

# Edgewood



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## POWERS OF 10 CELEBRATION ATTRACTS OVER 200 VISITORS TO EDGEWOOD

The Friends of Edgewood celebrated their 10th anniversary in grand style on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The celebration also marked the 10-year anniversary of the official designation of Edgewood County Park as a Natural Preserve.



The entire Day Camp field was transformed into a “Main Street” of 10 canopy booths, each highlighting a different area of activity at Edgewood in which the Friends are involved.



Former Edgewood resident Butch Taylor, 94, examines pictures of Edgewood’s history, including his own house

As a special treat, an 11<sup>th</sup> booth was devoted to the Taylor family who used to live at Edgewood. Trish Taylor, who was raised in a house that was located approximately where the utility building now stands just above the Day Camp, was there with her parents Butch and Betty Lou, and uncle George. It was George who actually owned the house and property. They shared stories of what life was like for them while living in that house.



The event was billed as an ice cream social, and thanks to a generous contribution from Dan Sullivan of Arguello



Catering, guests Dan Sullivan of Arguello Catering were treated to delicious ice cream floats and sundaes with hot fudge and caramel toppings.

Stretching across the back of the Day Camp was a 40-foot long “Vision Wall” portraying the past, the present, and a vision of the future of Edgewood. Edgewood’s past was shown through historical pictures of key people and events that

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**PLANT NAME CHANGES****By Toni Corelli**

Since the first edition of The Jepson Manual in 1993 there have been some official name changes made. Here are the name changes for Edgewood Natural Preserve plants. These changes were accepted by the editors of The Jepson Manual as of October 6, 2003.

separated into two genera: *Symphyotrichum* and *Eurybia*.

In order to see how these name changes have recently come about we must follow the trail which will always be within the full scientific name that includes the author information. The accepted new name is *Symphyotrichum chilense* (Nees) G. L. Nesom. The author names after the species name are interpreted this way. Nees

**Class Dicotyledones (dicots)**

Family	Jepson 1993	New Name	Common Name
Apiaceae (Carrot)	<i>Osmorhiza chilensis</i>	<i>Osmorhiza berteroi</i>	Sweet cicely
Asteraceae (Sunflower)	<i>Hemizonia corymbosa</i> ssp. <i>corymbosa</i>	<i>Deinandra corymbosa</i> ssp. <i>corymbosa</i>	Central coast tarweed
Asteraceae (Sunflower)	<i>Senecio mikanioides</i> *	<i>Delairea odorata</i> *	German (Cape) ivy
Asteraceae (Sunflower)	<i>Aster radulinus</i>	<i>Eurybia radulina</i>	Rough-leaved aster
Asteraceae (Sunflower)	<i>Senecio breweri</i>	<i>Packera breweri</i>	Brewer's groundsel
Asteraceae (Sunflower)	<i>Aster chilensis</i>	<i>Symphyotrichum chilense</i>	Common California aster
Brassicaceae (Mustard)	<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Water cress
Euphorbiaceae (Spurge)	<i>Eremocarpus setigerus</i>	<i>Croton setigerus</i>	Turkey mullein
Fabaceae (Pea)	<i>Melilotus indica</i> *	<i>Melilotus indicus</i> *	Sourclover
Myricaceae (Wax Myrtle)	<i>Myrica californica</i>	<i>Morella californica</i>	California wax myrtle

**Class Monocotyledones (monocots)**

Liliaceae (Lily)	<i>Disporum hookeri</i>	<i>Prosartes hookeri</i>	Hooker's fairy bell
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For the most part these name changes reflect the current trend to return to the name they were given when they were first described.

For this article, I use the two asters that occur at Edgewood (no longer in the genus *Aster*) as an example of recent name changes and *Aster chilensis* as an example for how the name change can come about.

