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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER OF
THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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Sacramento Valley Chapter Meeting Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
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(the eastern extension of E St.)
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NOVEMBER PRESENTATION

Fire and Forest Restoration in Baja, California by Richard Rypinski

Travel to Baja California to learn about the only mixed-conifer forest in western North America that has experienced neither commercial logging, nor a policy of wildfire suppression. The relic Sierra San Pedro Martir forest may provide some answers to restoring the Sierra Nevada mixed-conifer forest to what was a fire-adapted ecosystem.

Most informed observers agree that the structure and composition of the Sierra Nevada mixed-conifer forest has been significantly changed by past logging practices and a hundred year-old policy of fire suppression. We can easily observe this change today as we travel through our nearby second and third growth forests

now dominated by dense stands of young white fir.



The Forest Service's stated policy is to restore the Sierra Nevada mixed conifer forest to what was the fire-adapted pre-1850 ecosystem. But

what was the composition and structure of that forest? Professionals disagree.

UC Professor Scott Stephens has been conducting a series of field studies with a goal of assisting in the development of restoration objectives for similar forests in the western United States.

In the late spring of 2005, Richard Rypinski travelled to the Sierra San Pedro Martir with Dr. Stephens' re-

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search team to participate the continuing study of this rare in all of North America mixed-conifer forest located in the Mexico's Baja California approximately 150 miles south of San Diego.

Rypinski will speak about the beauty of this untouched Mexican forest composed of Jeffrey pine, white fir, sugar pine, lodgepole pine and limited amounts of incense cedar and quaking aspen thriving through fire and drought within the California floristic province. He will tell us about what the Sierra San Pedro Martir is telling UC researchers about wildfire policy and restoration in our own Sierra Nevada.

Our chapter meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. Each meeting includes a "Know Your Natives" Plant Identification Challenge. Books, wildflower seeds, and Sacramento Valley Chapter t-shirts will be available for purchase at the meeting. Refreshments too!

The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through science, education, advocacy, horticulture and land stewardship.



NOVEMBER 2007 Calendar of Events

Check out the calendar online at www.sacvalleycnps.org for more, updated events and happenings!

NOVEMBER

Thu., 11/8, 8 a.m.-noon

Old Fair Oaks Bridge

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Jack knows this area well, and always finds interesting birds and plants on this morning nature walk. Meet at the north end of the old Fair Oaks Bridge. From the intersection of Fair Oaks and Sunrise, go east on Fair Oaks. When Fair Oaks turns left, continue straight ahead on Bridge Street. An excellent trip for beginners.

Sat. 11/10 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**American River Native Plant Nursery/Demo Garden Workday
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova**

Rain or shine we'll have potting, labeling, or other work to be done. For information, contact Chris Lewis, lewisc@surewest.net / (916) 812-2876, or www.SacValleyCNPS.org. See page 4 for directions.

Sun., 11/18, 8 a.m.-noon Habitat Improvement

Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Join Jack and other nature lovers to assist with habitat restoration at this lovely nature area. Possible tasks include weed removal, pond clean-up, erecting fencing around oak trees for protection, and checking bird nest boxes. Call Jack for details.

Thu., 11/29, 8 a.m.-noon

Nature Walk

Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Meet Jack in the Nature Center Parking lot in Ancil Hoffman Park for a 4 hour walk on the trails winding through the oak woodland and down to the river. This is an excellent birding area and Jack will also share his knowledge of the native and non-native plants and trees of this parkway area. A great trip for beginners and more experienced birders alike.

ONGOING

**Native Plant Demo-Garden
Saturdays and Sundays**

10 a.m. until noon (Rain cancels).

Wear a hat, long shirt and boots (or sturdy tennis shoes). Also bring gloves, gardening tools and knee pads if you have them. RSVP by Sunday at 5 p.m. to confirm 929-7896. For more info, Sabrina.soj@surewest.net

**Chapter Meeting & Guest Speaker
2nd Wed. of month, 7:00 p.m.**

(Jan-June; Sept.-Nov)

Shepard Garden & Arts Center, McKinley Park, Sacramento.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Books, Wildflower Seeds, and our SacValley t-shirt always available for purchase. Refreshments.

