

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY San Diego Chapter Newsletter

CHAPTER MEETING

November 20, 2018 Casa del Prado Room 101 Balboa Park

6:30 pm - Natives for Novices. Jon Green from the Back Country Land Trust (BCLT) will introduce you to what a Land Trust is and will discuss the important work that these community-based organizations do in SD County and around the country to protect open-space lands, restore habitat conditions, and protect public recreation opportunities. The BCLT is one of our local, homegrown land trusts in eastern SD County. Based in the semi-rural community of Alpine, this local conservation group has helped to protect over 6,000 acres of critical habitat in eastern SD County since 1990. BCLT currently manages 4,000 acres of open-space land from Alpine and Peutz Valley to La Posta and Potrero. Their conservation lands are open to the public for passive recreation opportunities, such as hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. BCLT also endeavors to protect the working landscapes in the East County for their cultural



heritage and history of farming and ranching, by working with local communities and tribal groups to identify key historic properties and places of ancient cultural significance to the Kumeyaay people, local settlers, and

current residents of the Back Country.

7:00 pm – Refreshments, browsing, & socializing.

7:30 pm - Announcements

7:45 pm - Main Presentation

Chapter meetings are free and open to the public.

Main Presentation Native Plant Conservation at the Mojave Desert Land Trust by Madena Asbell

MDLT was founded in 2006 by a group of local environmentalists. In 2015 the organization moved into an old nursery facility and began restoring it to working order.



Over the past 2 ½ years, MDLT has established a native plant restoration nursery, a conservation seed bank, and a herbarium to dedicated to the documentation, preservation and restoration of native plants on its properties. In this presentation, **Madena Asbell** will discuss MDLT's mission and plant conservation programs.

2019 NATIVE GARDEN TOUR Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14

Call for Gardens

Our 2019 Native Garden Tour is in the planning process and we are looking for native gardens in the following areas to be shown on the tour: POWAY, RANCHO PENASQUITOS, RANCHO BERNARDO, CLAIREMONT, MIRA MESA and TIERRA SANTA.

If you have a native garden or know someone who might want to have their garden on the tour, please send info to: judie.lincer@cnpssd.org. I will view gardens in November and December, and the final selections will be made in January.

Many thanks,

Judie Lincer, 2019 Garden Tour Director

Madena Asbell, our main speaker this month, is Director of Plant Conservation Programs at the Mojave Desert Land Trust in Joshua Tree, CA. She has a background in art and horticulture and has over 15 years of experience working with California native plants. Prior to joining MDLT, she was director of horticulture at the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants in Sun Valley, CA.

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 4010 Morena Blvd, Suite 100, San Diego (Thomas Guide 1248 C4). CNPS-SD Executive Board meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month, except when the 1st Wednesday falls on a holiday. Members are welcome to attend as observers. To add an issue to the agenda, please email president@cnpssd.org.

Following the September board meeting, the President, Tom Oberbauer, resigned for personal reasons. At the October board meeting, Frank Landis, the current Vice President, was elected as the President to finish Tom's term, which ends December 31, 2018. Bobbie Stephenson was elected as Vice President to finish the 2018 term.

CNPS-SD EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

CNPS San Diego has eleven (11) members of the Executive Board whose term of service is two (2) years. Six members are elected in the even numbered years; 5 are elected in odd numbered years. This year, we will elect six members to the Board. The Chapter election will be held at the November 20 Chapter meeting. Members may bring their ballots to the November Chapter meeting or mail completed ballots to be received by CNPS-SD before November 20. The Nominating Committee will count the ballots at the November Chapter meeting. Ballots received after November 20 will not be counted. The six candidates with the most votes will be elected. They will take office at the Executive Board Meeting in January 2019. Information on each of the members running for the Executive Board follows.

Cindy Burrascano

I would like to continue to serve on the board. I started volunteering as Sales Chair for the chapter in 1989 and have held various positions in the chapter including Plant Sale Chair, Treasurer, Conservation Chair, and President. I cycled back to being the Sales Chairperson as a less stressful way to continue to contribute to the

chapter. I would like to find a way to expand my and the chapter's work on education and further knowledge concerning rare plants.

