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# CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

## *San Diego Chapter Newsletter*

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### **THE VICE PREZ SEZ**

Thanks to Carolyn for giving me the chance to spout off in this month's column.

Part of the fun of being our representative to the CNPS Chapter Council is learning about the activities of other chapters; from habitat restoration to classes on plant identification to native garden tours. It makes me realize that there is so much we could accomplish in San Diego, home of great biodiversity, blessed with canyons everywhere, and with the second-largest chapter membership in the state.

What's keeping us from being a great chapter? I'll let you in on a dirty little secret – if you look at the back of this newsletter you will see a list of Chairs of various committees. But in most cases, the "Chair" has no committee; it's just one single person. A person who faces the same daily challenges as everyone else, but gives a bit more to make our community a little better.

So my challenge to you, dear reader: Take a look at those committees on the back page and think about where you could make a difference. Give the "Chair" a call, and say you'd like to help out, maybe just one afternoon or evening a month. If we all made this small commitment, together we could turn San Diego upside down!

### **CHAPTER CALENDER**

**Apr 11 (2nd Wed), CHAPTER BOARD MEETING**  
6:30-8:30 p.m., Tecolote Nature Center. Take the Sea World Drive/Tecolote exit from I-5. Proceed east until road ends at the Nature Center. Board Members, please call Carolyn Martus if you are unable to attend.

**Apr 18 (3rd Tue), CHAPTER MEETING/PROGRAM**  
Tuesday, Meeting at 7 p.m, Program at 7:30 p.m., Room 101, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park

**May 10 (2nd Wed), CHAPTER BOARD MEETING**

**May 17 (3rd Tue), CHAPTER MEETING/PROGRAM**

### **APRIL MEETING/PROGRAM**

C. Bruce April will present an overview of Caltrans' biological mitigation efforts in San Diego and Imperial counties.

In the past twenty-five years, Caltrans has established over fifty sites totaling more than five thousand acres, which include a multitude of habitats and species. He will discuss the unique challenges at some of the sites and successes and failures of others. Bruce will conclude his presentation with what is in the future for Caltrans' biological mitigation program, including a description of the Environmental Mitigation Program that is funded through the new TransNet sales tax extension.

Bruce April is employed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in District 11 (San Diego and Imperial counties) as Chief of the Environmental Stewardship Branch. He has worked for Caltrans for eighteen years, six as a senior biologist, eight as an associate biologist and four as an equipment operator for bridge maintenance.

Bruce is currently serving on San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG's) Environmental Mitigation Program, part of the TransNet sales tax extension for highway improvements. Up coming challenges in this program include the widening of I-5 from Del Mar to Oceanside, SR-76 widening along the San Luis Rey River along with many others. Most importantly for Bruce will be his role in the implementation of the \$8500,000,000 TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program.

### **MAY PROGRAM PREVIEW**

"Mapping species distributions: spatial inference and prediction"

By Janet Franklin, Dept. of Biology, San Diego State University

Dr. Franklin's research interests include landscape ecology, plant ecology, remote sensing, and geographic information science. She will discuss an ecological framework to guide the use of the growing number of quantitative methods for biodiversity assessment and landscape management.

## CHAPTER BOARD MINUTES

At our March meeting, the Chapter Board of Directors voted to:

Approve a budget of \$150.00 for the Chapter website for the past year, and \$150.00 for 2006, for a total of \$300.00;

Appoint Jeanine Ross as Chapter Public Relations Chairperson, with a budget of \$100.00 for 2006;

Appoint Carrie Schneider as our Chapter representative on the Open Space Canyons Advisory Committee for the City of San Diego, with Peter St. Clair as the alternate;

Provide the Chapter vegetation survey team with 2 remaining copies of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of San Diego County Native Plants by James Lighter, and the remaining copies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the San Diego County Plant list; and

Allocate \$5,000.00 in funds from the bequest from Rita Delapa for the Plants in Public Places Program.

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Linda Pardy

## AVEDA EARTH MONTH

Thanks to our members Carolyn Martus, Alan Bennett, Margaret Filius, Jeannine Ross, and Connie Beck, who responded to last month's article and to Halli Mason's urgent email and gave presentations on native plants at Aveda shops. Aveda has selected CNPS for a second year to benefit from their Earth Month Campaign, which got off to an early start in March.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> was busy, with Carolyn presenting in Encinitas and Jeannine presented at "Young Attitudes" in La Jolla. Jeanine brought some native plant identification and gardening books, but got the best reaction when she passed around the "Don't Plant a Pest" brochure.

