Upcoming Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, September 27, 9 AM to 1 PM
Shasta College Farm/Greenhouses

Many thanks to members who babysat plants and watched the watering system at Shasta College this summer for our upcoming Fall Plant Sale! The plants are in great shape!

Our plant inventory for the Fall Plant Sale is excellent, with over 1,200 plants ready for the sale on Saturday, September 27! The hours for the sale are 9 AM to 1 PM. Plants will be sold at $6 per 1-gallon pot, unless marked otherwise. We would appreciate participation by CNPS members at the Fall Plant Sale: we need folks to talk up the plants, to help people transport plants to their vehicles, to sell books and posters, and to help with cashiering. Please call us at 221-0906 to let us know you are coming and how you can help.

From 2 to 4 PM on Friday, September 26, we will be preparing plants for the next day’s sale. Following that work session, there will be a brief members-only pre-sale from 4 to 5 PM. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated! Please give us a call for more information or to help out.

~ Jay & Terri Thesken

CNPS 2009 Conservation Conference: Strategies and Solutions

The California Native Plant Society is planning its second statewide conservation conference. The CNPS 2009 Conservation Conference: Strategies and Solutions will take place January 17-19, 2009, at the Sacramento Convention Center and the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento, California. The CNPS 2009 Conference will be co-located with the Western Section of the Wildlife Society’s annual meeting, which will take place January 21-23.

The main goal of this conference is to identify and promote science- and policy-based strategies and solutions to improve the conservation of California’s native flora and natural landscapes. It will focus on: 1) finding and promoting solutions to the environmental challenges confronting California’s flora, 2) integrating the best science with the most effective public policies to meet these challenges, and 3) pressing forward more and better regional and statewide landscape-level conservation initiatives.

By addressing such topics as climate change, rare plant biology, restoration, mitigation strategies, vegetation ecology, environmental policy, invasive species, conservation genetics, regional planning, urbanization, and more, this conference will integrate and synthesize conservation science with policy and catalyze California’s plant conservation in the 21st century.

Many half-day, full-day and two-day workshops will be available as well as fieldtrips. Other events to look into are the Photo Contest and Plant Illustration Contest. This, like many other CNPS endeavors, is a volunteer-based initiative and your support is needed! If you wish to become involved in the planning or help on-site during the conference, please contact Josie Crawford at jcrwford@cnps.org or Andrea Williams at Andrea_Williams@nps.gov.

Registration for the conference opened July 1. Partial rebates for conference registration are available to on-site conference volunteers. More details will be posted to http://www.cnps.org/registration as they become available. For further information, please contact Cynthia Perrine, at csgperrine@yahoo.com.
Fieldtrip Follow-ups

Duck Lake Conifer Count

On Saturday, July 26, six CNPSers braved the smoky skies of Siskiyou County for a long fieldtrip to the Duck Lakes Special Botanical Interest Area (BIA) in the Russian Wilderness, west of Scott Valley. This watershed supports 17 conifer species and is designated as a BIA because of its unique and rich diversity of species. The hike took us from 4,400-foot elevation to 6,700 feet, over 12.5 miles roundtrip. Botanists Susan Erwin with Shasta Trinity National Forest, and Margaret Widdowson with Jones & Stokes in Redding, were most knowledgeable about all the conifers and other plant species we encountered on the day-long fieldtrip. We managed to count 14 species of conifers, and saw a huge variety of spring wildflowers in the seeps and drainages leading up to Big Duck Lake and Little Duck Lake. Conifers we encountered included: Ponderosa pine, Jeffrey pine, Douglas-fir, incense cedar, lodgepole pine, mountain hemlock, Pacific yew, sugar pine, Shasta red fir, white fir, Brewer’s spruce, Englemann spruce, subalpine fir, and western white pine, as well as the common juniper on the west side of Little Duck Lake. Other interesting species included bloomers such as broad-lipped twayblade orchid in the Eaton Lake drainage, Cascade lily, leopard lily, monkshood, sugarstick, spotted coralroot, pinedrops, dogbane, black laurel, mountain heather, bog kalmia, swamp onion, rein orchids, prince’s pine, wintergreen, fireweed, wild rose, buckwheat, twinflower, sneezeweed, penstemon, sedum, and many others. Fieldtrippers enjoyed Mexican food in Fort Jones after the hike!