Josue Campos

I have been an active member of CNPS-San Diego since 2011, volunteering in a wide variety of activities. This fact has given me the opportunity to meet great people, enjoy awesome places, and increase my interest in the San Diego flora. I recently was appointed to the board of directors of CNPS-SD because I want to keep further helping with the understanding of our plants and their interaction with the environmental components. I am a botanist who focuses on rare plants and conservation. I am employed as a native seed collector.

Maggie Loy

I am a CNPS member and volunteer ready to take on more duties as a SDCNPS Board member. I have volunteered for annual Plant Sales and have been more active in CNPS activities since I retired in 2015. I have a strong biology and conservation education and background, working in San Diego County since 1977. I'm happy to help the SDCNPS Board as best I can.

Torrey Neel

I am in my second year on the board and of scheduling the main speakers as our "Programs Chair Person" and have recently taken on the "Natives for Novices" programing as well. Some new additions I have made and manage are: The informational slide show that plays during meetings on the big screen and a "what's blooming" display table featuring plant material in vases with printed profiles. I strive to make our monthly meetings a welcoming place to share, learn and come together with native plant lovers across our County. I would like to continue on the board.

Leon Scales

With the practical appeal of California natives growing, as droughts get more frequent and severe and water gets pricier, we Southern Californians begin to cherish and take new pride in our extraordinary native habitat, to preserve what's in place and to plan and plant our own gardens to embrace it. I'm learning how, and I want to see that everyone can. I've not served CNPS-SD before - my working background was in administration, not botany - but I'm inspired by its accomplishments, recognize that it's the best vehicle for achieving its goals and hope to contribute to it in meaningful ways. I grew up loving San Diego natives. I grow them. I've volunteered to protect them. Now I hope to help our community do the same.

Bobbie Stephenson

I am currently the Chapter Newsletter Editor. I have also served as Secretary, Plant Sale Chairperson, Vice President, Treasurer, President and Newsletter Editor since I joined the chapter in 1978. I wish to continue on the Board to provide botanical expertise, promote the appreciation and knowledge of California's diverse native flora, and keep our members up to date on chapter activities and the botanical world. I worked as a Botanist/Biologist in San Diego County from 1982 until I retired a few years ago. I would like to continue serving on the Chapter Executive Board.

Email Addresses: If you are not receiving our email communications, or you would like to update your address, please send updated information to membership@cnpssd.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SDSU BOTANY FIELD CLASS

What if there was a class that you could take with seven of San Diego's best botanists? Take botanizing field trips with them every Saturday to Coastal Dunes and Maritime Succulent Scrub to rare Vernal Pools, chaparral to San Diego's highest mountain peaks, City canyons to Anza Borrego State Park. Followed up by SDSU classroom Lab time where they cover the components of taxonomy: description, identification, nomenclature, and classification. The primary objectives of the course are both to learn the native and naturalized vascular plant species of our area (primarily our county) and to learn how to know these plants. My favorite part was in the lab dissecting flower and plant



parts that help you understand lifethe cycles and origins of our San Diego species, those details that help you to kev them out

identification and collections. This course is designed for the serious amateur botanist, environmental consultant, or employee of environmental government organization to acquire the basic knowledge and skills of plant taxonomy, native plant identification, and plant community assessment.



Dr. Michael G. Simpson, Dr. Lluvia Flores-Rentería, Scott McMillan, Margaret Mulligan, Tom Oberbauer, Dr. Jon Rebman, and Dr. Sula Vanderplank will teach Field Botany of San Diego County through the College of Extended Studies at SDSU in spring 2019. Course details and a first version syllabus can be found at: http://www.sci.sdsu.edu/plants/fieldbotany/index.htm

The San Diego (and Imperial County) Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is sponsoring scholarships for this amazing class. If you are interested attending but need some financial help with the registration fee, please contact programs@cnpssd.org with details of interest in scholarship.



FIELD TRIPS

Rose Canyon Sunday, November 3, 2018, 8:00 am – noon

In early November, we'll be headed down a little-known goat path into the least traveled portion of Rose Canyon, near I-805. There are many environments and

habitats down there seldom walked by hikers or bikers. From urban chaparral canyons to coastal sage scrub bluffs and down into the many stepped riparian environments of Rose Creek, we'll aim for a loop down the canyon and back, stopping on what flora and fauna catch our eyes.

