EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Dempsey Residence, 824 Karen Drive
Saturday, May 30, 1992
7:30 p.m.

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South side, 5-Mile Dam, Upper Bidwell Park
Monday, June 1, 1992
6:30 p.m.

Members should bring a plate, cup and utensils, as well as a pot-luck dish (main dish, dessert, or beverage) and food to barbecue.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last message until September. The grasslands of the valley are drying, but vernal pools are just coming to fruition, and the mountains are green and full of life. We have some great field trips planned for the summer, so come and enjoy them. Don't forget, our next general meeting will be at 5-mile scenic area. Bring a plate, cup, and utensils, a potluck dish (or beverage) for all and something to barbecue.

The CNPS State Board meeting will be held the first weekend in June at Mendocino. I will be attending. So if you feel anything needs attention, please contact me.

A few points of interest concerning the chapter: 1) We received quadrant maps from the State CNPS describing the locations of various rare plants and have decided to donate them to the Chico State Library so that they will be readily accessible to all. 2) No action is required at this early stage, but Big Chico Creek is being considered by the Bureau of Land Management as a Wild and Scenic River. We'll try to keep you updated. 3) The federal listing of the Butte County Meadowfoam (Limanthes floccosa ssp. californica) as an endangered plant is being held up by President Bush's moratorium on new
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regulations. It was scheduled to be listed by February, but his 90- day moratorium on new executive branch regulation has recently been extended another 120 days.

A final note, the board voted unanimously to make a donation to the Janet Turner Art Gallery in memory of Nancy Wurlitzer, who recently passed away. I never had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Wurlitzer, but from everything I have heard, she was a wonderful person and a valuable member and will be missed.

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WETLAND ISSUES

The Army Corps of Engineers has accepted an application from Drake Homes to develop 279 acres and set aside 188 acres as a wetlands preserve. Drake Homes has also proposed to recreate 11.1 acres of wetlands on the 188 acre preserve. This mitigation proposal is for the wetlands destroyed during past development in Foothill Park, as well as the new development of 279 acres.

The Corps is soliciting written comments, due May 27, 1992. They will hold a Public Hearing and take oral testimony on Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Pleasant Valley Recreation Center at 2320 North Avenue in Chico.

The Mount Lassen Chapter has serious concerns about this project. CNPS written policy is opposed to the artificial creation of wetlands as mitigation.

Any member desiring more information about this public hearing and comment may call Pat Kelly (345-1135).

- Pat Kelly

PLAN AHEAD

If you like to make decorative use of dried native plant materials such as seedpods, cones, vines, grasses, roots, pine needles, start preparing now for the December general meeting. There will be a display of the creative use of strictly native materials as decorative art. Those items you are willing to contribute will be offered for sale to benefit Mt. Lassen Chapter. Items for display only are equally welcome. So start collecting this summer!

-Jean Whittlesey
FIELD TRIPS

June 14, Sun
Meadow Walks. Visit several meadows and bogs that under the direction of Henricus C. Jansen, are being restored by students of Chico State. Dr. Jansen will take us to Chico Creek Meadow, Colby Creek, Butte Creek Meadow (lunch), and in the afternoon for those who want more adventures, to Yellow Creek and Soldier Creek. Meet at 9 a.m. in Butte Meadows, across the road from Bambi Inn (corner Skyway & Humboldt Rds.) Bring lunch, water, binoculars, insect repellent, and wear shoes that can get wet. Phone 891-8462 for more information.

June 20, Sat
Plaskett Meadows. (Mendocino National Forest) Meet at Plaskett Meadows picnic area (campground) at 10 a.m. With food and water and go to Snow Basin and Yellow Jacket Glade. Leader: Anne Lise Peenstra, 805-5254.

June 27, Sat
Butterfly Valley Pitcher Plant Walk. Meet at Teddie Resort on Hwy 70 near Quincy at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and water. Leader: Joan Reynolds, 204-7126.

July 5, Sun
Valley Creek Research Natural Area, Plumas National Forest, near La Porte. Meet at Park and Ride in Chico at 8:30 or at McDonald’s on Orofino Blvd in Oroville at 9 a.m. Bring lunch and water and wear sturdy shoes. Leader: Marjorie McNair, 343-2397.

July 12, Sun
Alleghany Bog Walk. Large stands of Darlingtonia californica and other bog plants. Meet in Oroville in rear parking lot east of McDonald’s on Orofino Blvd at 8 a.m. or at 9:30 a.m. in Celestial Valley at the turn-off from Hwy 49 to Alleghany. Our route from Oroville to Alleghany will take us over the Bullard’s Bar Dam and interesting countryside. Bring shoes that can get wet, lunch, water, binoculars, insect repellent, and plan to return late in the day. Leader: Lowell Abart. Call 891-8462 for further info.

July 25, Sat
Lassen Lakes Basin Recreation Area Flower Walk with the author of Wild Flower Walking in Lakes Basin, Toni Favor. This trip is by registration only. To sign up call Dixie Conner, 1-836-2515 (Reedville Ranger District). Meet at 10 a.m. at Mohawk Ranger Station on Hwy. 70 near Blairsden. Members interested in a camping weekend in connection with this trip may call Marjorie McNair, 343-2397.

Aug. 2, Sun
Lassen Park Hike. Follow a downhill trail (1300' drop) for a 4 (four) mile hike from Guide Marker #27 (near Lassen Hwy summit) to #38 (near summit). A car shuttle will be arranged. See plants of red fir, forest margins, also Terrace, Shadow & Cliff Lakes. Meet at Lassen Ski Chalet in the park at 9:30 a.m. Entrance fee into park required. Bring lunch, water, and binoculars. Return late afternoon. Leader: Ruth Cunningham, 891-8462.

Aug. 15, Sun
Willow Lake. Walk around the lake shore through bogs and explore the floating island of Willow Lake, just south of Lassen Park. See interesting sundews and Scheuereria palustris, a plant that had not been located for over 100 years until it was "rediscovered" by Vern Oswald. Wear shoes that can get wet: bring insect repellent, lunch, water, and binoculars. Meet in Chester across the street from the fire station at 9:00 a.m. (about 1 hr, 45 min. from Chico). Phone leader Dorothy Cowden for more info. 872-0667.

Aug. 30, Sun
Green Island Lake Hike. Three miles through bog and Red Fir forest. Bring lunch & water. Meet at Park & Ride, Chico, at 8 a.m. or at Bambi Inn (Butte Meadows) at 8:45 a.m. or at Sunflower Flat Trailhead at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Wes Dempsey, 342-2293.

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