~ Terri Thesken

Meandering Paradise Meadows

On Sunday, August 17, eleven hikers escaped the valley heat and took a three-mile trek at Lassen National Park for some wildflower viewing at Paradise Meadows. It was a warm day with temperatures in the 70’s, but without the smoke that plagued us all summer. We hiked uphill from the trailhead at Hat Lake to the meadows, through lodgepole pine, white and red fir, western white pine, hemlock and Jeffrey pine forest, alongside the rushing headwaters of Hat Creek. Along the trail we saw pearly everlasting, scarlet gilia, aster, naked buckwheat, seep-spring monkeyflower, coyote mint, four types of lupine, corn lily, penstemon, pinedrops, wintergreen, fireweed, paintbrush, arnica, monkshood, gooseberry and columbine. Late-season wildflowers in the lush, green Paradise Meadows included hiker’s gentian, Coulter’s daisy, grass of Parnassus, yampa, brooklime, and water buttercup. All hikers made it back to the trailhead as we watched the threatening thunderheads!

~ Terri Thesken

New Field Guide to the Sedges

The Carex Working Group is pleased to announce the publication of the Field Guide to the Sedges of the Pacific Northwest. The book is an illustrated guide to all 164 species, subspecies, and varieties of Carex that occur in Washington and Oregon. Botanists will find it useful throughout much of California, particularly in northern California and in the mountains throughout the state. It contains identification keys, descriptions, color photographs, and distribution maps for each species, along with information about sedge ecology, habitat, and management.

The field guide is available by calling 1-800/426-3797, or it can be ordered by going to http://oregonstate.edu/dept/press/e-f/FieldGuideSedges.html and then clicking on “secure online ordering form.”

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a few volunteer opportunities coming up in the months ahead that you might be interested in. We will need people to help with the planting of trees in the following projects:

The North Valley Tree ReLeaf organization, along with the city of Redding, received a grant from California ReLeaf that will allow us to plant several trees in two city parks. Volunteers will be needed for those projects.

From September 15 through 26, at Whiskeytown Park, a number of experienced park rangers from other parks will gather to help with some of the on-going restoration that I have been doing for several years. Volunteers are always needed.

Also, I was recently hired by a nonprofit that plants fruit trees around the world. Please see our web site, http://www.ftpf.org/ where you can see the types of work we do. I have some local projects that we are going to be doing. One will be at a very large animal sanctuary in Orland, where we will plant a large number of fruit trees on October 11. I also have two other projects that will occur locally, where we will plant fruit trees at a local school and at a community garden that the People of Progress manages at Enterprise Park.

You can contact me about any of these opportunities or with any questions you may have about trees of any kind at 365-1920.

~ Rico Montenegro
Garden-making California! Style

Explore the opportunities and constraints of garden-making California style at Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies VI: California! on Saturday, October 11, 2008. This one-day symposium, co-sponsored by Pacific Horticulture* magazine and The Mediterranean Garden Society in concert with their international Annual General Meeting, offers a rare opportunity to meet gardeners from other Mediterranean climates of the world. The symposium will take place in stunning Monterey, the first California state capital and a region rich in history and breathtaking beauty. Gardens have always been an important part of the developed landscape of this region where they compete for attention with the dramatic natural landscape of mountain and coastline, forest and dune.

David Fross, founder of Native Sons Nursery in Arroyo Grande, will present a morning session entitled, “An Overview of California Landscape and Flora,” followed by “The History of California Gardens” presented by Russell Beatty, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at UC Berkeley and a consulting landscape architect in Santa Cruz, CA. Issues challenging California garden makers today will also be the focus of lively discussion.

Complementing these programs will be an afternoon tour of gardens in Carmel and the Carmel Valley (including gardens by Michelle Comeau and Bernard Trainor) that demonstrate a clear response to the region’s Mediterranean climate. The day’s events will conclude with an evening lecture by Bart O’Brien, from the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and editor of Fremontia, entitled “Garden Jewels from the California Flora.”

For further details or to register for this exciting event, please visit the symposium website at http://regonline.com/medskiesvi or call the Pacific Horticulture office in Berkeley at 510/849-1627.