Late fall/early winter is a time when there won't be much in bloom, but there will still be a enough characters to identify our native plants. This trip is a good time and place to scout for a return trip next March or April when the contrast will be astonishing (provided we get some moisture this winter). We'll focus on plant identification characteristics and family features during the off season, using guides and group knowledge.

CARPOOL: Due to the central location of the trailhead and ample street parking along Foley St., carpool will only be offered to those using public transportation. The most ideal location and time for public transport (bus, trolley, or ride share) is to meet at Fashion Valley Transit Center in Mission Valley between 7:20 and 7:35 am. You must message me that you want to carpool from this or another location (Central San Diego only, please) so that we can make it work.

DIRECTIONS: University Village Park, 7119 Florey St., San Diego, CA. From I-805, exit Governor Dr. and go west. Turn north onto Gullstrand St. (University Gardens Park) and head up about three blocks to the intersection of Florey St. The University Village Park is the small park on the corner. Park on the street.

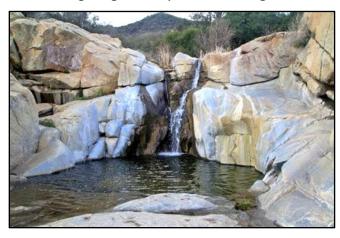
Tenaja Falls (Riverside Co.) Bryophytes & Lichens

Sunday, November 11; 10 am − 2 pm.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate (2 to 5 miles, some bouldering). **PLANT KNOWLEDGE:** Novice to professional.

This trip includes driving on a dirt truck trail. Cars can make the trip, but bear in mind that mud, rocks, rockslide, and branches are expected hazards on the truck trail. The Santa Ana Mountains will be a new place on our list of locations trekked, this one at Tenaja Falls, a 150 ft. waterfall in Riverside County that is favorite location to take a dip in the summer. In the winter, there will (hopefully) be a wide array of lichens, mosses, liverworts, and, of course, plenty of native vascular plants (ferns included!). Some rare species I hope to encounter are western spleenwort (Asplenium vespertinum), Rainbow manzanita (Arctostaphylos rainbowensis), and Fish's milkwort (Polygala cornuta

var. *fishiae*). Hopefully, the weather forecast is correct and we will get a good early season soaking.



We'll be led by Forest Service botanist Jenny Moore with another amazing botanist, Chris Wagner, curator for So Cal lichens & bryophytes on iNaturalist. Along the way, we'll upload as much science worthy data to the app as possible.

Directions: Tenaja Falls Trailhead, Forest Rte 7S02 Murrieta, CA. From 15 North towards Lake Elsinore, Exit Clinton Keith Rd & go West. Stay on Clinton Keith, turn onto Tenaja Rd. Vernal pool trailhead is too far. On Tenaja, find the turn onto Cleveland Forest Rd (white post sign). 5 miles to parking pull out.

~ Justin Daniel, Field Trip Chair fieldtrips@cnpssd.org

GARDENING WITH NATIVES

Gardening Committee Meeting

November 14. The Native Gardening Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at various locations. Contact gardening@cnpssd.org for location and time.

Still Need Seeds?

If you missed the plant sale or just need more seeds, we can send then to you by mail. See our Google Spreadsheet with the current list of seeds for sale & ordering instructions: goo.gl/8GztNx (copy this address to your browser to open it) and see more plant info on them in our Calscape plant list: https://goo.gl/6Nk3xr. Contact Cindy Hazuka for questions at cnpssd.seeds@gmail.com.

Native Plant Landscape Old Town State Historic Park

No work party until further notice. Kay or Peter at: OldTownLandscape@cnpssd.org

CONSERVATION

So, the County passed Newland Sierra, and...

CNPS will be joining the litigation against the Newland Sierra Decision. We have grave problems with its treatment of native plants, problems with wildfire issues for both the plants (with increased ignitions), for existing residents and for new residents, all of whom will have trouble evacuating, and problems with the way they want to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by buying offsite carbon offsets somewhere else (as if there's an infinite market of these things). We will be joining a coalition of local businesses, institutions, residents, and environmental groups in this suit.

