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APRIL PRESENTATION:

Save the Sierra Campaign: Clearcut Nation

Marily Woodhouse, Sierra Club

As a resident of a town near Mt. Lassen, Marily has seen the devastation of clearcutting first-hand, as thousands of acres of forest have been destroyed near her home. Clear cutting strips the land bare by removing all native vegetation and applying herbicides to stop natural regeneration, destroying any semblance of a natural, diverse forest.

Although the U.S. Forest Service has halted clearcutting in national forests, on vast private

forestlands it is still the primary timber harvesting method. Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), the worst offender, is in the process of clearcutting the majority of its 1.7 million acres throughout the Sierra, turning many miles of forests into sterile tree plantations.



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Marily Woodhouse and friend.
Photo courtesy Marily Woodhouse

The watersheds of the Sierra Nevada provide most of California's drinking water. Every time you turn on a faucet, you are connected to those watersheds. Come and learn about how SPI's exploitation and destruction are damaging them and how to work to stop it. Marily Woodhouse is the Sierra Club Organizer for the campaign to Stop Clearcutting California.

APRIL MEETING:

Wed., 4/8 7:00 p.m.
Shepard Garden &
Arts Center
McKinley Park
3330 McKinley Blvd.,
Sacramento 95816

Jennifer Stock, President
(916) 443-3484

Our chapter meetings are free and open to the public.

Wildflower seeds, books and Sacramento Valley Chapter t-shirts are available for purchase at meetings. Refreshments provided!

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**Sac Valley CNPS
Wildflower Wonders
& Spring Plant Sale
at Earth Day 2009
Sunday, April 26**

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Elderberry Farms News & Updates

By Chris Lewis

American River Ranch, Soil Born Farms, 2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova

A Rare Opportunity to Own a Rare Book *Forest Trees of the Pacific Slope* 1908 Edition

This antique edition of a rare book with detailed descriptions and exquisitely beautiful pen and ink drawings of trees will be raffled at our April 8, 2009 Sac Valley chapter meeting. Thanks to the generous donation by Greg Kareofelas, some lucky raffle winner will be the proud new owner of *Forest Trees of the Pacific Slope* by dendrologist George Sudworth.

This book is reviewed by Ron Hildebrandt on Amazon.com: "Though this book was first published in 1908, it remains as absolutely one of the all-time great classics in identifying and learning about the trees of the Pacific region of the United States and Canada.... truly one of the most scholarly and greatest of any tree books ever published..."

Raffle tickets will be available at \$5 per ticket. Feeling lucky? Treat yourself as you support our chapter!



We had a great workday at the Nursery in March! We made newspaper pots then potted up phacelia, aster, and penstemon, then we walked to a spot along the river to discuss a "focused restoration." Our enthusiastic group consisted of Alison Shilling, Mary Hahn, Brenda Carly, David Self, Susan Maxwell, Susan Fregien, Jen Stock, Steve Woodward and Brendan (a landscape designer volunteering with Sac Natural Foods).

Nursery Leader Susan Fregien is starting a **photo database** of American River Parkway native plant. Initially, she will focus on collecting pictures of Parkway plants that also grow well in home gardens in the Sacramento region. Do you have any parkway natives growing in your garden? Please let me know if you are willing to share your good quality digital photos and/or have Susan visit your home garden to take pictures. Please contact her by email at sfregien@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at 916-967-8522.

The long-term goal of this project is to compile a searchable database

of American River Parkway native plants. There will be many possible uses for the database. A few examples include:

- Educational presentations
- Informational signs for plant sales
- Brochures for outreach efforts
- Promoting native plants in drought tolerant landscaping
- Demonstration garden signs



Also join us for:

Nursery work (potting plants etc.) Monday mornings from 9-11 and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3

Plant Walks with botanist Tim Nosal – Mondays at 11:30, Upper Sunrise, American River Parkway. Tim will continue hosting hour long Upper Sunrise tours this spring and perhaps early summer. He will do his best to be bi-lingual! Email Chris to confirm or for directions: lewisc916@yahoo.com.

Tuesdays with Artist and Naturalist Linnea Fronce. Linnea will lead walks to help the Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery develop a database of parkway natives. Linnea's good at the fauna, needs plant folks to identify the flora. **Call or e-mail Linnea for each week's location at wildart@dslextreme.com or 441-6205.** Without at least one participant she will cancel the walk.