Habitat 2020 Conservation

Mon. 11/12 7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave, Sac 95864 (corner Watt & Northrup)

Contact Chris Lewis for information, lewisc@surewest.net / (916) 812-2876.

American River Native Plant Nursery/Demo Garden Workdays

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**and 2nd Saturday of every month
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova**

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Chapter Board Meetings

4th Wed. of month 7:00 p.m.

(Jan-June; Sept.-Nov) Arden-Dimick Public Library, 891 Watt Ave. at Northrup, Sacramento 95864.

Call Mary Maret for more information (916) 961-4057.

Get ready for Wildflower Weekend 2008!

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER



Save the Date: April 12 & 13

Help put on an amazing two-day event that will educate and activate people to want to save habitat and plant communities around Sacramento and the world! You can help now with event envisioning, organizing, or recruiting sponsors! If you've visited or volunteered at Wildflower Weekend previously, you can help now!

Contact Chris Lewis via email: lewisc@surewest.net or phone: (916) 482-5282.

See pages 7 and 8 for other events of interest by friend and partner organizations!

CNPS Plant Science Training Program Upcoming Workshops

For more information visit CNPS state website at

<<http://cnps.org/cnps/education/>>
or contact Josie Crawford at (916) 447-2677 or jrcrawford@cnps.org

Nov. 7-8, 2007

**Riparian Ecology and Plant Identification for Professional Botanists
Casitas Springs, Ventura Co.**

Primary Instructors: David Magney, Cher Batchelor

Mar. 4-5, 2008

Rare Plant Surveys, San Diego County

Primary Instructors: Fred Roberts, Michele Balk

California Endangered Species and Habitat Alliance (CESHA) Comments on Proposed New UC Merced Footprint

compiled from CESHA and U.C. Merced press releases

Vernal pools scored a victory when UC Merced announced on October 5 that “it will adjust its plans for future development of the campus and associated university community to preserve more wetlands and achieve greater land-use efficiency.” Members of CESHA have been meeting with UC Merced officials, plus federal and state resource agency officials for more than two years in a dialogue about the Merced campus impacts on the habitat for endangered species.

According to the university’s press release, “the change in the campus and university community footprint will reduce the amount of environmentally sensitive wetlands affected by development from about 121 acres to 81 acres, or approximately 33 percent. The revised campus layout ... will reduce the university’s expected impact on native wetlands by approximately 95 percent, compared with plans originally made in the late 1990s.”

The native wetlands spared include one of the last and largest contiguous areas of remaining undamaged vernal pools in the state. The fact that 90% of the state’s original vernal pools are gone magnifies their significance. The decision represents a major success for vernal pools and their advocates, including our Sacramento chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Member Carol Witham is a leader in vernal pools preservation activity.

“VernalPool.org supports the UC’s announcement today regarding the reduced footprint” said Carol Witham of VernalPools.org, “because it is environmentally more balanced than the original proposal and reduces impacts to vernal pools and endangered species.”

“We look forward to seeing new plans and participating in the public review process on the new campus,” said Lydia Miller, president of the San Joaquin Raptor/Wildlife Rescue Center.

“CESHA’s open discussions with UC may prove beneficial for the species, habitat, and the Merced campus, which has been a collaborative opportunity too good to miss,” stated Barbara Vlamis of Butte Environmental Council.

CESHA has been in continual dialogue with federal and state resource agencies concerning the impacts to and disappearance of endangered species habitat, most notably in the eastern Central Valley.

UC Merced’s announcement may be found at http://www.ucmerced.edu/news_articles/10052007_uc_merced_modifies_plans.asp

The California Endangered Species and Habitat Alliance (CESHA) is a coalition of national, statewide, and local groups working to protect endangered species and habitat in California, and includes Butte Environmental Council, Defenders of Wildlife, California Native Plant Society, Protect Our Water, San Joaquin Raptor/Wildlife Rescue Center, San Joaquin Valley Conservancy, and VernalPools.Org. We are committed to effectively and strategically advocating for and educating towards changes in California’s policy, politics, and public awareness that will enable protection of California’s endangered species and threatened habitats.



