes. The following explanation is a general guideline. (For more information about the difficulty of a particular outing, call the leader).

Walk: Between 2-5 miles, leisurely pace.

Easy: No more than 5 miles; slight elevation gain; easy pace.

Moderate: 5-10 miles; up to 2000' gain; boots; better than average fitness required.

Strenuous: May involve off-trail hiking; demanding pace; for experienced hikers in good condition only.

MEETING PLACES

DIRECTIONS:

Rio Road Park & Ride: This parking lot is on Rio Road in Carmel.

Save-Mart / Bagel Bakery: (formerly Albertson's) South of Monterey on Hwy. 1. One mile past Ocean Ave., turn L on Carmel Valley Rd. Almost immediately, turn R at the light. Save-Mart / Bagel Bakery on the R.

Santa Cruz County Government Center: The large grey building at the corner of Ocean & Water in Santa Cruz. We meet at the corner of the parking lot nearest to the intersection.

Felton Faire: The shopping center at the junction of Graham Hill and Mt. Hermon Rds. in Felton. We meet at the edge of the Safeway parking lot nearest Graham Hill Rd.

41st Avenue / Sears: From Hwy. 1 in Capitola take the 41st Ave. exit. Go toward the ocean on 41st Ave. Pass the main Mall entrance and turn right into the next entrance near Sears. We meet behind the bank located at 41st and Capitola Road.

MPC parking lot: Monterey Peninsula College Parking Lot. From Hwy. 1 take the Fisherman's Wharf exit, go straight one block, turn L and L again into the first parking lot: A. Site of the Thurs. Farmers Mkt. Plenty of parking with no fee on weekends.

carpool news

Meet 1 hour before formal meeting time in order to save gas and protect the environment when participating in out-of county outings. Informal (no leader) carpool meeting spots:

**Santa Cruz: County Gov't Center
Monterey: REI Marina**

In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ridesharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

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Participants will be required to sign a liability waiver. To read it before choosing to participate on an outing go to www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 19

HIKE: TORO PARK

Explore Toro Park. We'll hike to Valley View Peak via East Ridge and East Toyon Trails for great views. 9 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Toro Park entrance at 9:00 a.m. Rain cancels. Call for a space. Leader: Monique Farques, 384-3234.

Sunday, February 20

HIKE: PINNACLES / MT DEFIANCE

For experienced hikers only, we'll explore the fifth highest peak in Pinnacles NM, Mt Defiance, with a panoramic view including the seldom-seen "Little Pinnacles." Mostly off-trail with some light bushwhacking. Leaving Salinas at 9:00 a.m. 6 miles and 2000' elevation gain. Must call leader for further info. Leader: Jack Glendenning, 484-6929.

Tuesday, February 22

SENIOR HIKE: HARVEY WEST

4 miles with uphill (some steep) from Harvey West parking lot by baseball fields. We'll walk by Sacred Tree and lunch at ranger station. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or Harvey West parking lot at 9:50 a.m. Restrooms. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

Wednesday, February 23

HIKE: POGONIP

6½ miles, 600' elevation gain. Stop at old spring boxes, lime kilns, sacred oak tree, and old clubhouse. Hike through grassy meadows, redwoods, and a few creeks. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Thursday, February 24

HIKE: GARZAS CREEK

This is my favorite hike with its meadow & hillsides of wildflowers, forests with woodrat nests, dark redwood canyon and Garzas Creek with 6 crossings. 4-mile loop with 800' elevation gain. Stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00 a.m. sharp from Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Bring water & lunch. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, February 26

HIKE: WILDER RANCH / OHLONE BLUFFS

Enjoy the beauty of cliffs, coves, and the ocean along the Ohlone Bluff Trail in Wilder Ranch. 10 miles with minimal elevation gain. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Ctr at 9:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch, carpool \$, and wear comfortable shoes. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Pamela Burnham, 428-2796.

