The battle continues to protect native plant species and ecosystems, and to fight off encroachment by non-native invasive species that would like to dominate the landscape. Here’s an update from the frontlines ... the natives need our help! We’ll look at many of the prominent characters in the botanical war, including plant profiles and worst case scenarios of the most dirty scoundrel weeds in the north state, as well as peeks at some of our rare botanical gems and delicate ecosystems that we work so hard to protect.

This will be a broad look at some of our gorgeous native ecosystems of the National Forests surrounding the northern central valley, and what happens when non-native weeds get a foothold in these landscapes. Emily will talk about how these weeds compete for precious natural resources and why without our help they will win! She will share her experiences working on the forest, as a backdrop for the ongoing botanical battle for resources, and will highlight what we can do to protect our precious native scenes. Of course, some awe-inspiring scenery and rare gems are highlighted!

Emily has degrees in Plant Biology and Environmental Horticulture, and has been working seasonally on the Botany field crews for the Plumas and Mendocino National Forests for four years. She is an assistant for the Chico State Herbarium, and has co-taught herbarium workshops on identification of trees and plant families. Through this work she has cultivated her love for the native flora and learned much about the weeds that compete for the rich California soil and sun in the north state.

*Brodiaea rosea*, Indian Valley Brodiaea (CNPS list 1B.1) with *Elymus caput-medusa*, the dreaded invasive Medusahead grass by Emily Meigs Doe
Field Trips

WES DEMPSEY and GERRY INGCO, Co-chairs

TEN-MILE HOUSE TRAIL
UPPER BIDWELL PARK, CHICO

December 6, Sunday

Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave by 8:30 am. Wear sturdy shoes, bring lunch, water, insect protection, money for ride sharing. We’ll drive east 9 miles on Hwy 32 to the green gate, park on the left side (north). We’ll hike down an historic wagon road, pass buckeyes, black oaks, and lunch at old homestead site near a large spring, surrounded by old fig and persimmon trees. Be prepared to climb 800 ft back up. Call for alternate meeting place. Leaders: 530-893-5123, 530-342-2293.

Thank You
Gerry and Wes!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HORSESHOE LAKE TO INDIAN ROCK SHELTER
UPPER BIDWELL PARK, CHICO

January 1, Friday

Meet in Upper Bidwell Park at Horseshoe Lake (parking area E) at 10 am for our annual New Years Day “Banana Belt” walk. We will take a, mostly level, park trail a little over one mile to the Indian cave. Take a lunch. Wear sturdy shoes, sun/insect protection and a jacket. Fall rains often bring up blue dicks, popcorn flower, goldfield, and even mouse ears. Since Wes and Gerry are retiring as field trip co-chairs, this field trip will be a retirement party for them, so bring along some cookies to share with them at lunch time.

Leaders: 530-893-5123 or 530-342-2293

WINTER BREAK

The NEXT

Executive Board Meeting will be on January 20, 2016
General Meeting will be on February 3, 2016
and the Pipevine will be the February issue

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

ANNIE B’S
COMMUNITY DRIVE SUCCESS

Congratulations and Thank-you!

Janna Lathrop reports, Thank you, thank you to members and friends of Mount Lassen Chapter for supporting us during the 2015 Annie B’s Community Drive. We received $3454.68 from 42 donors. The North Valley Community Foundation matched at 6.5% for a total of $3606.84 to our local chapter. The support we receive enables MLC to continue and expand our efforts on conservation, education and horticulture of California native flora. Thanks also to Jan Danforth, Nancy Praizer, Nancy Hawley, Woody Elliott and Ann Elliott for participating at the Annie B’s event held in City Plaza September 17.

GREAT BOOK SALE

... FOR YOU!

by JOHN MEEHAN, Sales Co-chair

Over the last several years there has been a steady decline in the number of books that we have sold at monthly sales events. In some cases we have had no sales. This reflects the trend for all retailers. More information is available today on the Web, and for most books, the prices are cheaper when purchased from internet vendors.

We have decided to stop selling most books at meetings. We would like to reduce our existing inventory and we will be selling these new books at drastically reduced prices which will be just a few dollars above the wholesale price.

Please come to the November and December General Meetings and get some great bargains at our going out-of-the-book-business sale ... be part of this passing of an era.
President’s Message
by CATIE BISHOP, President

Well the time is finally here for me to write my last President’s Message. I’m now “timed out” as our By-laws require. It has really been a learning experience for me, as I’d never done anything like this in my life before. My leaving is bittersweet. I feel a big relief that those dreaded deadlines will not be tapping on my shoulder anymore, but the position has taught me a lot of valuable lessons.