Join the Elderberry Farms listserve by sending a blank email to: Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

The mission of Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery is to promote awareness of the benefits of native plants, encourage community involvement, and provide a source of locally native plants for restoration projects as well as backyard gardeners.

View and download this newsletter and past issues online at <http://www.sacvalleycnps.org/>
New: Web addresses in this pdf are live links!

SACRAMENTO EARTH DAY'S WILDFLOWER WONDERS

Sunday April 26 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Southside Park

T Street between 6th & 8th Streets, Sacramento

WILDFLOWER & PLANT EXHIBIT

The Sense of Place around You:

Oak Woodland

Vernal Pool Prairie

California Prairie ☞ Riparian

SPEAKER SERIES

11:00 Gardening with Natives

12:00 CA Heartland Project

2:00 Smart Plant Choices

3:00 Birds of Our Region

4:00 CA Heartland Project

NATIVE PLANT SALE

with Plant Experts, a Plant Holding Area & Plant Valet Service to car!

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For more information
or to volunteer,
please email Chris:
lewisc916@yahoo.com



PARTIAL PLANT LIST:

Acer negundo
Box Elder

Alnus rhombifolia
White Alder

Aristolochia californica
California Pipevine

Artemisia douglasiana
Mugwort

Baccharis pilularis
Coyote Brush

Bouteloua gracilis
Blue Grama Grass

Carex barbarae
Santa Barbara Sedge

Cercis occidentalis
Western Redbud

Cercocarpus betuloides
Mountain Mahogany

Cornus stolonifera
Red Twig Dogwood

Fraxinus latifolia
Oregon Ash

Heteromeles arbutifolia
Toyon

Lonicera hispidula
California Native Honeysuckle

Lotus scoparius
Deer Weed

Mimulus aurantiacus
Sticky Monkey Flower

Penstemon azureus
Azure Penstemon-blue

Penstemon heterophyllus
Silver Bush Lupine

Phacelia imbricata
Imbricate Phacelia

Philadelphus lewisii
Wild Mock Orange

Pinus sabiniana
Gray Pine, Ghost Pine

Ptelea crenulata
California Hop Tree

Quercus douglasii
Blue Oak

Quercus kelloggii
California Black Oak

Quercus lobata
Valley Oak, Calif. White Oak

Quercus wislizenii
Interior Live Oak

Rhamnus californica
Coffeeberry

Rhamnus ilicifolia
Hollyleaf Redberry

Rosa californica
California Wild Rose

Salix goodingii
Black Willow

Sambucus mexicana
Mexican Elderberry

Solidago californica
California Goldenrod

Styrax redivivus
California Snowdrop Bush

Vitis californica
California Wild Grape



APRIL 2009 Calendar of Events

See our calendar online at
<www.sacvalleycnps.org>
for more, updated events
and happenings!

APRIL

Planning a botanical outing?
To invite others to join you on
field trips, please notify:

Field Trips Chair Tony Loftin:
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**Elderberry Farms Native Plant
Nursery at Soil Born Farms**
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova
Demo Garden Workdays
Sat. 4/4 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

Join us to organize plants for watering under the brand new irrigation system (installation expected in March). Thanks to Ronn Alexander for Ewing Irrigation for the irrigation design! Chris Lewis at (916) 812-2876 or lewisc916@yahoo.com

Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

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(see article on p. 2)

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ONGOING

Native Plant Demo-Garden
Old City Cemetery
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
See p. 1. Meetings are free and open to the public. Books, Wildflower Seeds, and our SacValley t-shirt always available for purchase. Refreshments. For info: Jen Stock, (916) 443-3484 jstock2409@sbcglobal.net

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
For more information call Jennifer Stock For info: Jen Stock, (916) 443-3484 or jstock2409@sbcglobal.net

Ceanothus – Plant identification
Email for date, time and directions.
Melissa Hostler: ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com

Elderberry Farms Native Plant
Nursery Regular Workdays
Mondays from 9:00 – 11:00,
Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00
Nursery work (potting plants etc.) Each Sunday I send out details for the week ahead, if you'd like to be notified, please join the Elderberry Farms listserve by sending a blank email to: Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Habitat 2020
Day and Time TBD
For information contact Glen Holstein
(530) 758-6787, holstein@cal.net

