**Mother’s Day Wildflower Show**

The Shasta Chapter CNPS and the Klamath National Forest will host the 14th Annual Siskiyou County Wildflower Show on Mother’s Day Sunday, May 13, from 10 AM to 4 PM. The show will be held at the Siskiyou Golden Fair Grounds, 1712 Fairlaine Road in Yreka. (Take the Fort Jones exit off I-5, and then north on Fairlaine to the sign.)

Depending on how the spring weather progresses, the display will include up to 300 fresh, labeled samples of local native wildflowers, shrubs, grasses, ferns, mosses and lichens. Botanists and reference materials will be on hand to help answer questions. The Shasta Chapter will be staffing a booth at the show with books, posters, t-shirts and membership information. There will also be other educational displays.

Attending the Siskiyou County Wildflower Show is a perfect way to celebrate the moms in your life. There is no charge for the event, so bring the whole family up to Siskiyou County for the day. If you can help with setting up/identifying/labeling/collection on Saturday, May 12, or with staffing the CNPS table on Sunday, please contact me (468-1238 daytime; 468-2787 evenings). Hope to see you there on Mother’s Day! 🌺

~ Marla Knight

**Scholarships**

We have received five college scholarship applications from students in Shasta, Lassen and Siskiyou Counties. The Scholarship Committee is reviewing the applications and expects to announce the recipient at the June meeting at the Thesken place. We will encourage the recipient to meet Chapter members at this meeting. 🌺

~ Jay Thesken, Scholarship Program Chair

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**The Acorn Grant**

One of the ways in which the Shasta Chapter supports the mission of CNPS is through the Acorn Grant Program. The Acorn Grant Program is to promote practical knowledge and education regarding California native plants and/or native plant habitats in students attending area K-12 schools. The Acorn monies for funding the Acorn Grant Program are obtained primarily through our annual native plant sales. Acorn Grants of up to $500 are awarded per application at the discretion of the chapter’s grant review committee. Awarded grant monies are designated for specific purchases, such as native plants, gardening tools, gardening irrigation equipment, native plant books, native plant posters, native plant pictures, field trip supplies, field guides, etc. Currently, there are two elementary schools that have been awarded grants, have on-going projects, and have planned completion dates by next summer. If anyone knows of a school that may have some interest in a native plant project, contact me (djforca@charter.net) and I will send a grant application to the school. 🌺

~ Donal Jonio, Acorn Grant Program Chair

**DuBose Residence Harvest**

On March 2, an enthusiastic group of 15-20 Shasta Chapter and Shasta College associates got together at the Parkville Ranch in Anderson, home of former chapter president Dave DuBose and his wife Sandy, for a half-day of weeding, pruning, wood-cutting, plant harvesting and plant propagation. Much was accomplished since the weather turned out to be beautiful, after a week of on-and-off stormy weather. Due to the upcoming plant sales, Dave graciously gave us cuttings and splits of such fabulous plants as the Mexican Sunflower (Helianthus), Shasta Daisy (Chrysanthemum), native roses (Rosa), elderberry (Sambucus), buckeye (Aesculus) and deer grass (Muhlenbergia). Of course, Dave and Sandy told everyone not to leave a mess after our plant harvesting, therefore we cleaned things up around the place. And with usual courtesy by the DuBoses, the afternoon was finished off with beans and cornbread. 🌺

~ Dan Fehr and Donal Jonio

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**A Warm Welcome to New Chapter Members!**

Paco Perez, Redding
Mary Alice Sanguinetti, Seattle
Mick O'Shea Films also covering wildlife like by Marla Morrissey

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Bald Hills in Band

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Environmental Film Festival

Friends of Butte Creek is bringing the Patagonia Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival to the Butte Creek Watershed! Join us on Friday, May 11, from 4:30 PM to 10:30 PM at the Paradise Performing Arts Center, 777 Nuneley Road, Paradise. The festival will introduce a selection of the best environmental films from the South Yuba River Citizens League’s annual film festival.

