

The Hibiscus

September '05



The newsletter for the
Sacramento Valley Chapter
of the
California Native Plant Society

Sacramento Valley Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2005 7:00 pm
Shepard Garden and Arts Center, McKinley Park,
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

Chapter Fall Plant Sale and 40th Anniversary Celebration

from Diana Hickson

Beautiful California Natives For The Sacramento Region

Megan Williamson and Janet Gerland of Cornflower Farms will present a live plant demonstration on September 14th of the many beautiful Californian native plants that you can use in your landscaping. Cornflower Farms is our local, premier grower of California natives and drought-tolerant plants. They will provide many of the plants for our Fall Plant Sale. Come and learn about the plants that will be available at the sale, which will occur on September 24th, and start planning your fall planting. Get a jump on a water-wise landscape before water metering comes to Sacramento!

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, our Sac Valley CNPS Chapter t-shirts, posters, and bird boxes will be available for purchase at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.



Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps'. Courtesy Las Pilitas Nursery.

CNPS is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year with a host of activities. With a membership of nearly 10,000 in 33 chapters around the state, most will be holding or participating in special events this year.

With over 6,200 native species and sub-species of plants, California leads the nation in the sheer number of native plants — and in the number of rare, threatened, or endangered plants. CNPS's respected *Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California* provides information on over 2,000 such species. Conservation International has named much of California as one of the world's 34 hotspots of biodiversity. But, California's native plants face a number of threats, including rapid urbanization, the proliferation of off-road vehicles, and competition for habitat from non-native plants.

CNPS advocates the appreciation and conservation of our state's native plants by encouraging their horticultural use and by providing science-based information on their distribution throughout the state. For information on activities in your area, visit www.cnps.org.

The Sacramento Valley Chapter is also celebrating its 40th Anniversary and invites the public to the Chapter's Fall Plant Sale and 40th Celebration to be held on September 24th at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento. Talks on gardening with natives will be given throughout the day. For more information, contact Chris Lewis, Sacramento Valley Chapter President, at (916) 482-5282.

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.

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About Your New Hibiscus Editor

from Slow

Folks always come up to me at our chapter meetings and ask: "Do folks always come up to you at our chapter meetings?"

I've heard it said that a person is judged by the company they keep. In that case, with my association with all of you good people, I believe I shouldn't be judged too harshly.

This last month—diving into the adventure of editing the Hibiscus—I am often inspired to stop and ponder: What have I gotten myself into?

If you have a submission for the Hibiscus, or a suggestion, or, a gripe, I can be reached at:

slowhand@slowhandtattoo.com

Nature Deficit Disorder?

Do our young folks share our concerns for nature? Do we all suffer from them missing out on what Nature has to offer? Will they carry on with our struggle? Read a fascinating article in the Sacramento Bee from July 21st,

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/travel/outdoors/story/13270439p-14112848c.html>

Or, even better yet, read the book from author Richard Louv, who poses such questions, and, provides answers: in **Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder** (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, \$24.95, 324 pages)

My Summer Vacation

By Chris Lewis

I thought you'd like to know a few things your board did over the summer:

- Wildflower Weekend 06 planning, yes it began already- **Glen Holstein, Eva Butler, Bonnie Ross**, and I met and strategized!
 - This newsletter has a new editor with new ideas! What do you think? Thank you **Slow!**
 - **Bill Jenkins, Paul Townsend**, and I represented CNPS at the August Harvest Festival in Fair Oaks.
 - **Diana Hickson** will be re-elected as a Director for the State Board. There is so much behind the scenes work, these folks don't take a summer vacation! Thank you Diana and **Carol Witham**, our incredibly hard-working State President!
 - Discussion has begun for a demonstration garden at Capital Park. Thank you **Vern Goering, Jessica Hankins, Lorraine Van Kekerix, Bernadette Balics, Heather Ogston, and Katie Kolarich**.
 - We've begun a dialog about having a Chapter Nursery. Do you want to be involved? Contact me, **Frank Wallace**, or **Mary Maret** and join the growing list!
 - **Janie Booth** and I got together to create a list of more places she can email or post Sac Valley meeting and event notices. If you have an idea about this, please contact Janie.
 - **Jack Hiehle** led several plant & beaver walks!
 - **Peggy Berry** worked tirelessly on American River Parkway issues.
 - **Jessica Hankins, Frank Wallace, & John Hunter** worked on a brochure to help nurseries understand invasive plants - Don't Plant A Pest.
- And Thank You's are in order- After over 2 years of serving as Editor of Hibiscus, **Amy Boyer** is moving on, while continuing to be involved! Thank you Amy, we all appreciate your hard work!

The Sacramento Valley Chapter email list: botany by email

by Harry Spanglet

The Sacramento Valley chapter operates an email list that delivers *exciting* botanical messages right to your e-mailbox, and all members are invited to join! Its a great way for CNPS people to share news and views. Any subscribed member can send a message, which is then distributed to everyone on the list. Joining is easy: just send an email!

Please contact Harry Spanglet (spanglet@water.ca.gov) if you have any questions, or have any problems subscribing.