CNPS Vernal Pool Workshops in the Sacramento Valley

April 13-15, 2009

Vernal Pool Plant Taxonomy
Location: UC Davis and several Central Valley vernal pool locations.
Instructors: Carol Witham, Rob Preston, Jennifer Buck, Nick Jensen
Participants will acquire a higher level of knowledge and confidence in identifying vernal pool plants both in the laboratory and in the field. Learn features used to distinguish species beyond those used in the typical dichotomous plant key and gain field identification skills. Become more efficient and effective at vernal pool vegetation assessments, floristic surveys and rare plant surveys.
Fee: CNPS members \$395 / non-members \$420

Apr 16-17, 2009

Classification of Vernal Pool Plant Communities
Location: CDFG Yolo Bypass Center., Davis and Central Valley vernal pools.
Instructors: Michael Barbour, Ayzik Solomeshch, Jennifer Buck
An intensive and pragmatic 2-day course on plant community identification, sampling design, and ecology. The course also reviews general plant community attributes and the relationship between vernal pool communities and rare species occurrence, conservation, restoration priorities, and vegetation mapping. The class is being designed to specifically accommodate the needs of the California Department of Fish and Game and the USDI Fish and Wildlife Service. Experience with vernal pool plants is highly recommended.
Fee: CNPS members \$320 / non-members \$345.

To register for either workshop or for more information go to <<http://cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/index.php>> or contact: Josie Crawford, CNPS Education Program Director, (916) 447-2677

Other Events & Announcements

Effie Yeaw Nature Center - April 2009

Ancil Hoffman County Park, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael, CA

All programs are FREE unless stated otherwise.

Park entrance fee: \$5.00 per car or FREE to ARNHA members.

Open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

For more information about the Center or events,
contact: <www.effieyeaw.org> or (916) 489-4918

Interactive Exhibit: Endangered Species of California's Central Valley

Bannister Park Hike

Fri., 4/3, 8:00 a.m.

Explore the lush green woodland along the north side of the American River. Meet Jack at the end of Bannister, just off Fair Oaks Blvd.

Living with Wildlife

Sat., 4/4, 1:30 p.m.

Bats in your belfry? Raccoons in the trash? Ants in your kitchen? Flies in your house? Explore ways that humans can peacefully coexist with wildlife.

Animal Identities

Sun., 4/5, 1:30 p.m.

What makes a mammal, bird or reptile what it is? Learn these differences in a fun and interactive way. Then take a hike through the Nature Area.

Spring Fun Days

April 6–10 9 a.m. – 12 Noon

Crafts, activities and walks with a nature theme for youngsters in grades K-5 in these grade-grouped day camp programs. Fee: \$20/child/day. For info and to register, call 916-489-4918.

Fly by Butterfly

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

Explore the life cycle of the Pipevine Swallowtail butterfly and create your own coffee filter butterfly. Then take a walk in the Nature Area and investigate its world.

Family Friendly Nature Hike

Sun., 4/12, 1:30 p.m.

Discover the many plants and animals that live along the American River while enjoying the sights and sounds of Spring.

Phoenix Field Vernal Pool Walk

Tues., 4/14, 9:00 a.m.–Noon

Meet Jack on Sunset, east of Hazel Ave. and discover the beauty of these rare and amazing seasonal gardens.

Creek Week

Fri., 4/17 through Sat., 4/25

An area-wide volunteer effort to improve our creeks by collecting and removing trash and invasive exotic plants. For information, go to: www.creekweek.net

Go with the Flow

Sat., 4/18, 1:30 p.m.

Why are water striders, backswimmers and diving beetles so important to the health of a creek, pond or river? Learn how to get involved in caring for our waterways.

Habitat Improvement

Sun., 4/19, 8:00 a.m.

Come and help Jack improve the Nature Area. Call Jack at 967-0777 if you are planning to come.

"Lots of Litter"- A Puppet Show

Sun., 4/19, 11:00 a.m.

Rosie the Ranger and her Nature Center teach us why it is important not to litter. You can help save the earth and celebrate Earth Day every day!

Huge Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Sat., 4/25, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Ancil Hoffman Park parking lot

Check out the bargains and enjoy the history exhibits and activities. This sale is a fundraiser for the Nature Center's Pioneer Ranch Living History program. To donate items, call 489-4918.

Maidu Abalone Pendants

Sat., 4/25, 1:30 p.m.

Learn the skill of making abalone necklaces the way the native Maidu have for centuries.

Critter Close-up

Sun., 4/26, 1:30 p.m.

Get eye to eye with one of our scaly, hairy, or feathered resident animals and learn about their natural history.

