Native Garden Tours on Hold

Over the past two years, the chapter has had two outstanding native plant garden tours. Both have been very successful due to exceptional public support, to the outstanding nature of the native plant gardens featured, and to the exceptional volunteer worker participation. However, at the last chapter board meeting, a discussion ensued as to whether or not to have a 2009 native plant garden tour and, for various reasons, it was voted to not hold a garden tour in 2009.

We expect to resume the garden tours in April or May, 2010. Anyone interested in having a garden featured in a tour who has not already contacted me, please do so and I will put you on the list of prospective gardens. And for the next year-plus, take advantage of this time to expand your native plant garden landscape!

As you probably know, each tour includes a native plant sale, which is held at one of the tour gardens. If you have native plants that can be used for propagation, if you can propagate them or let one of our members in the friendly propagation group know about them, they will find a way to get your cuttings, seeds, and/or seedlings into our native plant nursery.

~ Donal Jonio,
Native Garden Tour Chairperson

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 jcrawford@cnps.org or Andrea Williams at Andrea_Williams@nps.gov.

The Silent Auction Committee seeks donations to help raise money for CNPS conservation programs. The silent auction, drawing, and live auction will take place January 18. Please contact Rachel Hutchinson at 559/304-0445 or rahutchinson@gmail.com if you have questions or donations.

Early registration ends November 15. 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.
November 2, Sunday  
**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.

November 20, Thursday  
**Chapter Meeting.** Join CNPS Shasta Chapter members **Jay & Terri Thesken** for an evening presentation of photos from their spring-summer 2008 trip to Spain and Portugal, including flora of the Iberian peninsula! Meet at 6 PM at the Redding Public Library on Parkview Avenue, west of City Hall. A Board meeting will be held after the meeting.

November 23, Sunday  
**Fieldtrip.** Join us for a fieldtrip to see mushrooms and perhaps some late fall color. Meet at 8 AM in the Redding City Hall parking lot, on the back (south) side of the building, next to Parkview Avenue. City Hall address is 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.

**Events of Others**

**November 1, Saturday.** Talk on “Designing Garden Rooms” by landscape designer Karen McGrath. 10 AM to 12 PM. Fee; must RSVP. Turtle Bay McConnell Arboretum. 242-3108.

**November 1, Saturday.** Talk on “The Ecology and Evolution of *Arctostaphylos*” by Dr. Tom Parker. Friends of the Chico State Herbarium Annual Meeting. 3 PM reception; 4 PM meeting. CSU Chico Holt Hall room 129. 898-5381.

**November 4 & 18, Tuesdays.** Tree Tours of CSU Chico campus and Bidwell Mansion. Meet at the gazebo in front of Bidwell Mansion at 10 AM. Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS. Gerry Ingco: 893-5123, or Wes Dempsey: 342-2293.

**November 8, Saturday.** Talk on “Building Great Soil Organically” by Leimone Waite and Ken Waranits. 10 AM to 12 PM. Fee; must RSVP. Turtle Bay McConnell Arboretum. 242-3108.

**November 9, Sunday.** Fieldtrip to Upper Butte Creek Flume. Meet at Chico Park & Ride (Hwy. 32 & 99) at 9 AM. Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS. Gerry Ingco: 893-5123, or Wes Dempsey: 342-2293.

**November 23, Sunday.** Old Plant Introduction Station Tree Walk. Meet at Chico Park & Ride (Hwy. 32 & 99) at 9 AM. Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS. Gerry Ingco: 893-5123, or Wes Dempsey: 342-2293.

**November 29, Saturday.** Walk through Turtle Bay’s Botanical Gardens with the Horticulture Manager. 9:30 AM. Free. Turtle Bay McConnell Arboretum. 243-8850.

**December 6, Saturday.** Talk on “Controlling Exotic, Noxious and Invasive Weeds” by Randy Smith. 10 AM to 12 PM. Fee; must RSVP. Turtle Bay McConnell Arboretum. 242-3108.

**December 7, Sunday.** Fieldtrip to Centerville Flume. Meet at Chico Park & Ride (Hwy. 32 & 99) at 9 AM. Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS. Gerry Ingco: 893-5123, or Wes Dempsey: 342-2293.

**December 27, Saturday.** Walk through Turtle Bay’s Botanical Gardens with the Horticulture Manager. 9:30 AM. Free. Turtle Bay McConnell Arboretum. 243-8850.


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

Kathy Biggs, Sebastopol

**No Chapter Meeting in December Happy Holidays!**