



## A CLOSER LOOK AT CLARKIA (FAREWELL-TO-SPRING)

By Bob Young

*This is the sixth of a series of articles describing the flowers pictured in our wildflower brochure. — ed.*



*Clarkia rubicunda* (Farewell-to-Spring) is shown in the brochure "Common Native Wildflowers of Edgewood," published jointly by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve.

The genus *Clarkia* honors Captain William Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Northwest in 1804-1806. The *Clarkia* genus is in the Evening Primrose family of plants. The second name of this species, *rubicunda*, comes from the Latin word *rubicund*, meaning very red.

*Clarkia rubicunda* is an annual plant. Its petals are rosy-pink to lavender, with a bright-red or purplish-red base. It appears in openings in

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## A VISITOR CENTER FOR EDGEWOOD PRESERVE?

By Peter Ingram

As 1999 unfolds and the new millenium approaches, an exciting new challenge for the Friends is beginning to take shape. The Edgewood Master Plan adopted in May 1997 makes passing reference to a "proposed interpretive center" to be located in the Old Stage Day Camp area.

In late 1998 the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation compiled a countywide list of potential projects for future funding. One of those projects is a visitor center for Edgewood! The challenge that we face is to help create a vision and program for a new center and then advocate for it to become a priority project for funding by the Foundation and then execution within the County's capital improvement program.

The Friends of Edgewood Executive Committee has begun to informally discuss the idea of a visitor center and we are currently compiling a

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## NEW OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### By Bill Korbholz

On January 14 the first Friends of Edgewood Board of Directors meeting under the corporate bylaws took place. As a reminder, the Directors elected at the general meeting last October are:

- Carol Belew (2-year term)
- Toni Corelli (2-year term)
- Peter Ingram (2-year term)
- Kathy Korbholz (1-year term)
- Lennie Roberts (1-year term)
- Bob Young (1-year term)

At the board meeting, the newly-elected Directors elected a Director Emeritus and corporate officers and designated the Executive Committee. All of these positions carry with them a 1-year term.

Bill Korbholz was elected Director Emeritus. (The Director Emeritus is a full-fledged Director, bringing the number of Directors to 7.)



L to R: Peter, Kathy, Toni, Lennie, Carol, Bob, Bill

The Directors then elected the following officers for 1999:

- President, Peter Ingram
- Vice President, Kathy Korbholz
- Secretary, Carol Belew
- Treasurer, Bob Young

In addition, the Board designated the Executive Committee as follows:

- Directors and officers as shown above
- John Allen, Member-At-Large
- Elly Hess, Escaped Exotic Plant Chair
- Dianne Hunt, Docent Program Coordinator
- Katherine Greene, Docent Program / Publicity Support
- Carolyn Curtis, Membership Chair
- Susan Sommers, Revegetation Coordinator
- Frank Figoni, Preserve Exhibits Coordinator
- Nancy Mangini, Volunteer Trail Patrol Coordinator
- Carol Hankermeyer, Community Outreach Coordinator
- Kathy Korbholz, Newsletter
- Bill Korbholz, Information, Technology & Publications`

## DOUBLE YOUR GIFT TO THE FRIENDS

### By Kathy Korbholz

Many companies have matching gift programs for qualifying non-profit organizations. Such programs offer a way of doubling your contribution, thus improving the quality of your community.

The Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve organization should qualify for most companies' matching programs because:

- it has been granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the IRS
- it is a registered nonprofit California public benefit corporation
- its mission, which is to preserve Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve for the human, plant, and animal generations to come, meets the eligibility guidelines for environmental organizations required by many matching gift programs.

Look into your company's matching gifts program next time you think about contributing to the Friends of Edgewood. `

## A NEW SEASON OF DOCENT-LED WILDFLOWER WALKS

By Dianne Hunt

The flowers are blooming! We've already seen Indian-warrior, milkmaids and hound's tongue (the "red, white and blue first flowers of Spring"), shooting star, trillium and Fremont's star lily (*Zigadenus fremontii*)!

For you wildflower lovers who enjoy Edgewood Preserve and would like to learn more about its diversity and wildflowers, we have added more walks and more docents to our program.

Docent-led weekend walks began Saturday and Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and will be led every weekend through the end of June (for all you Clarkia lovers)!

For more information on our walks or to schedule a docent-led weekday walk for your group or school, call Dianne Hunt, Docent Coordinator. `

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woodlands or in chaparral near the coast. In Edgewood Park it appears primarily on serpentine grassland. It is found at less than 1500 feet elevation along the Central Coast of California and within the San Francisco Bay area.

