News of the Mount Lassen Chapter, California Native Plant Society

Meeting: The last indoor meeting until September will be held Wednesday evening, 26 April 1978, 175 Holt Hall, California State University, Chico. (Note: Parking may be harder to find than for the earlier Friday meetings since there will be extra cars near campus for night classes and for Pioneer Week activities: come a bit early.)

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., with a program by Deanna Lickey that includes a 30-minute movie, "An Ethnobotany of the Concow Haidu." This program and refreshments will be followed by a business meeting that will stress the Chapter's involvement in conservation activities. A slide and herbarium-specimen demonstration of Butte, Plumas and Tehama Counties' rare and endangered native seed plants will be given. Other items on the agenda include those mentioned below by Nelson and Griffiths and the following:

A plant slide contest—with the resulting set of slides donated by members loaned to schools and other interested groups.

Purchase of CNPS decals (showing Panamint Daisy) and CNPS Publication "Native Plants—a Viable Option" for resale to members and/or public.

Methods the Chapter can use to raise funds for conservation activities.

Plant salvage during Forest Service "clean-up" of dead conifers in Plumas National Forest.

More help, more involvement by members is needed for various committees. Offers of help, questions, or other items for the meeting agenda can be directed to Chapter officers:

Rob Schlising (President) 895-5341 or 343-3411
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Marc Hayes (Field trips) 342-3432
Quentin Griffiths (Education Conservation) 342-2728
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Education Conservation: "Natives" for your Garden. Fremontia regularly promotes the cultivation of native plants, and published a list of nurseries specializing in native plants. (July, 1977). Sunset ran a useful check-list (October 1976) and a more detailed one on Ceanothus species (November 1976). Some species like Berberis nevinii, a rare barberry, depends for survival almost entirely on a cultivated habitat. But North Valley conditions present peculiar problems—critical for many natives, and we suggest you local enthusiasts contribute brief reports on your own experience. Be as precise as possible as to species, and where you obtained it—especially if from the wild (genetic differentiation may explain disappointing performance). We will publish reports periodically; and perhaps eventually our "recommended list." Meanwhile we will ask local nurseries what natives they keep in stock—the nearest specialist being in Sacramento. Volunteers welcome for other "educational activities." (Quentin Griffiths)

Conservation Committee: This committee has been actively engaged in several programs in Butte County. The Environmental Review Subcommittee has reviewed several Environmental Impact Reports. Comments on one of these reports resulted in a county-sponsored survey which found several new rare plant locations. This study also suggested a new zoning regulation which would help protect rare plant habitats. We are currently gathering more information on this to give it support when it comes before local government boards for approval.
The Inventory Subcommittee is now organizing to conduct surveys of sensitive plant habitats in our area. Our ultimate goal here is to work toward establishing needed preserves for some sensitive areas.

The Rare Plant Subcommittee is also heading into the field. We hope to confirm rare and endangered species locations, make plant photographs, and complete the data banks for our area.

There is much going on. There are several people actively participating in this very important Chapter function, but there is lots of work. We can still use more volunteers. (Jim Nelson)

Membership. As of mid-April, membership in the Mount Lassen Chapter is just at 100 (this includes several "family memberships")! When you renew membership, remember to check "Mount Lassen" on the dues form. Our goal is 150 members by 4 November—double our initial membership by our first anniversary.
Field Trip Schedule

The following is the schedule of trips for the months of February through September. Note the dates on your calendar and come explore your native plants. We will pool from Baskin-Robbins (afterwards noted as B-R) in Chico for all field trips between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Mar. 11 Trip to the Honeyrun Covered Bridge area. Leader: Joan Warner.
Mar. 25 Table Mountain wildflower carpets. Leader: Kingsley Stern.
Apr. 2 Foothill flower scramble, Wurlitzer Ranch. Leader: Howard Wurlitzer
Apr. 9 Vina vernal pools. Leaders: Marc Hayes and Jim Jockerst.
Apr. 16 Honeyrun mosses and lichens. Leader: Garth Pintler, Chico 343-6271.
Apr. 22 (Sat.) Honcut vernal pools. Leader: Lowell Ahart, Honcut 743-9314.
May 7 (Sun.) Chipps Creek, Feather River Canyon. Leader: Wes Dempsey, Chico 342-2293
May 29 (Mon.) Frenzel Creek Research Natural Area. Leader: Dave Isle, Stonyford 963-3264. For this trip, pool at B-R at regular time or meet at the junction of Goat Mtn. Road and Lodoga Stonyford road at 10:00 a.m.
June 10 (Sat.) Butterfly Botanical Area. Leader: Wayne Dakan, Quincy 283-1088. For this trip, pool at B-R at 7:30 a.m. or meet at the Keddie resort sign along Highway 70, North of Quincy, at 10:00 a.m.
June 18 (Sun.) Magalia Serpentine. Leaders: Rob Schlising, Chico 343-3411 or 895-5361 and Doris Hale, Chico.
June 24 (Sat.) Humboldt Peak region (high Butte County). Leader: Marc Hayes, Chico 342-3432.
July 1-3 (Sat.- Mon.) Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness area. Leader: Peter Laugh-tom, Chico 342-3432. This is an overnight backpacking trip to Long Lake and Mt. Linn in the resplendent Yolla Bolly wilderness; a 6 mile hike in with a 1600' vertical change in elevation. Contact the group leader ahead of time if you wish to go on this trip.
July 15 (Sat.) Summer tarweeds, milkweeds and dry vernal pools. Leader: Marc Hayes 342-3432
July 29 (Sat.) Lassen Park wildflower displays. Leader: John Steiner, ranger-natural-ist at Lassen Park. Pool at B-R at 6:30 a.m. or meet at the Shadow Lake trail head along Lassen Park road between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 2 (Sat.) Late summer weeds and freshwater marsh. This should prove a fascinating trip to the marsh areas of the Butte Creek sink. Leaders: Lana Hill, Chico 343-5154 and Rob Schlising, Chico 343-3411 or 895-5361.

Again, you are reminded of standing field trip policies:

1) Field trips will be held rain or shine.
2) Bring lunch or liquids unless otherwise stated.
3) Car pools are strongly urged as parking space is often limited and besides--less pollution!
4) Rides and riders: medium and large-sized cars cost 10-15¢/mile to operate. Drivers and riders should make mutually acceptable agreements on costs.
5) Hiking shoes are a must - unless you want sore feet!
6) Contact your group leader for the details of any specific trip.
7) No smoking while on the hike.
8) No dogs or other animals.
9) Trips start on time.
10) No collection of plants.
11) Bring cameras: there will be numerous opportunities for pictures. (MH)