

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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THE PREZ SEZ

Our spring plant sale on Saturday March 11th at Tree of Life Nursery (TOLN) was a huge success despite the local news channel's efforts to turn the whole weekend into a wash! Very little rain fell in San Juan Capistrano that day and the little round house was rather inviting with a fire and hot tea.

Thanks to the owners of TOLN, Mike Evans and Jeff Bohn, in just six short hours our chapter raised \$1,700 which will go directly to the chapter and will help us in our mission to protect native plants and their habitats.

Thanks to the many customers who choose this particular day to shop at Tree of Life and to Connie Beck for organizing the volunteer effort.

Visit TOLN on the web at www.treeoflifenursery.com, phone (949)728-0685 or in person at 33201 Ortega Highway in San Juan Capistrano (call ahead to make sure they are open). On weekends TOLN also offers workshops that may be of interest to our members. In short, please patronize our sponsors!

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Another wonderful volunteer is Marty Foltyn. Marty has been our treasurer for about the last ten years or so and she also spends countless hours keeping our books updated and all of our financial paperwork in line, thanks Marty!

Carolyn

MAY MEETING/PROGRAM

Mapping Species Distributions To Aid Conservation

by Dr. Janet Franklin
Dept. of Biology, San Diego State University, San
Diego
Tuesday May 16, 2006 – 7 PM

Maps of actual or potential species distributions are required for many aspects of resource management and conservation planning including biodiversity assessment, habitat management and restoration, single- and multiple- species and habitat conservation plans, population viability analysis, modeling community and ecosystem dynamics, and predicting the effects of climate change on species and ecosystems.

A growing number of quantitative methods are being used inferentially (to identify the parameters that determine habitat suitability) and predictively (to assign habitat value to locations where biological survey data are lacking – which includes most of the earth's surface).

Dr. Franklin will discuss an ecological framework to guide the use of these methods for biodiversity assessment and landscape management.

CHAPTER CALENDER

May 10 (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.

May 16 (3rd Tue), CHAPTER MEETING/PROGRAM Tuesday, Meeting at 7 p.m, Program at 7:30 p.m., Room 104, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park

June 14 (2nd Wed), CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

CHAPTER BOARD ACTIONS

At our April meeting, the Board of Directors voted to:

Change the publication of the San Diego Chapter Newsletter from 12 issues per year to 10 issues per year, with the July/August and November/December issues to be consolidated.

Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Diego Natural History Museum for the purchase, maintenance and joint use of a digital projector. CNPSSD would allocate up to \$750.00 in funds to the Museum for the purchase of the digital projector. Carrie Schneider agreed to bring the MOU to the next CNPSSD board meeting for approval.

Authorize the President to allocate the spending of a committee's budget, when there is no chairperson assigned to that Committee.

Linda Pardy

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If you would like to become a CNPS volunteer please contact any board member, see contact info on back of newsletter.

WELCOME JAN

We are glad to welcome Jan Maxted as our new Calendar Editor. She and her husband, Don, have become interested in native plants through their efforts to restore their Jamul property. They have adopted several squares in the Jamul area for the Plant Atlas Project. The Maxteds are partners in a San Diego property management company and enjoy hiking, cooking, ushering at local theaters and zydeco dancing. Jan is on the Board of the Bon Temps Social Club.

If you hear of an upcoming event that our members should know about, contact Jan (jemaxted@yahoo.com or 619-468-6982) by the 1st of the month before the event (e.g. June 1 for the July issue).

RECYCLE THOSE POTS

Recycle your one gallon plastic pots and RAISE MONEY FOR CNPS! CNPS San Diego has joined with Las Pilitas Native Plant Nursery in Escondido (www.laspilitas.com) or (760)749-5930 to recycle more one gallon plastic pots and raise money to protect native plants.