In late September, a judge overturned the County's latest Climate Action Plan, ruling in favor of Sierra Club and the Golden Door, who had sued on the way that the County wanted to allow carbon offsets outside the County (does this sound familiar?). The plaintiffs wanted the judge to find the County in contempt of his ruling before it could approve Newland Sierra (thereby blocking it), but the judge refused, allowing the County to approve the project. in a hearing right before Christmas, the court will decide whether the County is in contempt of court in moving forward on Newland, Otay Ranch Village 14, Lilac Hills Ranch, and others. And undoubtedly the County will appeal. Exciting, no?

In the meantime, the County is moving ahead to approve Otay Ranch Village 14, Lilac Hills Ranch, and the rest in mid-December. To me, this smacks of chutzpah if not hubris, but we'll see what happens. It's possible that in December, the judge will forbid the County from approving any projects until they come out with a third Climate Action Plan that passes legal muster. Although I'm sure the County will scramble to rewrite their Climate Action Plan, they'll probably push it so that it's getting approved in spring, 2020, right around the time we get to vote on the Save Our San Diego initiative to take General Plan Amendments to the voters. As I said, it's getting exciting here. Yay (?)(!)

In other news: VOTE!

Okay, I'll expand on that: **VOTE NOVEMBER 6.**

What, you want to know who and what to vote for? That's more complicated.

As many of you know, CNPS is a 501(c)(3) organization, which means we can advocate on issues, but not for or against people. CNPS advocates for the native plants of

California and the California floristic province in Baja. As a result, we deal with issues like conservation plans, preserving open space for native species during an economy that favors building lots of 20th Century-style subdivision, building resilience to climate change and adapting to its realities, creating a border that migrating species can cross, working to minimize both the ignition and effects of human-caused wildfires, both on native plants and on people, educating people about native plants, and making it easier to use native plants in gardens of all kinds.

Thus, while we will not advocate voting for or against any particular candidate, you may find that some candidates are more friendly to CNPS' issues than are others. For example, you might conceivably consider voting against candidates who are funded by developers, no matter what party they belong to, although we take no position on whether or not some particular candidate deserves this treatment. If you're weighing who to vote for, hopefully your values will mirror those of CNPS.

When it comes to ballot measures, I can suggest how you might vote. The CNPSSD chapter board has not taken a position on any measure, so I am applying the principles above to what's on our ballot. Only some measures deal with CNPS issues.

One big issue is affordable housing. While this doesn't sound like a native plant issue, it is. Plants that grow near the coast often are rare, as their habitat has been largely built over. Some of the parks they live in are, unfortunately, sites where homeless folk camp. Thus, if we want the plants to continue to exist, we need to work on finding homes for those currently living in wild areas. The most humane way to do this is to find ways to promote affordable housing. Since the County General Plan calls for substantial affordable housing, I've been lobbying for it on behalf of CNPS.

With that preamble, onto statewide ballot measures. Propositions 1 and 10 deal with housing. Prop. 1 is a \$4 billion bond for various affordable housing measures, while Proposition 10 repeals the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, allowing local establishment of rent control. In theory, all of these should favor more affordable housing. I'd suggest voting yes on 1 and 10.

Proposition 3 is a water bond, and it's supported by an array of democratic luminaries, such as Dianne Feinstein and Toni Atkins. Against it are groups like Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters. The environmentalists' concern is that Prop. 3 uses taxpayer money to cover repairs to agricultural irrigation systems

that should, historically, be repaired by local water agencies and by the people who benefit from them. Moreover, the money would be automatically appropriated, without any input from the legislature. Only 10% goes towards providing water to disadvantaged communities. I'd suggest voting no on this one, especially since the numerous previous water bonds we've approved have somehow not managed to pay for things like repairing the Oroville Dam.

Moving down to City of San Diego Measures, we've got E (Soccer City) and G(SDSU West). The language for Soccer City (E) includes gems like: "the City's planning documents and land development regulations to exempt the development from existing regulations that conflict with this measure, provide new regulations, and create a specific development plan" and "No public hearings are required for development applications that are consistent with the specific development plan." Because of this, Measure E gets a "Vote NO" from me.

