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JAN. MEETING:

Wed., 1/12 7:00 p.m.
Shepard Garden &
Arts Center
McKinley Park
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Sabrina Okamura Johnson,
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*Toyon berries on the Parkway.
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JANUARY PRESENTATION:

Levee Vegetation Removal Policy: Public Safety and Natural Resources in Peril

by Cassandra Nguyen Musto, DWR

For decades, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) local district and division offices have worked closely together to manage the Central Valley levee system. This strong local and regional partnership has allowed vegetation to remain on levees for habitat and other purposes while still improving flood management in the Central Valley.

In the past several years, however, the Corps' national office has initiated a significant policy change that, if implemented, would require most of this vegetation to be removed. The Corps' new national approach to managing vegetation diverts significant funds from more important repairs and improvements and increases the likelihood of erosion in some areas. If implemented as currently written, the new vegetation management policy would devastate the environment of the Central Valley, especially salmon, steelhead and other species listed under the state and federal Endangered Species Acts.

Learn more as Cassandra Nguyen Musto talks about these concerns. She will also talk about the levee evaluation and vegetation studies currently underway and how they relate to DWR's proposed solution to the Corps' policy.

Cassandra Nguyen Musto is an Associate Landscape Architect with DWR's Levee Repair Branch and a project manager of the California Levee Vegetation Research Program – a multi-agency effort supporting research on the effects of woody vegetation on levees. When she's not tossing native flower seeds on her own nearby levee or designing California-style landscapes, she works closely with environmental scientists, engineers, and contractors to design and install riparian habitats on the Central Valley levee repairs.

Cassandra is a 13-year Sacramento Valley CNPS member and past co-director of the California Native Plant Demonstration Garden.



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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.

California Native Plant Week Logo Debuts

by Barbara Wolf

Next April, Californians will celebrate the first ever **California Native Plant Week (CNPW)**, and a Sacramento Valley chapter member designed its logo.

CNPW was created by Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 173, introduced by Assembly Member Norreen Evans and passed last fall by the California legislature. CNPW will occur during the third week of April each year; the 2011 dates are April 17-23.

The CNPS Chapter Council formed a CNPW committee to promote the week and committee member Barbara Wolf, a professional graphic designer, created the logo pro bono. Wolf is the editor of the *Hibiscus* and vice president of the Sacramento Valley chapter.

The logo features a stylized, imaginary flower with bright California poppy-colored petals and a swooping stem that embraces the words.

"It's intentionally not a 'real' flower," Wolf explained to the committee. "How can you choose just one species

to represent the diversity we have in our state?"

The challenge was to create a logo that would appeal to the general public and attract a new cadre of native plant fans. As committee member Arvind Kumar observed, the idea of CNPW is to encourage people to "get out and play!" When people begin to notice and enjoy native plants, and learn their benefits in the wild and in the garden, they are more likely to care about conserving them.

The committee encourages CNPS chapters and CNPW-affiliated businesses and organizational partners to use the logo to promote native plant-related events that take place during CNPW. For instance, a nursery might use the logo in materials publicizing gardening workshops. Chapters can use it in conjunction with spring plant sales and other outreach events.

Events throughout both weekends (April 16-24) can be included as part of the CNPW celebration.

"Such a bright, cheerful logo will

surely give Californians positive feelings toward CNPW and our native flora," said Mike Ross, chair of the CNPW committee. "Events during this week are aimed at enhancing the public's appreciation and knowledge of native plants."



CNPW Fast Facts

- CNPW will soon have its own webpage, www.cnpweek.org, and a calendar of CNPW events.
- Find full text of ACR 173 at <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/nativeplantweek/>.
- For electronic logo files to use or distribute, e-mail Barbara Wolf, bwolf@surewest.net or any CNPW committee member.
- Your Sac Valley chapter CNPW committee reps are:
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abshilling@mindspring.com
- If you have ideas for ways to promote CNPW, please contact a CNPW committee member (list will soon be posted at www.cnps.org) or e-mail committee chair Mike Ross at mikeross2@prodigy.net.

California Invasive Plant Council: Map the Spread to Stop the Spread

In 2006-2008 Cal-IPC mapped the existing distribution of all species in the Cal-IPC Inventory by county and Jepson floristic region. In 2010-2011 we're continuing to map at a finer resolution (7.5 minute USGS quadrangles).

The keystone of this effort is to gather a group of local botanists and land managers and map their expert knowledge. We're seeking input from CNPS volunteers with strong botanical skills and a regional knowledge

of invasive plant distribution. Come participate in data gathering meetings!