To subscribe to the list: send a blank email to:
CNPS_SacramentoValley-subscribe@yahoo.com

August Demo-Garden Planning Tea & Tour from Sabrina Okamura-Johnson

A thanks to all who joined us at the Old City Cemetery to participate in the Demo-Garden Planning Tea and Tour, Sunday August 7th. Everyone enjoyed meeting **Mitchell Alford**, our new Native Plant Demonstration Garden Chair, and **Jessica Hankins**, our new Horticulture Chair while munching on the fresh fruit, delicious cheeses and sipping ice tea/coffee. There were 13 participants—including both speakers—**Sharon Partician** (with the Old City Cemetery Committee), **Russell Huddleston**, **Rees Williams**, **Rick Bettis**, **Luane Leineke**, and **Paul Townsend**, new member **Dean Ouellette** and friend **Cooper Johnson** (both recent Bay Area transplants), and my nephew **Shane Gann**.

Mitchell shared her thoughts on how the chapter can assist her with continuing maintenance, mapping, and horticulture opportunities at the garden. Jessica Hankins highlighted some of her plans and goals for the horticulture committee and how the chapter might expand on the Demonstration Garden as a resource. For more information about the Demo-Garden and Horticulture committee please contact:

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and Jessica jessicah@raneymanagement.com

CNPS On Nat'l TV Gardening Show? from Sabrina Okamura-Johnson

Calling all chapter video-geeks/enthusiasts and all native plant gardeners who:

- 1) don't mind bragging a little about their gardens;
- 2) love sharing native plant gardening tips with others;
- 3) aren't afraid of a video-cam; and
- 4) would love to get some free PR for CNPS on national TV!

The DIY (Do It Yourself) Network has invited CNPS folks to send in videotaped submissions for a new TV segment they are calling "The Dirt on Gardening". Preliminary info about this show and submissions can be checked out on <http://www.ideafactory.tv/gardening> This show is supposed to air next spring.

Please contact me if you're interested in expanding this to a chapter project, or if you need/can provide video help and/or are willing to share an extra copy of your video submission with the chapter for future viewing by all. What do you think about having a Native Plant Emmy Award show of all the chapter video submissions at the end of the year potluck?

-Sabrina- soj@surewest.net



Tim Nosal on an amazing trip to Stebbin's Cold Canyon

Open Chair: Field Trip Coordinator By Tim Nosal

After two quick years of lining up adventures and dragging CNPS members from the coast to the mountains to the desert, I am ready to hang up my hat as Field Trip Coordinator. As such, the chapter is now in need of one capable enthusiast to help put together a schedule of excursions near and far. You need not be an expert on the flora, or widely traveled. In fact, you don't necessarily even have to lead any trips. You simply have to persuade (harangue) the established talent to donate their time for a trip or two each year. Just put the names and destinations on the calendar, and the job pretty much takes care of itself.

For more information, contact Tim Nosal tnosal@aol.com or 916-961-0766 or Chris Lewis lewisc@surewest.net

New and Renewing Members: Many Thanks!

We are very thankful to welcome new members who recently joined our chapter: H. Albright, L. Bell, S. Bigelow, D. Bland, J. Brusca, P. Byers and R. Marens, F. Concepcion, T. Constantine, P. Fehling, P. Gibbs, L. Halpenny, W. Hamilton, A. and J. Jackman, K. Jackman, A. Kittlitz, D. Lee, L. Lush, K. McJunkin, C. McWhorter, H. Miller, H. Ogston, G. Page, J. Pappararo, M. Pellicano, M. Rice, S. Rooke, S. Schulz, M. Scavone-Tansey, and J. Seigrist,

Our sincere appreciation also goes to our recently renewing members: B. Baba, W. Beckett, D. Bennett, G. Bethards III, R. Bingham, K. Bogdan, M. Brown, J. Chamberlain, L. Christensen, B. Cole, C. Coulter, A.L. Driggs, M. Evoy-Mount, W.L. Graves and S. Duscha, L.G. Heinrich, J. and Z. Hiehle, J. Hogan, C. Hunt, K. Jacques, D. Johnson, M.E. Johnson, S. Johnson, D.M. Lawson, R. and A. Leach, K. Lenox, L. Lewis, A. Lippman, M. and J. Maret, D. Matsunaga, C. and B. Matyas, K.F. Mawdsley, M. Meader, S. Mehlhaff, P. Mikkelsen, L. Narlesky, S. O'Gara, M.F. O'Neil, W. Pierce, G.A.J. Platenkamp, C. and D. Pratt, R. and L. Preston, R. Rezos, D. Richards, M.A. Robinson, T. Sasaki, M.L. Schmalenberger, E.M. Smith, B. Stahmer, R.R. Traut, M. Tu, G. Waugh, H. West and C. Wilkinson, M. Whitehead, B. Williams, B. Wingfield,

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See You at the Fall 2005 Plant Sale!

Fall is the best time to plant natives. The soil is warm so plant root systems can get established and winter rains will get them off to a good start. So, the Sacramento Valley Chapter's annual fall sale is scheduled for:

Saturday, September 24, 2005
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Shepard Garden and Art Center
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

Please help make the chapter's largest fundraiser a success and help support chapter conservation and educational activities. There will be native plants, drought tolerant plants, wildflower seeds, bird and bat houses, posters, t-shirts and books for sale. Many local nurseries and chapter members are providing plants for the sale. We will have educational exhibits and a talk on attracting wildlife with native plants

There are a wide variety of tasks that need to be done. These require a variety of skills and time commitments. Most day-of-the-sale activities are set up in two-hour shifts.

See our website for a list of plants we hope to have at www.sacvalleycnps.org. If you have any questions, you can e-mail or phone Lorraine at lkvk@dcn.org or (916) 457-2674

