The Pipe Vine

April 1986

MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
2 April, Wednesday, 7:00pm - 10:00pm
All MLC members are welcome to attend.

PROGRAM MEETING
7 APRIL, 1986 Monday, 7:30pm

LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT
A LITTLE KNOWN JEWEL OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Mary Merryman, Park interpreter at Lava Beds National Monument will present an interpretive walk through the unique natural history of the area. It is admired for its caves and volcanic landscape. The grasslands, chaparral, and pine-forest communities are habitat for varied flora and wildlife. This area was the scene of the historic Modoc Wars. Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge is nearby and is a haven for migrating birds.

Mary has served as our chapter president and the state treasurer. She is now a Director-at-large.

Jack L. Hornor, Jr., Resource Officer for the Oroville Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest, will give a ten minute summary of the Review Process for the Draft Forest Land and Resources Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Plumas National Forest. He will give a short overview of the land planning process and how CHPS members can become involved in the 90 day public review period.

Summaries of the plan are available at most libraries of Butte County or can be obtained by contacting the Oroville Ranger Station, 875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965, (916) 534-6500. To obtain a copy of the complete plan and E.I.S., contact the Supervisor's Office. (See Pres. Message) (916) 283-2050.
FIELDTRIPS

CHAIR: Wes Dempsey (342-2293 or 895-6362)

29 MARCH, Saturday. Table Mountain Wildflowers About 4 miles over the top of
Table Mountain near Oroville to see Meadowfoam, Streptanthus, Allium, and
others. Meet at BEC (708 Cherry St., Chico) at 10:00am on top of Table
Mountain at 10:45am. Bring lunch and water. Moderate hike. Return about
4:00pm. Leader: Kingsley Stern, 343-0056.

12 APRIL, Saturday. Butte Creek Trail Easy walk along the BLM Trail through four
plant communities. Meet at BEC (708 Cherry St., Chico) at 10:00am or at
trailhead on Ponderosa Way at 11:00am. Bring lunch and drink. Return at
about 3:00pm. Leader: Wes Dempsey.

12 APRIL, Saturday. CSUC Greenhouse Tour. Join the Chico Creek Nature Center in
discovering exotic tropical forests, xerophytic wonders from around the
world and other fascinating plant species right here in Chico.
Meet at 10:00am at the Warner St. bridge, Big Chico Creek, Chico.
Leader: Tim Devine, 345-8444.

20 APRIL, Sunday. Ahart Ranch, Honcut Enjoy lush foothill woodlands and chapparal.
Meet at BEC (708 Cherry St., Chico) at 9:00am. Bring lunch and water.

26 APRIL, Saturday. Pulga and the Feather River Pat says we can get in, so join us
for a six mile hike along the railroad and road to see serpentine and mixed
coniferous forest plants. Meet at BEC (708 Cherry St., Chico) at 9:30 am
or the Pulga turnoff on Hwy 70 at 10:15am. Bring lunch and water. Return
about 5:00pm. Leader: Pat Kelly. 345-1135.

4 MAY, Sunday. Bear Valley Car Tour Join us in exploring the coast foothills.
Meet at BEC (708 Cherry St., Chico) at 8:30. 1½-2 hour drive to Bear

10 MAY, Saturday. Yahi Trail in Bidwell Park About 5 miles round trip from Salmon
Hole to east boundary. Trail steep in parts and poison oak. The flora will
be in transition from spring wildflowers to seeding summer types. Meet at
BEC (708 Cherry St., Chico) at 9:00am or at the Rifle Range at 9:30am.
Bring lunch and water. Return about 3:00pm. Leader: Vern Oswald, 343-0392.

24, 25 MAY, Saturday and Sunday. Lava Beds National Monument Enjoy a weekend at
this unique area in the northern part of California. Mary Pipevine will
have more information. Leaders: Mary Merryman, Tim Devine 345-8444.

Saturday and Sunday through May - Vina Plains Preserve, The California Nature Conservancy
Tours through the preserve are well under way with knowledgeable docents.
Every weekend tours proceed at 9:30am. Meet at the barn through the gate
(which is only open from 9:00am to 9:30am because of roaming cattle).
To get to Vina Plains Preserve, go north on Hwy 99, 15 miles past Neary
Ranch, and the Tehama County line, then ¾ mile to gravel road on the right.
For more information call Ruth Cunningham, 872-4320.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is getting very close to the May 8th deadline for the public response to the Plumas National Forest Plan. This is the first time that the Forest Planning Process has been open to the public. Six draft plans have been released so far, (the Angeles, Cleveland, Stanislaus, Sequoia, Tahoe, and Plumas). Several issues emerge which concern conserva-
tists. Past logging practices (uneven aged management, selective logging, high visual quality) are being abandoned for intensive timber management, conversion to even age stands through the use of clear cuts, control of competing vegetation with herbicides, significant reductions in visual quality; release of road-
less areas for timber harvest (the Plumas has done a good job of retaining roadless areas for semi-private, non-
motorized recreation) and increases in the annual cut. Timber management is the driving force behind the entire planning process. All other forest uses and resources such as recreation, wildlife, and watersheds are considered as constraints on timber production.

