September Chapter Meeting:

It’s Not Just the Water: Designing with California Native Plants

Presented by Mike Heacox

Do you think our native plants are only good for saving water? Well, they have a lot more going for them than just being easy on the water bill. They can function the same as virtually any other ornamental plant in the landscape, with the added bonus that many help maintain butterfly and bird populations. Attend this lecture, and you’ll not only get a brief introduction to good landscape design principles, but many examples of how to use California native plants to create a garden that fits your style.

Mike Heacox is president of the Sacramento Valley Native Plant Garden Club, and a principal landscape architect at Luciole Design Inc., specializing in artistic, sustainable landscapes. He holds degrees in environmental studies from UCSC and landscape architecture from Cal Poly Pomona.
Plant Sale Volunteer Job Descriptions and Schedule

September 24–25, 2016

Friday:
8:00-noon: Elderberry Farms (Rancho Cordova)
    Plant transport– pick-up plants at Elderberry Farms
    and deliver to McKinley Park
8:30-3:00: Set up at Shepherd Garden & Arts Center (in McKinley Park)

Saturday:
8:00-10:00: Set up
9:30-3:00: Plant advisors, Cashiers, Garden Design Consultation, Greeters, Hosts, Photographers, and more

Sunday:
8:00-10:00: Set up
9:30-3:00: Plant advisors, Cashiers, Garden Design, Consultation, Greeters, Hosts, Photographers, and more
3:00: Clean-up, take unsold plants to Elderberry Farms

Volunteers: Food is provided Friday morning and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Volunteers are needed. Please consider helping with this wonderful event. Contact Chris at CNPSchris@gmail.com to volunteer.

50th Anniversary Celebration at the Fall Plant Sale

At our 50th Anniversary Celebration during the Fall Plant Sale we will have informational displays about the history of the CNPS Sacramento Valley chapter and programs. You can also sample food made with native plants such as acorns and elderberries. Learn more about the chapter and enjoy anniversary cake with us.

Sacramento Valley Chapter Stockton Subchapter

Visit the Stockton subchapter’s website for latest news: eepurl.com/u8mNj
Use this link to subscribe to the Stockton sub-chapter e-mail list: eepurl.com/u8iTb
CNPS members living in Stockton who would like to find others in the area to carpool to chapter activities in Sacramento should contact Nadia Zane, (209) 931-5151.

Sacramento Valley Chapter
California Native Plant Society

Fall Plant Sale

And celebrate Sac Valley CNPS 50th Anniversary with us!

September 24 & 25, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95816

Free Plant! Join CNPS or renew your membership at the sale and choose a 1-gallon plant from Elderberry Farms.

For information or to volunteer email Chris - CNPSchris@gmail.com

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Field Trips
An initial planning meeting for 2017 Field Trips will be held following the October 12th General Meeting at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. The meeting will run from about 8:45 pm-10:00 pm. Input for Field Trip destinations, specific plants to see or possible interest in assisting at a particular location are welcome. A mix of spring, early, mid and late summer trips would be ideal. Scheduling will not be done at this initial meeting. The October Hibiscus and the Sacramento Valley CNPS website Field Trips page will have more details. If you have any questions, contact John Schmidt, Field Trips & Friday Walks Chairperson at john_waif@msn.com.

Ongoing
2nd Wed. of the month, 7 p.m. (Jan.–June; Sept.–Nov.) Chapter Meeting & Guest Speaker Shepard Garden & Arts Center, McKinley Park, Sacramento See page 1. Contact John Hunter, botantyjohnhunter@gmail.com for more information.

4th Wed. of the month, 7 p.m. (Jan.–June; Sept.–Nov.) Chapter Board Meetings CNPS, 2707 K Street, Suite 1 Sacramento CA 95816 Contact: John Hunter, botantyjohnhunter@gmail.com

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

Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery Located at Soil Born Farms 2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova Wednesday Workday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. We pot up seedlings and learn plant propagation techniques. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches provided. RSVP to Chris, cnpschris@gmail.com.

Friday Walks 9 a.m.–noon. Plant identification, photography, art and fun! Go to sacvalley.cnps.org. find Friday Walks under Events and Field Trips.

Garden Work Parties at the Native Plant Demonstration Garden Sacramento Historic City Cemetery 1000 Broadway, Sacramento Learn about native plants, bees, and more while helping us maintain the largest California native plant garden in the City of Sacramento. Gardening tools available for use and refreshments provided. For more information, contact Cassandra at cnpsgarden@gmail.com

Ceanothus—Collaborative Plant Identification Workshops 9a.m. - noon. UC Davis Herbarium (Center for Plant Diversity) Michael Bower, (530) 902-8721 Bring any plants you’re curious about and the Jepson Manual. Visit www.ceanothusfieldbotanist.blogspot.com for more information. Email questions to ceanothusefieldbot@gmail.com.

Native Plant Garden Club Sept.16, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Arcade Library Meeting Room. New meeting time and location. For more information on the Native Plant Garden Club visit SacValleyCNPS.org/Gardening/Garden Club

Other Items of Interest
Shepard Garden & Arts Center Annual Fall Sale Oct. 1st & 2nd 10a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Located at 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, This is every gardener’s “not to be missed” event! It is attended by not only the Center’s club members, their friends and neighbors, but also by people from throughout the region.

Botany From the Road
By Pam Kirkbride
Sept. 2016: I have been traveling in Alaska since May and have found some beautiful wildflowers to share with you. I will start with Arctic Blue Flag - Iris setosa. It grows in a wide range across the Arctic sea, including Alaska, Maine, Canada (including British Columbia, Newfoundland, Quebec and Yukon), Russia (including Siberia), northeastern Asia, China, Korea and southwards to Japan. It has tall branching stems, mid green leaves and violet, purple-blue, to lavender flowers. Iris setosa is tolerant of many kinds of habitats: bogs, meadows, beside rivers, on lake shores, (especially rocky shores), beaches, dunes, headlands and light woodland. It can grow in sand or gravelly soils. Although normally considered a wetland plant, it does well in dry soil, too. It is normally found at 1500–2500 meters above sea level. I found these growing in wet soils in Haines Alaska and along a beach headland.

If you wish to receive stories of my adventures on a regular basis, please contact me by email at: pamkirkbride7@gmail.com.
Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, on the American River Parkway at Soil Born Farms
This Chapter Nursery is run entirely by volunteers. All profits goes to the Chapter. It would not exist without CNPS members and friends constant attention. Join us at the Nursery for a Workday – Wednesdays and 2nd Sundays and on our Friday Walks. Check website for times and details. Enjoy snapshots from the Nursery and Friday Walks!
~ Chris Lewis, Robin Rietz, John Schmidt, Betsy Weiland
Note from the Editor: Thank you to everyone who wrote in over the summer to guess what the mystery plants were. Congratulations to Dorie Giragosian who identified both plants correctly. The answers were:

Mystery Plant #1: Matilija poppy *Romneya coulteri*

Mystery Plant #2: Elderberry bush *Sambucus Mexicana*

This month’s photos were taken over the summer in the Sierras near Kirkwood. (A color version of the newsletter can be seen at: [www.sacvalley.org/home](http://www.sacvalley.org/home)

Send in your answers to editorhibiscus@gmail.com.

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

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Join or renew today!
CNPS' success depends on membership dues. Go to cnps.org/join.

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Our chapter meetings are free and open to the public!

See Page 2 for more details.