EVER WONDER?

Peggy Berry

Have you ever wondered what to give someone who seems to “have enough” or replies, when asked, “I don’t need anything, honestly!” But you’d really like to give a meaningful gift to that special person to show you care.

Our Sac Valley chapter has the answer for you! It’s quick and easy, requires no trip to the mall, saves gas and time, and one size fits all. It could be just the right gift for you to give to your friends, parents, grandparents or teachers in honor of a special occasion.

Just write a check to “CNPS Vernal Pools Preservation Fund” and mail to CNPS treasurer, Carol Crofoot, 2280 Stillwind Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Be sure to indicate that this is a gift to the Vernal Pool Preservation fund and include the gift recipient’s name and address.

This unique gift will make you and your recipient feel good *and* help CNPS in its ongoing efforts to educate, conserve and advocate for California’s vanishing vernal pools. Vernal pools *do* need something: they need public awareness to focus on their importance in our environment and the need to protect them from encroaching development.

We will send a note to your gift recipient stating that “A Donation to Preserve California’s Vernal Pools has Been Made in Your Name” and include your name as the donor with a brief message from you, i. e., “Happy Birthday, Mom!”

This is a winning combination all around—for you, your gift recipient and the vernal pools themselves. Happy Holidays! Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary! Happy Special Occasion! And Happy Vernal Pools!

Nursery Wish List

The new California Native Plant Society Sacramento Valley Chapter's American River Native Plant Nursery is located at 2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova.

We are just getting going and need lots of people and lots of stuff! Instead of holding a garage sale, consider donating:

Gardening & Building Tools

- 2 shovels
- 2 rakes
- 4 hand trowels
- large scoop (plastic snow shovel)
- 1 wheelbarrow
- Hammer
- electric drill
- weed flamer
- 1 weed eater (electrical)
- safety goggles (2 pair)
- clean, used bleach or liquid soap containers (1 gallon) to make soil scoops
- 3 large plastic garbage cans for soil bins (40 gallon?)
- potting Benches
- office desk and chair
- computer and printer
- cabinet for data & keeping seeds

Other

- 2 Garman Etrex GPS units (for plant collecting data)
- First Aid Kit

Thank You! The Nursery Group

Contact: Chris Lewis

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Photo: Barbara F. Wolf

Native Plant Nursery Workdays Begin! November 10, 9:00 – 3:00

Starting in November, the second Saturday of each month will be Workday at the Native Plant Nursery! (Some of will be there during the week but we don't know when just now.) Join us for an exceptionally beautiful day down on the river! Rain or shine we'll have potting, labeling, or other work to be done.

On Nursery workdays we need both small muscle and big muscle help! The Nursery always loves volunteers, be it every week, once a month, or just occasionally! If you can help out, please email Chris at lewisc@surewest.net or 916 812-2876. www.SacValleyCNPS.org

The Nursery Leaders—Susan Fregien, Lynda Ives, Chris Lewis, Mary Maret, Robin Rietz, Melinda Rivasplata, and Rosie Yacoub—will be glad to see you!

Directions

- From Sacramento:- Highway 50 East
- Mather Field/Rancho Cordova Exit
- Left on Mather Field;
- Right on Folsom Blvd (after crossing light rail)
- Left on Coloma Rd (Raley's on your left)
- Left onto Chase Dr

The Nursery address is 2140 Chase Dr. Take the gravel road on your left directly before park kiosk. Follow drive through gate (to open simply lift chain). Where the drive splits, go up toward the left and park where you see other cars, near the farm stand.

Something to aspire to: Tables full of baby plants at the UC Davis plant nursery. Our Nursery team visited last May for a tour and advice.



