April Chapter Meeting: Manzanita of the Sierra Foothills and Beyond
Presented by Jeff Bisbee

Jeff Bisbee, esteemed photographer and botanist, will speak on Manzanita of the Sierra foothills and beyond. Manzanita (Arctostaphylos) is one of the most recognized shrubs in California, identified even by botanical novices. It is also one of the most admired. Nearly all of the 100+ Arctostaphylos species and subspecies occur either in California or northern Baja California. Jeff will share his photographs, and highlight the main distinguishing characteristics for identifying Arctostaphylos. He will also examine local species and a few key spots in the area, including a place in Placer County where four species are growing together along with numerous hybrids. From there, he will feature some of the manzanita “hot spots” throughout California, which include San Bruno Mountain, Santa Cruz Mountains and San Luis Obispo. Jeff’s work and photos have been featured in numerous publications including Field Guide to Manzanita and Conifers of the World. He has traveled throughout Mexico and the United States, photographing and collecting specimens of conifers, Arctostaphylos, Ceanothus, and other plants. He also cultivates many species of plants from seed collected throughout these regions.
7th Annual Gardens Gone Native Tour
April 8, 2017, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

With a total of 28 gardens to choose from, there are certainly a wide variety of landscapes to visit on this year’s tour. There are 17 returning and 11 new gardens on the tour including 8 gardens in Davis and Woodland. There will be a wide range of gardens with large and small landscaping options, owner as well as professionally installed, and two rain gardens. On the tour will also be garden hosts who were inspired by attending a previous tour and have remade their landscapes to include primarily California natives. Come and talk with these garden hosts and learn about their goals, their challenges and their experience gardening with native plants. Once registered, attendees will receive an email with the tour brochure including maps, garden descriptions and other links and resources. So mark your calendars and let’s think Saturday April 8, 2017!

We still need volunteers as greeters to assist garden hosts or as photographers to catalogue this year’s gardens in pictures for our virtual tour on the Sacvalley webpage. Volunteers can volunteer for two or three hours and spend the rest of their day visiting gardens. If you are interested please send an email to: clrauh1@gmail.com.

Also check the CNPS website for additional garden tour information including past virtual tours at: SacValleyCNPS.org/Gardening/Native Garden Tour.

Get Your eNews Here!
The Sacramento Valley Chapter CNPS emails announcements about upcoming events (talks, hikes, sales, and events). The eNewsletter is another way to get information about what’s happening in our Chapter. Don’t worry, signing up for the eNewsletter does not interrupt your Hibiscus newsletter service. Sign up at: sacvalleycnps.org or contact Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com.
Upcoming

Gardens Gone Native Tour
Apr 8, 9:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
See page 2 for details

Intro to Plant Identification - Part I
A Beginner's Look at 8 Plant Families
May 17-19, 2017 (Wed. – Fri.)
East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park, Berkeley, CA
Instructor: Josie Crawford, Botanist
This workshop will be taught at a beginner level and is open to anyone interested in learning or improving their knowledge of plant terminology and the basic characteristics of dominant California plant families, and gaining identification experience with common California plants. Last day to register is May 8, 2017. If you have questions please contact Becky Reilly, CNPS Events Coordinator, at 916-447-2677 x207 or breilly@cnps.org.

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, botanyjohnhunter@gmail.com for more information.

4th Wed. of the month, 7 p.m.
(Jan.–June; Sept.–Nov.)
Chapter Board Meetings
Contact: John Hunter, botanyjohnhunter@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
Workday Wednesday & 3rd Saturday
April 15, 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Come to help out; stay for the camaraderie. For more information contact 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. For more information contact john_waif@msn.com

Ceanothus—Collaborative Plant Identification Workshops
3rd Sat. of the month, 9 a.m.
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.ceanothus.org for more information. Email questions to ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com.