Sunday, February 27

HIKE: BIG BASIN

Our 15-mile hike begins after a short car shuttle from Waddell Creek. We'll climb Chalk Mtn and continue

on Chalk Rd. to the Sunset Trail. 1500' elevation gain. Then we descend past Golden, Cascade, Silver, and Berry Creek Falls before returning to Waddell Beach. Bring plenty of water, food, and wear hiking boots. Meet at the Santa Cruz Co. Government Center at 7:45 a.m. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

MARCH

March, date TBD

WORK PARTY: VENTANA WILDERNESS

I need strong healthy people to help clear the beautiful Carrizo Trail that could be erased from this earth, if it is not worked on. Beautiful rock formations and beautiful views of the Ventana. Call me for date and other info: Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Tuesday, March 1

HIKE: MONTEREY PKS / HUCKLEBERRY HILL

We'll hike from Colton Hall through Via Paraiso, Quarry, and Veterans Park to Huckleberry Hill Pre-

serve and return by Veterans Trail. 5 miles, 700' elevation gain. Bring water & lunch. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Colton Hall, Pacific and Madison in Monterey. Unrestricted parking on Pacific Ave. above the library or on Van Buren above the police department. Call leader to reserve a spot. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, 333-1759 or onegisela@aol.com.

Friday, March 4

WALK: MISSION TRAIL CARMEL

We'll follow the Old Mission Trail thru shady redwood trees and oaks to its end near the historic Flanders Mansion. We'll visit the nearby Roundtree Arboretum and return via the Mesa Trail to visit a native plant garden at the Mission San Carlos Borromeo where Father Junipero Sera is buried. 2-3 flat miles. This trail is a great place to see and photograph spring woodland wildflowers. Meet at Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel at 10:00 a.m. Call for more information. Leader: Phyllis Hilton, 372-1714.

Saturday, March 5

WALK: MT. HAMILTON LICK OBSERVATORY

Combine a historic site visit with a 6-mile hike with 1000' elevation gain. It is not for those who don't like touring buildings. 1½-hour winding drive into the mountains east of San Jose. Bring \$6 for carpool and warm clothes. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

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Saturday, March 5

HIKE: GARLAND RANCH EXPLORATION

Come explore with me the length of Garland Ranch when temps are mild. We'll start at the visitor center and end at Kahn Ranch. Strenuous 12 miles with 2500' elevation gain. Wonderful views. Car shuttle. Call me by Feb. 27 as shuttle arrangements and permit must be set up in advance. Meet at the Rio Road Park & Ride to carpool. Bring water and lunch. Heavy rain cancels; rain date is March 12. Leader: Monique Fargues, 384-3234.

Sunday, March 6

EASY HIKE: MOSS LANDING

Fish Fry anyone? Let's hike to Phil's and back again. We'll walk from the lot at Potrero Rd. north along the beach to the island, and back by an inland route. Level and slow on the beach. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Marina REI. Wear layers, bring water, optional binoculars, and \$\$ for gas and chow (or lunch to eat on the beach.) If coming from the north, meet in lot at the end of Potrero Rd in Moss Landing by 10:30 a.m. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Getting to outings

Sierra Club encourages outings participants to walk, bicycle, and take the bus to outings meeting places.



Tuesday, March 8

SENIOR HIKE: DE LAVEAGA

We'll hike to the Top of the World and back among trillium and yellow violets. 3 miles, some uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at DeLaveaga Park at Twisted Tree picnic area (off Branciforte Drive (not Ave.) at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Janet Schwind, 425-3845.

