WE HAVE A TWO-PART PROGRAM
AS WE BEGIN OUR NEW PROGRAM SEASON

General Meeting
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013
Wednesday   7:30 pm
Butte County Library

CNPS Baja California Chapter Hosts Chapter Council

Presented by CATIE & JIM BISHOP
Chapter Council Delegate

AND YOUR
Member Photos

Very important part of this program will be your photos - whatever groovy plant-related images you’d like to share (they need not be “California natives”, but at least be about native plants and their habitats - maybe not ‘selfies’ from your visit to New York City). Please select about 12 photos (5 - 8 min) and email Jim Bishop (cjbishop1991@sbcglobal.net) to let him know that you have some slides to show - ahead of the meeting - and whether they are conventional slides or digital images. If they are digital images, please note what kind of files you have (PowerPoint, JPG, etc.) so that we can make sure the computer will actually show your pictures. You might have a few extra images in reserve in case we don’t get many contributors, and please be ready to trim down if we get a lot - this rather spontaneous program requires a little flexibility on the part of the presenters.

JOIN US, for our season-opening program, one that is bound to be worth seeing...and better yet, bring part of the show. This is a chance to both show and enjoy some great photos and stories from our members.

The June 2014 meeting of the state CNPS Chapter Council highlighted the new Baja California Chapter. We are now an international organization! The Baja folks organized a well-attended field trip to a wonderful canyon in Baja California, which was both geologically and botanically diverse and spectacular, with amazing succulents clinging to the rocks. The rest of the meeting featured several excellent presentations on their flora and its conservation challenges. The Baja Chapter is doing very good work in conserving some unique and interesting plants. We’ll share photos and experiences from our ventures there and you’ll be introduced to some very cool plants.

Spectacular succulents in El Salto Canyon, Baja California by Catie Bishop
Field Trips

HAT LAKE TO PARADISE MEADOW
LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK
September 7
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8:30 am. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring lunch, water, sun/insect protection, and money for ride sharing. Take your park pass if you have one. Call leader for alternate meeting places and time. We will drive Hwys 32 and 89 a distance of 86 miles to the trailhead in Lassen Park. For wildflowers, Paradise Meadows is one of the best areas in the park. This is one of botanist Vern Oswald’s favorite places for flowers in the park. The meadow, at 7200 ft ele has a glaciated headwall for a scenic backdrop. From the trailhead at Hat Lake the trail climbs 700 ft over a distance of 1.4 miles to Paradise Meadow. Leaders: Gerry Ingco 530 893-5123, Wes Dempsey 530 342-2293

NATIVE PLANT GARDENS
CHICO
September 13
Saturday
Meet at 9 am at the Chico Creek Nature Center, 1968 East 8th St, Chico in Lower Bidwell Park for a half day-plus auto tour to several local native plant gardens. We will see and hear of the success and failures of their gardeners who have installed native plants to conserve water and create a natural aesthetic. Leader: Woody Elliott, 530-588-2555 or woodyelliott@gmail.com.

COLD BOILING AND CRUMBAUGH LAKES
LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK
September 21
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8:30 am. Bring light jacket, lunch, water, insect/sun protection, money for ride sharing, and your Park Pass. For an alternate meeting place, call a leader. We will drive approximately 81 miles from Chico to the trailhead in Lassen Park at 7380 ft ele. The hike is an easy three mile round trip in a little traveled area, excellent for birds, wildflowers and deer. On the way we pass Cold Boiling Lake where gas bubbles rise to the water’s surface. At Crumbaugh Lake, 7200 ft ele, see lava cliffs that ring the lake’s basin, and vistas of surrounding peaks. Leaders: Gerry Ingco 530 893-5123, Wes Dempsey 530 342-2293.