In the Clarkia genus, each flower petal is in the shape of a paddle, with either a long handle or none. The scientific term for the long handle is "claw." At one time the clawed Clarkias were in the genus Clarkia, while the unclawed Clarkias were placed in the genus Godetia. Now, they are combined into the Clarkia genus. It is interesting that Godetia Road is located off Cañada Road just south of Edgewood Natural Preserve.

In the Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve Checklist of Plants, compiled by Toni Corelli, two other Clarkias are listed, in addition to *Clarkia rubicunda*. These are *Clarkia purpurea quadrivulnera* (common name four-spotted clarkia) and *Clarkia purpurea viminea*

## FREEWAY ADOPTION UNDERWAY

By Ken Seydel

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, nine individuals met with Cal Trans officials for safety training and equipment at a meeting at Kathy and Bill Korbholz's home.



L to R: Chris, Anne, Kathy, Bob, Ken, Vicki, Frank. Behind the camera: Bill. Already hard at work: Dianne, Billy.

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> was a cold and windy morning with a few drops of rain from the leading edge of a major storm. All nine of these brave people showed up at 8:30 at the Edgewood Park & Ride for the first ever cleaning of the land between the park and Highway 280. By 11:00 the freeway was clean and our volunteers had picked up 15 bags of trash!

Thank you: Bob Archibald, Billy James, Frank Figoni, Dianne Hunt, Anne Koletzke, Bill and Kathy Korbholz, Vicki Rodger, Chris Wilson.

The next cleanup is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in joining this hearty crew please contact Ken Seydel. We will see that you are safety-trained and equipped with hard hat, goggles, gloves, bright orange vest, and your very own picker. `

(common name large godetia).

*Clarkia rubicunda* blooms at the end of spring, often after grasses and other herbs have turned brown and dry. For this reason it has been given the common name of Farewell-to-Spring. `

## WEED & FEED, FEBRUARY 28

By Ken Himes

On the last day of February, a day with predicted rain, 8 of us weeded at the bush mallow site along the Edgewood Trail. This site burned during the arson fire in the early 90's destroying the small number of bush mallow shrubs. Hundreds of seeds germinated the following spring and there are now about 80 to 100 bush mallow plants 2 to 3 feet in size.

The fire benefited the bush mallow population but the burned areas also suffered an invasion of thistle plants. Yellow star thistle and Italian thistle are particularly troublesome at this site. We decided to remove and bag Italian thistle plants, since they are larger at this stage of the season. They were abundant and widespread and hundreds were removed, but we will need to return to this area in May and June, so look for weekday dates or future Weed & Feed dates and let's control these two invasive exotic thistles in this special habitat.

Joining me on this Weed & Feed were Alex Maksymowicz, Kathryn Strachota, Tony Allison, Charlene Jolly, Bill and Kathy Korbholz, and John Allen. `

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list of suggested elements, functions and qualities that we think such an interpretive facility ought to offer the public. Our goal is to have a well-developed draft vision statement and description of program / functions by mid-April.

We will then initiate a dialogue with County staff and the Foundation and begin what will probably be a 3- to 5-year adventure to gain commitments and funding so that this exciting addition to Edgewood may become a reality.

### Here's how YOU can help

Send us your suggestions, ideas, wishes and fantasies of what an Edgewood visitor center could be and what it might look like. Think about what makes your experience of Edgewood unique and special – and how a center might

## NEW TRAIL PATROL SEASON STARTS!

By Nancy Mangini

Spring in Edgewood heralds not only wildflower season, but the beginning of the active season for the Edgewood Park Volunteer Trail Patrol.

On Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, the Volunteer Trail Patrol will begin its fifth year of service to park visitors. There will be a kick-off meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Old Stage Day Camp area in Edgewood.

At the meeting, our 24 veteran members will have the chance to get reacquainted with each other and meet the new friends-to-be who will have completed their training and joined the Patrol. New information about the park, its facilities, and patrol reporting procedures will be presented and weekend patrols will be scheduled for the first six weeks of our 6-month patrolling season.

See you all at the Day Camp! `

enhance and enrich that experience. Don't hold back or limit your creativity! If you have been to other visitor centers in preserves, parks or open spaces that you think work well, please share your experience with us.

Also, any thoughts on the operation and staffing of a center that you feel are important for a successful experience would be most helpful. And finally, if you are an architect or planner and would be willing to donate some hours to help shape the vision in the early stages of the process, this could be a very rewarding experience for you and invaluable service to a great cause.

