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Sacramento Valley Chapter Newsletter

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FEBRUARY PRESENTATION:

Sacramento Weed Warriors vs. the Invaders

Frank Wallace & Ken Myatt

The Sacramento Weed Warriors (SWW) is a volunteer stewardship project coordinated by the Sacramento Valley chapter of the California Native Plant Society in partnership with the American River Parkway Foundation (ARPF). SWW volunteers remove non-native plant species along rivers and creeks throughout Sacramento. They have had success combating such nasty invaders as red sesbania, arundo (giant reed), and Spanish broom. Ten years, hundreds of work groups and thousands of volunteer hours add up to a wealth of community stewardship for our natural areas.

Frank Wallace of the Sac Valley chapter and Ken Myatt of ARPF will showcase this collaborative effort. They will have some amazing slides illustrating how



Frank Wallace (left) and Ken Myatt Photo courtesy ARPF

volunteers have helped preserve our fragile native landscapes. Come hear about their impressive success—and continuing battles, and learn how you too can become a Weed Warrior.

Frank Wallace has been the SWW director since 2001. He is a tireless advocate of community stewardship for wildland weed removal, introducing many a Sacramentan to the rewards of lopping down arundo. Frank serves on our CNPS chapter board

and on the executive board of the Sacramento Area Creeks Council. Ken Myatt has been coordinator for the American River Invasive Plant Management Project for five years and also leads the ARPF oak restoration program. Ken is a visual artist and teaches art classes at Sierra Community College.

FEB. MEETING:

Wed., 2/10 7:00 p.m.
Shepard Garden &
Arts Center
McKinley Park
3330 McKinley Blvd.,
Sacramento 95816
Jennifer Stock, President
(916) 443-3484

February Chapter Meeting Mixer!

6:30 to 7:15 p.m

Members, friends and the public are invited. Meet our chapter, get answers about CNPS and enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres along with others who love and care about our native California environment!

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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The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants.

Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery had an amazing 2009!

by Christina Lewis, Nursery Chair

Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery grew thanks to a cadre of enthusiastic volunteers. Betsy Weiland brought her energy and enthusiasm to improving our infrastructure and aiding our outreach efforts. Robin Rietz created time in her busy schedule to generously share her horticulture expertise and lead workdays, while our volunteers who work at the nursery and attend collecting forays are also key to our success: Alan Kilgore, Brenda Carley, Carol Crofoot, Carol Yeates, Carolyn Kiesling, Coral Abbott, Corinna Fish, Dania Lukey, Darya Mishchuk, David Self, Dean Mortenson, Gin Wengslaff, Ginger Enrico, Glenn Hermanson, Jannette & Tom MacDonald, Jim Wadsworth, Joanne Vinton, John Huls, John Rittenhouse, Julie Serences, Krishna Spier, Lil Ordaz, Linda Maurer, Linda Sweetman, Linnea Fronce, Mark Berry, Mary Beth Metcalf, Mary Hahn, Mary Rogers, Michelle Stevens, Nancy Joye, Pat Gilbert, Shelley Mathews, Susan Fregien, Susan Maxwell, Susan Wallace, Terry Linton, Tim Nosal, Tony Duke, Tony Loftin and more! (If you don't find your name here, please contact Chris!)

More thanks are due to our partners and those who make it happen: UCD Arboretum's Ellen Zagory and Lisa Chaffee; our chapter's Lynda Ives; Sacramento Tree Foundation's



CSUS volunteers celebrate a good day's work.

Zarah Wylly; AmeriCorps and leaders Joshua and Ashley; and CSUS's Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity and leader Michael Nguyen! Our sincere gratitude goes also

Coming up at the Nursery

Take a walk on the Wildside—in Your Backyard!

If you live in the Sacramento area, you are not far from the American River Parkway. I've been amazed at how beautiful all of our local plants are as they have their winter rest. Haven't been there? <http://www.msa2.saccounty.net/parks/Documents/ParkwayMap.pdf> When visiting the Parkway, please remember to phone Ranger Dispatch (916) 875-PARK (7275) if you see: dogs off leash; bicycles off the paved bike trail; potential wildlife issues; accidents; law enforcement issues; vandalism; other safety issues. Your area of the Parkway needs your help.