MOUNT HARKNESS SUMMIT
LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK
October 5
Sunday
Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave at 8 am. Bring light jacket, lunch, water, insect/sun protection, money for ride sharing, and your Park Pass. For an alternate meeting place, call a leader. We will drive Hwys 32 to 36 for 65 miles to Chester, CA for a rest stop. From Chester we drive 12 more miles to the trailhead. The last .5 mi of the road to the trailhead is moderately steep and has a washboard surface. The hike to Mt. Harkness at 8,046 feet elevation is shorter in distance than to other major peaks in Lassen Park. See great panoramic vistas from the peak’s lookout tower. The gain in elevation hiked is 1,246 feet over a 1.9 mile trail. Hikers should be in good health since the 8.3% trail incline is moderately steep. Leaders: Gerry Ingco 530 893-5123, Wes Dempsey 530 342-2293.
Presidential Message

by Catie Bishop, President

It’s hard to believe, but summer is drawing to a close, and it is time to turn my attention to our Chapter’s business. Not that I haven’t been thinking about native plants all summer, as we volunteer for the GLORIA project, and this year was a busy 10-year resurvey season. The GLORIA project is an international effort to study the effects of climate change on populations of plant species that live above treeline in extremely harsh conditions. Alpine plants are adapted to living on the edge. As conditions change, they may be faced with increasing competition by species moving up slope. This project, started in Austria, is a good example of citizen science as we, along with others, volunteer our time for the cause.

Talking about GLORIA is a good segue into talking about another citizen science project that you can help with, the Rare Plant Treasure Hunt (RPTH). It has been a boon to the conservation of rare plants in California. Several years ago it was recognized that there weren’t enough professional botanists, with enough time, to revisit and verify populations of rare plants that had not been seen in many years. CNPS initiated a program to get plant enthusiasts (you) to go to various locations where rare plants once grew to see if they were indeed gone. The State office provides maps and forms, and Chapters provide leg work. The information is invaluable in making decisions about how to classify a species it terms of its rarity, or to locate populations that need protection. Now, more than ever, with funding low and needs increasing, the conservation community must rely on helpful, caring citizens. You can contribute directly to the preservation of our native flora.

Executive Board Meeting
September 17 - 7 pm - TBA

Legislative Notes
by David Anderson

SO FAR SO GOOD

In its April 24, 2014 Legislative Report CNPS announced support for 6 bills (i.e., AB 203, AB 976, AB 2104, AB 2193, AB 2402 and SB 1270) and opposition to 4 bills (i.e., AB 1849, AB 2353, AB 2417 and SB 834). The 6 bills CNPS supports are still alive, having passed out of their house of origin by the calendar deadline of May 30, 2014. The 4 bills opposed by CNPS all failed to pass out of their house of origin by May 30. Under its 2014 calendar the California Legislature now has until August 31 to act on all bills that survived thus far. Those that pass will be sent to the Governor, who will have until September 30 to sign or veto or allow them to become law without his approval. As usual, the Legislature will have to deal with a huge number of pending bills in the closing days of its session. Hopefully, it will be able to act favorably on the bills supported by CNPS. Your June 2014 Pipevine, Legislative Notes, included a brief description of the bills CNPS supports. If any of them pass, a more complete analysis will follow in the next Pipevine.

Ron Coley, who has been coordinating the RPTH for several years is stepping down, and we need someone to step up. You don’t need to be a botanist, only a person who cares about plant conservation enough to organize a few fieldtrips a year to local areas where rare plants might still be living. There is plenty of help from the State and Ron is willing to talk to anyone interested about what the role is like. THANK YOU RON!

One last thing to remind our members about is our HORTICULTURE SYMPOSIUM (page 6.) coming up September 14 at the Chico Women’s Club. It will be a great day with talks about all aspects of native plant gardening. Look on our website for details, or look for sign-up brochures at local nurseries. The cost is $30 for members, and $35 for non-members. Lunch and many handouts are included in the cost, there will be a raffle with some great stuff, and there will also be a plant sale.

