Vice President’s Message

Our fearless floral leader, Ken Kilborn, is recovering from surgery, so I’m doing some filling in for him this month. Hopefully his adjustment period with the new knee won’t be too long—we’ll all have to work together and patiently remind him on hikes that our purpose is to walk slow enough to enjoy the plants along the way!

Len Linstrand’s recent articles on spicebush and toyon in the Home & Garden section of the Redding Record Searchlight are more examples of the excellent, educational, and entertaining writing by our talented Chapter members. I’m still chuckling about Katie, the little toyon fruits, and fancy medical gadgets. Look for Michele Driggs’ article on Lupinus albifrons on the first Saturday in July, and remember to send your suggested topic(s) to Ken Kilborn when you decide to try your hand at an article about native plants.

The plants at the higher elevations of the Shasta Chapter area are blooming noticeably earlier this year than the last couple of years, so if you have a favorite place, you can plan to go there sooner rather than later. Or, check out our upcoming fieldtrips and discover a new favorite place! Thank you, fieldtrip leaders! ☺

-Robin Fallscheer,
Shasta Chapter Vice President

Shasta Chapter CNPS Scholarship Update

Two $1,500 scholarships were awarded this year to very deserving young students, Hanna Gomes of Etna High School and Victoria Jones of Happy Camp High School. The scholarship selection committee (Margaret Widdowson, Tom Engstrom, and Jay Thesken) had a challenging job of selecting the best of seven very impressive students from Modoc, Siskiyou, and Shasta counties, and in the final analysis, Hanna and Victoria from Siskiyou County stood out for their scholastic, athletic, and community achievements, as well as for their university and career goals.

The Shasta Chapter had a chance to meet Hanna and her mother at the June 21 picnic meeting at the home of Margaret & Bud Widdowson. Victoria had planned to attend this meeting, but her summer job with the U.S. Forest Service prevented her from doing so. Hanna will be attending Oregon State University and will pursue a degree in wildlife biology, while Victoria will attend U.C. Santa Barbara with life science as her major. Shasta Chapter CNPS wishes Hanna and Victoria the best of luck in their career goals. And many thanks to Margaret & Bud for providing a great backyard venue for our annual outdoor June meeting (especially with all the great sound effects from the guinea fowl)! ☺

-Jay Thesken,
Scholarship Committee Chair

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Chapter Member!

Brenna Montagne, Mount Shasta

Note: be sure to see the fun photos of the June Chapter meeting on page 7!
Spring 2012 Events Summary

The Shasta Chapter CNPS sponsored several events this spring, for five weekends in a row! The following are the events that our Chapter participated in, and we thank all of our volunteers who helped get the word out to the public about our California native plants:

April 13-14: CNPS booth at the McConnell Arboretum Spring Plant Sale in Redding. Hundreds of people attended this 2-day event. CNPS members gave out native plant advice and sold a record 112 California native plants from our nursery.

April 19-21: Shasta College/CNPS Annual Spring Plant Sale. We educated folks and sold 641 California native plants over this 3-day sale in conjunction with Shasta College, with over $3,000 going to the Shasta Chapter scholarship and Acorn grant funds.

April 28: CNPS booth at the Whole Earth and Watershed Festival at Redding City Hall. Hundreds of people also attended this popular one-day event. CNPS members staffed the booth, complete with dissecting microscopes, and educated the public on plant species.

May 5: Native Garden Tour in Redding. Our highly successful tour of five gardens in Redding highlighted California native plants and the use of drought-tolerant species. This event was well-attended and very appreciated by the public! (See article, page 3.)

May 13: Annual Mother’s Day Wildflower Show at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka. This event is sponsored by Klamath National Forest and the Shasta Chapter of CNPS. Several CNPS members staffed the tables that featured more than 300 species of wildflowers set out and labeled by the Klamath National Forest staff and volunteers. The number of attendees at the show kept us busy all day answering questions. (See article, this page.)

The Treasurer reports that a total of 853 plants, 21 books, and 5 notecard sets were sold at these spring events.

Wildflower Show 2012: Synopsis

The 19th Annual Siskiyou County Wildflower Show, on Mother’s Day, May 13, provided another wonderful display despite the cool weather we’d been having. We had a total of 308 vascular species at the show! We opted not to do a moss/lichen display this year, changing it up with a flower photo contest instead! Sponsored by the Siskiyou Arboretum, prizes were awarded for first, second, and third places, as chosen by popular vote.

The CNPS table, headed up by Jay & Terry Thesken, did very well. Paula Fong (represented by her husband Doug), whose botanical art sold very well, donated some of their proceeds to CNPS. Thank you Doug and Paula!