The New World (North America) species previously classified within *Aster* are now apportioned among 13 genera. The two species of *Aster* that occur at Edgewood are now

stands for Christian Gottfried Daniel Nees von Esenbeck who published the name *Symphyotrichum* in "Genera et Species Asterearum" in 1832. G. L. Nesom stands for Guy L. Nesom, who published in the journal *Phytologia* the article entitled "Review of the Taxonomy of Aster Senus Lato (Asteraceae: Astereae), Emphasizing the New World Species", *Phytologia*, 77(3):277 (1994 publ. 1995).

The following summary of the article in *Phytologia* by Nesom explains the basis for the name change.

\* Designates a non-native plant

## UNIQUE GAME BIRD

By Lee Franks

Many of you who frequent the Park have by now, no doubt, encountered the magnificently colored game bird that has been roaming the woodland areas of the Park for the past 5-6 months. It's hard to believe one's eyes when sighting this bird crossing a trail dragging its very long tail behind. Hikers and joggers stop me and ask, "What is it?" and "Where did it come from?" The best response I could offer at the time was that it certainly was not a Ring-necked Pheasant or Wild Turkey, which are common in the Bay Area. Local field guides were no help, so I began web surfing, and here is what I found.

It's a male Golden Pheasant, one of 140 pheasant species in existence. The species was brought to Europe and North America in the 18<sup>th</sup> century from its natural homeland of China. George Washington is believed to be the first American



Male golden pheasant  
WikiPedia

known to have kept and raised Golden Pheasants, which he did at Mount Vernon. The Chinese have recognized the golden pheasant for centuries in art, literature and mythology. Others have claimed that the pheasant is the Phoenix of Greek mythology, a bird fabled to have lived for exactly 500 years. The pheasant had a cyclical life, and at the end of each half millennium the pheasants supposedly burned themselves to ashes and then arose in renewed beauty and immortality. Whatever its actual role has been, few would question that this pheasant is the most intriguing creature ever to enliven and beautify Edgewood Park.

Male Golden Pheasants (40 to 44 inches long

with a 32 inch tail) are truly striking birds. They have a peach or light orange cape. Each feather has a dark edging to it, giving a "scaly" appearance. The breast is bright scarlet red, fading to a chestnut coloration toward the lower parts of the abdomen and the flanks. The upper back is green in color, and the rest of the upper parts are golden. Their wings are dark red and blue. Their long curved tail feathers are black with cinnamon colored specks, with the tip showing buff coloration. In the minds of many who are engaged in raising pheasants, the Golden is unsurpassed in its brilliance and beauty.



The female, which is smaller (25 to 27 inches) and has a shorter tail (14 to 15 inches), is predominantly brown. There is dark barring present over her body, save over the bi-colored face and throat. The sides and breast have brown and buff barring, and the abdomen is simply buff colored. Courtship occurs in the spring, with a first clutch of eggs usually laid in April. Each clutch averages between 5 and 12 eggs.

Thousands of these pheasants are raised in captivity every year, and as any game bird breeder will tell you, there are few more beautiful sights than a pen full of these gorgeous pheasants dashing about, often in their eagerness leaping over one another's heads and posturing in their statuesque manner before the "hens." The spectacular breeding display of the cock is a sudden, laterally positioned act where the body appears flattened with the cape, back, and tail feathers spread to provide the female maximum view of his brilliant color and markings. They also display their neck ruff like a magnificent ornament by hiding their entire head and beak.

In the wild, Golden Pheasants inhabit nearly inaccessible habitats. Filled with dense vegetation, often the wooded mountain ledges and slopes these birds live on are treacherous and rocky. As a result, little is known about their

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shaped the evolution of Edgewood. The present was represented as a list of activities that are currently underway at Edgewood. For the future, guests,

were asked to create their personal message using construction paper and colored pens. The messages were then taped to blank poster boards.

