SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING:

Native Plants in a Water-Wise Home Landscape

Concerned about the statewide drought declaration and outdoor watering restrictions? A brown lawn doesn’t have to be the “new green.” Now is a great time to make your landscape more water efficient with native plants. Our chapter is hosting a native plant sale this month, so before you make your purchases, come to our September 10th meeting and learn from a preeminent gardening expert about how you can incorporate native plants into your own - new or expanding - low water landscaping.

Pam Bone will share tips to make your native plant garden water efficient and attractive. She will cover proper design, irrigation systems, and plant selection, including many beautiful California native plants that you can use in your own landscaping. Pam Bone is a long-time CNPS member, Landscape Horticulturist, and a Lifetime Master Gardener. She is a frequent guest on radio gardening talk shows, previously co-hosted a gardening television program, and leads training classes throughout Northern California on landscape tree care and water efficient landscape fundamentals. Bring some questions – this is a great chance to learn from an expert – and leave with new inspiration to go water-wise with natives.

Chapter meetings are free and open to the public.

Books and Sacramento Valley Chapter T-shirts are available for purchase at meetings. Refreshments provided!

Join or renew today!

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Send questions or address changes to cnps@cnps.org.
CNPS Chapter Council Meeting
May 31-June 1, 2014

By Hazel Gordon

If you notice the Admin menu item on the upper right corner of the state’s CNPS webpage, you’ll find that it links to past and future Chapter Council meetings. They are open to all CNPS members. The staff and elected volunteer CNPS chapter representatives (a core group of some 20-40 people) have a critical need to discuss policy and budget issues four times a year. Guests often have a special purpose in coming, and pay their own costs. As an alternate chapter representative, I was fortunate to know many of these people from past meetings and was able to come down to Imperial Beach, CA, for the late spring meeting, which was a celebration to welcome our new Baja California chapter.

It was a delightful, joyous weekend that was held mainly in the new building and surrounding beautiful wetland habitats of the Tijuana River Estuarine Research Reserve managed by US Fish & Wildlife, a true success story in the annals of restoration projects. Prominent Baja botanists attended this meeting and gave educational talks in the evening after the Baja chapter guided us on a daytime field trip, remarkable for its dramatic views of the basaltic prominences of “El Salto,” near the town of La Mission northeast of Ensenada. This privately owned site is locally well known for both its rare desert and very familiar chaparral plant species. The “Baja California Day,” organized by the San Diego and Baja CNPS chapters with Mexican food and drink, was great too. Other field trips occurred, such as the one I visited the next day to a successful restoration site in Cabrillo National Monument along the San Diego coast where the ocean atmosphere and native vegetation made us very reluctant to leave the area.

Field Trip Chair Needed for 2015

Our current Field Trip Chair, Pam Kirkbride, will be retiring soon and setting off for cross-country adventures. We are very excited for Pam and she will be missed. We need an energetic 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 about the trips for the website and newsletter or get 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
Native Gardening Workshops

Creating Bird and Pollinator Friendly Gardens, Bernadette Balics, Landscape Designer: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Native Plants & Grasses in Home Gardens, Jeff Quiter, Hedgerow Farms: 12:15 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

We’re BEE friendly: All plants at our Plant Sale are nonicotinoid free—creating bird- and pollinator-friendly gardens.

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

For information contact cnpsChris@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed!

The plant sale hours are 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday when we’ll need help with plant advice, customer help, and cashiers. Friday set up will be from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and the jobs include transporting plants from Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery to the Plant Sale on Friday and returning them on Sunday after 3:00 p.m. This year we will also need help taking unsold plants home on Sunday after 3:00 p.m. and then returning them to Cornflower Farms on Monday morning. This is a critical new job for us. Because of this new responsibility we MUST have these volunteers lined up when we order the plants! If you can help, please email Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com.

Volunteers Linda and Rich
Calendar of Events

Upcoming

Succeed with Native Plants
Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Chico Women’s Club
3rd St and Pine, Chico, 95927
Come to our Horticulture Symposium and learn how to:
• Design a pleasing landscape
• Choose and maintain native plants
• Create bird and pollinator habitat
• Use less water and fertilizer
• Q & A time with the experts
The symposium is hosted by the Mount Lassen Chapter, California Native Plant Society. Cost is $35 or $30 for CNPS members, cost includes lunch. Visit the website for more information on registration, details and updates: www.mountlassen.cnps.org

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

October

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
We are inviting all Bay Area and beyond Chapter members for a one hour tour of the site of our Conservation Conference and 50th Anniversary kick-off. We’ll show you where all the events will take place, where Chapter posters will be displayed, the leopard skin mosh pits in the disco bar, and let you know about all the ways you could participate in this major CNPS event, January 13-17, 2015. It will be a one hour tour followed by an optional social hour. 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

Other items of interest

Linnea Fronce Art Exhibit
Saturday, August 23 to the end of September, 2014.
Sacramento City College library
Landscape and wildlife art by Sacramento and CNPS artist Linnea
Fronce is featured in an exhibit on the third floor of the Sacramento City College Library. A public reception in the library is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sept. 13 (second Saturday). This is a rare opportunity to view - and purchase - Linnea’s work.

