October Chapter Meeting:
Carnies and Vampires
or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the
Alternative Lifestyles of Plants

Presented by Jamie Kneitel

We tend to think of plants as benign organisms that feed themselves by using carbon dioxide, water, nutrients, and light to make carbohydrates and ultimately provide the energy basis for whole ecosystems. This is certainly the rule, but there exist numerous exceptions of plants that gain resources from animals (carnivorous plants) and other plants (parasitic plants). This talk will address the evolution, ecology, and conservation of these two groups of plants and highlight examples from California.

Jamie Kneitel is an Associate Professor of Biology at California State University, Sacramento. He is an ecologist interested in the factors affecting biodiversity patterns and has worked in grasslands, sub-alpine meadows, and vernal pools in California. Previous research projects have included carnivorous plants in Florida and parasitic plants in California.
Chapter Officer Nominations

According to our bylaws, nominations for chapter officers are to occur at the October chapter meeting. Currently all four officer positions are open. These are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The term of office is two years. Following elections at the November meeting, the new officers will serve from January 2015 until December 2016.

Service as an officer for the Sacramento Valley Chapter of CNPS is both fun and rewarding. The Board of Directors meets from 7-9 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the months in which we have chapter meetings (Jan-Jun, Sept-Nov). There are always plenty of snacks. Our biggest responsibility is financial: we approve an annual budget in March and authorize miscellaneous funding requests throughout the year. We also discuss planning for our various events.

Please consider a self-nomination for one of these important chapter leadership positions. Additionally, talk to others in the chapter who you know would do a great job. For more information about the nomination process, or the positions, please give me a call at 916-452-5440 or email cwitham@ncal.net.

Field Trip Chair Needed for 2015

Pam Kirkbride, our current Field Trip Chair, is retiring soon and setting off for grand cross-country adventures.

We need an enthusiastic person to take over her position. The Field Trip Chair works with trip leaders to define a date for trips and then posts these dates, times, and leader contact information on the CNPS Sac Valley website and in the Hibiscus newsletter. The chair usually leads a few trips themselves. If the chair has the time, they can attend field trips, take photos and write-ups from participants.

Pam would be happy to work with a new chair to share field trip information and contacts. If you are interested in the Field Trip Chair position please contact Pam Kirkbride pam.c.kirkbride@frontier.com or (916) 687-8134.

Photo by Jim Wadsworth
Calendar of Events

Upcoming

Fall Plant Sale
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 - 28., 2014, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
See page 2 for details.

Do You Know the Way to San Jose? Field trip to visit 2015 CNPS Conference venue
Thursday, Oct 2, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
San Jose DoubleTree by Hilton
2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, 95110
For additional information contact Josie Crawford at (916) 447-2677 ext 205 or jcrawford@cnps.org

Lichens for Beginners Class
Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
3075 Sciences Lab Bldg., UC Davis Campus
Lichens are special elements of our environment, both interesting and beautiful. Here is your chance to learn more about them. This all-day class for beginners will cover lichen morphology, terminology and identification. We will look closely at over 20 species of common lichens using dissecting scopes, perform color tests, use keys, and take an afternoon field trip to view lichen habitats. Students will get to keep the lichen samples provided. This class is hosted by the UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity and CNPS Sacramento Chapter. All proceeds will go to benefit these organizations. We can only accept a limited number of students so contact Pam Kirkbride at pam.c.kirkbride@frontier.com or (916) 687-8134.

4th Wed. of the month, 7 p.m.
(Jan.–June; Sept.–Nov.)
Chapter Board Meetings
SMUD, 6301 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
Contact: Carol Witham, cwitham@ncal.net.

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

Elderberry Farms
Native Plant Nursery
Located at Soil Born Farms
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova

Wednesday Workdays 10 a.m. – 1:00
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.

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

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

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 Carol Witham, cwitham@ncal.net for more information.

Other items of interest

CalFlora’s California’s Observer PRO: Emerging Botanical Field Methods
Saturday, Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
For details, contact info, and a registration form, please visit: www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html.

State Indian Museum
Sunday, Oct. 12, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 9, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
The museum has been working to spruce up a collection of native plants that are culturally significant to California Indian groups. Sunday tours will focus on Native uses and relationships with plants.