Meetings have been informative and collaborative. The outcomes of this project will enable users to answer questions such as: What's here? What's on the move? What's on the way? What's ripe for eradication? What's ripe for containment?

To participate, e-mail to mapping@cal-ipc.org. For more information visit www.calweedmapper.org.



Martha Mallery is overwhelmed by the sign in her honor. See story on page 3.

Photo © 2010 Bob Stahmer

New 2011 Chapter Officers

Members elected new chapter officers at the November meeting.

Sabrina-Okamura Johnson (*below, right*) is our president; **Barbara Wolf** (*below, left*) is vice-president. **Hazel Gordon** remains as secretary and **Carol Crofoot** continues as treasurer.



Okamura-Johnson has been a CNPS member since 1990. She became involved with the native plant demonstration garden at the Old City Cemetery at its inception in 1997 (see page 6), and is currently the cemetery demo-garden co-chair.

“It was a natural fit for me because at the time I lived near the cemetery ... I loved to garden and I loved Sacramento history,” says Okamura-Johnson.

Our new president has more than 25 years of experience as a land use and environmental planner/analyst, the bulk of it gained while living, working and gardening in the city of Sacramento. Her education, work experience and love of gardening give her a unique perspective and desire to encourage the incorporation of native plants into residential, commercial and rural landscapes.

As chapter president, Okamura-Johnson’s vision is to continue to maintain strong support for preservation of native plants and habitat throughout the chapter area.

“I hope to encourage more of our newer members to get involved and would really like to have one or two special chapter meet-ups in the other counties or county portions that are included in our chapter.”

New vice president Barbara Wolf has been a CNPS member since about 2004. She is a writer with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in anthropology, and a prior career as a graphic designer. She will continue in her role as editor of *Hibiscus* and assist the president’s efforts.

Outgoing president **Jennifer Stock** deserves applause for doing double duty this past year, operating without a vice president. She brought great energy and organization to the chapter, and will continue as a “regular” volunteer.

“I hope to encourage more of our newer members to get involved...”

Book Committee Doubles!

Book chair **Jenny Alexander** welcomes **Joanne Heraty** as co-chair.

Having a co-chair to share this important role will be a great help to Jenny as she returns to nursing school.

Heraty, an Elderberry Farms Nursery volunteer, worked in a plant genetics/botany lab at UC Riverside, on studies of maize (corn), invasive species and de-domestication of rye, wild radish and artichoke.

“My involvement in that sort of research was the fuel for the fire to my interest in plants,” says Heraty.

Her master’s thesis examined how Hispanic immigrants in urban Southern California were conserving maize genetic diversity out of a desire to support food traditions and local and community food security.

Heraty’s professional interests now are in habitat restoration, invasive plant research, native plant restoration and education.

She dreams of the day she’ll “see less grass lawns and more native plant gardens that support beneficial insects and overall lush, biodiverse ecosystems.”

Honors for Two Chapter Members

The Save the American River Association (SARA) honored **Christina Lewis** in December with the SARA award. Lewis is a past president of the Sacramento Valley chapter of CNPS and the founder of Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery, which is dedicated to native plants of the American River Parkway (see page 7).

The SARA award recognizes “persons who have performed unique and exemplary service on behalf of the American River Parkway,” stated SARA in its *Riverwatch* newsletter.

Sac Valley chapter members Glen Holstein and Betsy Weiland (SARA volunteer coordinator) and Shawn Harrison of Soil Born Farms lavished praise on Lewis. Lewis countered by pointing out their accomplishments.

“I was humbled by the experience,” says Lewis.



Chris Lewis (center) with a fish named SARA and (l. to r) Warren Pruitt (SARA); Glen Holstein, and Shawn Harrison (Soil Born Farms).

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In Stockton, Oak Grove Regional Park docents honored **Martha Mal-lery** of the Stockton sub-chapter for her years of hard work on the park’s native plant garden. The garden now bears her name. (See photo on page 2.) Congratulations, Martha!

These two members exemplify how the dedication and persistence of one individual can bring together communities in support of native plants and habitat. They are inspirations!



Calendar of Events

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

JANUARY

Plant Walks for Students

All walks start 9 a.m. along the American River Parkway. (Annual Park Pass or \$5 entry fee required).