In the last couple of years, I’ve learned what a job like this requires. The other thing that I learned is about myself, that I could actually do the job. The job itself is not difficult; it just requires certain skills that I wasn’t sure I possessed. But I have found that if you care about a cause, and believe in an institution, the skills can be learned. The other major factor in a successful presidency is the help you get from those around you.

If I accomplished anything in this position, it was due to the role-modelling, mentoring, and just plain hard work of the rest of the Board. Everyone knew their jobs, and did them well. I had observed other presidents before me, and got advice from them on what to do. I turned to many on the Board in those many times I was uncertain about how to proceed with something, and everyone was so helpful. They made it smooth, if not easy, to do what needed to be done. I will always be grateful to them for their reassurance, expertise, and encouragement in this position.

During my time as President, our Chapter has put on our first Horticulture Symposium, another successful Wildflower Show, and a Native Garden tour along with the numerous public tabling events. Each year we try to come up with new ideas to give the members, and the public at large, new educational and fun opportunities to learn about native plants, and enjoy them and the natural world.

So now it is my turn to become “Past President”, that most coveted of Board positions. And, of course, I can’t let the opportunity of this message end without one more plea to the general membership to join the Board. Participating is important, engaging, stimulating, and challenging. The Board is full of great people who care about the environment, plants, the earth, and each other. It is a worthy cause, a great organization, and a rewarding experience.

Thank You Catie!

Legislative Notes
by DAVID ANDERSON

GOVERNOR APPROVES CNPS SUPPORTED BILLS

During the last week before his October 11 deadline Governor Brown approved three CNPS supported bills:

Taking note that in the past 20 years the eastern population Monarch butterflies has lost 90% of its historic numbers and the western population 50%, the California Legislature has taken steps (AB 559) to conserve them. The new law authorizes the Department of Fish & Wildlife to take feasible actions to conserve Monarch butterflies and their habitat. The Department is authorized to partner with federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, academic programs, private landowners and other entities in these efforts.

AB 606 would require State Agencies to include feasible water conservation measures whenever they build upon State owned property, purchase real property or replace landscaping or irrigation. The bill appears to include State highways and associated property in these requirements, but exempts State owned property leased for agriculture. Among the required conservation measurers is the requirement that replacement of landscaping be made with drought-tolerant plants with an emphasis on native plant species.

SB 350 requires public utilities and local publicly owned utilities to increase the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy sources from the currently required 33% to 50% by December 31, 2020.

MOUNT LASSEN CHAPTER
2016 Elected Officers

The following names have been elected for Mount Lassen Chapter 2016 Executive Board Officers
The election was held at the
General Meeting on November 4, 2015

President WOODY ELLIOTT
Vice President JIM BISHOP
Treasurer NANCY PRAIZLER
Secretary JIM DEMPSEY
Members-at-Large MERYL BOND
LETHA ALBRIGHT
JOHN WHITTLESEY
CINDY WEINER

The Pipevine December 2015 3.
CONTROLLING the SPREAD at the CCNC NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

by ANN ELLIOTT, CCNC Gardens Chair

What a pleasant and productive work party on Nov 5 at the Native Plant Garden - Chico Creek Nature Center. Woody and I were joined in our efforts by Mari Morales, a CSU Chico freshman. Mari volunteers through CAVE at Butte Humane Society and other events. Her goal is to be a veterinarian. She loves dogs (all five of hers) and has a fondness for some exotic creatures she encountered while volunteering at the San Francisco Zoo during high school.

Our first task - to control the encroaching Matilija poppy - was facilitated by the downpour we enjoyed the previous Monday. The alluvial soil was the perfect consistency for digging out the sprouts and runners which threaten to fill the whole garden, even creeping under the decomposed granite path. We then replanted the Santa Barbara sedge back into a more compact planting area.

While thinning the two beautiful spice bushes, I learned that they do not like being headed back. Many of the previously cut branches had developed core rot, so I removed them and kept the canopy intact. Trimming back the creeping rush and a quick rake of the pathways gave a neat appearance to the garden.

My list of garden projects with varying priorities still extends to two pages. The pond needs some TLC, so we are looking for a very warm day or someone in waders to clean it up. Upcoming work days are planned for the first Thursday and third Saturday of December and January from 8 to 10 am – Dec 3, Dec 19, Jan 7, and Jan 16. I will try to schedule work parties on consistent days of the month and early in the day to limit interference with other activities.