Send your comments to POB 3422, Redwood City, 94064, or fax Peter Ingram at 366-7105, or e-mail [info@friendsofedgewood.org](mailto:info@friendsofedgewood.org) by April 1. If you have a flash of inspiration at midnight and don't want to write it down, call the Friends voice mail center. Thanks in advance for your contributions and support! `

**WILDFLOWER WALKS AT EDGEWOOD NATURAL PRESERVE—1999**

The carpets of wildflowers covering the serpentine grassland at Edgewood Natural Preserve are renowned throughout California and beyond. Over 50 different species of blooming wildflowers can be seen on a single walk. You may also see some rare or unique plants and maybe even a Bay Checkerspot Butterfly!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Leaders (not all leaders are listed)</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>
March 6	Saturday	Paul Heiple, Carol Hankermeyer	Day Camp
March 7	Sunday	Bill Kirsher, Harry Cornbleet	Day Camp
March 13	Saturday	Stephen Buckhout, Bill Kirsher	Day Camp
March 14	Sunday	Elly Hess, Dick Gehr	Day Camp
March 20	Saturday	Ken Himes, John Allen	Day Camp
March 21	Sunday	Bill Korbholz, Bob Buell	Day Camp
March 27	Saturday	Dianne Hunt, Paul Heiple (geology)	Park & Ride
March 28	Sunday	Frank Figoni, Mansur Nur	Park & Ride
April 3	Saturday	Dick Gehr, TBD	Park & Ride
April 4	Sunday	Don Mayall, Carolyn Curtis	Park & Ride
April 10	Saturday	Al Huber, Donna Petersen	Park & Ride
April 11	Sunday	Lorie Coon, Sandra Overton	Park & Ride
April 17	Saturday	Jan Simpson, Ken Himes	Park & Ride
April 18	Sunday	Jean Struthers, Donna Maytham	Park & Ride
April 24	Saturday	Robert Strode, Mary Anne Leary	Park & Ride
April 25	Sunday	Kathy Korbholz, Kate Connors	Park & Ride
May 1	Saturday	Donna Petersen, Carol Hankermeyer	Park & Ride
May 2	Sunday	Jackie James, Mark Taube	Park & Ride
May 8	Saturday	Norma Jean Galiher, Bob Young	Park & Ride
May 9	Sunday	Alex Maksymowicz, Lorie Coon	Park & Ride
May 15	Saturday	Al Huber, Toni Sousa	Park & Ride
May 16	Sunday	Bob Buell, Susan Peterson	Park & Ride
May 22	Saturday	Denise Montlack, Chris Wilson	Park & Ride
May 23	Sunday	Tony Allison, Alex Maksymowicz	Park & Ride
May 29	Saturday	Kate Connors, Charlene Jolly	Park & Ride
May 30	Sunday	Katherine Greene, Jackie James	Park & Ride
June 5	Saturday	Paul Heiple, Norma Jean Galiher	Park & Ride
June 6	Sunday	Donna Maytham, Carol Belew (birds)	Park & Ride
June 12	Saturday	Anne Koletzke, Mary Thompson	Day Camp
June 13	Sunday	Mark Taube, Robert Strode	Day Camp
June 19	Saturday	Bob Noyes, Mark Ellis	Day Camp
June 20	Sunday	Charlene Jolly, Roger Meyers	Day Camp
June 26	Saturday	Mark Ellis, Anne Koletzke	Day Camp
June 27	Sunday	John Allen, Carol Belew (birds)	Day Camp

**EDGEWOOD EXOTIC REMOVAL EFFORTS INTENSIFY**

**By Ken Himes**

Weeds are an increasingly serious threat to the native plants at Edgewood. We are always looking for more people to help control the impact on Edgewood's native habitats.

Since last October, we have restricted our weeding sessions to Friday mornings. With the switch to daylight savings time, we will be weeding on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as well from April through early July. Check the table below for the dates and locations of weeding trips.

All afternoon weeding sessions will start at 5:30 p.m. and continue until about ½ hour before darkness sets in. You need only bring work gloves. There will be plenty of time to become familiar with the wonderful flora of Edgewood.

In case you arrive late, look for a map posted at the trail head or kiosk, indicating the location for the scheduled work.

For more information about either the Friday morning or Tuesday/Wednesday afternoon session, call me.

See you on the trail!

*Those of you who have not yet experienced weeding with Ken are missing a real opportunity to become personally involved in preserving Edgewood under the leadership of a true expert. Joining Ken will offer you a chance to visit lesser-traveled parts of the Preserve and learn from Ken about the special properties of Edgewood's plant communities. Try it one time—you'll be hooked. — ed.*

Date	Meeting Place	Weeding Area
April 6, 7	Day Camp	Sylvan Loop, northern branch portion, uphill to western leatherwood population and beyond.
April 13, 14	Day Camp	Northern branch of Sylvan Loop.

