This program will look into the work of rare plant science in the state with an emphasis on the Rare Plant Treasure Hunt project of the CNPS Rare Plant program. CNPS, in its Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California, recognizes over 1600 plant taxa (species, subspecies, or varieties) as endangered or rare, which constitutes about 20% of the state’s native flora! With so many taxa, and only so many botanists, the CNPS Rare Plant Treasure Hunt (RPTH) meets the need for data collection, while creating an opportunity to involve the community in rare plant stewardship. Data gathered during these trips directly feeds into the CNPS Inventory, as well as the California Natural Diversity Database (the CNDDB), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) inventory of rare and endangered species. Catherine will discuss the accomplishments of the program since its inception in 2010, as well as other botanical citizen science efforts, such as iNaturalist. On the following day she will lead a hunt to Big Bald Rock in search of the newly-described and rare monkeyflower, *Erythranthe filicifolia* (above), as well as other taxa, to be announced!

Catherine Curley is the new Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Coordinator for the CNPS state office’s Rare Plant Program. A recent UC Davis graduate with a B.S. in Plant Biology, she started first as a volunteer researcher for the Conservation Program, transitioning to an internship with the Vegetation Program, which took her from the Mendocino County pygmy forests to the Castle Mountains of the Mojave Desert. Catherine joined the Rare Plant Program last October and has been working on the new Important Plant Areas initiative as well as providing administrative support to the new California Botanist Certification.
Field Trips

MERIAM PARK VERNAL POOLS & PEREGRINE PT DISC GOLF COURSE

April 1
Saturday

Join local botanist Elena Gregg and Preserve Manager Holly Nielsen at a vernal pool preserve within the city limits. Chico’s hidden gem! This is a family friendly morning outing during which all will have the opportunity to get close to the ground to view the ephemeral grace of the “fairy rings” which form these concentric natural gardens. Their beauty cannot be appreciated as you drive by on your way to somewhere, so take the morning to get to know your local open space and its treasures!

Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwy 32/99) at 8:45 am. Car pool to gate. After we’ll head uphill to Peregrine Pt Disc Golf Course parking lot, walk to a nice overlook of Big Chico Creek Canyon for lunch. Woody will take us along the South Rim Trail and Disc Golf Course to check out spring wildflowers and explain the efforts to mitigate the playing of disc golf on easily erodible soils and its native vegetation. Leaders: Holly Neilson, Elena Gregg, and Woody Elliott. Contact woodyelliott@gmail.com 530 588-2555 or MLMcNairn@aol.com 530 343-2397.

RICHARDSON SPRINGS

April 2
Sunday

This field trip, previously listed for March, has been re-scheduled at the request of the host. We will pass many spring wildflowers on the easy half-mile walk to the waterfall. Those who are so inclined may also want to hike up the ridge to Mushroom Rock. Details will be emailed to CNPS MEMBERS upon a reservation at MLMcNairn@aol.com. Limited to 20 participants. Leader: Marjorie McNairn 530 343-2397

more on page 6.
Executive Board Meeting

April 19 - 7 pm
TBA
ALL CNPS MEMBERS WELCOME!

President’s Message
by WOODY ELLIOTT, President

WILDFLOWER SHOW
and NATIVE PLANT SALE

The Mount Lassen Chapter CNPS biennial WILDFLOWER SHOW will be Sunday April 23, 2017 from noon to 5 pm at the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) Center. This every-other-year festival of wildflowers and native plants is the Chapter’s signature event.

The day before the Wildflower Show, Chapter members scour local plant communities collecting flowers and other examples of our local native flora. We then identify and display the collected material for the public to view. In addition, there will be nature walks in the area around the CARD Center and talks about native plants, learning activities for kids, information booths about weeds, plant parts, and native plant identification. The Chapter will have a fresh batch of books and wildflower motif shirts, aprons, and hats for sale.

Local NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES will bring plants to sell with a portion benefiting Mount Lassen Chapter. This is a great time to learn about and purchase native plants to add to your gardens in spring before the heat sets in. Coffee, tea, native plant teas and cookies will be available for attendees.

Please save the show date on your calendar and consider joining a flower foraging team on the prior Saturday, helping with a booth for a couple of hours during the show, or donating potted native plants for sale. In addition, we are collecting display vases for this upcoming show. Please start collecting 8-ounce plastic water bottles or 9.5-ounce Starbucks bottles for us. Contact Woody Elliott if you want to help in any way (woodyelliott@gmail.com, 530-588-2555). THANK YOU!

