The Pipe Vine

NEWSLETTER OF CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, MT. LASSEN CHAPTER
Summer 1993

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 2, 1993

Archer Residence, 15558 Nope1 Av., Forest Ranch 7:30 p.m.

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Monday, June 7, 1993

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

Bring your plate, cup and utensils, as well as a potluck dish (main dish, dessert, or beverage) and food to barbecue.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations, Mt. Lassen Chapter! We have put on yet another successful Wildflower Show. Upwards of 500 people attended the show, and I can't tell you how many compliments I have gotten about how beautiful the flowers were, how well organized the show was, and how wonderful we are for providing the public with an opportunity to see all of these plants together.

Many thanks are in order, but if I mentioned everyone we would have to expand the Pipe Vine to 8 pages. So here are a few of the highlights. Thanks to our committee chairpersons: Paul and Rose Reiling (Plant Sales), June Watts (Sales), Dorothy Cowden (Refreshments), Jean Whittlesey (Native Plant Teas), Gary Lindenstein (Children's Activities) and Dave Anderson (Publicity). A special thanks to Wes Dempsey, who led a nature walk, gave a wonderful slide show, and collected and grew plants for display and sale. Thanks to Bob McNairn for his two wonderful nature walks, and to our plant collectors: Lynn Thomas, Lowell Ahart (who also manned the Plant Identification Booth with Lawrence Janeway), Tim Devine, Robin Fallsheer, Ruth Cunningham, and Brenda Fugle. Special thanks to Vern Oswald for his expertise in updating the plant labels and setting up the show, to Dick Bergman for the beautiful lettering on signs and name tags, to Rob Schlining for his help in setting up, and to everyone who assisted during the show. Finally, an extra special thanks to Carmen Rainbolt for taking care of more details than I can count (and for not breaking up with me when I told him I was going to coordinate the show again this year).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

Remember, although the colors are rapidly fading in the valley as the temperatures warm, there is still plenty of life in the mountains. So enjoy the summer, instead of spending the hot days sipping iced tea in front of a muggy swamp cooler, head for the hills and experience the beauty and relative coolness there.

SPECIAL NOTE: I will be working up north again this summer (yes, in the mountains), so I won't be around to handle CNPS business. If anything important comes up, contact Ruth Cunningham or Rose Reiling. If you leave a message on my answering machine, please be patient. The number of beeps varies in direct proportion to the number of messages on the machine.

CALIFORNIA DESERT PROTECTION ACT.

The U.S. Congress will act within weeks on the California Desert Protection Act (Senate Bill S-21 and House Bill HR 2929. Your letters of support for this legislation are urgently needed.

Please write or phone your Senators and your Congressman:

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510 (202) 224-3841

U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer
U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510 (202) 224-3553

Congressman Wally Herger
55 Independence Circle, Chico CA (916) 893-8363

In addition letters to members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee should be helpful:

U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers, chairman of subcommittee

U.S. Sen. Bennett Johnson, who questions the No Hunting provision in the Mohave Park Proposal.

NATURE CONSERVANCY INVITATION

Saturday, July 10 is the day to come out to Stony Creek Preserve and find out what the Sacramento River Project is all about. It's a time for friends, family, and the whole community to get to know the restoration staff as we have a potluck barbecue picnic, informative tours of the preserve sites, play volleyball, relax on the River, and even camp if you like!

Space is limited, so be sure to make your reservation well in advance (deadline July 1st). Call 1-800-733-1763 for more information.

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SUMMER FIELD TRIPS, 1993

Jun 5 Sat  Rare plant search with Plumas Forest botanists. Where are Clarkia mosquinii and Allium jeppsonii? Meet at P & R at 9 a.m. or at Miner's Cafe (Caldas Blvd. & 5th) in Oroville at 9:30. Bring lunch & water. Leader: Barbara Castro, 894-7160.

Jun 20 Sun  Meadow Walk Continued. There was not enough time on Henricus C. Jansen's last year's field trip to mountain meadows being restored by students of Chico State, and everyone on the trip wanted it continued this year. Dr. Jansen agreed to take us again and will start with a follow-up on Butte Creek House Meadow. Then we will go to Yellow and Soldier Creeks. It will be a full day of interesting meadow plants and birds. Meet in Butte Meadows at the corner of Skyway and Humboldt Roads (1 hr. from Chico) at 9 a.m. Bring lunch, water, insect repellent, binoculars, and wear shoes that can get wet. Dress for high elevation. Phone 891-8462 for more information.

