News of Mount Lassen Chapter, California Native Plant Society

Fall meeting  The first meeting this Fall will be held at Chico on 20 September, a Wednesday evening. Plan to bring 10-12 of your best slides of the summer, for the program will feature a pot pourri of slides by Chapter members. Also, that evening, please plan to donate several of your 1978 slides of native annual species to the Chapter's Wildflower Slide Contest, 1978, which is explained in detail in this letter.

Fieldtrips  The June-July issue of the statewide CNPS Bulletin is being sent out very late, so you are reminded of upcoming summer fieldtrips by the Mount Lassen Chapter (as previously described) on 18 and 24 June, 1-3, 15, and 29 July, and 2 September. Call Marc Hayes (342-3432) or trip leaders if additional information is needed.

Inventory  Copies of the CNPS "Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California" are available locally for $6.50 (including sales tax). The Chapter makes a small profit by their sale. Call Jim Nelson (343-4838).

Donations  Several persons have made monetary donations to the Mount Lassen Chapter. We have been reminded by CNPS headquarters at Berkeley that gifts specifically for this chapter should be sent to a Chapter officer and not to Berkeley. Donations sent in to Berkeley with annual dues are not returned to a chapter.

Members Saluted  Three Chapter members were recognized by the CNPS Board of Directors at their meeting in Arcata on 3 June. Howard Wurziler and Marc Hayes are to be congratulated for their re-discovery of the long-lost and presumed-extinct rosinweed, Calycadenia fremontii on Howard's property in Butte County. Lana Hill was awarded a CNPS minigrant to aid in her studies of the rare and endemic Hibiscus californicus in and near the Butte Sink (where she will lead a Chapter fieldtrip on 2 September).

1978 Officers and Committee Chairmen  Direct questions, comments or suggestions to:
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WILDFLOWER SLIDE CONTEST 1978: Native Annuals of the Sacramento Valley

Purpose: The Mount Lassen Chapter, California Native Plant Society, will assemble a permanent collection of 50 color slides to loan (as a set, with a written commentary) to schools or other interested groups. This collection will thus be used in an educational way to further one major goal of the society: the conservation and preservation of native plants of California through appreciation of them.

Personal investment and reward: Your donation of one or more colored slides of native plants will attest to your regard for them and their habitats.

A panel assembling the final collection from among all entries will name one slide the "prize slide" and it will be the lead-off picture in the final organized set. Its donor will be awarded a book on California plants (donated to CNPS) at the December meeting of the Mount Lassen Chapter; five "honorable mention" slides will also be announced at that time by the selecting panel. The final collection will be screened in its entirety at that chapter meeting, and all donors of slides will be named. Members and non-members of CNPS are invited to donate slides.

Specifications for slide entries:
1) Only color slides for use in a standard slide projector will qualify.
2) Each slide must have the following information written on its margin:
   a. Latin and common names (if known)
   b. Date photographed
   c. Locality where photographed (see 4 below)
   d. Name of photographer
3) Only slides of native California annual species will qualify.
4) Only species that occur in the Sacramento Valley in its broadest sense, including environs up to 2500 feet in elevation, are eligible. Photographs may have been taken elsewhere as long as the species occurs in this area also.
5) Views of masses of one or several species will qualify as long as they are all named; close-ups are particularly needed.
6) Each slide must be donated to CNPS—but the donor's name will remain on it. A slide submitted that is not used in the CNPS collection will be returned. Slides may be submitted starting immediately and through September 1978, by sending the entry (with the information outlined above) to:
   CNPS Slide Contest
   The Herbarium
   California State University, Chico
   Chico, California 95929
7) Slides for the CNPS collection will be selected from all entries submitted, during October, by a panel of 5 Mount Lassen Chapter members who have not submitted slides for the contest. These 5 will be appointed by the Committee Co-Chairmen, Bruce Dillman and Pauline Bryles. Unused slides will be returned by December. Major criteria for selection of slides to use in the CNPS set will be:
   a. 1-4 above
   b. Clarity, or the degree that distinguishing characteristics of the species can be seen
   c. Beauty or artistic quality, as long as a. and b. are followed.