SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING:
Maintaining Native Gardens through the Year
Presented by Helen Popper

There’s a rhythm to native gardening in California, a rhythm that reflects our wilder surroundings. Each month and each season in the native garden has its characteristic chores and delights. In our September meeting, Helen Popper will discuss how that rhythm differs from the traditional gardening calendar. Starting with fall, when we anticipate leaving the dry season behind and prepare for our own green ‘spring,’ she’ll discuss the timing of native planting, watering, weeding, and pruning throughout the seasons.

Helen Popper is the author of the calendar-based book, California Native Gardening, A Month-by-Month Guide. An essential year-round companion, this beautifully written and illustrated book nurtures the twin delights of seeing wild plants in the garden and garden plants in the wild.
Admission is free and the public is welcome

Gardening advisors will roam the plant sale offering assistance as needed. Master gardeners will be there on Saturday to answer your questions. Both days we’ll have an expert table where you can ask your botany questions. Plus: books, our chapter tee-shirts, Elderberry Farms information table including a slide show of local native plants, membership, and more.

Workshop Line-up

Saturday September 28
11:00-11:45: Designing Your Garden with Paul Weller
Noon-12:45: Maintaining a Native Garden with Alison Shilling
1:00 -2:00: Bringing Nature Home with Julie Serences
All day: Alicia Funk, author of “Living Wild,” book signing and answering questions.

Sunday September 29
11:00-11:45: Bringing Nature Home with Julie Serences
Noon-12:45: Local Native Plants for Your Garden with Chris Lewis
All day: Julie Serences, “Bee-ologist,” for all your bee questions.

Volunteers Needed

Administration prior to the event
Help Chris Lewis coordinate volunteers.

Friday (Sept 27) Set Up, Starting at 7am
Move tables, unload plants and more at Shepard Garden & Arts Center and at Elderberry Farms. We’ll need help transporting plants so we’ll need trucks or cars and drivers and help loading plants.

Saturday and Sunday (Sept 28 & 29) Plant Sales, All day
Botany table, cashier, gardening advisor, helpers to set-up, clean-up, greet, and customer assistance.

What job sounds good for you? Training or orientation is provided. The annual Fall Plant Sale is our biggest fundraiser. It could not happen without your dedication, support and passion! To volunteer, please email Chris Lewis at cnpschris@gmail.com.

Volunteer perks!
CNPS provides food for all volunteers! Friday: enjoy coffee, a PB&J, or snacks. On the weekend, enjoy fresh fruit, baked goods, sandwiches, and more.

Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, on the American River Parkway at Soil Born Farms
By Chris Lewis, Nursery Leader

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Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery is a project of Sacramento Valley Chapter of CNPS. It is run entirely by volunteers. All profits benefit the Sacramento Valley Chapter.

So, what’s new at your nursery? We were quite pleased when we put out a call for 1-gallon pots and received hundreds within a few days! Thank you to all who donated!

Volunteers. We have had wonderful Workdays on Wednesdays. Volunteers who joined Robin Rietz, Jim Wadsworth, and myself this summer included Adrian and Alex Rounds, Annie Kempees, Cindy Recinos, Eria Garnica, Geneva Hutcheson, Haley Jackson, Jami Rains, John Schmidt, Mary Ann Robison, Nadia Zane, Paul Lester, Sanghvi, Steve Woodward, Terrance Foreman, Tony Duke, and Yvonne Ellis.

Current Nursery Volunteer Needs:
• Landscape photographer to photograph our Demonstration Gardens and the Outdoor Classroom.
• Website design work for the Nursery web page.
• Demo Garden Documentarian. Have you seen Soil Born’s Outdoor Classroom? It is right behind our office and has hundreds of native plants! All the plants were planted at the same time, have the same watering system, and are in full sun. This is an extraordinary opportunity to track the plant’s progress. Would you be interested in helping document the plants’ growth in this controlled space? Please contact Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com

Wednesday Workdays
Summer hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m. Join us!