Two Events with John "Jack" Muir Laws

April 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Ancil Hoffman Park, Tarshes Drive and California Ave., Carmichael

This hands-on workshop teaches you how to capture the shape and proportion of land birds in a quick sketch and then fill in details with an improved understanding of bird anatomy.

Wildlife artist John Muir "Jack" Laws will include proportion basics, drawing wings, and feather tricks. \$125 for ARNHA & Audubon members / \$135 non-members. **Pre-registration is required.** A materials list will be provided. For registration info call (916) 489-4918

April 16, 7:00 p.m.

"Exploring the Sierra Nevada as a Naturalist and Artist"

Shepard Garden and Arts Center 3330 McKinley Ave., Sacramento

This is a regular Sacramento Audubon Meeting. Free and all are welcome!

**DON'T MISS
Wildflower Wonders
at Sacramento
Earth Day!**

Sunday, April 26

11:00-6:00

**Plant Communities Exhibit,
Speakers &**

SPRING PLANT SALE



Where Were You Then?

(A bit of chapter history)

Hazel Gordon and Betty Matyas

The Sacramento chapter of CNPS was formed in Dec. 1965 under the leadership of Dr. G. Ledyard Stebbins, a noted plant evolutionist from UC Davis. The original 16 counties encompassing that early chapter have been reduced considerably as groups formed their own local chapters, such as Redbud, El Dorado, southern San Joaquin, Stockton Sub-chapter, etc. Successive chapter leaders usually impress their unique stamps on chapter activities, such as the botanically memorable field trips of Dr. Stebbins' and the impressive conservation focus, field trips and power of persuasion that Dr. George Clark brought to the chapter. Apparently working quietly and efficiently, Florence Marsh not only served as secretary for the first 24 years, but also became treasurer, newsletter editor, hospitality chair and part of the chapter's team selling native plants in Berkeley and other places in the early years. Dr. L. Donald Smith was very active in our field excursions and eventually founded the El Dorado Chapter, continuing to lead well-attended trips "up the hill." Since 1990, the chapter's presidents have been Pam Kareofelas, George Clark, Karen Wiese, Eva Butler, Mona Robison, Debra Bishop, Jennifer Hogan, Christina Lewis, Mary Maret and Jennifer Stock, all of whom have enthusiastically and unselfishly continued to promote the use and conservation of our native flora and habitats. This job requires great interpersonal skills and tact when having to deal with diverse personalities of the chapter's board, CNPS members and everyone else. Many dedicated long-term members such as Jack Hiehle, Glen Holstein, Carol Witham, Mary Schiedt, Betty Matyas and others can tell you absorbing tales of the chapter's past if they have time and you care to listen.

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Don't Throw Out Those Unwanted Plants... Call Plant Rescue!

The Sacramento Area Community Garden Coalition is recycling unwanted plants and finding them new homes at area greening projects including community gardens, school gardens and green space projects. Small trees, shrubs, and bulbs will be picked up by appointment. Also, unwanted garden tools, and related garden items and equipment can be donated. Contact Bill Maynard at sacgc@ulink.net or by phone at (916) 508-6025.

News from our Book Chair

Mary Lou Brennan tells us, "I plan to start having book raffles at the monthly meetings and will be ordering some new books: Designing California Gardens and The Laws Field Guide to the Sierra Nevada." If you have ideas for other books you'd like to have available, contact Mary Lou at marylou2008@att.net.

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OTHER OUTINGS & EVENTS

Spring 2009 Nature Outings at Stebbins Cold Canyon UC Davis Reserve

Explore the intrinsic beauty and natural history of the reserve. Participants will deepen their understanding of—and develop a relationship with—the natural world. Most outings are interactive and experiential, allowing participants the freedom to explore and interpret for themselves. Outings will also take place at Bobcat Ranch, the Cahill property and at Big Sur's Big Creek Reserve.