Simply bring your one-gallon plastic pots to Las Pilitas and for every pot you bring in they will credit CNPS San Diego with 10 cents. The nursery is located in San Diego County about a half mile south of the I-15 off of Old 395 at 8331 Nelson Way, Escondido, 92026, Thomas Guide 1068 J-3



Student/Retired/Limited Income \$25

San Diego Chapter

Plant Lover \$100

Membership Application

Memberships support education, research, conservation, school gardens and other activities related to understanding and preserving California's native flora. Members receive local chapter newsletters describing meeting speakers/presentations, field trips and other activities that provide opportunities to meet people who share your interest in native plants. In addition, members receive subscriptions to Fremontia, a quarterly journal for laypeople, and the Bulletin, a quarterly statewide newsletter, as well as early admission to our annual plant

Please complete this form, make check payable to "CNPS" and mail to: California Native Plant Society 2707 K Street, Suite 1

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Dedicated to the Preservation of California Native Flora

Join us at our monthly meetings held the third Tuesday of every month (except August and December) at 7:00 pm in Room 104 of the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park in San Diego

POSITIONS OPEN, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, MEETINGS & more

PUBLIC OUTREACH CHAIRPERSON

Make arrangements for public outreach events

Respond to requests for participation by CNPS

Organize materials for event Contact members to help attend the booth at events

Keep notes on events attended and feedback on event. Store or arrange for storage of free-standing exhibit, tabletop exhibit, pop-up tent

Maintain collection of display materials Maintain masters and stocks of handouts

SALES TABLE

(Sue Marchetti handles our sales table, we need one or two people to help Sue out and fill-in for her when she is on vacation)

Take books, brochures, and other materials out of lockers and set up sales tables at each meeting. This means arriving about 6:30 or so (for a 7:30 meeting). After the meeting, replace the books in the lockers.

· Send monies collected from Sales Table at monthly meeting or at community events to the Treasurer. Provide the Treasurer with a month report of the sales.

Occasionally we staff an exhibit table at community functions (Bird Fest in Chula Vista, Earth Day at Balboa Park, etc). Books are sold at these events and the Chairman often assists in staffing and selling the books.

- \cdot Staff the Books Sales table at the annual Plant Sale in October.
- · Maintain a list of the books we have in stock, prices, etc.
- · Reorder books and brochures as necessary, when we run out. Research new books to buy, order, price and put into lockers for sales table.
- · Send bills for books to Treasurer. Sometimes it is necessary to pay for the books yourself (credit card or check). Keep the receipt and give to Treasurer.
- · Maintain a supply of the little stickers to price the books, posters, or other materials.
- Do an inventory of the books yearly for the treasurer. This should include the list price of the book, discount, if applicable, numbers of books on hand.
- · Maintain a list of the sources for the books that we order, phone numbers, addresses.
- · Update the list of books we maintain and have on hand for handouts at the meetings and also for our webmaster so that the web will have an accurate listing of the books we have available.
- · Maintain Name Tags and Sign-up sheets for use at meeting

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PLANT SALES

(We sponsor two plant sales per year, one in October at Balboa Park and one in March at Tree of Life Nursery in San Juan Capistrano)

- · Ordering plants
- · Growing plants for the plant sale
- · Help the week before the plant sale, tagging plants or delivering plants
- Administrative assistance (needed year-round)
- Help setting up morning of the plant sale
- · Help clean-up after the plant sale

VEGETATION SURVEYS

(Lexine Schroeder is the Vegetation Committee Chairperson; she is looking for a co-chairperson to help coordinate and publicize surveying events)

The Vegetation Committee volunteers go out regularly to survey various types of vegetation throughout the County of San Diego. Our efforts contribute scientific data to the CNPS Vegetation Program database and future editions of the Manual of California Vegetation (currently being revised by CNPS). Some surveys are done on land managed under San Diego's Multiple Species Conservation Plan, and our surveys will assist the County of San Diego in monitoring the effectiveness of conservation efforts on these MSCP preserves.

The survey protocols we use are Rapid Assessment and Releve. You can find out more about these methods, and about CNPS's statewide Vegetation Program, at http://www.cnps.org/programs/vegetation/index.htm
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 detailed. If you have not done Rapid Assessment before, training will be provided onsite. You will be able to work with more experienced surveyors to see how the survey is done.

Remaining survey dates for 2006:

- · Saturday, March 25, 10am-3pm, Lakeside Linkage
- · Saturdays, Apr. 29, May 20, June 24, Aug. 26, Oct. 28 times & locations to be announced

HOSPITALITY

(Lisa is our hospitality chairperson, we need one or two to help her out and fill-in when she is away)

- · Provides beverages and refreshment and the monthly General meetings and at the October Plant Sale. Solicits donations as compensation.
- · Welcomes members to the meeting and answers general questions at the meetings
- Helps set up and clean up the meeting room

POSITIONS, ACTIVITIES, VOLUNTEERING & more

KEEPING UP

It seems like we've had just enough rain for some spectacular blooms, at least in the coast and in the mountains. To keep up with the spring bloom, sign up for our listserve: Tom Chester usually chimes in on a weekly basis to report what's blooming and where to find it.