Wednesday, March 9

HIKE: LAND OF MEDICINE BUDDHA

This 6-mile loop with 700' elevation gain includes a lovely redwood forest, 2 albino redwoods, a beautiful creek, and stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp from the REI in Marina or from the back parking lot of the Congregational Church of Soquel at 8:50 a.m. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, March 11

HIKE: HENRY COWELL REDWOODS

Henry Cowell has some very old redwoods and some rare, for this area, Ponderosa Pines. We'll hike through the sand hills and then down through the redwood forest to the San Lorenzo river, with a nice view of Santa Cruz along the way. 6 1/2 miles, 800' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Trailhead is in the parking area of Powder Mill Pipeline on Graham Hill Rd. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Friday, March 11

HIKE: HENRY COE STATE PARK

It's a long drive to Henry Coe State Park, which is in the hills east of Morgan Hill, but worth it for the green rolling hills, oak studded meadows, wildflowers, and interesting visitor center. We'll hike a leisurely 8-mile loop on the Fish, Middle Ridge and Flat Frog trails, with about 1000' of elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the REI parking lot (next to the wall) in Marina. Santa Cruz hikers may meet at Sears 41st Ave. (no leader) at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to the Park. (Take the East Dunne Ave. exit from Hwy. 101, and follow signs to the park's main entrance.) We should be at Henry Coe parking lot (fee) around 10:00 a.m. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Saturday, March 12

HIKE: NISENE MARKS

Beautiful hike in Nisene Marks starting at George's picnic area and following the Historic Loop. 8 miles with 1000' gain. Meet at Sears 41st Ave at 9:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch, carpool \$, and wear hiking shoes. Rain cancels. Leader: Pamela Burnham, 428-2796.

Saturday, March 12

WALK: CARMEL RIVER BEACH

How about an early morning walk from Carmel River Beach toward Monastery Beach via the hill and back via the Bluff Trail. Enjoy wildflowers, birds, views of Point Lobos, and the surf. 3 miles. Wear comfortable shoes, and dress for the weather; windbreaker recommended. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the parking lot at Carmel River Beach at the lagoon (south end of Carmelo in Carmel.) Call leader to reserve a space. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Sunday, March 13

HIKE: SILVER PEAK WILDERNESS

We'll start our hike at the Cruickshank Trailhead just south of Gorda and complete the walk at the old Salmon Creek Station. 8 miles with 1100' elevation gain in the first four miles. We'll pass through the two Cruickshank camps and the beautiful Buckeye Camp, finishing by descending to Salmon Creek station. Majestic ocean views. There is poison oak along the trail, so wear appropriate clothing. Meet at the Rio Road Park and Ride at 7:30 a.m. to carpool for the long drive. Bring lunch, water, and a snack. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Benoit, 394-4234.

Sunday, March 13

HIKE: HENRY COE STATE PARK

Wake up an hour earlier as this hike marks the beginning of daylight savings time. Our 13-mile hike begins with a 1300' climb to Wasno Road before dropping to our lunch spot at Kelly Lake. Wildflowers should be great as well as the view of the snow-capped Sierra. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 8:00 a.m. or Coyote Creek entrance at 9:00 a.m. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

Tuesday, March 15

SENIOR WALK: SUNSET BEACH

We'll walk both the bluffs and the beach. Moderate 4 miles without steep hills. Dress for weather. Meet

before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at the Sunset Beach kiosk parking lot at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool, and share of parking fee. Rain cancels. Leader: Denise Lucy, 234-9559.

Tuesday, March 15

HIKE: MESA LOOP/GARLAND RANCH

We'll hike the Mesa Trail to La Mesa Pond and return along the Waterfall Trail. If we still feel ambitious, we can add a loop through the meadow around Rancho Trail. 4 miles, 800' elevation gain, moderate pace. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at the Rio Road Park & Ride near the Bank of America in Carmel or at Garland's main parking lot 20 minutes later. Bring water and lunch. Please let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, 333-1759 or onegisela@aol.com.