Friday Walks 9:00a.m. - 12:00.
Friday walks are always inspiring. The walks started with the singular focus of seed collecting. Now we enjoy plant identification, ecology, entomology, art, photography, and fun! Walks are listed in our eNewsletter and on our webpage. SacValley.CNPS.org/Field Trips/Friday Walks
Fall Native Plant Sale

Sept. 28 & 29  10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd. (in McKinley Park)
Sacramento 95816  Free Admission

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

Plant Experts, Talks and much more!
Details at SacValley.cnps.org
Creating Native Landscapes
species in the Sierra Nevada. Meet
we'll follow in our attempt to relocate
description gives us a clue which
convinced. Ms. Brandegee's brief
trees are likely extirpated. We're not
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merit conservation concern due its
statewide level, the Pacific Yew would
found in the Merced River Canyon.
Pacific yew (Taxus brevifolia) trees
“The Flora of Yosemite,” about the
Brandegee wrote in her 1891 article
terrain, but off-trail). Katherine
Hiking Level: moderate (fairly level
Pacific Yews. Leader: Alison Colwell.
look for Yosemite National Park's lost
the National Park Service for a trip to
Yosemite’s Lost Pacific Yews
(Arch Rock Entrance to Yosemite NP, Hwy 140)
Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.
Join the Sierra Foothills Chapter and the National Park Service for a trip to look for Yosemite National Park’s lost Pacific Yews. Leader: Alison Colwell. Hiking Level: moderate (fairly level terrain, but off-trail). Katherine Brandegee wrote in her 1891 article “The Flora of Yosemite,” about the Pacific yew (Taxus brevifolia) trees found in the Merced River Canyon. Although not a rare plant at the statewide level, the Pacific Yew would merit conservation concern due its “locally rare” status. In recent decades there have been several fruitless attempts by various botanists to find these trees in or near Yosemite Valley, leading some to conclude that the trees are likely extirpated. We’re not convinced. Ms. Brandegee’s brief description gives us a clue which we’ll follow in our attempt to relocate this southern-most outpost of this species in the Sierra Nevada. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Arch Rock Entrance Station parking lot on Highway 140. For more info: aelcolwell@msn.com or 240-997-5153. Contact Danny Slakey at dslakey@cnps.org

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.

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.

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 15, 9am - noon
Sunday, Sept. 29, 9am - noon
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. Pacific Coast iris and red buckwheat will be available to take home. For more information, contact Cassandra at cnpsgarden@gmail.com

Wednesday Workdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
We pot up seedlings and learn plant propagation techniques. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches provided. RSVP to Chris, cnpschris@gmail.com.

Friday Walks 9 a.m.–noon.
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Chico State Herbarium Activities
Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
Designing a pollinator garden.

Effie Yeaw Nature Center
The Center offers free nature-related activities Saturdays and Sundays. For specifics, check out www.sacnaturecenter.net (under “Happening Now...”) or call (916) 489-4918

Outings at Deer Creek Hills
See website for more info: www.sacramento valleyconservancy.org

Get Your eNews Here!

The Sacramento Valley Chapter CNPS emails announcements about upcoming events. The eNewsletter is another way to get your 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: SacValley.CNPS.org/ or contact Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com.
American River Parkway Coalition

The mission of the American River Parkway Coalition is to provide a forum for continuing communication, collaboration, and coordination in order to protect and preserve the natural and recreational resources of the American River Parkway and monitor and implement the American River Parkway Plan. The American River Parkway Coalition meets the second Friday of every month at the American River Parkway Foundation’s Strong Volunteer Center from noon until 2:00 p.m. The Volunteer Center is located inside William B. Pond Park at the end of Arden Way in Carmichael. The public is invited and always welcome.

Topics discussed at the August meeting included Country Regional Parks updates, Cordova Creek Restoration Project, trail improvements, how to save your property from wildfires, and the Equestrian Park Watch Program.

Do you care about the American River Parkway? Get Involved! Contact Betsy Weiland, Coalition Facilitator at flweiland@yahoo.com or Chris Lewis, CNPS Representative to the Coalition at cnpschris@gmail.com.

California Native Plant Society Educational Grant

The California Native Plant Society Educational Grant application period has opened. Proposals are due on September 30, 2013. There is a new online application system. Please see details on our webpage http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/grants.php. For additional information please contact Josie Crawford Education Program Director, California Native Plant Society, (916) 447-2677 ext 205 jcrawford@cnps.org

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

September 2013

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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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Join or renew today! CNPS' success depends on members' support. Go to www.cnps.org/join. Or mail membership dues (individual $45; student or limited income $25) to CNPS, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816-5113.

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