Locations:

Mon., 12/27, William Pond Park,

Sun., 1/2, River Bend Park

Sat. 1/22, Upper Sunrise

Call or e-mail John Huls for details and reservation at (916) 284-7021 or johnhuls@sbcglobal.net

These walks are an ideal introduction to local flora for high school students engaged in bio/habitat assessment programs or for those with an avid interest in getting to know the outdoor world. Each walk will last two and a half hours. Limited to 11 participants for each outing so you must contact John to reserve a spot for yourself or your group.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Elderberry Farms Native Plant

Nursery Work Days

Located at Soil Born Farms

2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova

Contact Chris Lewis (916) 812-2876 or lewisc916@yahoo.com for work day schedule. To join the garden listserv, send a blank e-mail to:

Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoo.com

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Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

American River Parkway Walks

We walk different areas of the American River Parkway, depending on what is in bloom or in seed and who knows where they are. Rain or shine. To sign up for the Nursery's listserv send an e-mail to: Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoo.com or contact Chris at lewisc916@yahoo.com.

ONGOING

Native Plant Demo-Garden

Old City Cemetery

1000 Broadway, Sacramento

Sundays, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Wear hat, long-sleeved shirt, boots and bring water, gardening tools, gloves, and knee pads. To volunteer 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: Sabrina Okamura-Johnson (916) 929-7896 or e-mail soj@surewest.net.

Chapter Board Meetings

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

Art Gallery & Community Center,

6301 S Street, Sacramento, CA95817

(Jan.-June; Sept.-Nov.) For more information call Sabrina Okamura-Johnson (916) 929-7896 or e-mail soj@surewest.net.

Ceanothus - Collaborative Plant

Identification Workshops

3rd Sat. of month, 9 a.m.

Davis Center for Biological Diversity.

Michael Bower, (530) 902.8721

Bring any plants you're curious about, the Jepson Manual, and your enthusiasm! Visit www.ceanothus.org for upcoming workshop dates, locations, and directions. Free. Questions to ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com

Habitat 2020

Day and Time TBD

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

2011 CNPS Workshops

Contact Josie Crawford for more information. Further details at <http://cnps.org/cnps/education/workshops/index>.

Jan 31-Feb 2

Vegetation Mapping

University of Redlands and surrounding field sites

Instructors: Todd Keeler Wolf, Julie Evens and John Menke

A combination of computer and field exercises in fine-scale vegetation mapping. Three days of lecture, computer lab exercises, and field exercises.

Fees: CNPS members \$665;

Non-members \$690

Feb 15

Rare Plants of the Central Valley

UC Davis

Instructor: Carol Witham

Fees: CNPS members \$150; Non-members \$175

UC Davis Events

Volunteer Sunday Afternoons

at the UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity

Jan. 9 and Feb. 20, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

1026 Sciences Laboratory Building, UC Davis Campus.

Please contact Ellen Dean at eadean@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-1091. Driving directions and map available at <http://herbarium.ucdavis.edu>.

Horticultural Workshop: The Botany and Ecology of How Plants Grow

by Ernesto Sandoval, Director, UC Davis Botanical Conservatory

Sat., Feb. 26, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

1022 Life Science Addition (UC Davis)

Learn how and why plants flourish or flounder in our gardens, in a comfortable, non-technical setting. To enroll see <http://greenhouse.ucdavis.edu/conservatory> or call (530) 751-0569. All proceeds benefit the Conservatory.

The Stockton subchapter serves San Joaquin Valley CNPS Sac Valley members. Contact Martha Mallery at (209) 477-3966 or Bob Stahmer at (209) 943-2277. Stockton chapter outings are on winter hiatus. Stay up to date on activities at: <http://www.sacvalleycnps.org/stockton/stockton.html>

OTHER EVENTS

Effie Yeaw Nature Center - Jan. 2011

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

Interactive Exhibit: Bountiful Harvest: An Exploration of Maidu Culture

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

Open: Wed., Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Fri., Sat., Sun., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Nature Center may be closed in stormy weather. Please call to confirm hours.

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

Sat., 1/1, CLOSED

Sat., 1/8, 10:30 a.m.

Black-tailed Deer

The bucks are in their winter glory, with beautiful antler crowns. Grab your binoculars for a closer look at the black-tailed deer in their habitat and learn more about their world.

Sat., 1/15, 10:30 a.m.

Walk on the Wild Side

Walk with a naturalist and explore the winter season in the woodland.

Thurs. 1/27, 6:00 p.m.

Fashion For Nature

Join us for an evening of fashion and refreshments, a fundraiser for the Center. Presented by Katia's Collections,

5619 H St., Sacramento; Cost: \$25;

RSVP: 489-4918, e-mail: info@sacnaturecenter.net

Sat., 1/22, 10:30 a.m.