SEE YOU THERE!
On May 25, 2014 prior to our field trip along Caribou Rd at junction of Hwy 70, Emilie White on behalf of the Chico Horticultural Society honored Gerry Ingco with a stand of conifer trees to be planted in his name by the Penny Pines Program of the US Forest Service. The stand’s location is in the nearby drainage burned during the 2012 Chips Fire. The Penny Pines Program has been ongoing for decades as a means to support reforestation projects (from school kids to garden clubs). He received a certificate and letter from the Superintendent Earl Ford of Plumas National Forest. L-R Wes Dempsey, Robert Souders, Emilie White, Ken White, Gerry Ingco, Robert Fischer, Annelise Feenstra

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED
by KarroLynn Yells, Hospitality Chair

FALL GENERAL MEETINGS
BAKERS are needed to bring cookies to the General Meetings from Oct - Dec 2014.

HORTICULTURE SYMPOSIUM (see page 6)
STRONG HELPERS are needed for set-up, take-down, and clean-up Sept 14, 2014.
To date this is the list of people who are willing to help before, during & after the Symposium.
Thank You  Syb Blythe, Susie Cunningham, Anne Ferry, Nancy Groshong, Sue Mason, Marjorie McNairn, Carla Moreno

BAKERS are needed to bake four dozen cookies. This is the list of people who have agreed to bring 4 dozen cookies.
Thank You  Arletha Albright, Arlene & Bob Coley, Kathy & Ron Coley, Dorothy Glass, Suellen Rowlison, June Watts

Any questions please contact KarroLynn Yells at 530 534-3551 or karrolynnY@att.net   THANK YOU!

ALSO . . . PLANT SALE at the HORTICULTURE SYMPOSIUM
To help contact Paula Shapiro 530 343-7440 or paulashapiro49@gmail.com

RECYCLING
by John Meehan, Sales Co-chair

BOTANICAL BOOKS
by John Meehan, Sales Co-chair

... Are you running out of space for your old books?
... Are you no longer using that field guide to trees?
... Have you moved on to mushrooms and now have too many fern books?

Donate your books for the Chapter’s USED BOOK SALE to be held at The WILDFLOWER SHOW in APRIL 2015. All books on plants, gardening, natural history and field guides will be welcome. Books donated to the chapter will be reasonably priced and the proceeds will benefit the Chapter. Bring your books to the General Meetings from September to April or call John Meehan at 530 894-5339.
Dear Friends of Mount Lassen Chapter
California Native Plant Society,

Your membership in CNPS supports vital conservation and education efforts throughout California, and is essential, but our local chapter must support itself. We do that in part by hosting events such as the Wildflower Show and plant sales. But a very important part comes from the donations that you make directly to the chapter via the Annie B’s Community Drive.

The Annie B’s donations have significantly increased our chapter funds, and are a major part of our budget. That has allowed us to do good works not before possible, and to look toward expanding even further to serve and influence our local four-county area. We have again sponsored two students to the Northern California Botanist’s Symposium - a good investment in future interest and work on behalf of California’s native plants, and the education of the public. We hope to expand our support of deserving students and relevant research. Our chapter website and email capacities have been further improved. We have done important “citizen science” via the Rare Plant Treasure Hunt. And we are working to establish a growing area for the plants that we offer for sale.

MLC volunteers spent about 1000 hours removing invasive plants from Chico’s open spaces. Most of this work was done along Little Chico Creek, a waterway heavily impacted by urban development. Our Invasives Chair Susan Mason was honored with a grant award from Waste Management to assist in this good work.

A new and important event this year is our Horticultural Symposium, to be held in September. It will be a very valuable offering that will give our members and the public guidance from noted experts on gardening with native plants - all to the benefit of water-conserving, habitat-creating local gardens.

Please consider donating to our local efforts via the Annie B’s Community Drive. It is sponsored by the North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF), which augments the donations you make, thereby giving us more than 100% of what is pledged. NVCF is a nonprofit, philanthropic organization that builds financial resources to meet local community needs in Butte, Colusa, Glenn and Tehama counties. As an Annie B’s donor, you also join an important community-wide effort to support non-profit causes.

Please make your donation between August 1st and September 30th.