Toward the end of the event, Friends President Kathy Korbholz asked everyone to congregate around the stage area in front of the Vision Wall. Kathy thanked the many people who had helped with the event, especially Peter Ingram, the event chair. Then Mary

Burns, Director of Parks and Recreation for San Mateo County, spoke about the importance of volunteerism and preservation, and presented the Friends of Edgewood with a beautifully framed resolution from the Board of Supervisors recognizing the Friends' contributions and achievements over the past 10 years.



With the assistance of various people who helped to stage the event, Kathy then

conducted the raffle. Not unexpectedly, 10 prizes were awarded, the top prize being a Monterey Bay getaway package including 1 night's lodging, 2 passes to the Aquarium, and a \$25 meal certificate at a popular area restaurant.

To cap off the event, Kathy presented the annual Best Friend of Edgewood award. She started by introducing past winners, and then presented the award to Toni Corelli for her scientific research into the botany of Edgewood, for her many contributions to the Docent Program, and for "teaching us the secrets of Edgewood's ecology, and reminding us to keep it safe."



An emotional Toni Corelli accepts her Best Friend award



Throughout the day, performer Andy Zamanes provided musical entertainment for the kids.

Over 40 people volunteered on October 19<sup>th</sup> to help put on the event. All told, more than 880 hours (about 5 full-time workmonths) were required to plan and execute this celebration.



It would be impossible to recognize everyone who contributed time and effort, but we can give credit to the individuals who created and staffed the booths and tables. We invite you to enjoy these photos, taken by Don and Judy Mason, on pages 5, 6, and 9. `



**Adopt-A-Highway**  
Ken Seydel



**Geology of Edgewood**  
Paul Heiple



**EGIS**  
Bill Korbholz (Jim Rea shown)



**The Taylors** George, Betty Lou,  
Trish, Butch



**Interpretive Center**  
Julia Bott



**Habitat Restoration / Weeding**  
Ken Himes, Carolyn Dorsch



**Docent Program**  
Julie Foster



**Science at Edgewood** Sean Anderson,  
Stuart Weiss, Paolo, Lee Franks



**Kids in Edgewood**  
Carol Hankermeyer



**Environmental Volunteers**  
Dana Wright



**San Mateo County Trail Patrol**  
Nick Ramirez



**Edgewood Plants Magnified** Toni Corelli, Linda Bea Miller, Judy Mason



**Membership Table**  
Bob Young, Yvette Pirie



**Welcome Table**  
Carolyn Strange, John Allen

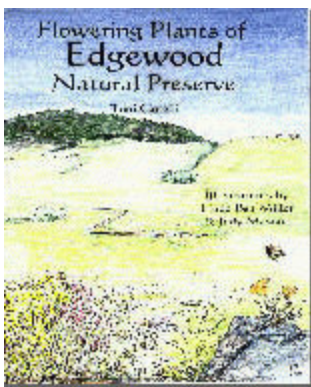


**Vision Table**  
Elly and Bob Hess



**Event Chair**  
Peter Ingram

## NEW EDITIONS OF EDGEWOOD FLORA



The much-anticipated second edition of Toni Corelli's Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve is expected to be available in **March, 2004**. The first edition, published in March 2002, documents 453

flowering plants, each accompanied by an illustration and information about habitat, name derivation, and past and present uses. The dichotomous key is specific to Edgewood, making it easier to use. This second edition has additions, corrections, and improvements, and is a "must have" for all Edgewood enthusiasts (and native plant enthusiasts in general). Orders are not yet being accepted.

Toni has also recently published the third edition of her *Vascular Plant List* of Edgewood. This 27 -page booklet lists all of the vascular plants known at Edgewood as of September 2003, providing their scientific and common names and family affiliation. The list is presented twice, first by scientific name within family, and then by common name within family. The booklet sells for \$2 and can be ordered by sending a check to the address in this newsletter. `□

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The genus *Aster* is now restricted to the Northern Hemisphere of the Old World, except for several in Africa and *Aster alpinus* L., which occurs in Asia and North America (Colorado). The change in the genus name reflects new data on chromosome numbers and is also based on morphological characteristics. For the genus *Symphotrichum* the chromosome number is  $x=8$ . The morphological characteristics shared by the genus are based on the lack of glands, production of stem hairs in lines, and the achene and phyllary morphology.