Volunteers from the Shasta Chapter CNPS; California Conservation Corps, Siskiyou Satellite; US Forest Service; US Fish and Wildlife Service; and the general public made this year’s show memorable. A special thank you to Roger Willmarth for his three days of plant collecting assistance! Thanks too, to Ken DeCamp, who created another amazing flyer, this one highlighting the species Pacific roseroot (Sedum sp.), to announce the show.

Help us make next year’s show, our 20th anniversary, special! Contact me at 841-4425 with your ideas! ☑

-Maria Knight,
Forest Botanist, Klamath National Forest
The Shasta Chapter held a very well-attended Fourth Native Plant Garden Tour on Saturday, May 5. Comments from the tour attendees were very complimentary of all the gardens. As in the past, each garden was unique, which offered tour attendees a variety of native plant landscapes and settings consistent with our area’s diverse geography and micro-climates. This year’s garden tour consisted of five gardens: four home garden landscapes and one public park garden landscape.

We sold a better-than-average 207 tickets, 73 native plants, and numerous information materials (books, notecards, etc.), which altogether turned a profit for the one-day event. But here we should note that the success of our garden tour is really based not on how much money we make, but on how well we can publicize and educate the area public on the various aspects of native plant gardening and landscaping.

Now it is time to thank those special people who made our garden tour a success—the home garden hosts and their families. They are Lynne Wonacott, David & Jannie Fritchle, Belinda & Gary Sanda, and Renne & Lothar Rosin. These folks spent that “more than usual” amount of time in their gardens just for the public to see and admire. Personally speaking, it was a pleasure for me to meet and work with you all during the entire six-or-so month process prior to the tour. I hope the event will always be memorable to all of you. Also, a thank you to Lisa Endicott, the Turtle Bay Arboretum manager, for a making a public native plant garden available to the tour.

Next, I want to thank the volunteers for their work prior to, during, and after the garden tour. To be a successful non-profit organization, you must have dedicated and hard-working volunteers to promote the cause. The following volunteers helped with the plant sale logistics, the ticket sales, the poster distribution, the advertising stuff, the book sales stuff, and by greeting and counting the tour attendees at each of the host gardens: Susan Libonati, Dan Fehr, Rowena & John Goodner, Terri & Jay Thesken, Pat Gilbert, Julie Nelson, Don & Laurie Burk, Karlene Stoker, Margaret & Bud Widdowson, Martin VanOrsow, Michele Driggs, Doug Mandel, and Lee & Pat Bunnell.

I also want to give a very special thanks to a number of people: to Susan Libonati for significantly helping out as part of the tour committee, and to Terri & Jay Thesken for directing and overseeing the garden tour native plant sale.

Our best pre-tour promotion was Laura Christman’s newspaper article on Lynn Wonacott’s garden. Our chapter is exceptionally pleased to have Laura helping us promote the CNPS mission of increasing public interest in growing native plants.

Also, a thank you to those Audubon Society members (Linda Aldrich et al) for participating in the tour by offering their birding expertise to the tour attendees.

I hope I mentioned all of you who helped out with the tour. It was a very successful garden tour this year, and it was a pleasure for me to meet and work with you all.

-Donal Jonio, 2012 Garden Tour Chair

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**A Botanist’s Bonanza!**

Need the new name of a California native? Here’s the secret link! Just enter a name or list of names at this site and it will return the latest and greatest from the new *Second Edition of The Jepson Manual!*  

http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/interchange/JMtoJMII.html
Davies Gulch Walk

Fifteen people showed up for the Davies Gulch walk on Sunday, April 29, but, unfortunately, we had a CNPS member fall near the half-mile mark and seriously break her arm. She and her husband were new members of CNPS—physically fit and agile—it was just one of those unfortunate accidents that could happen to any of us. Three participants walked the woman back to her car then caught up to us on the trail. We wish our new CNPS member a speedy recovery.

This trail starts out in a mixed conifer-canyon live oak forest and, as it curves around the different canyons and aspects, it changes to chaparral, riparian, and back to mixed conifer. Plants ranged from chamise, white-leaf manzanita, silk tassel, and creeping sage in the chaparral, to Pacific starflower, Pacific sedum, spice bush and oso berry under the canopy. -David Ledger