Make checks to: Annie B’s / CNPS Mount Lassen Chapter
Send your check to: North Valley Community Foundation
3120 Cohasset Road, Suite 8
Chico, CA 95973

You may also make your donation online the North Valley Community Foundation website: www.nvcf.org
OR Mount Lassen Chapter website: mountlassen.cnps.org

If you have any questions, contact Catie Bishop, MLC Board President at cjbishop1991@sbcglobal.net OR Alexa Valavanis, NVCF President & CEO, at 530 891-1150, ext.30.

Sincerely,

Catie Bishop, President
Mount Lassen Chapter,
California Native Plant Society
SUCCEED WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Come to our Horticulture Symposium and learn how to:

- Design a pleasing landscape
- Choose & maintain native plants
- Create bird & pollinator habitat
- Use less water & fertilizer
- Q & A time with the experts

Hosted by
Mount Lassen Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014
8:30 am - 4 pm
CHICO WOMEN’S CLUB
3rd St and Pine, Chico

$35, $30 CNPS member includes lunch

mountlassen.cnps.org
registration, details and updates
space is limited
deadline August 31, 2014

FIRST-CLASS PRESENTERS
SUSAN KRZYWICKI
State CNPS Horticulture Director

BERNADETTE BALICS
Native plant landscape designer

GLENN KEATOR
Noted author, botanist, and native plant ecologist

JOHN WHITTLESEY
Pollinator habitat designer, photographer and author of The Plant Lover’s Guide to Salvias

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CNPS EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

The California Native Plant Society EDUCATIONAL GRANT application period has opened. Proposals are due on September 30, 2014. Please see details on webpage: http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/grants.php

CNPS 2015 CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

January 15-17, 2015  San Jose, CA

The CNPS 2015 Conservation Conference is coming up January 13-17 in San Jose! Join over 1000 attendees in the heart of Silicon Valley for this historic event. The conference will begin with two days of skill-building workshops and field trips to area locations.

The main conference starts on the 15th, with keynote speakers (including Michael Soulé!) and over 300 presentations in 25 sessions by students, researchers, and CNPS chapters. The event will host fun social events, art, poetry, music, and photography, too - not to mention your chance to explore the Bay Area and more from the ideal central location of San Jose.

To get even more involved you can volunteer, and sponsor or exhibit to get special benefits and connect with the biggest gathering of conservationists and native plant enthusiasts in the State of California. Kicking off the 50th anniversary of CNPS, this conference will be larger and more exciting than ever before, so don’t miss out - be a part of the discussion about what the next 50 years will hold! Discounted early registration is open now through October 31 online. Visit cnps.org/2015 or e-mail breilly@cnps.org for more information.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT of FISH and WILDLIFE

Celebrates 100 Years with SPECIAL NATIVE PLANT ISSUE

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) publishes California's longest-running, continuously published scientific journal devoted to the conservation and understanding of the flora and fauna of California. For the first time ever, California Fish and Game, as part of its 100th year of publication, has devoted a special issue focused entirely on native California plants. This will be the first of four special issues that will focus on different areas of conservation by CDFW scientists and collaborators, including CNPS.

CDFW Director Charlton Bonham and CNPS Executive Director Dan Gluesenkamp co-authored an introduction to the issue, which contains varied and highly pertinent topics of plant/habitat conservation today. Included in this edition are articles describing a newly discovered species of plant endemic to the San Bernardino mountains (Silene krantzii), a status review of Bakersfield cactus, disturbance treatments to re-establish the rare herb (Clarkia franciscana), the dramatic effects of sudden oak death disease on tan-bark oak, and a focus on plant community level conservation such as the characterization of fen vegetation in the Tahoe region.

This journal highlights current conservation tools such as the California Natural Diversity Database and reviews the 2009 CNPS publication A Manual of California Vegetation.