Directions for signing up for the listserve are posted on the homepage of our website, and also are shown below.

Of course please remember, do not collect plants from the wild, and stay on the trail; your grandchildren's grandchildren will want to see these beautiful flowers again someday!

JOIN OUR LISTSERVE

The San Diego chapter of the California Native Plant Society welcomes you to the cnpssd-L email list. The list welcomes postings relevant to appreciation and conservation of San Diego's native plants, including education, science, advocacy, horticulture, and land stewardship.

Updates to our software give you the option of receiving a "daily digest" to reduce inbox clutter (see below). Or you may find it helpful to set up "folder" or a "rule" in your email program, to transfer posts into a specified folder. To make this easier, each post will contain "cnpssd-L" in the subject field.

Also, we have set a size limit of 150 kB to avoid clogging your downloading lines, so keep your attachments small. (If you have a large attachment, ask people to request it from you.)

Please keep posts friendly. Avoid "reply-to-all" unless you are pretty sure that several hundred people want to see your reply.

For help, please email info@cnpssd.org

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MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bayside Native Plant Area (Hospitality Point in Mission Bay Park). First Sunday of every month 9-11 AM. Enhance habitat for Nutall's Lotus. This is one of the few places in the country where Nutall's Lotus occurs. Contact Gary Suttle 858-679-5340 or nature@utm.net.

Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center (Oceanside, CA) First Saturday of every month, invasive plant removal and trash pick-up, 8-10am, 2202 South Coast Highway, Oceanside CA, (directions or more information www.bvaudubon.org). Large groups are welcome but are asked to notify in advance by a message to 760-439-2473.

Copley YMCA (3910 Landis St, just south of University St, help install a native plant garden. Contact Alan Bennett, (619)955-3275 (cell) or (619) 358-9794 (home)

Cottonwood Creek (Encinitas) Contact Brad Roth, Project Manager, (760) 436-2632

Fallbrook Land Conservancy (Fallbrook) The Fallbrook Land Conservancy Invasive Plant Team meets on the last Saturday of each month from 8 – 11 AM on one of their seven Preserves to work on invasive plants or revegetation. Contact the FLC at 760-728-0889 or Mike Peters at 760-728-0532 www.sdlcc.org/flcβ

Grant Elementary School (Mission Hills). First Saturday of each month from 8 AM to noon. Work on restoring a canyon on the school property to native vegetation. Contact davemartocchio@yahoo.com or call 858-272-6055\(\text{B} \)

Lake Murray Shoreline (Lake Murray) Contact Eric Bowlby 619-284-9399

Pt. Loma Native Plant Garden (Point Loma) Volunteers help at the garden mostly on Mondays, but can meet other days. Contact Aaron Herzl aherzl@sandiegoriver.org

Ruffin Canyon (Serra Mesa) Every Tuesday between 9:30AM and Noon and

the first SATURDAY of every month 9 AM to Noon, Contact Glenn Torbett, 858-565-7347.

Shepherd Canyon (Tierra Santa) First Saturday of every month, 9AM to NOON. Contact Roberta Froome, 858-627-0682 or -0681

Switzer Canyon (North Park) Third Sunday of every month, 9 AM to Noon. Contact 619-282-3645.

To have your event listed here, send an e-mail to info@cnpssd.org

FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS, MEETINGS & more

SPRING NATURE WALK IN ROSE CANYON PARK Saturday, April 29. 8-10am Combo Walk: Birds (for adults and older kids) with Mel Hinton, San Diego Audubon and Nature's Secrets (for all ages) with Joni Gabriel, Canyoneers. Bring water and binoculars if you have them. Park at UC High, 6949 Genesse (cross Genesee at light) (Thomas Brothers pg 1228, D-4)

CNPS VEGETATION SURVEY

Saturday, April 29. 10am-3pm CNPS members will conduct "Rapid Assessment Protocol." on new Forest Service land northeast of Temecula, southwest of Beauty Mountain. Instruction provided. Data will be used to monitor MSHCP preserves and will contribute to future editions of the Manual of California Vegetation. Contact Lexine Schroeder: vegetation@cnpssd.org or 619-729-5715 (eves/weekends)

SANTA ROSA PLATEAU ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

Sunday, April 29. 10:30am-2pm Join Tom Chester to see the Plateau in peak bloom, including chocolate lilies and fairy shrimp in the vernal pools. For beginning to advanced botanists. 2.5 miles roundtrip. Optional afternoon trip to the Adobes to see Rainbow manzanita. \$2 admission. Rain cancels.