Date	Meeting Place	Weeding Area
April 20, 21	Day Camp	Edgewood Trail, eastern portion, uphill and west to northern bush mallow populations.
April 27, 28	West kiosk near 280 overpass	Edgewood Trail, western portion, from the junction with the Serpentine Loop in an easterly direction to the bush mallow population.
May 4, 5	West kiosk near 280 overpass	Edgewood Trail at the bush mallow population.
May 11, 12	West kiosk near 280 overpass	Serpentine Loop Trail, in a southeasterly direction from the west kiosk.
May 18, 19	West kiosk near 280 overpass	Ridgeview Loop, lower portion of loop in a southeasterly direction.
May 25, 26	West kiosk near 280 overpass	Same as previous week. See map at kiosk.
June 1, 2	West kiosk near 280 overpass	Edgewood Trail, moving in an easterly direction from the junction with the Serpentine Loop Trail to the bush mallow population.
June 8, 9	Day Camp	Sylvan Loop, southern branch portion uphill to the blue oaks.
June 15, 16	West kiosk near 280 overpass	Serpentine Loop Trail, in a southeasterly direction from the west kiosk toward the Frog Pond.
June 22, 23	West kiosk near 280 overpass	Serpentine Loop Trail, same as previous week.
July 6, 7	Day Camp	Edgewood Trail, eastern portion, uphill to junction with the Franciscan Trail.

**RANGER RIC'S ROUNDUP**

**By Ric Munds**

We are very grateful and appreciative of the labor of love that is shown by all who care for and believe that Edgewood Park and Preserve is a tremendously special place. We feel very fortunate to have this assignment of working with all the many entities that involve themselves with the park.

Keeping with our maintenance's schedule, you probably have seen piles of trail rock come and go throughout the park. We are continuing to improve the trail tread throughout the trail system, concentrating on the Clarkia and Franciscan Trails. We receive many good comments daily on the conditions of the trails. Park users really appreciate nice walkable trails.

Any questions and/or comments, please call us at the Ranger shop. We are here to help and serve regarding all park business.

**TRAIL PATROL MEMBERSHIP TRAINING SET FOR MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**By Nancy Mangini**

Membership in the Edgewood Park Volunteer Trail Patrol has never been easier! Just sign up to attend one 4-hour training course to be given at Flood Park on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 p.m.!

After attending this training, the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Department will issue you the hat, patch, and jacket that helps identify you as a Trail Park Volunteer.

Then come on out to the kick-off meeting at Edgewood on March 28<sup>th</sup> and join your fellow Patrol members in getting the Edgewood visitor season off to a great start!

For more information about the Edgewood Park Volunteer Trail Patrol, contact Nancy Mangini, Coordinator.



**MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER**

New or continuing members of the Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve are asked to pay **tax -deductible** membership dues annually to offset the expenses associated with preserving Edgewood. If you would like to join the Friends, continue your membership, or simply make a contribution, please clip and complete this section. Mail it to the return address on the back of this panel with your check payable to **Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve**. In return, you will receive four more issues of the Edgewood Explorer and the full-color brochure *Common Native Wildflowers of Edgewood*.

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- \$15 Basic Membership (includes newsletter)
- \$25 Family Membership (newsletter)
- \$7 Student/Retired Membership (newsletter)
- \$50 Supporting Membership (newsletter, *Edgewood Checklist of Plants*, and Edgewood photo greeting cards (boxed set))
- \$100 Benefactor Membership (newsletter, *Checklist*, greeting cards, and 28-minute video *Saving Edgewood Park*)
- \$250 Patron Membership (newsletter, *Edgewood Checklist of Plants*, greeting cards, video, and 16x20 photo-poster)
- I am enclosing a gift of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please send \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 28-minute video *Saving Edgewood Park* at \$15 each.
- Please send \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the *Edgewood Checklist of Plants* at \$3 each.

- Particular interests:*
- Public relations
  - Docent
  - Exotics control
  - Newsletter
  - Trail patrol
  - Revegetation
  - Community outreach



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- o *Weekends from March 6 through June 27, **EDGEWOOD WILDFLOWER WALKS.** See enclosed flyer.*
- o *Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from April 6 through July 7, Friday mornings year-round, **WEEDING AT EDGEWOOD.** See enclosed article by Ken Himes.*
- o *Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, **WILDFLOWER SHOW AND SALE.** Sponsored by Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CNPS. Foothill College 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free; parking requires eight quarters.*

o *Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, **TRAIL DAYS AND EARTH DAYS.** Contact Edgewood Ranger Ricardo Trejo.*

**TREASURER’S REPORT FOR 1998**

**By Bob Young**

Friends of Edgewood remained financially sound in 1998, with income slightly exceeding expenses. Our major sources of revenue were from membership dues, donations, and sales of wildflower brochures and T-shirts. Our most significant expenses were due to the production and mailing of newsletters and flyers, and the one-time costs of printing posters.

Thank you for your support. For more information, please contact me. `

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