EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  Wednesday, January 8, 1992
Dempsey Residence, 824 Karen Drive  7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM MEETING

No program meeting in January. (Next will be Feb. 3, 1992)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Well, another year has begun and our chapter has made some changes. I would like to formally thank Marjorie McNairn for her two years of service as chapter president. She has done an excellent job, and I hope I will be able to do as well. Two new board members are Paul and Rose Reiling. They have been involved in updating the Paradise General Plan and were chairpersons of the very successful Plant Sales at the Wildflower Show. Carolyn Archer joins the board as a Member-at-Large. Other board members are staying with us, although some have changed positions a bit. I feel that we have an excellent group and am looking forward to working with them.

I recently accompanied Marjorie to my first State Board Meeting and was quite impressed with what I saw. I sat in a room with a group of people of all ages, from all walks of life, and listened to discussions involving CNPS's activities to protect California's native flora. At the state level, we have forced the state to list more plants as endangered, been involved with the Sierra Accord and the new Grand Accord, sponsored programs to educate children and adults about native plants, helped organize a state wide rare plant inventory, published a refereed journal, and more. At the local level, chapters are disseminating information about native plants, leading field trips, commenting on Environmental Impact Analyses, identifying and cataloging rare plants, providing a needful public with drought tolerant native plants, and again, much more. In future newsletters, I will try to provide more detail about state and local activities.

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FIELD TRIPS

Wed Jan. 1  New Year's Day Banana Belt Hike. Meet at Rifle Range Parking lot in Upper Bidwell Park at 10 am with lunch. See what is in bloom up on the warm North ridge. Leader: Wes Dempsey (342-2293)

Sun Jan. 12  Meet at Chico Nature Center at 1 pm for a Tree Tour of approximately 1 mile around the Nature Center. Leader: Wes Dempsey.

Sun Jan. 26  Meet at 1 pm at Chico Nature Center for a walk through Lower Bidwell Park in search of plants used by the Indians for medicines. Leader: Wes Dempsey.

Note regarding above field trips: Rain Cancels.

BLOOMS IN DECEMBER.

The December 8 field trip along the Centerville Flume, Butte Creek Canyon, led by Dorothy Cowden and Ruth Cunningham, yielded a plant count of 14 blooming plants.

Here they are in the order in which they were found:

Yellow star thistle (Centaurea solstitialis)
Tarweed (Madia elegans densifolia)
Buckwheat (Eriogonum nudum)
Horse weed (Coryza canadensis)
Lessingia nemacloada
Mustard (Brassica caper)
Wiry snapdragon (antirrhinum vexillo-calyculatum)
Prickly lettuce (Lactuca serrola)
Paintbrush (Castilleja applegatei)
Blazing star (Menzalia lindleyi)
Stephanomeria paniculata
California aster
Willow herb (Epilobium ciliatum)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

Well, the temperature is about 50 degrees outside as I write this, and there are no clouds in the sky, but if we hope really hard and have a little luck, then rains will come before the Spring and we will see nature paint a landscape that Monet would envy. I am looking forward to working with everyone as chapter president. We still need a Rare Plants Chairperson and a Forest Issues Chairperson, but I know that the board members we do have will be of great benefit to the chapter and the local flora. Until next time, Diane.

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LOCAL SPECIES

CNPS MEMBERS JOIN FRIENDS OF MCNAB CYPRESS IN CLEANUP.

Friends of McNab Cypress met November 20th to make plans for the restoration and preservation of the Serpentine Outcrop at Skyway and Coutelenc, Magalia, owned by the FS and PID. We had an overwhelmingly successful clean-up day Saturday, December 7 (were you there?) filling a 20' x 8' x 5' dumpster with tires, bed springs, couches, newspapers and tin cans. What a transformation! In January and February we hope to get articles in the Paradise Post and Enterprise Record educating the public on the uniqueness of the site. In March, when the lilies are blooming, we plan to have an awareness day with guided tours (Will you help?) We should have trash cans and an interpretive sign in place by then. (Kiwanis Club of Paradise has volunteered to make the sign.)

The Forest Service has not yet made a decision on the Special Interest Area designation. So it's not too late to write a letter. Call Brenda Fugle for more information. (873-3743)

Incidentally, seven of the twelve volunteers who worked on this clean-up are CNPS members. Members of long standing will remember an earlier CNPS effort in this area (early 1980's) when several CNPS members worked mightily, but unsuccessfully, to save the biggest McNab Cypress on the site from being cut down to make way for the road that is now there.

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ARBORETUM EVENTS:

Sat Jan. 11 CSUC Arboretum Field Trip for pruning tips. Meet at Bidwell Mansion. 10 am to Noon.


Sat Feb. 8 Same as Jan 11 field trip, but concentrating on fruit trees.

Wed Feb. 12 Same as Jan 15, but focusing on fruit trees, grapes, kiwis, & ornamentals.

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