The exhibit is on view during library hours. Library hours: Mon.- Thurs. 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CalFlora’s California’s Observer PRO: Emerging Botanical Field Methods Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, 9:30 a.m. – 4
Led by Cynthia Powell, project manager of the CalFlora Database. This workshop introduces participants to CalFlora’s Observer Pro Android application which will add to your field experience. We will provide Android phones, tablets, and GPS pucks to ensure that every attendee has the chance to get “hands on” and familiar with using these tools. All workshop attendees will receive a free one year Professional registration to CalFlora, and will get to use these individual registrations to explore a range of exciting tools available through the CalFlora website and electronic field tools. By the end of this class you’ll be ready for your best spring wildflower season ever. For details, contact info, and a registration form, please visit: www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html.

Workshops from Friends of the Chico State Herbarium:
Saturday Sept. 6, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30
Introduction to Summer Grasses of Southern Cascade and Northern Sierra Nevada Mountain Habitats
Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, 9:30 a.m. – 4
Medical Botany
For more info, visit our website: www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html

State Indian Museum
Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov 9 2014, 1 p.m. – 2 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.

Get Your eNews Here!
The Sacramento Valley Chapter CNPS emails announcements 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 to10 announcements per month. Where do I signup? Go to our home page: sacvalleycnps.org or contact Chris at cnpschris@gmail.com.

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.

Student Column:
Lichens Along Sonoma Coast
By Alyssa Egbert
In August I went on a family road trip along California’s coast. Throughout the many adventurous beach trips and hikes, we found many kinds of lichens. For instance, just a few yards from the roaring ocean, crustose lichen was growing on many crumbly rocks. The bright orange and grey button like lichens were a lovely contrast to the dark rocks in the background creating a wonderful photo opportunity. The same day we visited the Pygmy Forest in Sonoma. After a short hike uphill we reached the forest of 100 year old trees just over 6 feet tall which were covered in bearded lichen. These long stringy green lichens are completely different from the ones just a few miles down the road showing that it doesn’t take long to find significant diversity.

Celebrate California’s Flora!
4th Annual Friends of the Chico State Herbarium (FOH) Fall Photo Contest
1st prize: $100 or free FOH workshop
2nd prize: $50 and FOH t-shirt
3rd prize: $25 and FOH t-shirt
Specifications: The photographs must be of California Native plants. There is a $10 fee for submission. This fee allows two entries per participant. All entries must be received by Oct. 16th, 2014. Submit photos in either 8” x 10” or 8” x 12” format as both a hardcopy and as a digital file. Include a note listing the title or subject, your name and contact information. Submit prints in person to the Gateway Science Museum ticket office OR by mail to: 2014 Plant Photo Contest, Chico State Herbarium, CSUC, Chico CA 95929-0515. Submit the digital file and any questions to John at friendsoftheherbarium@gmail.com. Photos will be on display at the Annual Meeting of Friends of the Herbarium on Nov. 8, 2014. Photos will not be returned. For more information on the photo contest and FOH and upcoming workshops visit http://www.csuchico.edu/herbarium/Friends.html

For information about the Herbarium visit http://www.csuchico.edu/herbarium/
Every Wednesday Workday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

So much going on at the Nursery, I don’t know where to start! So many volunteers to brag about, here’s just a few. Becky Rivera just started with us in May - attracted by the challenge of getting a useful Inventory system up and running. Ashton Smith bikes out most Wednesdays to help and sketch plants. Eventually we will post his extraordinary work on our website.

Sunday Workdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pat Gilbert continues to organize 2nd Sunday Workdays at the Nursery. The August Sunday Workday was spent building bee boxes and weeding the demo gardens.

These gardens have fallen on hard times! We need to revise our Demonstration Gardens! If you would like to help, please let me know.

Weekly Friday Walks.

We walk most Fridays. Check our website for updates. Friday Walks are for seed and data collecting, plant identification, photography, and fun! Our destination changes each week depending on the Nursery’s need and the group’s interest. Walks are listed in our eNewsletter (email cnpschris@gmail.com) or check the Friday Walk webpage on sacvalleycnps.org.

A Tribute to Jack Hiehle

By Steve Woodward

You could fill a book with stories about Jack Hiehle. A true naturalist, he loved the outdoors and was happiest when he was teaching others about plants and animals, and about the interconnectedness of the natural world. As a long-time CNPS member he led hikes and outings each year to Donner Summit, Winnemucca Lake, Point Reyes, and other sites. His successful project to remove Spanish broom from the floodplain at Effie Yeaw Nature Center was the precursor to our chapter’s Weed Warriors program. Also at Effie Yeaw he worked tirelessly to protect and foster the growth of a new generation of oak trees. You could also find him at chapter plant sales, with a collection of native and non-native(!) plants he’d grown in soup cans at home.

With a lifetime of field experience he had a wealth of knowledge about our flora and fauna, and he was always there to identify a plant, point out a hummingbird nest, explain how a deer had scarred a tree trunk with its antlers, and generally try to bring the rest of us up to speed with what he knew. Best of all, he did it with the most delightful twinkle in his eye and welcoming smile on his face. He was recognized for his service by many groups, including Sacramento County and the Points of Light organization. When he passed away in February at the age of 93 we all lost an amazing resource and a wonderful friend.
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- Photos from the summer: Photos of Friday Walks, Elderberry Farms, and Sonoma Coast. Photos by: Steve, Jim Wadsworth, Chris Lewis, S. Joe Griffin, Jamie LeFevre,
Submit content for the October Hibiscus by September 5!

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

September 2014

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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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