Something's Fishy at the River

A fun puppetry video where the animals get together to help keep their river home healthy. Then take a hike through the Nature Area by the river.

Sat., 1/29, 10:30 a.m.

Owl Be Seeing You

When are owls most active? Can they turn their heads all the way around? What are owl pellets? Meet a resident owl of the Nature Center and learn the answers to these questions and more.

Help support the Nature Center, a community service of the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA)

Due to the loss of County funding, the Nature Center needs your help more than ever. Join ARNHA at the Nature Center or at www.arnha.org.

Has your child's class visited the Effie Yeaw Nature Center this year?

Consider a gift of a field trip for your child's class or a nature program in the classroom. Field trips start at \$125 and outreach programs start at \$175 when purchased with a credit card. Call (916) 489-4918.

Friends of the Chico State Herbarium

Northern California Botanists

Annual Symposium –

“California Plant Life - The Wonder, Revelations, and Concerns Continue”

Jan. 10-11, 2011 - Chico, CA

For registration and information see <http://www.norcalbotanists.org> or call Gail Kuenster at (530) 570-5196.

First annual California Botanical Society Mixer

Sun., Jan. 9, 2011, 6:30- 8:00 p.m

Hotel Diamond, wine cellar of Johnnie's Restaurant, Chico, CA.

Held in conjunction with the Symposium. Appetizers, cash bar. Suggested donation \$10. Mail to: California Botanical Society, 1001 VLSB #2465, Berkeley, CA 94720. RSVP: Staci Markos at smarkos@berkeley.edu

Now open for registration:

Care Of Trees In The Landscape

by Denice Britton

January 15, 2011

CEUs approved by the ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Certification Program for this course (Course Code: WE-11-015):

Certified Arborists: 5 CEUs for Tree-worker; Arborist; Municipal Specialist. Board Certified Arborist: Practice CEUs: 3.0; Management CEUs: 2.0

For workshop registration, details and other 2011 offerings, visit www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html

“Gardens Gone Native” Tour Lives!

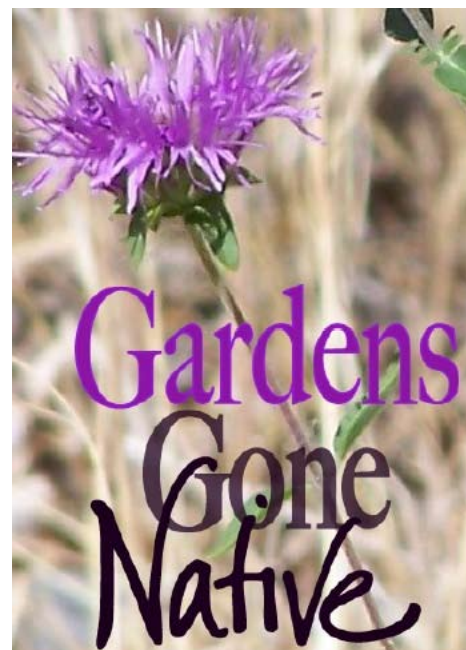
In the nick of time, landscape architect Dennis Dahlin and native plant gardener Maria Kochis volunteered to chair the native garden tour. Kochis was on the board of the Mandella Community Garden for three years. You may remember Dennis Dahlin from September's native plant gardening roundtable.

Gardens Gone Native, the Sac Valley chapter's first native plant garden tour, is scheduled for May 1, 2011. It will highlight native landscape gardens in the Sacramento area.

This free, self-guided tour will illuminate the diversity of California native plants – which also serve as habitat for birds, butterflies, native bees, and a plethora of other pollinators. Garden tourists will learn about drought-tolerant plants, pesticide-free gardens, and even edible landscapes.

Online registration will be available soon.

If you would like to volunteer your garden, work on the tour organizing committee, or be a garden host during the tour, please contact Maria Kochis (kochism@csus.edu) or Dennis Dahlin (arbornet@sbcglobal.net).



Notes from the Demo-Garden: Fall and Winter

by Sabrina Okamura-Johnson and Donna Caye

The irises are in! After the chapter's September plant sale, fall gardening work begins at the demo-garden. Fall activities include pruning back the native buckwheats and sages, cutting back the fuchsias to about 3-4 inches, and trimming the deergrass. This fall we also took on the special project of subdividing three large native iris beds in the garden and transplanting the divisions along Riverside Boulevard. Demo-garden volunteers Dana, Renate and Bridgitte and the Sheriff's crew were able to get the irises subdivided and replanted by the end of November. It was a lot of hard work but we are all looking forward to enjoying the new iris beds this spring.