Jun 26 Sat  Rare plants of the east side of the Sierra with emphasis on Astragalus pulsatilae. Meet at Chico P & R at 7:30 a.m. or at Bidwell General Store (Chilnualna, just past Portola) at 10 a.m. Bring lunch & water. Leader: Stacey Scott, Milford Ranger Station, Plumas N. F.

Jul 4 Sun  Cold Spring, Milkhouse Flat, and Humbug Summit Walk. Meet in Butte Meadows at the corner of Skyway and Humboldt Roads at 9 a.m. or at Cold Spring (Humbug Road west of summit) at 9:45 a.m. Bring lunch, water, and binoculars. Dress for high mountain elevations. For more information phone leader Jean Whittlesey, 872-3176.

Jul 11 Sun  Bog, Willow Creek and Humboldt Pass Walks. Flower and bird walks to hunt for orchids, ferns, and other bog plants in the morning, and alpine plants in the afternoon. Along with other birds we may see Winter Wrens, pileated and white-headed woodpeckers. Meet in Butte Meadows at the corner of Humboldt Road and Skyway at 9 a.m. with lunch, water, binoculars, and shoes that can get wet. Contact leader Ruth Cunningham, 891-8462, for more information.

Jul 18 Sun  Wilson Lake near Child's Meadows. Easy walk around the lake for lake-side, meadow, and forest plants. Meet at Wilson Lake at 9:30 a.m. The road to the trailhead heads east from Hwy 36/89 between junction of Hwy 32 and 36/89 and Child's Meadows. Look for the road sign to Wilson Lake on the right side of the road before you get to Child's Meadows. The lake is about 2 miles east. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Dorothy Cowden, 872-0567.

Jul 25 Sun  Butte Creek hike of about 3 miles. Meet at Chico P & R at 8 a.m. or at the old Jonesville Inn at 9:30. Bring lunch and water. Leader: John Copeland, 343-1748.

Aug 1 Sun  Devil's Kitchen-Lassen Park Walk. Follow a trail with a gradual uphill gain of 300' for a 3-mile round trip to the second largest thermal area of Lassen Park. Along the way we will see plants of meadow, yellow pine, and red fir forest. Meet in Chester across the street from the fire station at 9 a.m. (about 1hr 30/45 min from Chico). Entry fee per car required. Bring lunch, water & binoculars. Contact June Watts, 877-2960, for more information.

Aug 8 Sun  Eagle Lake Area. Many stops along the lake to explore for plants and birds. Plan to spend a full day, and bring food, water, and binoculars. Meet in Chester at 8:30 a.m. across the street from the fire station. Those coming from Susanville area, please let the leader know so we can meet you at the junction of Hwy 36 and County Road A (Eagle Lake Rd.). Leader: Lynn Thomas, 343-3185.
SUMMER FIELD TRIPS (cont.)

Aug 22 Sun  Mystery Plant Trip. Somewhere in the high mountains to look for "special" plants and flowers with Lowell Ahart. Bring lunch, water & binoculars. To solve the mystery of where, when & how phone 891-8462 after August 6, 1993.

Aug 29 Sun  Deadfall Lakes and Mt. Eddy hike. Subalpine, Mt. meadow, and alpine plants including Lewisia leana, Rockfringe, Foxtail and Whitebark pines, etc. Level 2-mile hike along Pacific Crest Trail to Lower Deadfall Lake (7300') then .5 mi. up to higher lakes (7800'). Possible climb of Mt. Eddy and fabulous view of Mt. Shasta. Bring lunch & water to Chico P & R at 7 a.m. onto PCT trailhead on Forest Road 17 at 10:30 a.m. (3.5 hours and 160 mi. from Chico). Take I-5 to Weed, then first offramp (Gazelle) to old Hwy 99, go 1 mi. to Stewart Springs Road (FR 17) then 19 mi. to summit and PCT trailhead. Leaders: Tim Devine and Wes Dempsey, 345-8444.

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