Waters Gulch Walk

The Shasta snow-wreath didn’t disappoint our seven CNPS hikers on the Waters Gulch Trail on Sunday, May 6, as it was just about in full bloom. The trail starts in a mixed conifer and hardwood forest next to a perennial creek with many different shrubs and trees, including oso berry, clematis, mock orange, blackfruit dogwood, Pacific dogwood, serviceberry, snowberry, Sierra gooseberry, and red-flowering currant, among many others. The trail drops down next to Lake Shasta in a more open canopy where there were many firecracker flowers, blue dicks, and fern-leaved lomatium. The trail then goes through a black oak woodland. There was a planted grove of large Coulter pines planted next to the road on the walk back to the trailhead. -David Ledger

Hog Lake Vernal Pool Hike, and Beyond

On Saturday, May 19, Shasta Chapter member Rich Hayes led six CNPSers on a fieldtrip to see various Calochortus species in the Paynes Creek area. Our first stop was at Hog Lake in the River Bend Recreation Area off of Highway 36, north of Red Bluff. There was still water in the lake, and we were treated to a nice succession of wildflowers on the edges of the lake. Fremont goldfields were just about all past bloom, but rayless goldfields were in abundance. We saw many wetland species such as navarretia, tri-colored monkeyflower, fringed water plantain (a first for many of us!), loads of popcorn flower, woolly marbles, dichelostemma, brodiaea, toothed downingia, horned downingia, checkerbloom, Fitch’s spikeweed, coyote thistle, seep spring monkeyflower, miniature lupine, white hyacinth, and pale spikerush. In the drier upland areas we found bee plant, brodiaea, and the special Calochortus superbus—a beautiful, showy mariposa lily that is only out for a brief time.

We also saw many butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies, frogs, and quite a few yellow-bellied racer snakes.

After Hog Lake, we travelled on up Highway 36 to a viewpoint, with blooming buckeye, fremontodendron, and elderberry along the way. At the viewpoint we had the opportunity to see Calochortus syntrophus, another beauty, and the bright yellow Calochortus monophyllus. We also saw clematis, ookow, penstemon, sanicle, yerba santa, sandwort, lonicera, and fremontodendron in full bloom, as well as a California whiptail lizard. Many thanks to Rich Hayes for showing us these great Calochortus! -Terri Thesken

Botanizing on Black Butte

The weather cooperated for a cool hike up Black Butte on Saturday, June 9, with most of the nine participants making it to the summit (or nearly there), including two members from Yreka. The first 1½ miles of the hike is on the north side of the mountain and has a varying canopy of red fir, white fir, western white pine, and Douglas-fir. Understory plants included Sierra gooseberry, huckleberry oak, tobacco brush, bush chinquapin, bitter cherry, thimbleberry, wood rose, mountain maple, red-flowered currant, Oregon grape, and foothill ash. The rest of the climb was primarily on an open sunny trail of crustose lichen-covered rocks, with small scattered strands of western white pine. -David Ledger

The itsy-bisy flower, AKA horned downingia (Downingia bicornuta), at Hog Lake, May 19. Photo by Jay Thesken.

Still Looking for Leaders

We could still use some volunteers to lead fieldtrips, especially those of you who have led walks before. If anyone would like to lead a walk for the first time, we could arrange for a co-leader to help allay first-time jitters. Interested parties, please call me at 355-8542.

-David Ledger
Fieldtrip Chair
Cal-IPC’s Workdays

The California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) is offering the following Habitat Restoration Workdays. Gain hands-on field experience in controlling invasive plants with experts in the field while working towards your Trained Wildland Manager Certificate. Please visit www.cal-ipc.org/fieldcourses/ or contact Jen Stern at jrstern@cal-ipc.org, or the Cal-IPC main office at 510/843-3902, for further information.

July 14: Riparian & Upland Restoration. (Malibu)
Aug 24: Early Detection Mapping. (Arcata)
Sept 29: Woody Plant Control. (Felton)
Oct 20: Manual Tree Removal Techniques. (Chico)
Oct 27: Mapping New Invaders. (Tiburon/Corte Madera)
Dec 8: Controlling Cape Ivy and Periwinkle. (Big Sur)

Jepson Herbarium Weekend Workshops

The Friends of the Jepson Herbarium is offering the following summer and fall 2012 workshops. They require pre-registration and fees, and take place at UC Berkeley and surrounding areas unless otherwise noted. Details on these workshops (as well as other wait-listed workshops) can be found at http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/. For further information, contact jepsonworkshops@berkeley.edu or 510/643-7008.

October 11-14. Fall Spectacular in the Siskiyou (Location: Bear Basin Butte Botanical Reserve Natural Area.) Stewart Winchester.

Chico Herbarium Workshops

The following 2012 Saturday workshops are being offered by CSU, Chico, Friends of the Herbarium and will be conducted on the CSU, Chico, campus. For details about these workshops and registration information, please go to www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html

August 18. FEN-DANGO—Botany and Ecology of Northern Sierra Fens. Carl Wishner and John Dittes.
September 8. Introduction to Keying the Sunflowers (Asteraceae). John Dittes.