Legislative Notes
by DAVID ANDERSON

CNPS REVIEWING BILLS

Under its 2017 calendar, February 17 was the last day for bills to be introduced in the California Legislature. The CNPS Conservation Program includes the huge task of reviewing the numerous bills to determine which are of concern to preservation of California’s native plants and ecosystems. CNPS will designate many bills to watch and some to actively support or oppose. Support or opposition may take the form of letters, or expert live testimony before committees. When the review of bills has been completed, CNPS will publish a report of its positions on its website, under the headings, “Conservation” and “Legislation Tracker.” These positions may change as bills are amended during the session. This report is not yet available for 2017 bills.

All CNPS chapter members should be aware of and support the dedicated efforts of the conservation staff and legislative analyst in Sacramento to see that we have sound and adequately funded California laws.

When CNPS issues its 2017 report on positions taken, it will be summarized in the Pipevine.

Water-Wise and Habitat-Friendly Garden Tour

Sunday April 30, 2017
See water conservation techniques, native plants in landscaping, and how to create wildlife habitat.

Learn how you can watch the amazing cycle of life in your own yard!

Information and Registration coming in March at: BECnet.org MountLassen.CNPS.org or Altacal.org
WILDFLOWER SHOW

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Once again our Chapter participated at the annual Chico Science Fair held at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, March 1-3, 2017. Hesh Kaplan and Janna Lathrop judged all plant science entries and selected four winning exhibits. Each winner received a certificate and a backpack containing CNPS Nature Journaling Kit. **GREAT JOB STUDENTS!**

KOHEN STRUYF, 2nd Grade, Sherwood Montessori School for “Creeping Charlies (and how it responds to soil types)”

TAYLOR THEVEOS, 3rd Grade, Shasta Elementary School for “What is the Effect of Chlorine on Plant Growth?”

COLLIN BANGSUND, 4th Grade, Sierra View Elementary School for “Which Fertilizer is Best?”

RYAN SCHWARTZ, 7th Grade, Notre Dame School for “Does Exposing Dry Yeast to Different Light Sources Affect Fermentation?”
The Pipevine  
April 2017

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E V E N T S
by JANNA LATHROP, Events Chair

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

The ENDANGERED SPECIES FAIRE on Saturday May 6, 2017 at One Mile in Bidwell Park from 10 am - 4 pm.
This is the longest running fair of this kind in the State of California. Please consider joining us at our outreach table for a couple of hours to help introduce the importance of the California Native Plant Society to not only our wonderful native flora but all species and habitats found in our area. Please contact Janna at 228-0010 or jllathrop4mlc@comcast.net.

I would also like thank Hesh Kaplan for his excellent and invaluable help evaluating the plant science based experiments at the Chico Science Fair earlier this month. (see page 5.) Thank you, Hesh!

Field Trip

VINA PLAINS PRESERVE
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

April 29
Saturday

Meet at DeGarmo Park at 12:30 pm for carpooling. Use the main entrance off the Esplanade for DeGarmo Park, not the north entrance off Leora Court. The second of two joint trips with TNC will focus on the vernal pools. The larger pools will still have water, but in the smaller ones we expect a diversity of spring flowers. Upland flowers will also be blooming. Wear sturdy shoes, water and hat, and windbreaker or raingear as needed. Finish by 3:30 pm. Leaders: Rob Schlising and Marjorie McNairn 343-2397. RSVP with Scott Hardage at shardage@TNC.ORG or 530-727-5751

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HOSPITALITY
by KARROLYNN YELLS, Hospitality Chair

Many thanks go out to the wonderful ladies who baked and brought goodies between September - April for the Mount Lassen CNPS General Meetings: ALETHA ALBRIGHT, CATIE BISHOP, MERYL BOND, JUSTINE DEVOE and JANNA LATHROP.

The WILDFLOWER SHOW will be April 23, 2017. We need bakers to supply cookies for this event. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next General Meeting. If you cannot be at the meetings, please contact KarroLynn Yells at 530 534-3551 or karrollynny@att.net. If you could bring 2-4 dozen cookies for this event, it would be very much appreciated. If you cannot bake purchasing them is just fine. The Wildflower Show is our fundraiser for the year and your help would be so appreciated. PLEASE BRING COOKIES TO THE CARD CENTER ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 23, 2017.

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Calendar 2017

April
1 - Meriam Vernal Pools
2 - Richardson Springs
5 - General Meeting
7 - Big Chico Creek Reserve
15 - Sutter Buttes
15 - 23 - CA Native Plant Week
19 - Ex Board Meeting
20 - CCNC Garden Workday
23 - WILDFLOWER SHOW
29 - Vina Plains
30 - GARDEN TOUR

May
3 - General Meeting
6 - Endangered Species Faire
17 - Ex Board Meeting