So as it turns out "*Aster* is no more in California" says Margriet Wetherwax, Jepson Herbarium,

## NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR 2004

By Kathy Korbholz

At the annual general membership meeting that we held immediately following the Powers of 10 celebration, the members elected three Directors to serve 2-year terms starting in 2004. They are John Allen, Carolyn Dorsch, and me. They will complement our three continuing Directors, Toni Corelli, Peter Ingram, and Bill Korbholz.

At a subsequent special Board meeting, the current Board voted to accept minor procedural changes to our bylaws that allow us to form an Electing Committee to appoint the 7th Director (Director Emeritus) and elect the 4 corporate officers following the general membership meeting. Prior to these bylaw changes, these positions were determined after the start of the new calendar year, which made it difficult for people to transition into their new roles.

With those bylaw changes approved, the Electing Committee met in November and appointed Julie Foster to be the Director Emeritus for 2004. The committee also elected the following officers for 2004:

- President: Kathy Korbholz
- Vice-President: John Allen
- Secretary: Bill Korbholz
- Treasurer: Peter Ingram

Having celebrated our first 10 years of service, I'm looking forward to beginning our next 10 in 2004. `

University of California at Berkeley.

If you would like more information about these name changes visit the Jepson Online Interchange at <http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/interchange.html>. Put the plant name in the "search by Latin name"; click submit name; click on the name; click on IPIN Nomenclatural and bibliographic information from the International Plant Names Index; again click on the name. `□

## **FREEWAY WARRIORS KEEP HIGHWAY CLEAN**

Due to the increasing traffic on the western boundary of our park, and the corresponding increase in trash, we are now cleaning Hwy. 280 on a monthly basis. To accomplish this we have established two crews. One crew headed by Ken Seydel works the first Saturday of the even-numbered months. The other crew headed by Bill Korbholz works the first Sunday of the odd-numbered months. Both work from 8:30 to noon.

We would encourage you to give this volunteer effort a try. You are not committed to participate every time. We will remind you of the date a week or two in advance, and will be delighted if the date fits your schedule.

Contact either Bill or Ken and you will be trained (brief video) and equipped (picker, hard hat, vest and gloves). We have a great group of people now—please join us! `

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## **THANKS TO OUR POWERS OF 10 SPONSORS**

We are so grateful to the kind and generous people who donated goods and services at our Powers of 10 anniversary celebration.

- Arguello Catering—Ice cream and fixings
- Bay Nature Magazine—1-year subscription
- Clifbar—Energy bars
- Exploratorium—2 free passes
- Fifi's Café and Bistro—\$25 gift certificate
- Inns by the Sea—1 night's lodging
- Max's Restaurant—Dinner for 2
- Olson Nolte Saddle Shop—Saddle horn bag
- Redwood Trading Post—\$25 gift certificate
- REI—Day pack
- Roberts Market—\$50 gift certificate
- Shoreline Amphitheatre—2 free passes
- San Mateo County Parks Foundation—Book and greeting cards
- Stack's Restaurant—Lunch for 2
- Starbucks Coffee—Assorted coffees
- Wild Bird Center—Bluebird house and \$25 gift certificate
- Yerba Buena Nursery—Watering can purse and \$25 gift certificate

## **EUCALYPTUS REMOVAL PROJECT**

**By Ricardo Trejo**

Last year we initiated a project to remove some of the eucalyptus trees in the groves on the serpentine grasslands inside Edgewood Park boundaries. We decided to start with the smaller trees, those that were 8 inches or less in diameter. We cut down and removed a total of 188 trees in groves that we designated as A and B.

This year we examined the stumps, and decided to re-cut them and treat them with an herbicide called Sucker Stopper. We are now monitoring the stumps to make sure that there is no re-growth.