Measure G...about the only reason to support it is if you believe that it's better to move forward with something than to vote down both Measures E and G and to hope that something better shows up. It is true that, if both pass, the one that has the higher number of votes will win. And I didn't find the kind of objectionable language that E has, so SDSU West at least isn't scared of the normal planning process. Can I get much more tepid in my support? Possibly, but you'll have to decide for vourself.

Finally, if you happen to live in Oceanside, vote yes on Measure Y, the Save Open-space and Agricultural **Resources Intiative.**

And wherever you live, VOTE FOR NATIVE PLANTS! THANK YOU!

~ Frank Landis, Conservation Chair

Conservation Committee Mtg

Contact Frank Landis at conservation@cnpssd.org for details about November's meeting.

Anatomy of a Grass ROOTS rhizomes LEAF blade **FLORET** collar of sheath sheath anther stolons blade lemma culm internode sheath fibrous roots floret outer SPIKELET expanded spikelet with florets

Study this grass diagram. Next month we will have a crossword puzzle using these terms.

Grass Diagram: Illustration by Kristin Jakob, copyright the California Native Plant Society; CA Native Grasslands Association (CNGA). Crossword puzzle prepared by the CNGA Education Curriculum Committee, March 2014, and created on Crossword Maker (TheTeachersCorner.net)

Awn A bristle-like appendage, usually a continuation of the mid-nerve of the lemma or the glume.

Blade The laterally expanded portion of a grass leaf. Collar The outer side of a grass leaf at the junction of the sheath and blade, often lighter colored than the surrounding tissue.

Culm A grass stem, usually hollow except at the ordinarily swollen nodes.

Floret Individual flowers bracted by a lemma and palea. **Fibrous** A type of root form.

Glumes Pair of bracts at the base of a spikelet.

Internode The culm (stem) segment between two nodes.

Leaf The sheath and blade of a grass.

Lemma The lower of two bracts surrounding the grass flower (see *palea*).

Ligule An outgrowth from the leaf sheath. Because they vary in size, shape, and texture, they are used in the identification process.

Node The joint of a culm (the "knees" of a grass stem)

Palea The uppermost of two bracts surrounding the grass flower (see *lemma*).

Rhizome A creeping underground stem

Sheath The basal portion of the leaf that surrounds a grass stem.

Spikelet The basic unit of a grass inflorescence consisting of two glumes and two or more florets.

Stolon Stems that lie upon the ground and root at the nodes or at least bend over and root at the tip.

Related Activities

Be a Balboa Park Tree Steward

The Balboa Park Conservancy is helping preserve, protect, and renew Balboa Park's urban forest with the help of tree lovers like you. Through our custom Tree Steward training program with Tree San Diego, you'll gain skills in tree identification, proper planting techniques, irrigation and watering needs for new and established trees, and general park maintenance issues. Please email our Volunteer Coordinator for more info at volunteer@balboapark.org or visit our website www.balboaparkconservancy.org/tree-stewards to complete an online application.

Anza Borrego Desert Botany Society

The Botany Society is a volunteer organization that assists Park staff to preserve, document and interpret the Park's flora. New Botany Society members must complete the Botany Certification Course — a 12-week series of classroom sessions and outdoor hands-on field trips on Mondays (usually 9 am to 3 pm) January through March. The next course begins January 7, 2019. http://www.anzaborregobotany.org/join-us

Introduction to Bryophytes

Save the date: Brent Mishler and Ken Kellman will

teach their legendary weekend workshop "Introduction to Bryophytes" on March 2-3, 2019, in the Jepson Herbarium Public Programs series. This time they will include material on the cryptobiotic crust soil community that brings together bryophytes, lichens, and algae. Details on how to sign up will be forthcoming http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/. Visit the CNPS Bryophyte Chapter website at:

https://bryophyte.cnps.org/index.php.

Save the date! SO BE FREE 24

This event will be held at Rancho El Chorro, near San Luis Obispo, March 29 to April 1, 2019. Registration details are coming soon. This should be a fantastic foray. Trips for beginners will be really good and involve almost no driving. Ephemerals are likely to be found in considerable variety. More advanced bryologists will (we hope) have rare access to Los Padres National Forest at a variety of elevations. Microscopes have been promised, coming with the Cal Poly students. It is time to get super excited.

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