Considerable momentum is building throughout the state as heavy public criticism builds. Californians must keep this momentum going. Take time to write a brief letter in your own words. If the pressure keeps up, there is every indication the planners will redo their plans.

Write to: LLOYD R. BRITTON
FOREST SUPERVISOR
PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST
Attn: PUBLIC COMMENTS
P.O. BOX 1500
QUINCY, CA  95971

Additional information can be obtained at the Butte Environmental Council office, 708 Cherry St., Chico 95926, 891-6424, or Pat Kelly, or myself. The January Fremontia, 1986 has background information.

Mary Meyer
President

THE WILDFLOWER SHOW - May 11

Plans are well underway for the Mt. Lassen Chapter's wildflower show. Over 200 species of native plants and exotics will be displayed for the public to admire and learn about our flora.

There will be slide presentations and demonstrations from our knowledgeable members about the habitats and their plants.

Works of art from local artists will depict plant life. Janet Turner, Susan Van Horn, Paul Feldhaus, Denise Devine, and Ann Pierce are some of the artists showing.

For sale, along with the art work, will be native plants, posters, books, t-shirts, and, gift ideas for all ages.

Plan now to spend Mother's Day, May 11 at the CARD Community Center.

THANK YOU ALTACAL

A special thank you to the ALTACAL AUDUBON SOCIETY is in order for their recent donation of $50.00 to the Mt. Lassen treasury. We appreciate their support of our environmental education efforts.
HELP RELOCATE RARE SPECIES

Are you interested in helping to relocate any of these plant species that are presumed to be extinct?

- Mosquin's clarkia (Clarkia mosquinii spp mosquinii) last seen in 1959 near the north arm of Lake Oroville.
- Enterprise clarkia (Clarkia mosquinii spp xerophila) last seen in 1968. Lake Oroville covers known location.
- American scheuchzeria (Scheuchzeria palustris var. americana) last seen in 1897. The known locations were probably buried by the construction of Lake Almanor.

Or, are you interested in helping to relocate and find new locations of these plant species that have not been seen in a long time?

- Lens-pod milk-vetch (Astragalus lentiformis) known from Portola and Chiloquin.
- Webber's Ivesia (Ivesia webberi) known from Indian and Sierra Valleys.

Volunteers are needed to help look for these rare plant species that haven't been found in many years in the Plumas National Forest area. Help the Plumas National Forest by showing your support for the types of resources you would like to see emphasized.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Linnea Hanson, Forest Botanist, Plumas National Forest, Oroville Ranger Station, 875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, Ca 95965. (916) 534-6500.

Linnea Hanson

URGENT - HELP NEEDED TO PASS SB 1717!

SB 1717 The California Agricultural, Natural and Parklands Conservation Act

Ken Maddy (R- Fresno)

Sen. Maddy introduced an $500,000,000 bond act on behalf of the Planning and Conservation League. It would help preserve open space and productive farmlands close to urban areas. Help is needed now to pass this bill.

This bond act will save from development the greenbelts left in urban areas, acquire plant and wildlife habitat, urban streams and wetlands, scenic parklands, agricultural and ecologically sensitive lands.

Passage of this bond act could provide a source of funding for the Lindo Channel Restoration Project.

Write to:

State Senator Jim Nelson  
Assemblyman Stan Statham  
Assemblyman Wally Herger

Address:

State Capital  
Sacramento, CA 95814

COASTLINES

The Planning and Conservation League Foundation has started up a slick publication called Coastlines. They are trying to establish it as a "premier source of information for Californians on events along the California coast."

The editor is CNPS's Phyllis Faber. With the 10th anniversary of the Coastal Act, they are hoping this publication will help educate the public on the happenings concerning our fragile coastline. If you want to learn more or subscribe ($20/yr, 6 issues) write to Coastlines c/o, The Planning and Conservation League Foundation, 909 12th Street, Suite 203, Sacramento, CA 95814.
WINETASTING - April 6, Sunday
Benefit for the Endangered Species Faire.
CARD Community Center, 3-6pm, $7.50.
Tickets available at BEC or at the door.

WILDLIFE AND HABITAT ART SHOW AND SALE
April 25-27, Fri - Sun
North Valley Plaza Mall, see Mall hours.
Many local artists with exciting work.
Benefit for the Endangered Species Faire.

ENDANGERED SPECIES FAIRE - May 10, Sat
One-mile Dam Area, 10am - 4pm. Great fun for all ages. Booths from all over Northern California. 7th annual.
Sponsored by BEC.

DEER FAIRE - April 12, Sacramento
The first annual Delta Environmental Education Resources Fair will be held at the Sacramento Science Center and Junior Museum. Science and environmental groups will provide information to teachers, naturalists, youth group leaders and the public.

STATEWIDE BOARD MEETING
The JUNE STATEWIDE BOARD MEETING will be held in Quincy on June 7, in confluxion with our Butterfly Valley Fieldtrip. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the Mt. Lassen chapter to network with plant lovers from across the state. So mark your calendars!

PUBLICATIONS
A Field Manual of the Ferns and Fern-Allies of the United States and Canada
David B. Lellinger, associate curator of botany at the Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution.

Drawn from Nature - The Botanical Art of Joseph Prestele and His Son Charles van Ravensway

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