Wednesday, March 16

HIKE: SIERRA AZUL MT. UMUNHUM AREA

We'll be hiking right below the 3486' Mt. Umunhum (considered a sacred mountain by the Ohlone) along the Bay Area Ridge Trail which will eventually circle all of the Bay Area. The preserve has more than 17,000 acres of unspoiled rugged steep terrain. Wide trail with scenic views of the South Bay. Since we are on the top of the ridge, we'll pass over deep ravines and riparian corridors with seasonal or year-round water flow. We'll hike out to Mt. El Sombroso and return on the same trail for a 10-mile hike from the end of Hicks Road in Almaden. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the trailhead at the top of Hicks Road at 10:00 a.m. Carpool \$4. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, March 19

HIKE: CHALK MOUNTAIN

Car shuttle from Whitehouse Canyon to Cascade Ranch if a private landowner will allow us access. 8+ miles with 1200' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, March 19

HIKE: PINNACLES HARRIS PEAK

For adventurous and experienced hikers only. We'll explore the northern wilderness region of Pinnacles National Monument and climb the park's third highest peak—Harris Peak. Strenuous. Partly off-trail with some light bushwhacking. 13 miles and 3500' elevation gain. All day, leaving Salinas at 7:00 a.m. Must call leader for further information and a reservation. Bring lunch and water. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Jack Glendening, 484-6929.

Saturday, March 19

HIKE: FORT ORD

Explore the northern end of Ford Ord Public Lands. 8-mile loop partly on trails and roads. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Creekside Trailhead parking lot (corner of Reservation Road and Hwy. 68) at 9:00 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Heavy rain cancels. Call for a space. A limited number of well-behaved dogs welcome only by pre-arrangement. Leader: Monique Fargues, 384-3234.

Sunday, March 20

HIKE: CELEBRATE OUR GREENBELT THE POGONIP

Join the Sierra Club and Friends of the Pogonip to welcome the Spring Equinox with a classic hike on the largest of our Greenbelt lands. We'll explore the Haunted Meadow, look for early blooming wildflowers, pause at the historic lime kilns, visit the goldfish pool beneath the Pogonip's oldest redwood, and

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pay our respects to the Sacred Oak. Meet at the top (north end) of Spring Street at 9:30 a.m., returning there around noon. Call leaders Celia and Peter Scott at 423-0796 for information.

Sunday, March 20
HIKE: POINT LOBOS

We'll meet at the Entrance Gate near the restrooms at 11:00 a.m. to hike around the park. 4 miles with stops to view otters, tidepool creatures, sea lions, and beautiful spring wildflowers. Bring a lunch, water, and sunscreen. After the hike we'll carpool to the Jack London Grill on Dolores Street in Carmel for Happy Hour and food. Leader: Phyllis Hilton, 372-1714, cell 869-9811.

Sunday, March 20
HIKE: DANISH CREEK

We'll begin our journey at Los Padres Dam in the northern portion of Los Padres National Forest. Hiking up the Carmel River Trail to the Big Pines Trail then down to secluded Danish Creek Camp for lunch. 9 miles and 1400' elevation gain. Expect poison oak and possible ticks. Please call for meeting place and time. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Sunday - Friday, March 20 - 25
WORK PARTY: CARRIZO PLAINS

This outing includes 3½ days of service removing and modifying fences to allow pronghorn to travel more widely. This is the early spring wildflower season, and our schedule allows at least a day for exploring. Because we are privileged to stay at one of the old ranch houses, our trip is limited to 14 participants. \$30 covers five dinners. Contact leader: Craig Deutsche, 310-477-6670, craig.deutsche@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 22
SENIOR HIKE: UCSC RINCON

Easy to moderate 2½-mile hike. Gradual uphill on Rincon Trail to Merrill College on UCSC campus. We'll eat lunch at the college. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, take Hwy. 9 about 1½ miles to Rincon parking area on the right before 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Brooke Ewoldson, 475-6188.