Make sure to check out this special issue online at https://www.dfg.ca.gov/publications/journal/contents.html
In Northern California we are fortunate to have two long seasons for planting – spring and fall. If judged by nursery sales, most planting by homeowners is done in the spring. The warmer days of spring after a cold winter pull us outside - into the garden and onto hiking trails. Spring carries a sense of urgency – a quickness – a fast moving timeline marked by a continuous procession of blooming plants – one following the other. The mahonia’s golden yellow flowers open early in February/March and not far behind are the Ribes and redbud. Before we know it spring has sprung and Table Mountain is awash in fields of lupine and poppies. There are places to go and wildflowers to be seen. Sometimes the gardening can be rushed and frenetic or just neglected.

Fall, however is much quieter – the gradually cooler days bring a calm from the heat of summer. Our time spent in the garden can be more deliberate. I figure after the third week of September we can count on temperatures dropping frequently into the pleasant 80’s and then slowly but surely downward. We can usually rely on nearly two months of fine planting weather - hopefully interrupted by the occasional rains.

Planting early in the fall, September-October, while soil temperatures are still warm encourages strong root growth. Once the soils become cold and damp young plants establish their root systems more slowly. While it is fine to plant in November and December (if the soil is not too wet) plants will take a little longer to become established.

To make the most of the planting seasons, good planning and preparation makes our garden projects more doable. In my garden there are two fall projects that will be ready for planting when the weather cools. This spring I made some drastic changes in my front garden. A dense 40’ maple was taken down which significantly increased the sunlight.
The tree removal was followed by a water leak that required some deep and lengthy trenching with shovel and backhoe leaving a bare landscape where there once was garden. Though I fully intended to replant in April, the rush of spring work caught up with me leaving little time or energy to work in my own garden.

My second fall project is more intentional – the transformation of what used to be a vegetable garden space into what I’m calling a meadow-to-be. This neglected, weedy area was enclosed by an unattractive deer fence which made for a less than desirable view from the bedrooms. Over time my vision became one of grasses and wildflowers - a quasi meadow. So I decided to plant in the fall, plugs of different native grasses and scatter some wildflower seed.

To plant an area with small plugs and seeds, the soil should be relatively weed free otherwise the young plants will be overgrown by the vigorous non-native grasses that germinate with the fall rains. Solarization was the method I opted to try to rid the soil of weed seeds. Over a few weekends in early June I took down the fence, removed the few woody shrubs and graded the soil. Before laying down the clear plastic, the area was well watered. It is the moisture in the soil that helps to steam and sterilize the top few inches of soil. When I’m ready I will remove the plastic, disturb the soil as little as possible (this would bring up more deeply buried weed seeds) and plant, keeping in mind young plants and seedlings will need to be consistently watered until the rains come.

I’ve talked with a number of people in Chico who have been thinking ahead by turning off the water to their lawns this summer – with the intent to plant drought tolerant plants in the fall. This has saved them from having to spray herbicides or use the labor intensive method of sheet mulching to kill the lawn. By thinking ahead they will have a clean canvas from which to create a new and more climate appropriate landscape.
Near my home in Oroville, there is a vacant lot that I see on my morning walks. The natural growth pattern had advanced from winter green to tall summer blond stems of wild oats, but at one end of the field, a dozen chicory (Cichorium intybus) plants had risen, opening sky-blue blossoms to the blue sky!

Chicory bloom is a most delightful color for the drab days of summer, erupting with a pale ultramarine blue that stands out vividly in the sun-bleached grasses or grows hardily along roadways. It seems happy to be growing in adverse arenas, where most plants have finished their blooming business with only empty husks and dry roots remaining. The chicory roots go deeper for water.

Then one morning I stopped at my “pause place” to greet the chicory field, but it had been mowed, and the leveled grasses lay flat on the soil. The mowing blade had left a few of the chicory standing, perhaps intentionally, like the morning mower in Robert Frost’s poem, “A Tuft of Flowers:” “...The mower in the morning dew had loved them thus, leaving them to flourish, not for us, nor yet to draw one thought of ours to him, but from sheer morning gladness at the brim...”