Contact me for more information on work days, or if you would like to join the flexibly scheduled “Secret Weeder Brigade” who help to control those weeds encouraged by the gentle rain falling while I write this note.

Ann Elliott annonfire@gmail.com 530-521-4402
A LIFELONG CONTRIBUTOR
GERRY INGCO

by CATIE BISHOP, Volunteer Recognition Chair

The best part of being Volunteer Recognition Chair is to publicly recognize the wonderful people who have contributed so much for so long to our Chapter. I enjoy sharing with you the contributions of the people who make this Chapter work. One of those high-caliber people is Gerry Ingco. Gerry is committed to CNPS, he believes in conservation of native plants as imperative and necessary for the health of our State. He also loves to share his considerable knowledge and wisdom with others. If you read his biography in the last Pipevine, you can see his life-long dedication to protecting the environment working in both State and Federal service.

Gerry has been with our Chapter for over 10 years. He has been Member-at-Large several times, and so helps with the general running of the Board. But his biggest contribution has been as Field Trip Co-chair with Wes Dempsey for the last 8 years. During that time, Gerry has scouted out many new places for field trips; always doing the trip beforehand to make sure it is a safe place to go. He tries to learn the history and interesting facts about a place to enlighten the member and non-member field trip goers. He loves to share his knowledge and varied experiences with others, and is an enthusiastic teacher. He also developed a guide for field trip leaders.

Gerry is also a native plant collector for our Wildflower Show. While most collectors gather in 5-gallon buckets, Gerry, who collects small grassland plants, built wooden racks that would hold plastic bottles for collecting those fragile little beauties. Those sturdy racks will be available for future collectors. Gerry is always thinking of new and better ways to do things, and is not hesitant about donating his time and materials.

Now Gerry is retiring from his position as Field Trip Co-chair, as is Wes Dempsey ... both well in their 80s. It is understandable, but a terrible blow to the Chapter not to have someone (or two) replacing them. We still have a small contingent of good field trip leaders that will fill in whenever they can, but no overall coordinator.

This award is overdue, as are all the awards we have given. We can’t thank these volunteers enough for their dedication and time given for the education and enjoyment of others. Gerry believes in service, and his history bears witness to that. I don’t expect he will be sitting around watching TV from now on. I’m sure he will continue to be as helpful to others as ever. If you’ve ever taken a fieldtrip with Gerry, think about the real work behind the scene that goes into a fun, carefree, safe time for all, and stop for a moment to say thank you to Gerry for his service.

Thank You
Gerry!
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MEMBERS GET 10% DISCOUNT

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**NATIVE PLANT SALE**

We held a successful NATIVE PLANT SALE during the Farm City Celebration Harvest Festival on November 7. Special THANK YOU to Paula Shapiro for organizing the plant sale, Nancy Schleiger of Native Springs Nursery for donating a portion of her sales during the event and Floral Native Nursery plant donations. We also received a generous donation of native plants propagated by area Master Gardener, Barbara Richmond, that boosted our selection greatly.

Cindy Weiner transported a truck load of plants as well as donated milkweed seed for free seed packets. THANK YOU to Jim Bishop, Catie Bishop, Leslie Lewis, John Meehan, Nancy Praizler, Meryl Bond and KarroLynn Yells for their help at our booth.

**SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL**

**JANUARY 27-31, 2016**

Our chapter will be having our usual outreach table at the Festival. We will need help with staffing on Saturday Jan 30 and Sunday Jan 31. It is atPlease contact Janna at 228-0010 if you are available for a two to three hour shift.

**HOSPITALITY**

**THANKS YOU**

by KARROLYNN YELLS, Hospitality Chair

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THESE WONDER PEOPLE

JAN DANFORTH, JANNA LATHROP AND MERYL BOND

for providing delicious goodies for our last three General Meetings
FRIENDS of the HERBARIUM

Winter 2015-2016 (DATE OPEN)

MUSHROOM FORAGING AND ID WORKSHOP
This workshop will be useful for beginners as well as for people with some knowledge of mushrooms. PHILIP CARPENTER has been a member of the Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz since it was organized in 1984. The date will be determined when there are mushrooms. Please email Emily Purvis, epurvis@csuchico.edu, if you are interested. You will be notified of the date 7-10 days before the workshop. We'll meet 9 to 5 at the Forest Ranch Community Center and the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve.

For more information visit the Friends of the Herbarium: http://www.csuchico.edu/biol//Herb/Friends.html

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Thank You, KarroLynn

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Membership Chair, KarroLynn Yells at
530 534-3551 or karrolynny@att.net

This will help eliminate returned Pipevines
from the Post Office.
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