Directions: I-15; Exit to the Clinton Keith, turn left, 7.5 miles (Clinton Keith becomes Tenaja Road becomes Via Volcano Road) to the signed Vernal Pool Trailhead, on left. To print the vernal pool plant trail go to: http://tchester.org/srp/plants/guides/vp.html. Abobe loop trail list is at: http://tchester.org/srp/plants/guides/adobe_loop.html

MONITORING RIPARIAN/WETLAND PLANT COMMUNITY ECOLOGICAL HEALTH

Sunday April 30, 12-4:30 pm Tom Egan (CNPS Mojave Chapter) will demonstrate "Proper Functioning Condition Assessment" of desert riparian, wetland and spring-fed plant communities in the Arrastre Creek watershed of the San Bernardino Mountains. Focus on use with vehicle-generated impacts and in public land route designation. Meet at the Coxey Truck Trail and Bowen Ranch Road intersection south of Apple Valley, California, at noon (use Mapquest, approx. 3 hrs from San Diego). Be prepared for hiking; bring water, lunch and writing materials.

SPRING BIRD WALK IN ROSE CANYON

Saturday, May 6. 8-10:00am Meet at trailhead, end of Regents Road, 2 blocks north of Governor/Regents intersection. Free. Ages 8 & up. No facilities. Info: Debby Knight, (858) 597-0220, rosecanyon@san.rr.com. (Thomas Bros. 1228, C-5)

WILDFLOWER WEEKEND AT BLUE SKY MEADOW SCIENCE CAMP, San Bernardino Mountains

Friday - Sunday, May 19-21 Speakers Scott Eliason (Fri.), Tim Erantz (Sat.). Food and dorm-style cabins provided. \$80. RSVP to rth00@yahoo.com or call (909) 584-8495.

CNPS VEGETATION SURVEY

Saturday, May 20, 10am-3pm: using "Rapid Assessment Protocol." Location: to be announced. Contact: Lexine Schroeder vegetation@cnpssd.org, or 619-729-5715 (weekends/eves).

LAKE HODGES NATIVE PLANT CLUB

Monday, May 22. 2:00 pm Rancho Bernardo Library Melissa Busby, EcoSystems Restoration Associates will talk about assessing habitat and its relationship to wildlife survival. Info: Georgie Birch at 858-592-9782. 17110 Bernardo Center Dr. (Thomas Bros. 1170, A-2)

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INVASIVE PLANT GUIDE

The San Diego County Invasive Ornamental Plant Guide is here too! It's free and can be downloaded from www.aslasandiego.org, click on 'invasive plants' and then 'matrix'. For each plant listed in the 'matrix' there is a supporting data sheet hyperlinked to it (the hyper-link isn't obvious) just hold your mouse over the name and double-click, the data sheet should open up. We have printed a few copies of the 'guide' and it is available at cost from our book sales table, but you can download it for free. Questions and comments about the guide can be direct to the president (of CNPS-SD), see contact info on back of newsletter.

DON'T PLANT A PEST

Don't Plant a Pest! brochures are here, they've been here for quite a while. Download the brochure at http://smslrwma.org/dpp/pdfs/SoCalDPP.pdf or pick up a free copy at any CNPS meeting.

We are looking for volunteers to put these brochures in public places like libraries and nature centers. If you can pick some up at a meeting or would like some mailed to you please contact the president (see back of newsletter for contact info).

The brochure is easy to read with colorful photos and recommendations of alternatives to invasive plants.

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@cnpssd.org and pick them up from my home in Rancho San Diego.

Connie Beck (619) 749-4059



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Linda Collier, Kathy Copley, David Maung

JOINT PLANTING PROJECT

California Native Plant Society San Diego (CNPSSD) and San Diego Audubon Society(SDAS) have joined forces to do a joint planting project in a section of Mission Bay Park that borders the SD River estuary.

When finished, the area selected will have been cleared of exotic and invasive plants and subsequently replanted with a selection of native plants typical for the estuary.

As planned, the project will be done primarily by volunteers from SDAS and CNPSSD in cooperation with park staff. And, the project will be designed to be compatible with the the River Park development concept now in progress.

Point of contact for info is Jim Harrison, jfh4eco@cs.com or (858) 273-5242.

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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@cnpssd.org

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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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