Siskiyou Field Institute Events

The Siskiyou Field Institute, based out of Deer Creek Center in Selma, Oregon, is offering the following classes. Reservations are required. For further information, please visit their web site at www.thesfi.org or contact the institute at 541/597-8530.

July 7-10: Crash Course in Flowering Plant Families with Linda Ann Vorobik, PhD.; $250.
July 16-18: Wildflower Photography with a Pocket Camera with Mark Turner; $175.
July 22: Botanizing Big Red Mountain; $50.

In addition to the above classes, the Native Plant Society of Oregon will be having its annual meeting at the Deer Creek Ranch, home of Siskiyou Field Institute, in Selma, Oregon, on July 13-15. This meeting will feature two great guest speakers, lots of wonderful field trips, and a chance to socialize with other botanists from around the Pacific Northwest. For more information, visit siskiyou.npsoregon.org/2012annualmeeting/
**Events of Others**

**July 7, Saturday.** John Copeland Memorial Meadow Slosh—Jonesville. 9 AM. Meet at the west lot of Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 and 99). Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS: Janna Lathrop (636-4547).

**July 14, Saturday.** 7th Annual Tuscan Heights Lavender Gardens Festival. 10 AM to 5 PM. 12757 Fern Road East, Whitmore. 472-3066.

**July 14, Saturday.** Fieldtrip to Lumpkin Ridge. 9 AM. Meet at the west lot of Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 and 99). Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS: Robert Fischer (rdfischer@comcast.net) and Rob Schlising (rschlising@csuchico.edu).

**July 15, Sunday.** Fieldtrip to Brady’s Camp Proposed Botanical Special Interest Area. 8:30 AM. Meet at the west lot of Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 and 99). Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS: Marjorie McNairn (343-2397).

**July 22, Sunday.** Carter Meadow Hike. 8:30 AM. Meet at the west lot of Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 and 99). Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS: Woody Elliott (342-6053) and Wes Dempsey (342-2293).

**July 28, Saturday.** Walk with the Horticulture Manager. 10:30 AM to noon. Free. McConnell Arboretum and Botanical Gardens: 243-8850.

**August 3, Friday.** Fieldtrip to Humbug Summit, Plumas National Forest. 9 AM. Meet at the west lot of Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 and 99). Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS: Robert Fischer (rdfischer@comcast.net) and Rob Schlising (rschlising@csuchico.edu).

**August 5, Sunday.** Hat Lake to Paradise Meadows Hike, Lassen Volcanic National Park. 8:30 AM. Meet at the west lot of Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 and 99). Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS: Wes Dempsey (342-2293).

**August 12, Sunday.** Caribou Wilderness Hike, Lassen National Forest. 8 AM. Meet at the west lot of Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 and 99). Mt. Lassen Chapter CNPS: Wes Dempsey (342-2293) and Gerry Ingeco (893-5123).


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*Jay Thesken presents the scholarship award to Hanna Gomes at the June 21 Chapter meeting. Seated, left to right: Donal Jonio, Susan & Nixon Gallaugher, Bud (hiding behind Hanna) & Margaret Widdowson. Photo by Terri Thesken.*

*Bud Widdowson at the grill at the June 21 Chapter meeting. Photo by Jay Thesken.*

*Members partake of the potluck buffet at the June 21 Chapter meeting at the Widdowson’s house. Photo by Jay Thesken.*
### Shasta Chapter CNPS Calendar of Events

**Sign up for Summer Plant Watch**

Many thanks to members who have volunteered to baby-sit plants and to watch the watering system at Shasta College this summer for the Fall Plant Sale! We still need volunteers for weeks in August and September. It doesn’t take much time—two to three visits in a week, for 5 to 10 minutes each visit—to check to make sure that the water has been on. Please call Jay & Terri Thesken at 221-0906 to sign up for a week.

**Upcoming Fall Plant Sale**

Mark Saturday, October 13, on your fall calendar for the Shasta Chapter Native Plant Sale at Shasta College. There will be a preparation afternoon and pre-sale for Chapter members on Friday evening, October 12. We have over 1,100 plants that will be looking for new homes, so be sure to tell your friends and relatives about the Saturday sale. Stay tuned for more information in the September newsletter!