Margaret and Alan teamed up at "Detail Salon" in San Diego on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, bringing in cuttings of sages and sage brush from her garden to be touched, crushed and smelled. The pair spoke about the benefits and methods of native plant gardening and the activities of our chapter. The staff responded enthusiastically, even asking for native plants for their shops, customers, and themselves.

Connie spoke at "Gila Rut Salon" in San Diego on March 7. She passed around blooming natives from her yard, including Island Mallow (*Malva Rosa*) which led to a discussion of the Endangered Species Act, the link between native plants and wildlife habitat, and our role as stewards. Aveda gathered 225,000 signatures last year in support of the ESA, and is seeking another 250,000 this year.

These are very casual and enjoyable sessions that leave everyone feeling a little happier. If you get an urgent email this month, don't be shy – you are a botanical genius to the general public, and will be received warmly.

## WELCOME JEANNINE

Recently appointed to the Executive Board, and immediately taking the Public Relations post, Jeannine Ross is currently a postdoctoral research associate in the Jack H. Skirball Center for Chemical Biology and Proteomics at The Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla.

Jeannine earned a B.A. in Physical Anthropology (Comparative Anatomy, Evolution, and Development) at the University of California at Berkeley in 1990. She studied Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and received a M.S. in Biology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1994. Jeannine began working in the area of plant biochemistry as a technician in a photosynthesis research lab at the University of Michigan from 1994-1996. She entered the Ph.D. program in Biology (Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology) at the University of Michigan in 1996. Jeannine graduated from the University of Michigan in 2002 with a Ph.D.

Jeannine is currently pursuing an associate degree in landscape architecture at Mira Costa College and promotes the use of California native plants in public and private landscape designs. Jeannine is equally interested in habitat restoration /open space preservation for California natives, and is eager to interact with members of CNPSSD to learn more about California native plants and how to most effectively represent the importance of the mission of CNPSSD and highlight its accomplishments to the public.

## IS THIS WHY?

Is this why Gale Norton decided to quit her job?.

The Bush Administration's "Secure Rural Schools Forest Service FY 2007 Initiative" proposes to sell 300,000 acres of our public lands to funds to schools and other government agencies in logging areas. Approx. 300,000 acres are proposed for sale in the US because, in the words of a press release (USDA Forest Service Release, Release No. FS-0617, Contact: Press Office, (202) 205-1134): "All of the parcels are considered isolated or inefficient to manage due to their location or other characteristics."

In Southern California less than 500 acres are involved (see below). Thousands of acres of Central and Northern California forestland are identified as "for sale." The following table can be found at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/rural\\_schools.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/rural_schools.shtml). Click on the link in the first paragraph, upper page to "Lands Potentially Eligible for Sale by State and National Forests" (Apparently this Initiative offers land for sale both within and outside the USFS, if the table provided on the site is correct.) The link for maps was not working when I checked it out.

Kay Stewart

## VEGETATION SURVEY UPDATE

In January, we surveyed a part of Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (a County park) to capture some of the variation in the habitat of the Baja California Birdbush, *Ornithostaphylos oppositifolia*. This plant has an extremely limited range in the U.S., which hopefully will not be diminished by the building of the triple border fence. In our plots, we also documented Warty-stemmed ceanothus, *Ceanothus verrucosus*.

In February, we surveyed more habitats likely to be affected by the triple border fence at Border Fields State Park, targeting the dunes and surrounding flats. Our goal was to better define vegetation types, which may help with later revegetation efforts, as well as contribute scientific data to the Manual of California Vegetation currently being revised by CNPS.

## WHOOOPS!

Thanks to reader David Maung for pointing out that in our March issue we got the web address for San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects wrong.

The correct address is [www.asla-sandiego.org](http://www.asla-sandiego.org)

Ed.

## UPCOMING SURVEYS

Upcoming survey dates and tentative locations as available are as follows:

**March 25: Training Session at Lakeside Linkage (off Los Coches Rd.), 9am-5pm**

**April 29, May 20, June 24, August 26, October 28: locations TBA**

In the event of rain, the survey will be postponed to the following day (Sunday) at 10am.

Anyone who would like to help survey is welcome to attend; the only prerequisites are an interest in preserving native habitat, attention to detail, and a patient attitude, as the surveys are quite comprehensive.

