The Pipe Vine

October, 1985

MEETING

7 October, Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments 7:30 p.m. General Meeting 7:45 p.m. Program 8:00 p.m.

The presentation will be by Barbara Castro, a local lady with degrees from Harvard and Stanford Universities. She describes her talk, "May wildflowers of the Four-Corners Area," as follows: Long after our local Table Mountain flowers have faded and dried, it is vibrant early spring between 5000 and 9000 feet elevation in the Four-Corners plateau country (where Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico adjoin). These late May 1985 slides will portray the surprises of color and diversity greeting the unsuspecting motorist or hiker among the gray-green Great Basin landscapes of northeastern Arizona and southwestern Utah.

Enloe Hospital Conference Hall Room 1, Fifth and Magnolia, Chico.

Executive Board Meeting Monday, September 30, 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Board Meeting will be held at the home of Mary Meyer, 1424 Bidwell Ave., Chico. All Mt. Lassen Chapter members are welcome to attend, as your ideas and support are needed. The Board decided at our September meeting to go back to our old system of having a separate Board Meeting. This should insure that we have sufficient time to complete all the business at hand, and will allow the Board Members to once again mingle during refreshments at our general meeting.

FIELDTRIPS

28 September, Saturday. North Ridge of Bidwell Park. Cross-country hike of five miles through the foothill woodlands to an Indian cave overlooking Big Chico Creek. Poison oak in attendance. Bring lunch and water. Meet at BEC (7th and Cherry st., Chico) at 8:30 a.m. or at the Rifle Range Parking lot in Bidwell Park at 9:00 a.m. Leader Wes Dempsey, phone 342-2293 (895-6362 days).
6 October, Sunday. Butte Creek B.L.M. Trail. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at BEC or 9:45 a.m. at DeSabra Lake. Bring water and lunch for this two mile scenic walk through Butte Creek Canyon. Return around 4:00 p.m. Plant communities to be seen include Foothill Woodland, Mixed Conifer Forest, and Riparian. Leader Ruth Cunningham, phone 872-4320.

13 October, Sunday. Brokeoff Mountain. Climb 2600 feet to the top of Brokeoff (9285'); 7 miles round trip. Superb views of Mt. Lassen along the way. Elfin forest at the top with seven kinds of dwarf trees. Good trail. Bring lunch, water, good hiking shoes and adequate clothing. Meet at BEC at 8:30 a.m., or at the trailhead just south of Lassen Park Entrance gate at 10:30 a.m. Leader Wes Dempsey.

FALL TREE PLANTING- Chico 2000, a local land use and conservation organization, is sponsoring a native tree and shrub planting for some of our riparian park lands. Our members have been invited to participate. Lindo Channel, from the freeway crossing east to Five Mile Dam, is hoped to be the main area planted this fall. This channel was once the original creekbed for Big Chico Creek until General Bidwell built the Diversion Dam to funnel year round flows past his home. Much of the vegetation which once occurred here has been lost due to activities in the channel such as gravel mining and flood control projects. Lindo Channel has generally been treated with disregard, and is a component of Chico's "Lost Park".

Aspects of the project for which help is needed include collecting sound local acorns and other native propagules, donations of living trees and shrubs, and the planting itself. If you can help, contact Roger Cole at 891-1788 or talk to Mary Meyer. MEM

HIGHWAY 99 ROAD WIDENING PROPOSED BY CAL TRANS- A negative declaration has been prepared for a proposed widening of Highway 99 from two to four lanes within the existing right-of-way between Durham Highway and Skyway Overcrossing (south of Chico), approximately 6 miles in length. Additional lanes will be located on the west side of the highway, resulting in the destruction of 257 trees (over 4" dbh) and three vernal pools. The Scenic Resources Element of the review determined that the 257 trees to be lost are "not a scenic resource". Most of the trees are concentrated in the north end of the project, the southern "gateway to Chico". A replacement planting on a 1 to 1 basis is planned only for those areas which constitute Forested Wetland Habitat. This planting will be located on the east side opposite an area between Butte Creek and Southgate Avenue which consists of old mining tailings vegetated by willows and cottonwoods. The vernal pools were found to contain no rare and endangered plants, and mitigation measures were explored and determined to not be reasonable. The negative declaration will be available for review at the October meeting, and is also available at the county libraries. If you would like to request a public meeting be held to provide us with an opportunity to suggest additional mitigation measures or modifications to the project, or if you have comments you would like to make, submit them to W.R. Green, District Director, Department of Transportation, District 3, P.O. Box 911, Marysville, 95901. Deadline Oct. 14th!
CRUCIFERAE OF BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, the second in the series "Studies from the Herbarium, California State University, Chico," will be available by the October 7 CNPS meeting. Author Rob Preston, of the University fo California, Davis, has included range maps as well as two keys for the species of crucifers in Butte County (one key for plants in leaf and flower, and the second for plants in leaf and fruit). Copies of this 46 page pamphlet are available from Rob Schlising, Department of Biological Sciences, California State University, Chico, CA 95929, at $2.00 each (proceeds go towards printing new treatments in the Butte Flora series). Copies of the Boraginaceae of Butte County are also still available at $2.00. Illustration by Rob Preston.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS PROGRAM- The California Native Plant Society is pleased to announce the reestablishment of its Educational Grants Programs. The Society has three programs by which it assists students and researchers with their work on California's native plants and natural communities:

Minigrants: The purpose of this program is to assist in the advancement of knowledge and appreciation of native plants and natural communities. The Society will fund or partially fund studies consistent with these goals. Individuals or organizations submitting grant proposals need not be associated with an educational institution.

Doc Burr Graduate Research Program: This fund was established in honor of Horace K. "Doc" Burr, founding member and Society Fellow. Interest from the fund will be used to assist graduate students working in fields allied with the interests of the Society.

The Helen Sharsmith Fund: This fund was established as a memorial tribute to Helen Sharsmith. Funding for these grants comes from the interest of a generous endowment to the Society. Grants from the Helen Sharsmith fund will be awarded to graduate and undergraduate students involved in research on California's Native Flora.

If you are interested in applying for one of these Educational Grants, contact Rob Schlising for an outline of the format for submitting proposals. Proposals should be submitted by either April 1st or October 1st, and applicants will be notified by the end of June or December.

VACANCIES ON THE MT. LASSEN CHAPTER BOARD NEED TO BE FILLED. Several positions on the Board are currently available. If you are interested in donating a small amount of time each month to preserving the native flora, either by serving on the Board or assisting a committee chair, please let the Board know. Please see Inspirational Message on the next page.
Inspirational Message

Are you an active member,
the kind that would be missed?
Or are you most contented
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meeting
and mingle with the flock,
or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?

Do you ever work on committees
to see there is no trick,
or leave the work to just a few
and talk about the clique?

So come to meetings often
and help with hand and heart
Don't be just a member,
but take an active part!

Taken from Myco News, thanks PK

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