*Founded in San Francisco in 1968, the Pacific Horticultural Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to stimulate and inspire gardeners in the art and science of horticulture on the West Coast. The most widely recognized aspect of the Foundation is the publication of the quarterly journal, Pacific Horticulture, written by and for people interested in the unique gardening environment of the West Coast. The journal is well respected for its horticultural excellence and botanical accuracy.

Events of Others


September 14, Sunday. Fieldtrip to Kings Creek Falls. Meet at Chico Park & Ride (Hwy. 32 and 99) at 8:30 AM. Lassen Chapter CNPS. Gerry Ingco: 530/893-5123, and Wes Dempsey: 530/342-2293.


September 27, Saturday. Walk with the Horticulture Manager at the west garden entrance. Park admission fee. McConnell Arboretum. 243-8850.


October 4, Saturday. Fall Plant Sale. 9 AM to 1 PM. McConnell Arboretum. 243-8850.


Forestry Lectures at Shasta College

Shasta College is hosting a series of University of California lectures on maintaining healthy forests. Lectures are held in the college’s downtown Health Sciences and University Center, located at the north end of The Mall, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, on the following Wednesdays: September 3 & 10, and October 1 & 22. Space is limited. For further information, please contact Sherry Cooper at 224-4902 or slcooper@nature.berkeley.edu.
## Shasta Chapter CNPS Calendar of Events

### Sept. 18
**Thursday**

**Chapter Meeting.** Welcome back to the first meeting after the long summer! Join **Darlene Southworth**, botanist from Oregon, for a talk on the “Hidden Life of Native Plants: Mycorrhizas and Plant Roots,” emphasizing her work in Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Darlene has a PhD. in Botany from the University of California, Berkeley. She taught biology at Southern Oregon University for 22 years and is active in the Native Plant Society of Oregon. Meet at 6 PM in the Community Room of the Redding Public Library on Parkview Avenue, west of City Hall. A Board meeting will be held after the meeting.

### Sept. 21
**Sunday**

**Plant Weeding Session.** One- to two-hour work session starting at 10 AM at the Shasta College greenhouses. The greenhouses are located near the back of Shasta College, by the livestock barns. We will be weeding and getting ready for the Fall Plant Sale. Bring clippers and any other tools you might need. Please call **Susan Libonati** at 347-4654 for further information.

### Sept. 26
**Saturday**

**26th Annual Native Plant Sale.** The public plant sale will be from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Shasta College farm/greenhouses. The greenhouses are located at the northeast end of the Shasta College campus, near the livestock barns. Buy plants, books, posters and many other items related to the native flora of California. Gates will open at 9 AM—no early birds, please. Call **Susan Libonati** at 347-4654 for information.

### Sept. 27
**Saturday**

**Fieldtrip for Fall Colors.** This year we will wait until the week of the fieldtrip to figure out where the color is occurring. We will meet at 8 AM in the Redding City Hall parking lot, on the back (south) side of the building, next to Parkview Avenue. The City Hall is located at 777 Cypress Avenue—just west of the Cypress Avenue bridge over the Sacramento River. Heavy rain cancels. Call **Jay & Terri Thesken** for details: 221-0906.

### Oct. 16
**Thursday**

**Chapter Meeting.** Join us for an evening with Shasta Lake City photographer **Ken DeCamp**, who has spent much of his life hiking and photographing the north state’s countryside and mountains. Ken retired from the U.S. Forest Service, where he had worked 38 years in the Weaverville Ranger District and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Ken’s excellent photographs include wildflowers, wildlife, lichen, fungi and scenery from places where our Chapter travels for fieldtrips, including the Trinity Alps, Russian Wilderness, Klamath Mountains and Marble Mountain Wilderness. Join us for Ken’s inspiring photographs at 6 PM at the Redding Public Library on Parkview Avenue, west of City Hall. A Board meeting will be held after the meeting.

### Nov. 2
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**See you on September 18 for the first meeting after summer break!**

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

*The Greaney Family*, Redding  
*Heidi Horvitz*, Shasta  
*Cheryl Ingersoll*, Paulina, Oregon  
*Bob Musgrove*, Mt. Shasta

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**In Memory**

**Gail Carpenter**, a member of CNPS, passed away July 15 of pancreatic cancer. She and her husband, **Bill Carpenter** (who passed away in 2004), were active members during the 90’s. In the past year, her home had been considered as one for the native plant garden tour. She was also a very active member of the **Shasta Rose Society**. 🌸

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