The outspread rays of chicory, typical of flowers in the sunflower Asteraceae Family, stands out in a group where yellow dominates, although down by the riverside, the California aster (Aster chilenis) blooms blue right into autumn. The aster is a native, while chicory has its origin in Europe but is now spread all over the world, becoming naturalized in North America and Australia to take its place as a wild plant.

Chicory is widely considered a coffee substitute. The pulverized roots are sometimes used as an additive to coffee, adding a certain unique slightly bitter flavor. The entire plant is edible, although the leaves are tart unless boiled, such as is curly dock, and even dandelion greens. Nearly every plant has some type of defense method, often just a bitter quality as if trying to discourage browsers, but sometimes accelerated into a full-fledged poison.

Fruit-bearing plants, like apples and berries, ripen to attract animals so that the seeds can be carried in the digestive system to new territory. It’s ironic that the seed of some edible plants can be poisonous, like native red baneberry (Actaea rubra). The goal of most plants is to send their species farther afield as if to dominate the earth! Contradictory are the thorns of roses and blackberries, arranged as if to repel invaders, yet the flowers attract with their beauty and scent. Most plants send their ambassadors forth via seeds that stick, spin, or drift like parachutes, carrying invaders abroad like on a war mission.

The foliage of chicory is a desirable forage food for livestock, and its medicinal value is in eliminating intestinal worms.

The plants of earth help to sustain mankind. If not for grassy seeds of wheat, rice, and oats, famine would depopulate the world. Although the color of blossoms is a bonus for flower watchers, even as it is a guide for pollinating insects, and the aromatic aroma is a joy for most organisms, unlike even the chicory, the grain/grass crops do not have showy blossoms. As John Ingalls said of grass, “They bear no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor, but their homely hue is more enchanting that the lily or the rose...”

I knew, of course, that trees and plants had roots, stems, bark, branches and foliage that reached up toward the light. But I was coming to realize that the real magician was light itself.

- Photographer Edward Steichen

In all places then and in all seasons
Flowers expand their light and soul-like wings,
Teaching us by most persuasive reasons,
How akin they are to human things.”

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
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### FALL WORKSHOPS

#### Sept 6, 2014
**INTRO TO SUMMER GRASSES (POACEAE)**
Identify grasses using summer flowering perennial species with JOHN DITTES at jcdittes@sbcglobal.net

#### Oct 11, 2014
**CALFLORA’S OBSERVER PRO: EMERGING BOTANICAL FIELD METHODS**
Learn to use Calflora’s Observer Pro Android application with CYNTHIA POWEL at cpowell@calflora.org

#### 4TH ANNUAL FALL PHOTO CONTEST
**CELEBRATE CALIFORNIA’S FLORA!**
PRIZES and SHOW
Detailed workshop and photo contest descriptions available at Chico State Herbarium www.csuchio.edu/biol/Herb/events.html

### MEMBERSHIP

**If you have changed your...**
- address, phone number or e-mail
- please notify Mount Lassen Chapter CNPS Membership Chair, KarroLynn Yells at 530 534-3551 or karrolynny@att.net

This will help eliminate returned Pipevines from the Post Office. Thank You, KarroLynn

Keep up with MLC Activities on our website and Facebook

California Native Plant Society, Mount Lassen Chapter

![Facebook](mountlassen.cnps.org)
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to affiliate with the Mount Lassen Chapter

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________
State ____ Zip ______ Phone ____________
Email ____________________________

Send Membership Application to:
CNPS
2707 K STREET, SUITE 1
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-5113

Phyllis would say
Join Today!

Student / Limited Income .......... $25
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Family / Library ....................... $75
Plant Lover ............................. $100
Patron .................................. $300
Benefactor ............................. $600

Calendar

August
24 - Willow Lake
31 - Deadfall Lakes on Mt Eddy

September
3 - General Meeting
7 - Hat Lake Lassen VNP
13 - Chico Native Plant Gardens
14 - HORTICULTURE SYMPOSIUM
21 - Cold Boiling Lake Lassen VNP
30 - Annie B Community Drive Ends

October
1 - General Meeting
5 - Mt Harkness Lassen VNP
15 - Executive Board Meeting