Anyone who has not attended a training session can work with someone who has to learn the basics. More intensive survey training sessions are open to anyone who is a CNPS member, or who can pay \$45 (membership included; limited income/student membership is \$25).

Please let survey coordinator Lexine know at least a week in advance if you plan to attend at [vegetation@cnpsd.org](mailto:vegetation@cnpsd.org) or at 619-729-5715 after 7pm weekdays. Please visit <http://www.cnps.org/programs/vegetation/index.htm> for more information on the CNPS Vegetation Program.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form, make out a check payable to "CNPS", and mail to:

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Sacramento, CA 95816**

Student or Limited Income \$25  
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San Diego Chapter: rev 3/06

## FALL PLANT SALE IS COMING

**Our Fall Plant Sale is Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>** We are looking for volunteers interested in helping with this year's event. No plant experience necessary, we are looking for organized individuals with good communication skills. This is our biggest fund-raising event of the year, and we need to start now! Here are ways you can help:

**Home Growers wanted for Fall Plant Sale:** Do you have some plants on your property that you can re-pot up or propagate from cuttings? If you're a novice at plant propagation, we encourage you to pick up one of the many books on native plant propagation, visit our website, e-mail us with your questions. We have many experienced members who can help you get started with native plant propagation.

**Seed and bulb collectors:** We also collect and sell our own seed at the fall plant sale. Gay Dorius has 445 bulbs of blue dicks (*Dichelostemma capitatum*) golden star (*Bloomeria crocea*) and soap plant (*Chlorogalum parvifolium*) that need a home. If you would like to help Gay or have some seed you would like to donate, contact him at 858-270-4093 or gdorius@nethere.com).

**Graphic Designer/Photographer:** We need new signs for some species and updated information for others. These are 8 1/2 x 11 signs with photographs and descriptions of each plant. Two people might be best: one with native plant experience and the other with graphic design or photography experience. You'll be reimbursed for materials and supplies.

**Comments wanted:** Do you have any ideas that would help us improve our fall plant sale? What plants do you really want to buy at the plant sale? How can we make things easier for customers at the sale?

To volunteer, comment, or ask questions, please e-mail us at [plantsale@cnpsd.org](mailto:plantsale@cnpsd.org).

Plant Sale Committee

Many thanks to the chapter members who helped with the Spring sale at the Tree of Life Nursery.

Denise McKay Sharon Hacker Jeanine Ross  
Don Miller Jim Harrison Connie Beck  
Coolidge Sharkey

As well, many thanks to the folks at the Tree of Life for their generous support and friendly assistance.



## USGS VEGETATION MONITORS

The U.S. G. S. San Diego Field Station is looking for volunteers to participate in a local vegetation monitoring project. We will be conducting surveys at Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Elliott Chaparral Reserve, Little Cedar Canyon in the Otay Mountain Wilderness, and Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve.

We need people qualified in the identification of native and naturalized plants in San Diego County. The abilities to work long days outside in sometimes hot or cool conditions, hike short but sometimes steep paths, and participate as a team member are also requirements. Training will be provided in point-intercept transect methods and use of PDAs (e.g., PalmPilot) will be provided if needed.

If interested, please email [mmendelsohn@usgs.gov](mailto:mmendelsohn@usgs.gov) or call 619-225-6428.

## VASCULAR PLANT CHECKLIST

The new (4th) edition of the Checklist of Vascular Plants of San Diego County (by Mike Simpson, SDSU and Jon Rebman, SDNHM) is now available. This is the most up-to-date listing of vouchered native and naturalized plants in the County and includes lots of new finds by the Plant Atlas project. Pick up your copy at the next Chapter meeting!

## VOLUNTEER OFFICE ASSIST

The San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation (SDBGF) of which CNPSSD is a member organization is looking for a volunteer on Thursdays to help with office work. If you can help please contact Leila Calamari at [leila4@cox.net](mailto:leila4@cox.net) or 619-234-8901. The SDBGF office is next to Room 104 in Balboa Park (where we have our monthly meetings).

For those of you who don't know, it's through our affiliation with the SDBGF that we are able utilize Casa Del Prado. Hopefully someone out there, with time on Thursdays, and who is organized (it is office work) can help out. Thanks. Carolyn Martus.