Wednesday, March 23
HIKE: FALL CREEK

Fir, oak, and madrone dominate the area. The park is known for its 15 varieties of ferns. We'll cross the creek one or two times, a little rock-hopping involved. 7 miles, 1000' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Thursday, March 24
HIKE: TRAPPER'S RIDGE

This is a special opportunity to hike in the Santa Lucia Preserve of Rancho San Carlos in Carmel Valley accompanied by naturalist, Julie Sigourney. Our hike will include a beautiful display of wildflowers and a most gorgeous view of the valley and ocean shoreline. 4 miles with 1100' elevation gain. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30 a.m. sharp from Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, March 26
WALK: CELEBRATE OUR GREENBELT ARANA GULCH

Join the Sierra Club and Friends of Arana Gulch for a walk to learn and experience the natural history of the City's smallest greenbelt, Arana Gulch. This is a unique coastal terrace prairie grassland bounded by creeks and their riparian habitats—integral components of the historic Woods Lagoon. Meet at the Agnes St. entrance (Soquel Ave., then south on Mentel or Park Way where parking is available), at 10:30 a.m., returning before noon. Rain will cancel; the walk would then be rescheduled to April 16. Call leaders Celia and Peter Scott at 423-0796 for info.

Saturday, March 26
HIKE: EAST GARLAND

Let's see how many wildflowers are out. We'll start from Garzas Creek and climb to Vasques Knob. Several of the trails are shady but the sunny meadows should be full of flowers. Beautiful views. 8 miles and 1800' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at Mid Valley Safeway opposite the bank at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Please call a day ahead. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Saturday - Monday, March 26 - 28
WORK PARTY: WHIPPLE MTS WILDERNESS

Join CA/NV Wilderness Committee and Mojave Group on their annual joint outing to help BLM's Needles office enhance wilderness in this desert area. The Whipples are our planned destination and the rumor is that there will be Saguaro cactus. Central commissary. Contact Vicky Hoover, 415-977-5527 or vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org.

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Sunday, March 27
HIKE: SOBERANES CREEK/ROCKY RIDGE

A 5-mile loop with 1700' elevation gain and great terrain variety. We'll follow the Soberanes Creek Trail into a sublime redwood grove, then climb steeply to grassy knolls for a spectacular view at lunch. The hills will likely be green and have flowers. The descent is along Rocky Ridge with more views of the coast and ocean. Boots highly recommended; hiking poles helpful. Bring water and lunch. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Call for location. Leader: DJ Goehring, 277-9908.

Tuesday, March 29
SENIOR HIKE: ROARING CAMP / HENRY COWELL

We'll walk from railroad cars thru Roaring Camp and climb to top of Bear Mtn. where we'll have lunch. Restrooms. Moderate uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, take Graham Hill Rd. drive past Roaring Camp entrance to Roaring Camp Drive on your right to park. Bring water, lunch, \$3 carpool. Leader: Helena Cantin, 438-4523.

Tuesday, March 29
PHOTO HIKE: TORO PARK

The goal will be photographing flowers. This is not a workshop. I am not an expert, just an avid amateur. Hike along the Ollason Trail to the view under the oak trees for lunch—if we get that far, returning the

same way. 5-6 miles, 800' elevation gain, slow pace with lots of stops. Bring water & lunch. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at the dirt parking area outside Toro Park. Please, let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, 333-1759 or onegisela@aol.com.

APRIL

Saturday, April 2
HIKE: STEVENS CREEK TO PICCHETTI RANCH

5-6 miles with 800' elevation gain with a chance to find some early wildflowers. We'll drive over Hwy. 17 to Stevens Creek County Park. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

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OUTINGS

Saturday, April 2

HIKE: TORO PARK

Let's do the "grand tour" of Toro Park and enjoy the early spring flowers and views along the way. We'll go up via Ollason Trail to Valley View Peak and come down via Toyon and East Ridge Trails. Great views. 8-10 miles. Bring water and lunch; heavy rain cancels. Meet at the dirt parking lot outside the main entrance of Toro Park at 9:00 a.m. Call for a space. Leader: Monique Fargues, 384-3234.

Sunday, April 3

WALK: CELEBRATE OUR GREENBELT THE MOORE CREEK PRESERVE

Join us to explore the 246-acre Moore Creek Preserve. The Preserve, located within the most pristine watershed in the City of Santa Cruz on the western edge of the City, was acquired in 1998 with funds from a voter-approved bond measure. We'll hike up from Hwy. 1 and Shaffer Rd., taking in the scenic coastal prairie habitat, with fine views across Monterey Bay, keeping an eye out for the special status species that inhabit this place. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. at Shaffer Road on the south side of Hwy. 1, where parking is available, returning before noon. Call leaders Celia and Peter Scott, 423-0796 for information.