Photo: Barbara F. Wolf

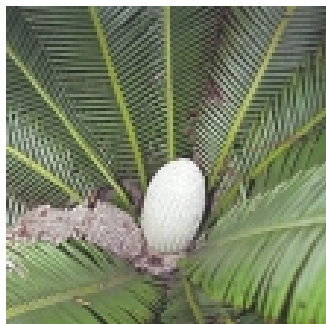
Fishing for volunteers! Nursery site is just a mile or so upriver of the Goethe/Wm B Pond Bike Bridge where this photo was taken.



Left: Got any of these laying around? At the UC Davis nursery they use archaeologists' screens for sorting and washing seeds.

The Davis Botanical Society
Presents
Tim Gregory
México's Living Fossils:
A Travelogue of the
Mexican Cycads
With an Emphasis on the
Genus *Dioon*

Thursday, November 29, 2007
7:00 -8:00 p.m.
Blanchard Room
Davis Public Library
315 E. 14th Street, Davis CA



<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/>

Tim Gregory, cycad aficionado, will present fascinating facts as well as beautiful pictures of these living fossils. As an enthusiast of all things cycad, Tim will tell intriguing tales of discovery and discuss the challenges of conservation and propagation of these unusual plants. Tim will also describe new populations of *Dioon* that he and his colleagues have discovered.

After 25 years in biotech, Tim has found his second career as a cycad expert. He is a visiting scholar and volunteer at UC Berkeley Botanical Garden's cycad collection and is involved in the World Conservation Union's Cycad Specialist Group, as well as SERBO, a Mexican NGO dedicated to the study of Oaxaca's natural resources and the preservation of its related indigenous knowledge.

Stay and enjoy good company and our fine refreshments after the talk. Parking at the Davis Public Library is free. For more information, please call Ellen Dean or Jean Shepard at the UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity, (530) 752-1091 or Tim Metcalf or Ernesto Sandoval at the UC Davis Conservatory at (530) 752-0569.

STRONG SALES AT FALL PLANT SALE!

Marrietta Pelicano and Mary Maret

Even with a little rain, our Fall Plant Sale was a big success. Perhaps the cool weather helped, since we showed above-average profits, and welcomed many enthusiastic buyers. Fall is the ideal time to plant natives, so soon all of these plants and bulbs should be settling into their new homes.

It takes a big team to make a sale successful and many people helped to boost our profits.

THANKS to our plant vendors:

All Things Wild, Cornflower Farms, Far West Bulbs, Hedgerow Farms, Sierra View Nursery, and chapter member growers: Linnea Fronce, Emmy Gunterman, John and Joyce Martin, and Steve Woodward.

And a BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

It took many hands to plan, organize, publicize, set up the sale (and rain shelters), cashier, organize and consolidate plants, answer questions, provide plant information and landscape consultations, prepare and serve food, staff the book, membership and educational tables, and clean up. Our volunteers included: Ames and Nancy Gilbert, Amy Terrell, Andy Phillips, Annie Kempes, Barbara Wolf, Bernadette Balics, Betsy Wieland, Bill Patterson, Bonnie Ross, Brian Bennett, Brigitte Dinaberg, Carol Crofoot, Cate Schmiedt, Chris Lewis, David Marraccini, Emmy Gunterman, Fran Clarke, Frances Sargent, Frank Wallace, Genelle Treaster, Glen Holstein, Gordon Harrington, Janet Gerland, Janie Booth, Jeff Bennett, Jen Hogan, Jessica Cook, Joe Maret, John Martin, Joyce Martin, Lara Hawthorne, Linnea Fronce, Lorraine Van Kekerix, Marietta Pellicano, Martha Mallory, Mary Maret, Mary Schiedt, Master Gardener's, Melinda Rivasplata, Paul Barth, Paul Townsend, Rees Williams, Rich Blackmarr, Richard Pellicano, Richard Rypinski, Robert Anderson, Russ Huddleston, and Stacey Flowerdew,

Apologies if someone was inadvertently missed – the results reflect all our efforts.