Live Oak holds bank at Riverbend Park



January workday at Pollinator Garden with Milena, Corinna, Tom, Jann, Irena, Nursery Leader Betsy and Gracie

Photo © 2010 Christina Lewis

Nursery Listserve

Are you interested in learning about local native plants, propagating plants, landscape design, growing plants for habitat, or sharing your expertise? Contact

Chris at lewisc916@yahoo.com or join the Elderberry Farms listserve by sending a blank email to: Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoo.com

Wednesday Workdays, 10:00-12:00

Join the Nursery Team—Robin Rietz, Betsy Weiland, and me each Wednesday morning (depending on weather). RSVP Chris lewisc916@yahoo.com



Wednesday at the Nursery with Leader Robin Rietz and Glenn

Photo © 2010 Christina Lewis

Saturday Workdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 13 10:00-2:00

Two chances to join us (depending on weather).

We provide the lunch. RSVP Chris lewisc916@yahoo.com

Save the Date!
Sunday, April 11
Wildflower Wonders & Native Plant Sale
at Sacramento Earth Day!



Calendar of Events

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

FEBRUARY

**Nursery Group Furlough Friday walk
Bobelaine Audubon Sanctuary
Fri. 2/19**

Join Audubon Education Chair Julie Serences for a walk on this 430 acre wildlife sanctuary owned by the National Audubon Society. Julie visited recently and could hardly find an invasive plant! RSVP for details. Chris- lewisc916@yahoo.com

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10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**

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Check in with our friends at the Stockton Subchapter if you'd like to lead or join one of their trips. See page 5.

Planning a botanical outing?

To invite others to join you on field trips, please notify:

Field Trips Chair Tony Loftin:
(916) 448-3230

HikingTony@comcast.net

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bwolf@surewest.net

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You are welcome to join the field trips of other chapters!

Links to chapter websites and newsletters are at:

<http://www.cnps.org/cnps/chapters/list.php>

MARCH

**McKinley Garden and Arts Center
Spring Clean Up Day
Sun. 3/7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Give something back to the venue that has been hosting our chapter meetings for years! The clean up will focus on the outside grounds of the Garden and Art Center. Please come out and lend a hand. All help is greatly appreciated. Bring your own tools if possible.

ONGOING

**Native Plant Demo-Garden
Old City Cemetery
1000 Broadway, Sacramento
Sundays 9 a.m.-11 a.m.**

Wear hat, long shirt, boots & bring water, gardening tools, gloves, and knee pads if you have them. If interested in volunteering during the week contact Sabrina (916) 929-7896 or 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 page 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 6:30 p.m.
(Jan-June; Sept.-Nov) Arden-Dimick
Public Library, 891 Watt Ave. at
Northrup, Sacramento 95864**

For more information call Jennifer Stock (916) 443-3484 or e-mail jstock2409@sbcglobal.net

Ceanothus – Plant identification

E-mail for date, time and directions. Melissa Hostler: ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com

**Elderberry Farms Native Plant
Nursery at Soil Born Farms - Nursery
Work Days**

2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova
See page 2. Call Chris Lewis for work day schedule (916) 812-2876. To join the garden listserv, send a blank e-mail to: Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoo.com

Habitat 2020

Day and Time TBD

For information contact Glen Holstein (530) 758-6787, holstein@cal.net

CNPS 2010 Plant Science Training Workshops

Upcoming workshops are posted at <http://cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/index.php> Register now for (most) 2010 workshops.

Rare Plant Treasure Hunt

Go eco-caching for conservation this spring! To learn more visit <http://cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/treasurehunt/>. Sign up to volunteer now by e-mailing us at treasurehunt@cnps.org.

**SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, April 11th
12:00-6:00**

Wildflower Wonders

**at Sacramento
Earth Day!**

Featuring:

**Plant Communities
Exhibit, Kids' Zone and
NATIVE PLANT SALE**

Other Events

ECOS/Habitat 2020/Heartland Project
and the Herald Area Civic Association
present

Herald in the Heartland

Sat. 3/27, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Hendrickson Hall and Community
Barn Complex

12746 Ivie Road, Herald, CA

Free and open to the public.

Panel sessions and exposition about rural living. Resources for preserving a rural lifestyle, developing agricultural tourism and hobby farming; restoring native plants and landscapes; and more. Confirmed participants:

The Heartland Project, California Native Plant Society, The Nature Conservancy, CA Resource Conservation District, Sacramento Valley Conservancy, Westervelt Ecological Services, California Farm Link, Mahon Ranches, Buena Vista Butterfly Farm

Friends of the Chico State Herbarium Workshops

Registration is now open for the following workshops:

Introduction to the Identification of Bryophytes

February 6, 2010 with Shana Gross

This workshop is an introduction to keying this fascinating, beautiful, and challenging group of plants. It's bound to fill quickly; register soon!

Health and Safety for Workers in the Field Sciences

February 27, 2010 with Josephine Guardino

This workshop is intended to increase awareness and preparedness for people who work in outdoor field settings. Register soon! \$55.00 (\$45.00 for members of Friends of the Chico State Herbarium)

Introduction to Lichen Identification

March 20, 2010 with Tom Carlberg

For more information about these workshops and a registration form please go to:
<<http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html>> or contact the Chico State Herbarium office at NS@csuchico.edu or (530) 898-3511.

Effie Yeaw Nature Center - February 2010

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

All programs are FREE unless stated otherwise. Donations welcome.

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

Hours: Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily. Please call to confirm hours.

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center will be closed February 1 through February 5 due to budget cuts. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

For more information contact: <www.effieyeaw.org> or (916) 489-4918

New Interactive Exhibit: Bountiful Harvest: An Exploration of Maidu Culture

Wed. 2/10, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Brisk Nature Hike

Meet Jack at the end of Jacob Lane (off Fair Oaks Blvd.) for a brisk early morning hike downstream along the river.

Wed. 2/10, Thurs. 2/18 and Sat., 2/27
12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Art Studio Workshop

This non-instructional art studio workshop will use the facilities and the animals of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. We will pose taxidermied animals, furs and skeletons such as ducks, owls, hawks, snakes and bobcats, offering beginner and experienced artists a chance to study and draw or paint them. Participants will supply their own tools and art materials (pencils, paper, watercolors, etc.) Professional artist Libby Harmor will facilitate this workshop, drawing on her extensive theater and exhibit experience. Suited to ages 16 and over, pre-registration required, \$7 per person per workshop. Call 489-4918 for information and registration.

Sat. 2/13, 10:30 a.m.

Animal Tracks and Signs

There are many animal-made signs in the woods that reveal who has used the trail before you. Become a nature

detective by playing tracks and scat games, then take a walk to find some animal signs in the Nature Area.

Sat. 2/20, 10:30 a.m.

Coyote Tales

Join us for a Native American story about Coyote, then get a close-up look at a coyote pelt, skull and mounted specimen. Discover some facts about these wild dog relatives and take a walk in their habitat.

Sun. 2/21, 8:00 a.m.

Habitat Improvement

Join Jack and help improve the Nature Area. Call Jack at 967-0777 if you can help with this project.

Wed. 2/24, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

American River Nature Hike

Join Jack for a nature hike. Meet at the end of Estates Drive just off American River Drive and the American River Parkway.

Sun. 2/28, 10:30 a.m.

Sing the Winter Blues Away

Join musician Lisa Phenix for a nature-based music and movement program. Choose an instrument from Lisa's basket and play along! Best suited for children age 8 and under.

Help support Nature Center programs. Join the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA)



ARNHA, a nonprofit organization since 1981, supports educational and interpretive activities in the American River Parkway in cooperation with the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. It provides critical fundraising, volunteer and advisory support for the Nature Center's mission to introduce thousands of school children each year to the beauty and diversity of the Parkway. Due to County budget cuts, the Nature Center needs your help more than ever. Join ARNHA at the Nature Center or at www.arnha.org. Check out the member benefits!