Garden Work Days at the Native Plant Demonstration Garden
Sacramento Historic City Cemetery
1000 Broadway, Sacramento
Bring a hat and water and wear garden-appropriate clothes. Gardening tools available for use and refreshments provided. A plant will be available to take home. For more information, contact Cassandra at cnpsgarden@gmail.com.

Native Plant Garden Club
Come and meet fellow native plant gardeners! For more information on the Native Plant Garden Club visit SacValleyCNPS.org/Gardening/Garden Club

Other Items of Interest

Sacramento Earth Day
Sun., April 23, 11am - 4pm
Southside Park, Sacramento
More info: office@ecosacramento.net

Friends of the Chico State Herbarium
For details, contact info, and a registration form, please go to: www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html
Upcoming workshops are:

Sat., April 29
Plant Collecting and Making Herbarium Specimens

Thurs., May 11
Riparian Ecology Along The Middle Sacramento River: Understanding Riparian Ecology from the Perspective of Flowing Water

New York Botanical Garden (NYBG)
Press is Happy to Announce the Arrival of Intermountain Flora Volume 7

Intermountain Flora Volume 7:
Potpourri: Keys, History, Authors, Artists, Collectors, Beardtongues, Glossary, Indices. By Noel H. Holmgren and Patricia K. Holmgren
Included is an update to the 1984 treatment of Intermountain Penstemon published in volume 4, keys to families represented in Intermountain Flora, a cumulative index for all seven volumes, and a history of the project that includes photographs of authors, artists, and plant collectors of the Intermountain West.
Place your order at: www.nybgpress.org, call 718-817-8721 or email nybgpress@nybg.org.

Calendar of Events
Sign up for our biweekly e-newsletter at sacvalleycnps.org or e-mail cnpschris@gmail.com
We need your help so that our Elderberry Farms nursery work can be spread around to a few more hands. Join us on our Wednesday Workdays from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. If you can’t come out during the week, consider volunteering on our 3rd Saturday Workdays at the nursery or on the 2nd Saturdays at CalFire in Davis.

I love Redbuds. I have nine plants growing in my yard and they are all in bloom. See some of my photos of them on this page.

### 3rd Saturday Workdays at the Nursery
April 15th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please join us! Pat’s email is patricia.gilbert@parks.ca.gov.

### Regional Nursery Update
Saturday April 8 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. We need your help from at CalFire in Davis. For more information, contact Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com.

### Friday Walks
We walk most Fridays, check our website for updates. Friday Walks are for seed and data collecting, plant identification, photography, and fun! The Nursery grows only plants that are native to the American River Parkway and/or around Folsom Lake. Our destination changes each week depending on the Nursery’s need and the group’s interest. For more information visit SacValleyCNPS/ Friday Walks or email John Schmidt at john_waif@msn.com or phone 916-500-8456.
On Thursday, May 4, 2017, CNPS is participating in a huge fundraising challenge for the Sacramento region called the BIG Day of Giving. For 24 hours, starting and ending at midnight, online donations made to the California Native Plant Society through the event website, bigdayofgiving.org, will be eligible for Incentive Pool funds and prizes that may help CNPS win additional money. A modest donation of only $20 may help CNPS win prizes ranging from $500 to $5000!

Worried you may not be around on May 4 to make a donation? Don’t despair! For the first time ever, donations can be scheduled in advance starting April 14 at bigdayofgiving.org/cnps. Please help us spread the word and we hope to see your support on May 4!

Northern California Botanists 2017 Symposium

Videos of most of the presentations given at the Northern California Botanists 2017 Symposium are available for viewing via the Symposium web page. PDFs of most of the posters presented at the Symposium poster session are also available at the NCB Symposium web page:
www.norcalbotanists.org/symposia/symposium2017.htm

Thank you everyone who presented a talk or a poster, and to everyone who attended, for yet another great symposium.

See the application packet for more details on application guidelines and requirements:
www.norcalbotanists.org/scholarships.htm

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

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Our chapter meetings are free and open to the public!