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<td><strong>Fieldtrip.</strong> Coggins Park Whiskeytown Outing. This will be an easy walk with a drive up to Coggins Park, an old-growth grove of conifers in Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, on the ridge of the Shasta Trinity Divide. We will drive up a 10-mile, 4WD dirt road and make several stops along the way to look at different plants and habitats. Meet at Redding City Hall’s south parking lot on Parkview Avenue at 9 AM to carpool to the trailhead. Bring water, lunch, and adequate hiking footwear. No dogs, please. Please call David Ledger at 355-8542 for further information.</td>
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<td><strong>July 28</strong></td>
<td><strong>Fieldtrip.</strong> Join Jay &amp; Terri Thesken for an all-day fieldtrip to Lassen National Park. We will stage vehicles and hike from the Bumpass Hell trailhead to the Kings Creek picnic area, by way of the bubbling, steamy features of Bumpass Hell and Cold Boiling Lake, with a possible side trip to Crumbaugh Lake. The hike starts at about the 8,000-foot elevation and ends at 7,600 feet. It is four miles, but six miles if we make the side trip to Crumbaugh Lake. We expect to see many wildflowers in Lassen Park at this time of the year. We will leave Redding at 8 AM, from the south side of City Hall (Parkview Avenue side), 777 Cypress Avenue. Bring water, lunch, and adequate hiking footwear. No dogs, please. Please call David Ledger at 221-0906 for details.</td>
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<td><strong>August 11</strong></td>
<td><strong>Fieldtrip.</strong> Cedar Basin Hike. This will be a four- to five-mile hike of moderate difficulty with a 500-foot elevation climb to three small mountain lakes at the 6,000-foot elevation. We will hike to a high elevation Port Orford cedar grove and see Klamath manzanita (discovered there in 1982), roundleaf sundew, and California pitcher plant. This area is a US Forest Service research area and has five species listed on the CNPS rare and endangered species list, and the trail is featured in Michael Kauffman’s Conifer Country. The area is 14 miles west of Mount Shasta. Meet at Redding City Hall’s south parking lot on Parkview Avenue at 8 AM to carpool to the trailhead. Bring water, lunch, and adequate hiking footwear. No dogs, please. Please call David Ledger at 355-8542 for further information.</td>
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<td><strong>All-Day Fieldtrip.</strong> Join Marla Knight, Forest Botanist for the Klamath National Forest, for a summer fieldtrip to Siskiyou County. Meet with Jay &amp; Terri Thesken in Redding at 7:30 AM for the 2-hour drive up to Yreka, where we will meet Marla and other Klamath National Forest botanists, and then drive up I-5 to Mt. Ashland for a day on the Siskiyou Crest. This tour will largely be roadside hotspots, where we will explore meadows and rocky serpentine outcrops on short jaunts along the ridges. We expect to see species such as Horkelia hendersonii, Tauschia howellii, and Lupinus ashlandensis. This will be an all-day fieldtrip, with a likely late return to Redding in the evening as we may stop for dinner in Yreka. We will leave Redding at 7:30 AM from the south side of City Hall (Parkview Avenue side), 777 Cypress Avenue. Or meet at 9:30 AM at the new Forest Service office in Yreka, 1711 South Main Street. Bring water, lunch, and sturdy walking shoes. No dogs, please. Call Jay &amp; Terri at 221-0906, or Marla in Yreka at 841-4425 for details.</td>
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<td><strong>August 26</strong></td>
<td><strong>Plant Weeding Session.</strong> One- to two-hour work session starting at 9 AM at the Shasta College greenhouses. (Note earlier time due to hot summer temperatures!) The greenhouses are located near the back of Shasta College, where the livestock barns are. We will be weeding and getting ready for the Fall Plant Sale, which will be Saturday, October 13 this year. Bring clippers and any other tools you might need. Please call Terri Thesken at 221-0906 for further information.</td>
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<td><strong>Sept. 20</strong></td>
<td><strong>Chapter Meeting.</strong> Welcome back to the first meeting after the long summer! Join us for an evening with Dr. Helen Popper from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CNPS. Helen is an Associate Professor of Economics at Santa Clara University and has recently authored a book published by the University of California Press, entitled California Native Gardening: a Month-by-Month Guide. Dr. Popper’s beautifully illustrated book will be available at the meeting. Meet at 7 PM at the Shasta College Health Science &amp; University Programs building in downtown Redding, 1400 Market Street, Community Room 8220 (clock tower building at the north end of the Market Street Promenade; enter on south side of building). A Board meeting will be held before the regular meeting, at 5:30 PM at Angelo’s Pizza Parlour in the Foundry Square, 1774 California Street, Redding.</td>
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**No Plant Propagation meeting in July! No Plant Propagation meeting in July!**

See you on a summer fieldtrip or on September 20 for the first meeting after summer break.

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No Chapter meetings in July or August.