This project has been funded in part by the Weed Management Area, which has paid for materials, consulting, and debris disposal. Parks Staff has provided the labor.

Next year, if we can get approvals, we hope to remove more trees in those groves, enabling the grassland to recover to its native condition. `

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habitats, though it is certain that they share their ranges with other birds. In captivity, Golden Pheasants are reported to get along well with other game birds and water birds, but, oddly enough, they may not be as compatible with other species of pheasants as they are with other birds. They tend to be rather secretive. They can fly, but their flight is awkward and the birds are much more graceful on the ground.

Whether this bird entered the Park as a result of escaping from captivity, or by intentional release by its owner, we may never know. What we do know is that it cannot survive long term out of captivity. Coopers hawks are one predator that comes to mind. I have asked Ricardo Trejo, Park Ranger, to determine the feasibility of capturing the bird. Once captured, it could be turned over to any one of several organizations in the area that have large aviaries. `





Photographers Judy and Don Mason



**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

New or renewing members may clip and complete this section to pay **tax-deductible** annual membership dues. Please send your check payable to **Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve** to the return address on the back of this panel. Renewing members can determine their membership expiration date by checking the six-digit code to the right of their name on their mailing label. For example, if the code is 06/2001, membership runs through June 2001.

Questions, call Bob Young.

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- \$15 Basic Membership (includes newsletter)
  - \$25 Family Membership (newsletter)
  - \$7 Student/Retired Membership (newsletter)
  - \$50 Supporting Membership (newsletter, Edgewood *Vascular Plant List*, and Edgewood photo greeting cards (boxed set))
  - \$100 Benefactor Membership (above premiums plus Toni Corelli's 360-page fully-illustrated Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve (while available))
  - \$250 Patron Membership (above premiums)
  - I am enclosing a gift of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Please send \_\_\_ copies of the Edgewood *Vascular Plant List* (\$2), \_\_\_ copies of Flowering Plants of Edgewood Natural Preserve (\$25). Includes tax, S&H.
  - Please do not send any premiums.
- I would like to participate in the following:
- Docent program
  - GIS/GPS mapping
  - Newsletter/web
  - Weed management
  - Schools outreach
  - Habitat restoration

**Present**

10 Ways The Friends Are Making A Difference

1. Spring Wildflower (Docent) Walks
2. Habitat Restoration / Weeding
3. Master Plan Implementation
4. Schools Outreach
5. San Mateo County Trail Patrol
6. Adopt-A-Highway
7. Edgewood Geographic Information System (EGIS)
8. Participation in Development of the Interpretive Center for Edgewood
9. Partnership with County and CNPS - County Weed Management Area
10. Support of Grant-Funded Projects

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD WILDFLOWER WALKS AT EDGEWOOD?

By Julie Foster

If so, join our docent training course on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evenings of February, March, and April at the Community Activities Building in Redwood City. The classes run from 7 pm to 9 pm. On the Saturday following each Wednesday evening class, we will have a training hike from 9:30 am to 1 pm at Edgewood.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the wildflowers of Edgewood from the experts and a great opportunity to give back to the community. No experience necessary.....just enthusiasm for preserving Edgewood! For more info please call 1-866-GO-EDGEWOOD or email docentcoordinator@friendsofedgewood.org.

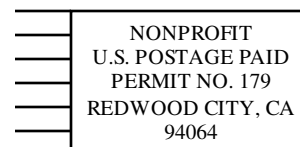


## UPCOMING EVENTS

- o Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP DAY.** Contact Ken Seydel.
- o February through April, **DOCENT TRAINING.** See article on this page.
- o Last Sunday of Every Month, **SUNDAY BIRD WALK.** Meet Audubon Society docent Lee Franks at the Day Camp kiosk at 8:00 am.
- o Every Friday Morning, **HABITAT RESTORATION.** Join this rewarding activity to restore Edgewood's native plant communities. Contact Ken Himes.

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