Workshops from Friends of the Chico State Herbarium:
Saturday, Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Medical Botany
Plants have been used as medicine for millennia by indigenous peoples. The medical uses of many plants have been rediscovered and become widely accepted outside of indigenous communities. What makes these medicinal plants useful? What are the chemicals in these plant medicines and how do they affect humans, microbes and other organisms? How can you cultivate and prepare medicinal plants? For more info, visit: www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html

Southern California Botanists
Botanists Symposium
Saturday, Nov. 1, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Pomona College, North Seaver Auditorium
“Threats to Southern California Plant Communities, with an emphasis on opportunities and solutions”
For more information, visit the SCB website at: www.socalbot.org

California Swan Festival
Marysville, California
Friday - Sun. Nov. 7 - 9, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
http://caswanfestival.com
(530) 743-6501

Sign up for our biweekly e-newsletter at sacvalley.cnps.org or e-mail cnpschris@gmail.com
Did You Know That?

Lalima Gluesenkamp, young daughter of Dan and Asha Gluesenkamp, a request to help out at the hospitality refreshments table at the recentSac Valley CNPS meeting? Lalima arranged the chocolate chip cookies in beautiful precision. Her help was greatly appreciated!

Linnea Fronce’s beautiful landscape and wildlife art has been on display at a public show at the Sacramento City College Library. A public reception with her art work took place in the library September 13.

Some folks were lucky enough to purchase Linnea’s excellent Sacramento County Mammals book, written and illustrated by Linnea and published in 1997.

Mary Ann Robinson helped out at the book table at the September 10 SacValley meeting so Joanne Heraty, our usual “keeper of the books” could take time away for a relaxing vacation. Mary Ann stepped into this job seamlessly since she is the librarian at Sac City College.

Cassandra Musto wears numerous CNPS hats throughout each month of SacValley activities. She makes the Demo Garden at the Old City Cemetery buzz with the help of Demo Garden volunteers on Sunday.

days. She pots up errant seedlings from the Demo Garden, nurtures them, then sells them at meetings to add dollars to the treasury. She regularly sets out wholesome and welcome snacks at Sac Valley meetings. Additionally, Cassandra helps sell CNPS tee shirts at meetings as well as hand-crafted bee houses she and husband Mike make from repurposed old fence posts. And last, but not least, Cassandra includes a beautiful empty glass jar on the hospitality table. Why? Well…..just in case some folks are inspired to leave tips of thanks for the hospitality offerings. Sure enough, genuinely generous attendees have turned an empty jar into a full jar of “tips” that have contributed funds to the work of other chapter volunteers.

Winners all around!

There are so many more SacValley members who volunteer and dedicate more hours than one Hibiscus Newsletter can name. But, for now, it’s fun to highlight a few……so “YOU’LL KNOW THAT…” we all belong to an organization of dedication, achievement that we can be proud of!

NatureFest Sunday, October 5, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
At the Effie Yeaw Nature Center

NatureFest promotes science and nature education, safe and healthy outdoor recreation, and is an excellent opportunity to learn more about local organizations that support our community.

The event includes live animal shows, kids activities, demonstrations, guided nature hikes, and family-friendly food in the beautiful Nature Center area. Enjoy animal shows from Wild Things and West Coast Falconry on the main stage and close up visits with the Nature Center’s own ambassador animals at Critter Corner.

Admission (at the door) Adults - $5, Kids 12 and under - FREE

California Native Plant Society
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.

Common Madia with Owlet Moths

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Get Your eNews Here!

The Sacramento Valley Chapter CNPS emails announcements about upcoming events (talks, hikes, sales, nursery, and events). What is it? The eNewsletter is another way to get your information about what’s happening in our Chapter. Does it replace my Hibiscus? No. Signing up for the eNewsletter does not interrupt your Hibiscus newsletter service. How often will I get notices? Depending on the amount of news, we send 3 to 10 announcements per month. Where do I signup? Go to our home page: sacvalleycnps.org or contact Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com.
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Wildflower Seed Sales

Photos from Friday Walks by Jim Wadsworth:
Submit content for the November Hibiscus by October 3!

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

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The Sacramento Valley chapter newsletter, Hibiscus, is published monthly, except for July, August, and December. Deadline for Hibiscus contributions is midnight of the Friday before the monthly meeting for possible inclusion in the next month’s newsletter. Please send your submittals to editorhibiscus@gmail.com.

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