## **FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS, MEETINGS & more**

### **MSCP RARE PLANT MONITORING**

**Wednesday, March 29, 10a.m. - noon** (location TBD). Dr. Kathryn McEachern, the project lead scientist, will present the results of the work she and the project's three independent scientific advisors have performed over the past year, and will discuss the group's recommendations for revising the MSCP rare plant monitoring program. For more information and (hopefully) the meeting location: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/mscp/rareplantmonitor.shtml>.

### **TECOLOTE NATURE WALK**

**Sunday, Apr 2, 9 to 11 am** or the first Sunday of any month Kay Stewart will lead a walk in Tecolote Canyon and will help walkers find the native plants that grow there. Meet at the Tecolote Nature Center at the far east end of Tecolote Drive; (go past the ball fields to the end of the road).

### **THE HUMAN GENOME**

**Monday, April 3. 7-9 pm.** Todd Peterson discusses the Human Genome Project, examples of genetic variation, recent studies in comparative genomics, gene regulation and their implications in human health and disease. \$8. San Diego Natural History Museum, Balboa Park. Class Code: P6-350-03. Register: [www.sdnhm.org/education/brochure/lectures.html](http://www.sdnhm.org/education/brochure/lectures.html).

### **LANDSCAPE ON A LOW WATER BUDGET**

**Saturday, April 8, 9:30am-12:30pm**  
Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon. \$13. Must pre-register: 619-660-4350, or [www.cuyamaca.edu/preview](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/preview).

### **ENCINITAS GARDEN FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, April 8.** Self-guided walking tour of about 25 private gardens in Leucadia. Registration will be in Cottonwood Creek Park, where you will receive a map of the gardens on tour and a wristband which will get you onto a bus to the area and into the gardens. Adults: \$15 before March 15, \$20 after. Kids (6 - 10) \$5 / Adults \$7 . [www.EncinitasGardenFestival.org](http://www.EncinitasGardenFestival.org).

### **DOGS GO NATIVE IN ENCINITAS**

**Saturday, April 8th from 9-11am,** The Village Park Trail And Off-Leash Area in Encinitas has been adopted by an Encinitas-based group advocating for off-leash recreation areas for dogs and their owners.

Our plan is to remove invasives and to add more natives along the trail as part of the Adopt-A-Trail program. We'd love to have someone from CNPSSD join us to help us better understand what we've got and what more we can do. For more info, contact PADZ at [info@padz.org](mailto:info@padz.org)

The trail, which has been designated a native habitat trail, is approximately one mile long, and is relatively undeveloped beyond a basic trail and access road.

### **BOTANIZE OTAY MOUNTAIN**

**Saturday, Apr 8, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm:** Botanize Otay Mountain with the San Diego Horticultural Society. Members of SD Hort want to learn more about the native plants of Otay Mountain Wilderness. If you know about this area, and/or if you have a 4WD and want to learn more, please join the group. Meet 8:30 am at the 7-11 on Otay Mesa/905 and Media Rd, just east of Brown Field. The group will caravan in 4WD's up the Otay Mountain Truck Trail, stopping en route to hike and search for interesting vegetation. Lunch will be eaten at 12:00 wherever we decide, and then the group will work its way back. . Sunscreen, lunch, water, good footwear. Please bring keys to share with the Hort Society members and a will to help novices learn more. The size of the group will be limited, so please call if you plan to go. Contact: Pamela Homfelt, 619-741-1090, [phdesign@cox.net](mailto:phdesign@cox.net)

### **EAT THE INVASIVES**

**Saturday April 22, 2006, 10am – 1pm.**  
Learn about the impacts of invasive plants on our native habitat- and then take direct action- eat them! Here is your opportunity to see, touch, smell, and even taste some our exotic plants. This is an annual benefits for Preserve Calavera and thier efforts to preserve and protect the largest remaining native habit in coastal north San Diego County.

Lecture by Dr. Jon Rebman . Guided Hike through varied native plant habitats. Vegetarian picnic features edible invasive plants. Oak Riparian Park, 4625 Lake Blvd, Oceanside.

Tickets are \$20, and may be reserved by calling (760)720-5220 or (760)438-1209.

Directions: East on Highway 78 to College Blvd., south on College to Lake Blvd., east on Lake Blvd to the park.