RARE PLANT BRIEF

Veiny monardella

(*Monardella douglasii* ssp. *venosa*)



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Status: CNPS 1B - Rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere

Habitat: Woodlands and California prairie usually found on heavy clay soils

Blooming Period: May – July

Range: California Endemic known from six occurrences from Butte, Sutter and Tuolumne Counties

Previously thought to be extinct, this species was rediscovered by B. Castro in 1992.

Sacramento Splash presents a
Nature in the Neighborhood family event:
Let's Talk Turkey – The Wild Turkeys of Mather
Saturday, November 24: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In the aftermath of Thanksgiving, find some turkeys that survived the holiday. There is a large population of wild turkeys living in Mather Regional Park and we're going to visit them!

Find out why turkeys have beards and spurs. And what the heck are snoods and wattles? Learn how the wild turkey almost became our national bird. Naturalist David Rosen will present a brief slide show introduction to wild turkeys, discussing behavior,

anatomy, and history. Meanwhile, kids will be occupied with turkey coloring books. David will then demonstrate some turkey calls and you'll get the chance to make your very own!

Following the indoor portion of the program, we'll take a walk in Mather Regional Park to look for our feathered friends. Wear good walking shoes for the field portion of this program. Reserve your spot early, as space is sure to be gobbled up quickly!



Important Information

For more information visit www.sacsplash.org and click on "Nature in the Neighborhood."

Reserve a spot for this program (required) on our website or by calling Splash at 916-364-2437.

The Splash Education Center is located at 4426 Excelsior Rd., Mather, CA 95655. For directions, click on "Find Us."

Fees are payable by cash or check: \$10.00/adult, \$5.00/child (5-18), under 5 free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**The Friends of the Herbarium
at California State University
Chico 2007 Annual Meeting**

Saturday, November 3, 2007

Holt Hall Room 129

Everyone is invited. Details are available at

www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/friends/annual-meeting-2007.html

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Other Events

Effie Yeaw Nature Center - Selected Events November 2007

The Nature Center is located in Ancil Hoffman County Park,
2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael, CA

All programs are FREE unless stated otherwise.

Park entrance fee: \$4.00/car, FREE to ARNHA members.

For more information about the Center or events, contact:

www.effieyeaw.org / (916) 489-4918

Sat., 11/3, 1:30 p.m.

Footprints in the Wild

Explore the ways animals move and sense, and unravel the stories left in their footprints.

Sun., 11/4, 1:30 p.m.

Cold Blooded Creatures

Some have scaly skin, some have slimy skin, some have legs and some don't! Can you guess what they are?

Sat. 11/10, 1:30 p.m.

Salmon 101: Fishing in the Sacramento Area

The fall salmon run has begun! Join local fishing expert Mike Brune and find out what techniques work best to catch salmon in the Sacramento area.

Sun., 11/11, 1:30 p.m.

Turkey Vultures

What bird eats meat but can't kill its own food? Learn more about these intelligent, family-oriented and playful relatives of the condor and stork and their importance to our ecosystem.

Sat. 11/17 1:30 p.m.

It's the Season for the Salmon

Come learn about the challenges facing the amazing Chinook that travel thousands of miles in a cycle that has continued through millennia.

Sun. 11/18, 1:30 p.m.

Great Gobblers

Look and listen for wild turkeys as you explore their world on this guided walk through the Nature Area.

Sat. 11/24, 1:30 p.m.

Habitat Hunt

From the bottom of a pond to the tops of the trees, all animals need habitat. Do we need the same things as wild animals to survive? Join a naturalist on a walk to discover the different habitats in the Nature Area.

Sun. 11/25, 1:30 p.m.

Winter Birding

Join a naturalist for a walk to look for some feathered residents and travelers from afar. Bring your binoculars!

Herbarium Specimen Preparation Workshop

Sat., Jan. 19, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

University of California, Davis

1026 Sciences Laboratory Building

Instructor: Ellen Dean, Curator,

Center for Plant Diversity

Herbarium specimens are used as an aid in plant identification or for research. They can also be beautiful works of art that can make great holiday gifts or cards. After a brief demonstration of how plant specimens are collected and dried and what information to include on specimen labels, participants will learn hands-on how to mount the dried specimen onto paper.