Sunday, April 3

WALK: POINT LOBOS

Spring is sprung! Let's go find some flowers along the north shore out to Ixchenta Point and back around Whalers Cove at Point Lobos. Bring a snack to sustain you as we return via Sea Lion Point and the Lace Lichen Trail. Meet at Rio Rd. Park & Ride at 10:00 a.m., bring binoculars and dress in layers; expect to return by 1:00 p.m. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Wednesday, April 6

HIKE: BERRY CREEK FALLS

We'll start this hike from the Big Basin headquarters. This hike is an in and out that follows Kelly Creek and West Waddell Creek to Berry Creek Falls. This trail goes through a very green and lush part of the park where almost all of the redwood trees are old growth. 7½ miles, 1300' elevation gain. Bring water

and lunch. Meet before 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Bring your share of park entrance fee. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Friday, April 8

SENIOR HIKE: CARMEL RIVER BEACH

Join me for a scenic walk to Monastery Beach along the coast. This is a great place to observe and photograph sea otters and possibly pups feeding and playing in the surf. Shorebirds are abundant. Meet at the Carmel River Beach parking lot at the end of Monte Verde in Carmel at 10:30 a.m. We'll have lunch on one of the lovely sandy beaches beside the trail. Bring lunch and water, and optional binoculars. Call for more information. Leader: Phyllis Hilton, 372-1714.

Saturday, April 9

HIKE: BUTANO STATE PARK

Beautiful Butano loop hike beginning at the Año Nuevo Trail to Trail Camp where we'll stop for lunch. Return via Canyon Trail and Jackson Flats Trail. 9 miles and 1300' elevation gain. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch, carpool \$, and wear hiking shoes. Rain cancels. Leader: Pamela Burnham, 428-2796.

Sunday, April 10

HIKE: PINNACLES/NORTH WILDERNESS

My all-time favorite place to hike, the Pinnacles has it all: wildflowers, unusual geology, warm weather, and birds. Condors to Preying Mantis, I never fail to see something special. We'll hike up Juniper Canyon and over the High Peaks to the North Wilderness Trail for a 13-mile hike with 1300' elevation gain. Bring lots of water and a big lunch. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 7:45 a.m. Monterey hikers call for carpool information. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

Sunday - Saturday, April 10 - 16

SERVICE TRIP/BACKPACK: ESCALANTE

We'll work with Nat'l Park Ranger Bill Wolverton to eradicate Russian olive using loppers, small hand-saws, and herbicide. Meet in Escalante, UT Sunday morning, caravan to the trailhead and hike in about 7 miles. Expect knee- to thigh-deep river crossings and some bushwhacking. Participants must follow work-clothing requirements, provide their own food and gear on the trail, and travel expenses. For more info contact leader, Paul Plathe, 209-476-1498.

Tuesday, April 12

SENIOR HIKE: PARADISE PARK/RINCON

Enjoy the many spring flowers. We'll walk a fire road to Hwy. 9, cross over to Rincon Trail and then downhill to the San Lorenzo River. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, take Hwy. 9 to Paradise Park entrance. Follow signs to Picnic Grounds. Lunch at picnic grounds. Restrooms. Bring lunch,

water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Tuesday, April 12

HIKE: POINT LOBOS

Point Lobos at peak wildflower season—wow!! Besides numerous wildflowers, expect magnificent views and a variety of wildlife. 5 miles with minimal elevation gain. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30 a.m. sharp from Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, April 15