There will be “Sustainable Food Films” such as Backwards Hamburger and The True Cost of Food by Free Range Graphics; and Seeds, Hope, and Concrete by Will Hommey and Heifer International. Films also covering wildlife like Ride of the Mergansers by Steve Furman; Salmon and Steelhead, A Time for Recovery by Marla Morrissey and Joe Golling; and The Queen of Trees by Victoria Stone and Mark Deeble. Finally, we will cover the wonderful rivers with Life of the River: The Futaleufu by Channel G, The Fallz by Larry Huntington and Terry Huntington, Nomads: Wandering Women of the Whitewater Tribe by Polly Green and Chris Emerick, Down the Copper River by Thoma Dunkin and Exploring the Mother of Waters by Mick O’Shea and Brian Eustis.

With major support from Patagonia, the Sacramento River Preservation Trust and many other organizations, the Friends of Butte Creek will offer an evening you will not forget. From salmon and steelhead, to insects, to birds, to trees, to rivers, to mountain: and some of the greatest water adventures, you will enjoy every moment of this fabulous evening. Butte Creek beer, local wine and refreshments will be available, as well as hors d’oeuvres for early-comers. Seating begins at 5:30 PM with the program starting at 6 PM. Bring your re-usable mug or cup, as this will be a low-impact event. Ticket range from $10 to $20 and can be purchased online at www.buttecreek.org. For more information call 530/345-1865 or visit the website.

Project Budburst

Phenology is the timing of seasonal events such as germination and flowering times in the spring. Early clues to the onset of spring have been used for centuries by farmers to time sowing in order to maximize crop production. Today, phenological patterns are used to track the effect of climate change on plants and animals, to anticipate wildflower displays (and allergies), and to make predictions about fuel loads and when to plan our gardens.

The U.S. National Phenology Network (NPN) was created in 2006 to facilitate the collection and sharing of phenological data. Project Budburst is an annual campaign designed for the public; it’s the collective effort of scientists and educators interested in encouraging citizen-scientists to record flowering times in nearby natural areas.

Six steps will enable you to complete your phenological investigation:
1) Go to the Project Budburst website (www.budburst.org) where you may subscribe (it’s free) and find complete directions at the “Participate!” link.
2) Select and identify one or more species using the plant list or by geographic area.
3) Locate the site where you may observe each species, including its latitude and longitude.
4) Determine which phenophase (phenological stage) you are looking for (i.e. Budburst/First Leaf, First Flower). For help, you may download plant description by selecting species from the “Plants by List” link.
5) Report your observations (the dates of each phenophase) online.
6) Compare your observations on our maps to thousands of others around the country.

With your help, we will compile phenological information that will be compared to historical records to see how our backyards, parks and forests are changing. You can do your part by participating in Project Budburst!

~ Dr. Susan Mazer
UC Santa Barbara

CNPS Special Election

Vacancies on the State CNPS board of directors has lead to the need to call for a special election. This special election is to fill three vacancies on the State CNPS board of directors. One vacancy is the Chapter Council representative. There also are two vacant seats for board members. These positions are open to any CNPS member. To become a candidate or for further information, contact Sue Britting at britting@earthlink.net.
River Bend Area on Sunday, April 16th. Oak specialists for a hike in the Bald Eagle National Wildlife Refuge. All-night rains greeted six Shasta County volunteers, including saw some early bloomers, including wildflowers. With the lack of rain this year, the area north of Red Bluff is unusually warm and sunny. It was an enjoyable day for the Iron Canyon Trail at the BLM-CA. CNPSers and interested wildflower enthusiasts took a tour of the beautiful river overlook while two volunteers counted bald eagles. woolly sunflower, Fitch's spikeweed, popcorn lily, navarretia, some goldfields, some fritillaries, and some campanulas were in bloom. The area's unparalleled vegetation includes four species of lilies. For more information, please visit the Friends of Butte Creek Watershed website.

Events of Others


May 19, Saturday. Geology Fieldtrip. 10 AM at Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve. 241-2026.

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May 20, Sunday. Hike to Whiskeytown Falls. Sierra Club. Call 363-3852 or 244-6961 to sign up.

May 26, Saturday. Watershed Festival. 9 AM to 5 PM. Caldwell Park.

May 28 through summer: Butterfly Exhibit. 9 AM to 5 PM, 7 days a week. Fee: $11. Turtle Bay Exploration Park. 243-8850.


June 3, Sunday. Bugs on the Bottom—A Look at Stream Bottom Ecology in Clear Creek. 10 AM at Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve. 241-2026.