### **17TH ANNUAL EARTH FAIR**

**Sunday April 23, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Come to Balboa Park for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day Celebration -- the world's largest annual environmental fair produced by volunteers. We will have a display; if you want to spend a couple hours sharing your knowledge with others, contact Carrie Schneider (last page). For more information: <http://www.earthdayweb.org/>

### **FOURTH ANNUAL NATIVE GARDEN TOUR**

**Sunday Apr 23, 2 pm**  
This 1 mile walking tour visits over 10 residential California native plant gardens in the historic Seaside Neighborhood of Downtown Oceanside. Meet at 2pm, Sunday, April 23rd at St. Mary's School 515 Wisconsin St. Oceanside. The guided walk is free and kids will be selling lemonade and cookies along the route. St. Mary's School is one block east of the 101 Cafe at Coast Highway and Wisconsin St. This annual event is sponsored by the Buena Vista Native Plant Club and the Oceanside Coastal Neighborhood Association. For more info, contact the Buena Vista Native Plant Club at [BVNPC@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BVNPC@sbcglobal.net)

## FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS, MEETINGS & more

### SD PLANT ATLAS PROGRAM

**Monday, April 24th 2:00pm.** Lake Hodges Native Plant Club. Speaker: Dr. Mary Anne Hawke, Director of The San Diego County Plant Atlas Project, Dr. Mary Anne Hawke. Ranch Bernardo Library Seminar Room. More information at 858-592-9782.

### MSCP SURVEY PARTY

**Saturday, April 29, 10am-3pm;** Location TBA. The chapter Vegetation Committee is going out again to survey various MSCP (Multiple Species Conservation Plan) preserves and other public lands. Our goal is to collect data to help us better understand poorly defined vegetation types and help monitor efforts to preserve them.

### MONITORING RIPARIAN ECO HEALTH

**Sunday, April 30. 12:30 to 4:30.** Mojave Chapter CNPS Conservation Chair Tom Egan will demonstrate how to conduct a "Proper Functioning Condition Assessment," a riparian/wetland plant community ecological health inventory and monitoring technique. Participants will be shown how to use this technique in desert riparian, wetland and spring-fed plant communities in the Arrastre Creek watershed of the San Bernardino Mountains. Discussion will focus on use with vehicle-generated impacts and in public land route designation. Meet at the Cocyx Truck Trail and Bowen Ranch Road intersection south of Apple Valley, California, at 12:00 (use Mapquest). Be prepared for hiking; bring water, lunch and writing materials.

## CUTTINGS ANYTIME

Cuttings of *Lavatera assurgentiflora* (Malva Rosa, or Island Bush Mallow) are available from me anytime you want them. The cuttings root very easily.

You can contact me at [horticulture@cnpsd.org](mailto:horticulture@cnpsd.org) and pick them up from my home in Rancho San Diego.

Connie Beck  
(619) 749-4059

## PEPPERWOOD GROVE FIELD TRIP

**Sunday April 23, 10:00 am.** Pepperwood Grove, McCain Valley, San Diego County, Pepperwood grove is a stand dominated by California bay (*Umbellularia californica*), Arizona ash and interior live oak hybrids (*Q. wislizenii* x *Q. agrifolia*). This isolated grove in desert chaparral is supported by a perennial seep on the east side of Cuyapaipe Mountain. Early March rain and snow should result in a good bloom. The grove is a moderate 10 mile hike round trip from the trail head, located at the BLM Cottonwood Campground (Thomas Bothers page 430, C5).

Drive time is 1.5 hour from downtown San Diego on I-8. Take the Boulevard/Manzanita exit which is four miles past the Golden Acorn Casino. Head 1/2 mile south on Ribbonwood Rd. to Old hwy 80, then go left (east) about 2 miles to McCain Valley Road. Travel ten miles north on a mostly dirt road to Cottonwood Campground. The pepperwood trail head is on the east side of the campground, which is also a good camping location.

Trip leader Tim Cass

## WETLAND AVENGERS

**On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 23 pm,** hundreds of youth and adults from both sides of the U.S./Mexico border will join in a bi-national habitat restoration and educational event. This effort will focus on the creation of a native plant garden and mesa habitat restoration at Border Field State Park in the U.S., and riparian planting in Yogurt Canyon in Mexico.

RECON Native Plants is generously contributing plants to this effort. Our chapter continues to support the fight against the Border Fence in court. Here is a chance to do something on the ground. Members who are knowledgeable about native plants or planting can greatly help this effort by volunteering to act as Volunteer Coordinators.

This event will feature "kid-friendly" activities, music, a raffle, and a tour of wetland habitat. For more information, see [www.aquaticadventures.org](http://www.aquaticadventures.org). To become a Volunteer Coordinator, or just to register as a general volunteer (and receive a free tee shirt), contact Lindsay Goodwin at [lindsaygoodwin@aquaticadventures.org](mailto:lindsaygoodwin@aquaticadventures.org).

