The Pipe Vine

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

29 October, Wednesday. Executive board meeting. All officers, chairs, and members are invited to attend. Meet at Wes Dempsey's, 824 Karen Dr., Chico 7:30pm - 9:30pm.

3 November, Monday. PROGRAM MEETING. 7:30pm Enloe Hospital Conference Hall Fifth and Magnolia Avenues, Chico

"PLANT WATCHING IN LASSEN PARK"

VERN OSWALD, retired Professor of Biological Sciences, CSU, Chico, will present a slide show dealing primarily with the flora of Lassen Volcanic National Park. Dr. Oswald grew up in Ohio and attended Ohio State University. His graduate work was in parasitology. After receiving his Ph.D. in 1956, he spent an additional year on a postdoctoral fellowship at Ohio State before coming to Chico State College in 1957. Dr. Oswald has recently become interested in the flora of Butte County and Northern California. His presentation on Lassen Park will be illustrated with photographs taken during periodic visits to the park over the past ten years.

FIELDTRIPS

Chair: Wes Dempsey, 342-2293

2 November, Sunday. UPPER BIDWELL PARK YAHT TRAIL. See the last of the summer flowers and the first of winter's. 3-4 miles with some poison oak. Meet at the Rifle Range in Bidwell Park at 9am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: VERN OSWALD, 343-0392.

16 November, Sunday. DEER CREEK TRAIL MUSHROOM SPECIAL. 3-5 miles. Bring lunch and water. Meet at BEC, 708 Cherry St. at 9:30am or at trailhead at 10:30am. Leader: MARGE MCNAIRN, 343-2397.

23 November, Sunday. BUTTE CREEK TRAIL. Come and discover 13 fern species, hazelnut, pacific yew and more! Bring lunch and water. Meet at BEC, 708 Cherry St. at 9:30am or at trailhead at 10:30am. Leader: PAT KELLY, 345-1135
CNPS FIELD TRIP TO FORBESTOWN SERPENTINE

October 12, 1986

Lowell Ahart led a group of 18 participants to a grove of McNab Cypress on the Butte-Yuba County line 3 miles northeast of Forbestown (T19N R7E S6-7) at an elevation of about 2900 ft. From Forbestown Reservoir Rd., the group hiked along an old jeep road through typical Yellow Pine Forest which soon gave way to the sparse vegetation associated with serpentine outcrops.

The forest was in its typical autumn aspect. In addition to the common conifers, MADRONE (Arbutus menziesii), TANBARK OAK (Lithocarpus densiflora), CANYON OAK (Quercus chrysolepis), and BLACK OAK (Quercus kelloggii) were common. HAIRY HONEYSUCKLE, (Lonicera hispidula), was a common trailing vine on the forest floor (or occasionally climbing); the leaves are hairy and the bright-red berries are in terminal and axillary bunches. WESTERN STARFLOWER (Trientalis latifolia) with its single whorl of large leaves on top of a short stem was easily identified.

In addition to WHITELEAF MANZANITA (Arctostaphylos viscida), several TRUE'S MANZANITA (Arctostaphylos truei) and a COMMON MANZANITA (Arctostaphylos manzanita) were found. LEMMON'S CeanoTUS (Ceanothus lemmonii) was common in and along the trail; its bright-blue flowers in small panicles are very attractive in the spring. Some plants were identified from their dry stems and fruits. Included here were BROWN BELLs (Fritillaria micrantha), SERPENTINE BRODIAEA (Brodiae purdyi), SANBORN'S ONION (Allium sanbornii), THREAD-STEMMED NAVARRETIA (Navarretia filicula), and BACIGALUPI'S YAMPAH (Perideridia baciagaluppi). The latter member of the carrot family was discovered in the Forbestown area several years ago by Lowell and represents a significant northward extension of its range. Several tall bunchgrasses were identified including CALIFORNIA FESCUE (Festuca californica), TALL WHEATGRASS (Agropyron elongatum), and STILLMAN'S STIPA (Stipa stillmanii).