Aisle Maintenance Help Needed. We need volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays during January, February and March to hoe weeds in the aisles and spread the chips over the aisles. Sabrina can only be out there on Sunday mornings, we urgently need volunteers on Saturdays. Please contact Sabrina at (916) 929-7896) and help get this work done!

Needs/Wish list. We are still in need of garden hoses, arborists to prune/top our large Pacific Sunset Fremontias, a handy man to repair our blue-bird boxes, gallon pots, gloves, hand tools and pruning equipment, shovels and knee pads.

A big thank you goes out to our dedicated fall volunteers: Bridgette Dinaberg, Renate Sperlich, Dana Nolan, Mitchell Alford, Donna Caye and our weekday weeders.

Please consider coming out this winter. Your help with our ongoing garden activities, pruning, mulching, weeding, deadheading, plantings and seeding would be much appreciated.

As always, we hope to see you in the garden soon.



"CNPS Gothic" – Dana & Renate took a break from planting native iris along Riverside Blvd to pose for the camera



Sheriff's crew, Dana and Renate replanting native iris along Riverside Boulevard in October.

Join e-Projects for Stewardship of Native Plants and Allied Culture

Work with others and learn to restore, celebrate and sustain native plants and their places. Recognize and honor Native traditions that sustained and celebrated a myriad of foods, crafts and rich biodiversity through centuries. And make an app for that!

David Self, Adjunct Professor of Natural Resources at American River College (ARC), is seeking support and collaboration on a series of seasonal e-guides and an information system for encouraging and facilitating stewardship of local native plants.

Self plans to generate at least 24 e-guides in the first year, in conjunction with walks, workshops, and a California wildflowers course (NATR 332) he will teach at ARC this spring (sign up!). He hopes this work will launch long-term stewardship partnerships with local parks, preserves, schools and other neighbors.

The e-guides, to be available online and as iPhone apps, include e-floras for local sites, seasonal; trail guides; and vignettes on topics such as pollination, stewardship, traditional cultural resources, site inventory, oak care and more.

For more information or to collaborate, contact David Self at landoc@mac.com or visit the website at <http://web.me.com/landoc/PLACEwork/PLACEwork.html>.

"All contributions, participation, encouragement, photos of local plants, etc., will be deeply appreciated," said Self in an e-mail.

Back to School for California Native Plants at Cosumnes River College

Jan 15-May 18 / 3 Units / Prerequisite: None.

HORT 307 **Plant Identification - Sustainable and CA Native**
Lecture, Wed., 6-7:40 p.m.; Lab, Wed. 7:50-09:30 p.m.

This course is the identification and study of the growth habits, cultural practices, and ornamental uses of California native plants, as well as plant material appropriate for sustainable landscaping. See <http://www.losrios.edu/> for information.

Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery: Taking Stock

by Chris Lewis

As we enter the new year, let's review: The mission of Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery is to promote awareness of the benefits of native plant habitat, encourage community involvement, and provide a source of local native plants for restoration projects as well as gardeners.

Our all-volunteer nursery operation has to date provided more than 1,000 plants for non-profit organizations, re-vegetation projects, and hundreds of home gardeners.

We treasure all our hard-working volunteers but this month Betsy Weiland and I would like to specially recognize two without whom our accomplishments would not have been possible.

Robin Rietz (far right) knows and teaches everything propagation! Without her we wouldn't thrive.

Jim Wadsworth (above, left) came to us two years ago, simply curious to identify a plant he had photographed. He has since donated his expertise in everything from plumbing and table building to digging and weeding the demonstration gardens.

Join me, Robin, Jim, Betsy, and regulars Joanne, Brian, Mary Beth, Julie on Wednesday workdays or Friday Nursery walks.

To stay posted about activities, join our listserve. Send a blank e-mail to: Elderberry_Farms_Native_Plant_Nursery-subscribe@yahoo.com.



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At the November meeting, the chapter recognized Carol Witham for being admitted as a CNPS Fellow. There was cake, of course.

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

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January 12 Chapter Meeting:
**Levee Vegetation Removal Policy:
 Public Safety and Natural
 Resources in Peril**
 by Cassandra Nguyen Musto,
 Department of Water Resources

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 Gardens
 Gone Native!**
 May 1, 2011
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Web Design Assistance Needed

The chapter is transitioning to a new, more interactive website. We need a volunteer with webpage design experience to work with our webmaster to make it look great. Contact Chris Lewis lewis916@yahoo.com or Barbara Wolf at bwolf@surewest.net

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