The Pipe Vine

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
1 NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 7:30pm-9:30pm HOME OF WES DEMPSEY, 824 KAREN DR., CHICO

PROGRAM MEETING

7 NOVEMBER, 1988 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Sherman and East First Avenue, Chico

"Everything you Always Wanted to Know about Lewisias but were Afraid to Ask, (or Lewisias and other Succulent Flora of the Western U.S.)" is the title of our November program. Sean Hogan of the Sacramento Cactus and Succulent Society will provide us with a lively evening on Lewisias, Sedums, and other plants in the purslane family (Portulacaceae). His double-screen slide show will include information on these succulents' taxonomy, natural habitats and horticulture.

WILDFLOWER SHOW ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
15 NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 7pm-10pm CHICO MUNICIPAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM #1 421 Main, Chico

FIELDTRIPS

Meeting place, unless otherwise noted, is Park-and-Ride: the Cal Trans Commuter Parking Lot at Hwy 32 and Hwy 99E (east side between 8th and 9th Streets, Chico).

30 OCTOBER, Sunday, DEER CREEK HIKE. Hike down Deer Creek from Hwy 32 about 5 miles roundtrip. Mushrooms (if it rains) and Yellow Pine Forest plants. Bring lunch and water to Park-and-Ride at 9am or meet at the trailhead at 10:15. Leader: Wes Dempsey 342-2293.

6 November, Sunday, SPECIMEN TREES OF CHICO by bike and walking. Windmill palms, Gingko, Pawonia, Horsechestnut, American Chestnut, and a host of other unique trees in fall color will be viewed and with Chico City Arboriculturist. Meet with bike at Bidwell Mansion parking lot at 9am. Finish at noon. Leader: Jerry Koch 894-7634.

20 November, Sunday, CENTERVILLE PLUME WALK. See the 20+ plant species still in bloom from the fall or the first of the winter/spring flowers. Woolly Sunflower, Manzarita, etc. Meet with lunch and water at Park-and-Ride at 10 am or at Centerville Road and Plume crossing at 10:30 am. Leader: Wes Dempsey 342-2293.

—Wes Dempsey
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I regret to inform you of the recent passing of Pauleen Broyles. Pauleen was an active botanist in the Chico area familiar to many of us, for our Chapter in leading fieldtrips, helping with the Wildflower Shows, and as a past Pipe Vine editor, as well as editor of the state CNPS Bulletin for several years. Her sudden passing occurred last 3 October; no services were held.

Welcome Maida Parr as Chair of the special Wildflower Show committee. Yes, planning is commencing for next spring's Wildflower Show. We have set Sunday, 30 April as the date for this wonderful event. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, the first organizational meeting for the Show will be held the evening of Tuesday, 15 November. Plan on attending to give your ideas and to help kick off the planning process.

Maida is also helping me produce this issue of The Pipe Vine and may soon be the next editor. Thanks again, Maida!

It's time once again for Chapter elections. Please take a minute to mark the ballot and mail it in. The election will be completed at the 7 November General Meeting with nominations accepted from the floor followed by a vote by the members present combined with a tally of the mailed-in ballots. A round of thanks goes to the Nominating Committee members Ruth Cunningham, Wes Dempsey, and Lowell Ahart for taking on this demanding task!

I want to make a few comments about the CNPS Conservation Conference at the Headlands Institute in Marin County last 10 September. This type of conference occurs each year in conjunction with the September statewide CNPS Board meeting.

The Conservation Conference is an important learning experience for CNPS leaders and members from throughout California. Sessions were held on a variety of topics of current concern to CNPS and its Chapters. These sessions included topics such as "What's new in CEQA?", "Responding to Environmental Documents", "Forest Plan Appeals", "Revegetation as Mitigation", and "California Hardwoods" among others. Anyone concerned about issues and actions concerning the California environment and plants in particular should consider attending the next conference in September 1989.