June 10, Sunday. Netting and Banding of Songbirds with Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory Biologists. 7:30 AM at Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve. 241-2026.

CSU Chico Herbarium Workshops

The spring and summer workshops from Friends of the Biological Sciences Herbarium, CSU Chico, are listed below. For details about the workshops and registration, please go to www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html. For further information, please call Lawrence Janeway, curator, at 898-5381.

May 12: Introduction to Identifying Northern California Grasses (Poaceae)

       June 2: Introduction to the Willows of California (Salicaceae)

Jepson Herbarium Workshops

The Friends of the Jepson Herbarium are pleased to present a broad range of topics this season. Unless otherwise specified, workshops are held at UC Berkeley. Course descriptions are available at ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops, or call Cynthia Perrine at 510/643-7008 for further information.

June 1–3: Eriogonum at James Reserve (Jim Reveal)

June 8–10: Mimulus at Sequoia & Kings Canyon (Steve Schoenig)

June 21–24: Panamint Range Flora at Death Valley Nat’l Park (Dana York)

June 30: Ecology and Epidemiology of Lyme Disease in the West (Bob Lane)

July 20–22: Lupinus at Sagehen Creek Field Station, Nevada County (Teresa Sholars)

July 12–15: Great Basin National Park (David Charlet, Pat Leary, Jim Holland)

Sign up for Summer Plant Patrol

Water Watchers Wanted!

This summer, we will need volunteers to watch the plants at Shasta College that are waiting for the fall Plant Sale. Last year, we had some trouble with the watering system and lost a substantial amount of our stock just prior to the plant sale. To prevent that from happening this year, we are asking for volunteers to take one week during the summer and visit the plants to check and make sure the water is on. This would involve two to three visits in a week, just for 5 minutes each visit.

We already have several weeks signed up for, but still need about 7 to 8 volunteers. Please call Susan Erwin (778-9884) if you would like to help out with water system checks.

Adopt a Native Plant

Many of the plants we have in the Autumn Plant Sale are adapted to going without water all summer long and actually suffer if watered too much when it’s hot. These plants don’t do as well as they could under the regular watering regime at the college. The current irrigation system does not allow for different watering regimes and must be set to accommodate the plants that need water the most.

I’m looking for folks who would be willing to keep all the pots of one or more species that require little water in the summer at their home until sale time, then bring them in for the sale in October. Adoption time would be approximately May to October. Because these species are in pots (and dry out faster than in the ground), some water is needed occasionally throughout the summer, but for the most part all that would be needed is a place to put them and a periodic check for wilting. In almost all cases, skipping watering while going on vacation for 2 weeks during the summer won’t affect the plants. For most species, there are no more than 20 pots, and for many there are as few as 2 or 3 pots. Some weeding would be desirable, but not necessary. If kept dry, weeds should be kept at a minimum.

Please call me if you would like to help out and adopt a plant: 778-9884.

~Susan Erwin
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<td>Shasta Chapter members Jay &amp; Terri Thesken will present photos of their Fall 2006 two-month, cross-country camping trip. See beautiful views, plants and wildlife of the United States, including those in the mountains, desert, northern plains and wetlands. Meet at 7 PM at the California Department of Fish &amp; Game conference room, 601 Locust Street, Redding. A Board meeting will be held at Angelo’s Pizza in the Foundry Square on California Street, downtown Redding, before the meeting, at 5:30 PM.</td>
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<td>Call Susan Libonati at 347-4654 to volunteer for a few hours at our “Weeds and Wildflowers” booth. It’s fun to see folks you know and answer questions or discuss our native plants and not-so-native weeds!</td>
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**New Website Feature**

A new feature on the CNPS website makes it easier to renew your membership or donate regularly using new options.

Go to www.cnps.org and you’ll find a brand new poppy icon that links you to a page where you can donate to CNPS in installments: monthly, yearly, or whatever suits your schedule and budget. This feature was developed through the Membership Committee, chaired by Arvind Kumar, at the March meeting of the State Board of Directors. Several members wished it could be “as easy as public radio” for renewing memberships and making regular contributions to CNPS; now it is! Tell your friends, and check it out before your membership expires. Your donations are tax-deductible and can make a real difference for our flora.

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