Cost: \$35 members of CNPS or Davis Botanical Society, \$40 non-members.

To register, call 530-752-1091. or

register online at

<http://herbarium.ucdavis.edu/>

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The Wayne Roderick Lectures at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden

Saturday mornings 10:30

Free to the Public

Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley

Wildcat Canyon Road and South Park Drive

Notice: Seating is limited. South

Park Drive is closed Nov.-March

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Sat., 11/3 A garden of Sierran plants in the James Roof tradition—Steve Edwards

Sat., 11/10 Serpentine geocology, Alaska to Baja—Earl Alexander

Sat., 11/17 Lakes Basin of the northern Sierra Nevada—in *via* and *in patria*—Steve Edwards

Sat. 12/1 The natural world of the Sierra Nevada—art and science—Jack Laws

Sat. 12/8 Wider explorations in Napa-Lake region with new biogeographic insight—Dick O'Donnell

Sat. 12/15 Natural history of Tasmania—Ron Felzer

Sacramento Splash:

Nature in the Neighborhood workshop:

Photographing Our Natural World – An Introduction to Nature & Wildlife Photography

Three evenings and one field trip

Thurs. 11/1: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Thurs. 11/8: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Thurs. 11/15: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Sat. 11/17: 7:00am – Noon

Join naturalist and photographer David Rosen for this special introduction to nature and wildlife photography! This fast-paced class will motivate you to shoot more photos and develop your knowledge of our natural world. Whether your camera is an SLR or a point-and-shoot, or film or digital, this class will help you create better images.

Important Information:

For more information visit www.sacsplash.org and click on "Nature in the Neighborhood." Reserve a spot for this program (required) on our website or by calling Splash at (916) 364-2437.

The Splash Education Center is located at 4426 Excelsior Rd., Mather, CA 95655. For directions, click on "Find Us." Ages 16 and up.

Fee: \$160.00, payable by cash or check.

Contact: Emily Butler, Program Coordinator. (916) 364-2437 or (916) 508-7607. E-mail: emily@sacsplash.org



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2008
**WILDFLOWER
WEEKEND**
APRIL 12-13

*Be sure your membership is current! See
your address label for your renewal date.*

Thanks!

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The Sacramento Valley chapter newsletter, Hibiscus, is published monthly, except for July, August, and December. Subscriptions are \$10 per year. To subscribe solely to this newsletter, send your \$10 check to: CNPS Sac Valley Membership, 2707 K St., Ste. 1, Sacramento, CA 95816-5113. Articles for the Hibiscus must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 8th of the month for possible inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Join the Team!

Our chapter board needs some fresh faces. We currently have vacancies for Hospitality, Programs, Books and Horticulture chairpersons.

HOSPITALITY CHAIR: We love Peggy's brownies, but don't feel pressured—we'll be grateful for whatever treats you bring! This is an easy once-a-month effort for the general meetings. Responsibilities are to provide refreshments of your choice; set up at meetings; chat with and enjoy the company of those who appreciate the goodies; clean up and submit receipts to the Treasurer. Contact Peggy Berry at (916) 944-1184.

BOOK CHAIR: If you're a bibliophile, you'll love being our Book Chair! You'll get to choose new and old titles that you judge will be of interest to our members from the catalogs of CNPS Press and other publishers. Recruit your own assistants or have the the executive committee find you help with storage, transport, sales, and bookkeeping.

PROGRAMS: Help find exciting presenters for our monthly chapter meetings. Contact potential speakers, confirm dates, get a description of the talk and a bio from them, and send the information to the Hibiscus editor, webmaster and PR Chair. You can even take the speaker out to dinner! We are set for the next few months, so you have some time to get warmed up.

Contact Mary M. at (916) 961-4057 for more information on how you can help your chapter fill these important positions..

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