UC Davis Center For Plant Diversity
and The Davis Botanical Society
Winter Quarter
Botanical Teas in the
Herbarium

Wed. 1/27 and Wed. 2/24, 4 - 6 p.m.

Join us in the herbarium for a cup of tea, a botanical activity or two, some lively discussion, and a display of specimens of local and/or seasonal interest. Winter quarter is a great time to look at dead plant specimens indoors and to informally connect with other plant enthusiasts from different backgrounds. Light refreshments.

Location: UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity, 1026 Sciences Laboratory Building, UC Davis Campus

For more information contact Ellen Dean, eadean@ucdavis.edu.

iBotany

The Orange County Register reported that Audubon has just released a new iPhone and iPod Touch application that allows users to identify wildflowers anywhere in California. Story at <http://greenoc.freedomblogging.com/2010/01/04/identify-those-wild-flowers>

Audubon apps at <http://audubon-guides.com/audubon-iphone-app>

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Stockton Subchapter



Hibiscus welcomes news and listings from our **Stockton subchapter**, serving San Joaquin Valley CNPS Sac Valley members. If you would like to contribute, please contact Martha Mallery at (209) 477-3966 or Bob Stahmer at (209) 943-2277.

Native Plant Garden

The Golden Currant at the Nature Center in Oak Grove Regional Park is starting to bloom, and we're getting the garden ready for its springtime display. If you can help for a few hours please call Martha Mallery at (209) 477-3966.

Field Trips

When our small Stockton Area group followed the spring into the mountains in years past, some of our destinations included Chico Grunders' Table Moun-

tain, Knights Ferry, Hetch Hetchy, Red Hills, Bear Valley, Butterfly Valley and Calaveras Big Trees. If you have a favorite destination or know of a new location to explore, please phone Bob Stahmer at (209) 943-2277. (Did somebody mention a trip to Death Valley in April to photograph the magnificent Panamint Daisy?)

Meetings

Our subchapter does not have regularly scheduled meetings, but a few of us usually attend the Sacramento programs on the second Wednesday of each month. If you would like a ride, please call (209) 477-3966.

Stay up to date on Stockton subchapter activities by visiting us on the web:

<http://www.sacvalleycnps.org/stockton/stockton.html>

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Warm Winter Greetings to New and Renewing Members

Hazel Gordon, Chapter Membership Coordinator

Our chapter has grown by 53 new members in the past year and it's a pleasure to thank you all for your support. We welcome and greet:

J. Alexander, L. Amara, C. Anderson, L. Baker, L. Bates, N. Bowman, K. Brown, C. Casey, L. Christensen, D. Curtright, D. Dahlin, H. Damiani, K. Darville, A. Elliot, J. Fierro, J. Greer, R. Hoskinson, D. Howard, K. Hunting (!), E. Ibarbia, B. Julian, M. Kochis, B. Lorton, P. Martin, N. Maier, A. Meier, D. Mishchuk, S. Monckton, J. Notman, A. Oldham, L. Ordaz, M. Ose, F. Pepoon, M. Picht, J. Piovia-Scott, M. Powers, R. Prothero, C. Ramirez, J. Roberts-Wilson, L. Roye, A. Russell, M. Scott, J. Skinner, B. Solecki, P. Spahr, G. Suba (!), D. Tamayo, J. Taylor, E. Tozzi, T. Valadez, S. Van Ruiten, E. Wilson, and A. Yrube

A broad, happy welcome to our loyal returning members as well, you are the framework that keeps us energized and committed. We especially appreciate your support in these hard economic times. Remember, renewing your membership can be almost painless if you sign up for annual automatic renewal on the CNPS website. If you have not already renewed, please consider reinstating your membership today.

Do let us know if you want to become more involved in our chapter, or if you have suggestions for field trips, programs or other activities. Don't forget to give us feedback if you think we could do better (especially if you'd like to help). Contributions to Hibiscus always welcome!

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