HIKE: PACHECO STATE PARK

Near Pacheco Pass is a windswept area of rolling hills, secluded meadows, and in the spring fabulous wildflowers. We'll walk a 6-mile loop with some steep ups and downs. Bring lunch, water, sturdy shoes, and optional camera. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at REI (next to wall) in Marina. Santa Cruz area hikers meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. (no leader) and go direct. Take Hwy 152 east to Pacheco Pass, turn right on Dinosaur Point Rd, then right at park entrance. Be at Pacheco State Park parking area (\$) by 10:30 a.m. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Saturday, April 16

HIKE: FT. ORD PUBLIC LANDS

We'll look for an early Mariposa Lily, C. unifloris, among other flowers. 8 miles and 800' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, April 16

HIKE: GARLAND PARK

Hike up to the Mesa via foothill trails, Buckeye and Waterfall, back via Fern, Mesa, and Lupine Loop Trails. Nice valley views, wildflowers. 4+ miles. Meet at Rio Road Park & Ride to carpool. Call leader to reserve space and for time. Bring food and water. Rain cancels. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Saturday - Sunday, April 16 - 17

SERVICE TRIP: CARRIZO PLAINS

On Sat., we'll assist monument staff in removing fence wires to allow pronghorn antelope freer access to the range. Sun. is reserved for sightseeing. The views from the Caliente Mountains are spectacular; spring flowers may still be blooming; and the monument is known for its number and variety of raptors. Contact leader Craig Deutsche, 310-477-6670, or craig.deutsche@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 17

HIKE: MAL PASO WILDFLOWERS

We'll go up a road above Mal Paso Creek, crossing the creek, then up a steep ridge, and finally thru some

redwood groves to the Rocky Ridge Trail. We'll end near Soberanes Creek. A beautiful, rugged 6 miles with 1000' of elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, and wear good boots. Call early for reservation, meeting time and place. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Tuesday, April 19

SENIOR HIKE: TORO PARK

We'll hike the Oliason Trail and hopefully see great wildflowers. 3 miles with one uphill section. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Toro Park at the next to last parking lot near bathrooms at 10:40 a.m. Bring water, lunch, sit-upon, and \$5 carpool. Toro Park is off East. Hwy. 68 between Monterey & Salinas. Leader: Bev Meschi, 475-4185.

Tuesday, April 19

HIKE: JACKS PEAK

Jacks Peak offers quiet forested trails with great views of Monterey, the Bay, and Carmel Valley. 5-6 miles, with 700' elevation gain at a moderate pace. Bring water & lunch. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at NW corner of Whole Foods lot in Monterey. Please, let me know if you are coming. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, 333-1759 or onegisela@aol.com.

Saturday, April 23

WALK: GEOLOGY TOUR AT AÑO NUEVO

Another great walk with geologist Jerry Weber. We'll explore the geology of Point Año Nuevo and the San Gregorio fault zone. The faults visible in the sea cliff make it one of the best exposed major fault zones in North America. Jerry will doubtless have lots of stories to tell, in particular the fiasco of PG&E and the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m., and spend about 5 hours. Bring lunch and water. Limited to 25; call leaders Celia or Peter Scott, 423-0796 to reserve a spot.

Saturday, April 23

HIKE: FORT ORD PUBLIC GRASSLANDS

We'll enjoy spring flowers starting at the entrance on Hwy. 68, going up via Guidotti and Skyline Roads for a 10-mile hike. Bring water and lunch. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m; call for a space. A few well-behaved dogs welcome by pre-arrangement. Leader: Monique Fargues, 384.3234.

Tuesday, April 26

SENIOR HIKE: WILDER

We'll begin at the parking area on right side of Hwy. 1 just past Quilted Fish sign, about 2 miles past Wilder entrance. Steep uphill thru Enchanted Forest Cyn, then back. 3+ miles. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Shen's Gallery, Mission & King at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water, sit-upon, \$3 carpool. Leader: Brooke Ewoldson, 475-6188.

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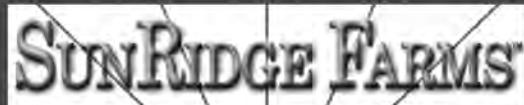
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