Also, the next statewide Board meeting will be held in Berkeley in December. It is illuminating and invigorating to see all that our Society is involved in and to share local experiences with the other Chapters in attendance.

For those of you interested in what other Chapters are up to, recent Newsletters of all of them are kept posted outside the Herbarium (room 131) in Holt Hall on the CSU, Chico campus.

--LJ

SAVE YOUR QUART-SIZE YOGHURT AND COTTAGE CHEESE CONTAINERS

Streaminders, a local group involved in streamside revegetation and conservation, requests that these plastic containers be saved and brought either to the CNPS General Meetings or to the Butte Environmental Council at 7th St. and Cherry, Chico.

At the Riparian Systems Conference (discussed elsewhere in this newsletter), it was shown that this type of container, when planted into the ground around tree seedlings, decreased damage due to underground herbivores and that mesh could be attached to the rims to prevent aboveground predation.

---LJ
WILDFLOWER SHOW ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

I am very happy to be coordinating the spring Wildflower Show, but believe me, I need a lot of input and support on this, my baptism by fire. Please, all of you who possibly can, attend the planning meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, November 15 at the Chico Municipal Center, Conference Room #1, 421 Main St., Chico. The wider the dispersal of tasks, the less time and work required of any one person. I promise to coordinate it into one cohesive whole. I am available early morning and most evening hours at 873-3871.

--Maida Parr

CNPS JOINS ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA

What is the Environmental Federation of California (EFC)? It is a fund-raising organization with twenty members.

Who are members? Member organizations include The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, National Resources Defense Council, Planning and Conservation League, Tree People and others.

How does EFC raise money? Through payroll deductions similar to United Way.

How can a CNPS member help? By enlisting his/her company as a participating employer. As an incentive to CNPS, CNPS receives all of that company’s first year donations for being instrumental in its signing up.

Who to contact? If you have any prospects or recommendations, please call Kal Stein (415) 882-9330 in San Francisco to put him on the trail. Or you can sign up at work if your company is already on the EFC list.

BALLOT

The Nominating Committee of the Mount Lassen Chapter CNPS presents the following slate of officers for the coming year:

( ) President: Lawrence Janeway
( ) Vice President: Barbara Castro
( ) Treasurer: Marjorie McNairn
( ) Secretary: Maida Parr
( ) write-in: ______________________

Please remove the marked ballot from the newsletter and mail it to:
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SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE CALIFORNIA RIPARIAN SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

The conference, held in Davis September 22-24, attracted over 900 registrants. I was pleasantly surprised to see so many CNPS members present, including our Society's president Charli Danielsen. Mount Lassen Chapter members attending included Mary Meyer, Larry Janeway, Howard Wurlitzer, and Pauleen Bryles.

The topic which seemed to be given the most coverage was the restoration of riparian vegetation. As was demonstrated, this in most cases is a costly and difficult process. I was somewhat disappointed that more emphasis was not given to preventing riparian degradation. The California Dept. of Water Resources is still stripping the vegetation from the river bars below Chico Landing, this summer the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has put in miles of riprap in the same area; both of these agencies were among the sponsors of the conference.

There were a number of papers presented describing the attempts of citizen groups to protect and/or restore streams. These attempts were most successful when the stream had a large public constituency; when the public had access to, used, and appreciated the stream. These were mainly situations in or adjacent to urban areas. The constituency of the Sacramento River, by contrast, is scattered over 250 miles and thus is difficult to organize. Access to the river is limited and most of the riparian zone is private property. The public is not aware of what occurs along the river.

The final event of the conference was a panel discussion entitled "Conflicts in River Management: A Case Study of the Sacramento River". What was made clear to me by this discussion was that the conflicts were between the plethora of government agencies as well as private landowners. These were at all levels: water districts, municipal, county, state, and federal governmental agencies. The conflicting actions were to build dams and levees, and to create diversions and gravel mines.

--Pat Kelly

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