Outings are free (except for the Big Sur overnight). Please RSVP for each outing you wish to attend. Most outings are limited to 15 participants and fill up quickly. **Note:** Participants for the Overnight outing at Big Sur will be selected at random from the list of RSVP's. **RSVP via e-mail: jfalyn@ucdavis.edu. Include your name, address, outing date, phone number and/or e-mail address. Indicate if you need directions.**

Saturday, March 28, 9-Noon Nature and Culture

On this outing, two of the instructors from the Nature & Culture program at UC Davis share insights and draw out discussion on the important relationship between nature and culture. The hike will be at a gradual pace along the Homestead trail. Guides: Jeffrey Clary and Laurie Glover

Saturday, April 4, 9-Noon

Wildflowers: Colors of early spring

Walk the Homestead trail looking for which flowers brave the dry winter and pop up in early April. Guide: Barbara Byrne

Sunday, April 5, 9-Noon

Song of Birds: A Journal Approach

Birds call and sing. People listen. What memory or image do the bird calls stimulate in the listener? Your guide will offer activities that help you tune in to the song of birds. Bring paper or a journal and something to write with. All levels welcome. Guide: Alison Kent, Audubon local chapter president

Saturday, April 18, 4-7 p.m. Music in the Canyon

Local musicians play and sing impromptu songs inspired by the natural beauty of Stebbins Cold Canyon. The

group will hike toward the Homestead and take breaks along the way to play music. Sit and listen or join in and play/sing. Guide: Keith Cary

Sun, April 26, 9:00-Noon Watercolors Outdoors

How to use watercolors to capture the colors and moods of natural scenery. No experience necessary. All painting materials, as well as tea and scones will be provided. Bring a blanket, sun protection, and a teacup. Guides: Barbara Byrne & Stacie H. Frerichs

May 23-25

Big Sur Overnight: Big Creek Reserve

Most of the 35 Reserves in the UC's Natural Reserve system require special permission to access. This is an opportunity to visit Big Creek Reserve in Big Sur. Rugged ridges flank the Pacific Ocean and descend to a rocky shoreline. Enjoy an introduction to the Reserve, a natural history presentation and hiking and exploration. **Note:** The hiking will be moderate. Participants are responsible for all travel and food. Sleeping accommodations (for Sat. & Sun.) at the Reserve are \$40 per person. Camping available. **E-mail jfalyn@ucdavis.edu with additional questions.** Guides: Shorty Boucher & Jeff Falyn

NATURE'S THEATER

Nature Play for Kids

Nature's Theater is an innovative approach to helping children develop a healthy relationship with the natural world. Children are invited to explore the canyon with different characters: including, Mother Nature, Trashman, Professor Planthead. These characters engage the children in a story that highlights age-appropriate environmental issues.

PLANT- PLANT CLUB

3/29, 10-Noon (For ages 6-10)

ANIMAL CIRCLE CLUB

4/4, 10-Noon (For ages 4-8) and

4/11, 10-Noon (For ages 4-8)

HOW THE FLOWERS GOT THEIR COLORS

4/19, 10-Noon (For ages 4-8)

Friends of the Chico State Herbarium Workshops

April 18, 2009

"Identification of Plants from Vernal Pools & other Seasonal Wetlands"
John Dittes and Josephine Guardino.

April 18, 2009

How to Lead a Successful Natural History Field Trip
Tanya Heaston and Linnea Hanson.

April 25, 2009 -- Introduction to Rare Plant Monitoring - Kyle Merriam

For more information and registration form please go to:

<<http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html>>

**CNGA Field Day at Hedgerow Farms
Fri., April 17th, 2009, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
21905 County Road 88,
Winters, CA 95694**

Practical, hands-on learning about native grasses and grassland restoration at a renowned Northern California native grassland seed production farm and home of numerous restoration sites. DPR and SRM continuing education credits are pending approval. Co-sponsored by the California Native Grasslands Association and Hedgerow Farms. **Registration fees:** Students: \$30; CNGA members: \$40; Non-members: \$50. Contact CNGA by phone/fax: 530-661-2280, or e-mail: admin@cnga.org.

Form a Crop Swap!

Tues., 4/7, 6:30 p.m.

**Shepard Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Ave., Sacramento**

Bring some neighbors and find out how to use crop swaps to trade excess home grown produce. Learn how to get free seeds to start. Presentations to neighborhood groups can be arranged. Contact Bill Maynard, Sacramento Area Community Garden Coalition, sacgc@ulink.net or (916) 508-6025.

Subscribe to the chapter listserv. Send a blank email to:

CNPS_SacramentoValley-subscribe@yahoo.com. Contact Harry Spanglet (spanglet@water.ca.gov) for info.



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

APRIL 2009 Hibiscus

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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. Deadline for Hibiscus contributions is midnight of the Friday after the monthly meeting for possible inclusion in the next month's newsletter. E-mail to bwolf@surewest.net

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