COYOTE BUSH (Baccharis pilularis ssp. consanguinea), GOLDEN FLEECE (Haplopappus arborescens), and WHITE-STEMMED RABBIT BRUSH (Chrysothamnus nauseosus ssp. albicaulis) were blooming in the serpentine openings. CLIFF BRAKE (Aspidotis densa [=Onychium densum or Cheilanthes siliquosa]) is a common fern on the serpentine outcrops. LEATHER OAK (Quercus durata), a serpentine indicator, was also found.

The stand of McNAB CYPRESS (Cupressus macnabiana) is spread over several acres. The trees tend to have a single trunk rather than the multiple trunks characteristic of the Magalia grove. Also CYPRESS MISTLETOE (Phoradendron bolleanum ssp. densum) which is very common on the Magalia trees seems to be absent here. Many of the trunks are well over a foot in diameter and the trees would appear to be quite old. Some have decayed internally or exhibit terminal die-back.

-- Vern Oswald
**FUNGUS FAIR**

The third annual Fungus Fair will be held at the Carter House Science Museum on Sunday, November 2, from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M. This event, sponsored by Carter House and the Shasta Chapter, CNPS, will feature displays of fresh and dried fungi, slide shows, mushroom cookery, tasting and talks. This third annual event promises to be even more exciting and educational than last year’s, which drew people from as far away as Chico, Sacramento, and the Bay Area!

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**CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER GARDENS GROWING**

Thanks to the people that came out on Sat, Oct 11, to help weed and ponder over the native plant gardens. Old plants were rediscovered and the wildflower bed will soon be planted. A new sign has been installed, donated by PG&E crediting all of the groups that have helped. We still need new plants and more interest from our members. The gardens really need more from CNPS members to become a show place for natives and reflect CNPS goals.

Thanks again to ROB SCHLISING, WES DEMPSEY, TIM DEVINE, MARGE MCNAIRN, MARY MEYER, DENISE DEVINE AND JANEECE WEBB.

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**TEMPORARY NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED**

I need someone to fill in for me as editor while I finish up the last six year of being an art major. I hope to have my BFA by May, so... I need to devote all my extra time to school. I hope to reassume editorship in September 1987. But there are four issues that need to be covered. If anyone is interested please contact me, Denise Devine 345-8444, or Mary Meyer 893-8999.

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**ALSO ..................**

Ruth Cunningham has been doing the mailing of the newsletter and would like to give that up. She will continue as membership chair. Thanks Ruth for your help. Again, contact Denise or Mary if you think you can help out.

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**RARE & ENDANGERED PLANTS**

A California Conference
on their Conservation & Management

Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn,
300 J Street, Sacramento,
California, U.S.A.

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**RARE PLANT CONFERENCE – FREE TO VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to help at the conference in Sacramento, Nov 5 - Nov 8. Registration fee will be waived if 10 hours or more are donated ($60.00). Help is needed with setup, signs, sales booth, operate projectors, provide information, help with registration. Some positions require training. If interested call Mark Stopher at 324-8441 (338-5798 evenings) or CNPS at 447-2677.

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**FISH & GAME PHOTO AWARD PROGRAM**

California Fish & Game Commision is calling for entries in a photography contest. Only photos of live species and their natural environment will be accepted. Black & White and color prints only. For more information: Fish & Game Commission, 1416 Ninth St., Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. Deadline for entries Dec 31. There is a category for native plants!!
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HELLO TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

CHICO - Lisa Holewinski, Julie Cross, Marjorie McBride.
STONEYFORD - Thomas S. King.
QUINCY - Rob Russell/ LanDesigns.

ELECTION BALLOT

It is election time for our chapter officers for 1987. We have one candidate for each office but we seriously encourage write-in candidates. If you are unable to attend the next program meeting for the election (Nov 3), please fill in and send your ballot to:

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