Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (except July, Aug, & Dec) at 7 PM at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento.

NEXT MEETING:
Wed., Feb. 8
Questions? Contact John Hunter, botanyjohnhunter@gmail.com

Chapter meetings are free and open to the public.
Books and Sacramento Valley Chapter T-shirts are available for purchase at meetings. Refreshments provided!

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Send questions or address changes to cnps@cnps.org.

February Chapter Meeting:
California’s Treasure in Rare Plants
Presented by Russell Huddleston

California’s outstanding botanical diversity is one of the many things that make the Golden State such a wonderful place to live. In fact, California has the highest botanical diversity of any state in the nation, with over 5,000 native plant species. Almost half of these are considered “rare” and are listed within the CNPS’ Rare and Endangered Plant Inventory. This makes California a leader in rare plant species as well.

So what exactly are “rare” plants and why are they rare? What are the threats? Are they legally protected? Why should we care about rare plants? Russ Huddleston will discuss these questions. He’ll also discuss where we can find rare plants in our region, as well as how we can become involved in rare plant conservation.

Russell Huddleston is the former rare plant chairperson of the Sacramento Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. He is currently a consulting biologist with CH2M HILL based out of Oakland. He earned a B.S. in Biology from Southern Oregon University and an M.S. degree in Ecology from the University of California, Davis.
New Year’s Walk at Snipes Ravine

By Chris Lewis

We shared a cold winter’s day finding wonder in the little signs that say spring is just around the corner. Some of our favorites were the ferns, mushrooms, and liverworts. Plus we saw a bald eagle! (Sorry no photo)

The hearty souls who braved the cold: Barbara Tackett, Carol Clifton, Carol Painter, Carole Gates, Chris Lewis, Danny McClure, Diane Boul, Gin Wenslaff, Inga Olson, Jay Chamberlain, John Schmidt, Lauren Bertelson, Nicole Carpenter and Terry Linton.

Happy New Year!
Get out there and enjoy nature nearby!

Sign up for advance email notice of upcoming Spring 2017 Field Trips.

While no Field Trips are yet scheduled for February or March, there will be at least one Field Trip before the Spring Plant Sale on March 25th. If you are interested in a field trip during February or March email John Schmidt at john_waif@msn.com or leave a message at 916-500-8456. You will then be automatically notified by email when a trip is scheduled.

Botany From the Road

By Pam Kirkbride

While travelling in Alaska last summer, I found some beautiful wildflowers. Among them was this geranium, *Geranium erianthum*, commonly known as “Wooley Geranium.” As I have mentioned before, I am usually not a fan of geraniums due to their weedy quality in California, but this resident of Alaska, Canada, Russia, Japan and China is very beautiful indeed! It inhabits woodlands, meadows, and alpine areas. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

This is one of a series of articles which features interesting plants I am encountering in Alaska as I explore while living in my motorhome. If you wish to receive stories of my adventures on a regular basis, please contact me by email at: pamkirkbride7@gmail.com.

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.

Wooley Geranium

Visit the Stockton subchapter’s website for latest news: cepurl.com/u8mNj
Use this link to subscribe to the Stockton sub-chapter e-mail list: cepurl.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.
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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 10 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 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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 ceanothusfieldbot@gmail.com.

Native Plant Garden Club
Jan. 24, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
H.T. Harvey Boardroom, 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA.
For more information on the Native Plant Garden Club visit SacValleyCNPS.org/Gardening/Garden Club

Planing is well under way for the 2017 Gardens Gone Native garden tour. Interest in California natives continues to grow and this year’s garden tour should draw more attendees than ever. Last year we had a record 1100 registered attendees, despite a rather aggressive rain. Judging from the enormously successful fall plant sale, we anticipate even more interest in this year’s tour. We have a wonderful blend of gardens that have been on the tour in the past as well as many new gardens. Registration for the tour opens at gardensgonenative@eventbrite.com on March 10, 2017. The tour brochure including maps and garden descriptions will be available at that time.

Won’t you share your love of California native plants with the public by becoming a volunteer docent or greeter for one of the gardens on this year’s tour? If you are interested please send an email to gardensgonenative@gmail.com. Please join us as a volunteer or as a tour participant and enjoy seeing these creative landscapes featuring California native plants. Also check the CNPS website for additional garden tour information: SacValley.CNPS.org/Events/Native Garden Tour.
Wednesday Workdays - 10:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.
Join us for propagation work on Wednesdays and help pot up seedlings and learn various propagating techniques under the excellent direction of Robin Rietz, Propagation Manager. We treat volunteers to peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (you’re also welcome to bring your own lunch). Learn about or share your knowledge of: propagating plants; landscape design and maintenance; bird, bee, or butterflies; ecology; ethnobotany, maintaining greenhouse and nursery irrigation; photography or videography; writing and note taking; nursery maintenance.

3rd Saturday Workdays - February 18th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Starting in 2017 we’re moving our weekend workday to Saturdays to fit better with Soil Born’s work schedules. It will afford us many opportunities to collaborate and we look forward to it. Please RSVP so that Pat knows how many sandwiches to prepare. Pat’s email is patricia.gilbert@parks.ca.gov.

Friday Walk -
Contact Chris Lewis or John Schmidt for information on Friday walks in Feb. The January Friday 13 walk was at William Pond’s pond. After several days of heavy rain the sky cleared and we saw swollen rivers.

Dr. Chris designed the frost protection ‘veils’
Regional Nursery
Working collaboratively with CalFire in Davis, CA
by Chris Lewis

If you have been to one of our chapter plant sales you know that we have been selling out of plants for the last several years. Thanks to Robin Rietz and a bevy of volunteers, Elderberry Farms grows several thousand local native plants each year. Because the demand is ever-increasing we are now working with the Putah Creek Council’s staff and volunteers led by Rich Marovich to grow more species of native plants. At a workday in November Robin led a session on propagating from cuttings. We’re looking for a date in February to do a seeding session. When we have the date of the next Workday we will post it on the Elderberry Farms website. Redbud Chapter members are also growing plants at CalFire. It’s a great opportunity for cross-pollination! If you’d like to be added to the interest group, please email Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com.

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The call for abstracts will open in early 2017!
Submit content for the March Hibiscus by February 10!
Be sure your membership is current! See your address label for your renewal date.

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