## THANK YOU ALL

A budding botanist from the Midwest, I came to San Diego in the early 1970's to work for my uncle (Sam). Because I could type, apparently an uncommon skill among sailors, I never set foot on a ship while underway and exotic ports I never explored, except for those of the mesas, foothills, mountains and the transmontane of San Diego and Baja. With the people of the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society as my mentors and guides, I embraced this new terrain with a passion. I met and tagged along with great botanists and naturalists and eventually served as chapter president and was honored to serve on the state board. It was a catapult to my career and the family I eventually fostered with Julie Savary, a teacher with a rare gift as a naturalist, whom I met on a chapter field trip to Santa Catalina Island.. It all started with the CNPS, truly my alma mater.

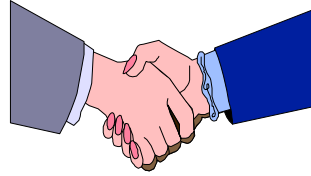
The foundation I enjoyed and thrived upon crumbled recently in the famous Cedar Fire, and in an automobile accident a year earlier. That I lived at all, is much to the credit of our friends who have steadied me, and gave me books.

Somehow the idea happened in the San Diego Chapter of the CNPS to help us burned-out naturalists, nearly a dozen of us, regain our footing with donations of books. It started with San Diego Audubon's call to restore Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary's nature library but then Callie Mack purged her own library and spread the word to the CNPS. Then the book donation idea caught on like laughter, and the books began to pour in from as far away as the Smithsonian. Imagine please, only a brief list of the authors: Jepson, Felger, Bowen, Shipek, Witham, Munz, Abrams, Jaeger, Wiggins, Parsons, Weber, Gibbons, Harrinton, Kearney and Peebles, Peattie, McMinn, Hickman, Beauchamp... It is like a fortune of sacred texts regained. After all, we botanists are only as good as our library!

I just finished moving boxes of these books into my newly built office out here in the dry foothills near Ramona. As I did so I realized the importance of the culture I carried in my arms that you all brought to me. Botanists may share the unique kind of immortality of poets, that they get to ride along on the tongues and in the backpacks of their descendants. I am indebted to those authors and especially you who gave and inscribed your names inside their book covers for this precious inheritance of thought and learning. You're my kind of people.

Sempre Libris,

Fred T. Sproul



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our new members :

Mary Blanchette	Glen Kinoshita
Andreas Chavez	Marilyn Morgan
Barnaby Davidson	Meredith Osborne
Leslie Howard	Evan Padgett,
Taura Huxley,	Dale Ritenour
Kim Schoettle	

We want to show you our thanks for joining our effort to increase understanding of California's native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations. Please come to our April chapter meeting and receive your free gifts: – a Tree of Life catalog full of information on native plant gardening and a package of native seeds to get started.  
Mary Kelly, Membership Chair

## DON'T PLANT A PEST

Just a reminder: a Southern California version of this great full color brochure is available. It has color photos of many of the invasive plants that plague us in San Diego. And it has full color photos of suggested alternatives.

Take one with you on nursery visits. Take some with you to your next garden club meeting. The brochure lists "friendly" natives for the following categories:

- Ground Covers
- Ornamental Grasses
- Shrubs
- Palms
- Trees

A stack of these brochures is usually available at chapter meetings.

Other suggested alternatives are listed at [www.cal-ipc.org](http://www.cal-ipc.org)

Copy submissions are due by the first of the month prior to month of publication. (for example, copy for inclusion in the July issue must be received by June 1).

Send copy submittals to: [newsletter@cnpsd.org](mailto:newsletter@cnpsd.org)

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## Dedicated to the Preservation of the Native Flora

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The Society, working through its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding of California's native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations. Membership is open to all.

Membership includes informative publications, free field trips and monthly programs and discounts on books and posters. Also included are *Fremontia*, a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants, the *Bulletin*, a quarterly statewide report of activities and schedules, and the chapter newsletter. Please call the membership chairperson for more information.

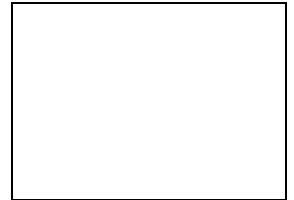
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### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

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