

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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THANKS TO PLANT SHOW

Despite the rain, we had another fabulous native plant sale. It was a wonderful day and a great venue for catching up with old friends, both people and plants.

Thanks to Peter St. Clair for greeting members at the door and recruiting many new members. Alan Bennett was a stalwart volunteer talking to many people throughout the day about native plants. New this year was Fred Robert's artwork available for sale. Thanks to Ray and Sandi Feiock for making those fabulous directional signs. Thanks to the many volunteers who stood in the pouring rain to help customers load their cars. Thanks to Carrie Schneider for organizing the pre-orders. Hopefully everyone got a chance to see the plant sale signs - many of them were re-done and updated with new photos - thanks to Margaret Filius for her beautiful photos and making the actual signs. Thanks to all the nurseries, Recon Native Plants, Tree of Life, Las Pilitas, Moosa Creek, and Cal-Natives. Thanks to the members who grew plants for the sale – we had almost 700 member grown plants!

Thanks to Gay Dorius for organizing the seeds and bulbs for the sale. Lynn Elliott did a super job making sticky labels and the seed list. Sue Jackson sent a box with 8 or so different seeds, wonderfully labeled and in great shape. She sent enough *Penstemon heterophyllus* and *Sisyrinchium bellum* for the sale and the teachers as well. She sent about 1+ cups of *Hesperoyucca whipplei*. Thanks to Rich Mallen for the Humboldt Lilly bulbs and plants.

Many people wonder what happens to the plants that don't sell? This years unwanted plants found homes with the Friends of Famosa Slough, Pacific Beach Elementary, San Diego High School, and Kit Carson Park (Escondido).

We reached our goal of raising money to support the chapter's activities and building support within the community for native plants and their habitats.

- Mary Kelly and Carolyn Martus

NO BOARD OR CHAPTER MEETING IN DECEMBER

NOV MEETING/PROGRAM

Torrey Pines State Reserve San Diego's Treasure

by Margaret L. Fillius

Tues Nov 28, 7 PM San Diego, Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 104

Margaret Fillius is a docent at the Torrey Pines State Reserve, which inspired her to become an enthusiastic amateur botanist. Her presentation will photographically introduce you to Torrey Pines State Reserve through the eyes of a volunteer and show you many of her favorite plants of the different habitats there.

Margaret is the author of a color field guide "Native Plants: Torrey Pines State Reserve and Nearby San Diego County Locations." The book will be available for sale at the presentation, and you can have your copy signed by the author.

VEEP SPEAKS

I hope every member of our chapter votes on November 7th. Even if the races for state and federal offices are not in doubt, there are still many important bond measures and referenda that deserve your attention and your vote. Our chapter board and many conservation organizations urge "No" votes on Proposition 90 and the Miramar question.

Democracy consists of a lot more than elections, and citizenship requires a lot more than voting. Living within gated communities, sealed in our cars, and cocooned by ubiquitous headphones and cell phones, we are increasingly insulated and isolated. In public we generally act as consumers, involved in our own interests, and not as citizens, involved with the common good. The network of social organizations that linked people of different classes and backgrounds in the last century has atrophied; the rise of the megachurches is the exception that proves the rule.

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CNPS SD EVENTS

California Native Plant workshop for teachers, parents or volunteers working on school gardens

Sat., Nov. 4th, 9am – noon Recon Native Plant Nursery

Sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and Recon Native Plant Nursery

If you are a teacher, parent, or volunteer working with a school or environmental education center to establish or maintain a native plant garden or habitat, this is the workshop for you! We will discuss some of the basics for establishing and maintaining an educational native plant garden or habitat, how to propagate native plants and how to incorporate them into your lesson plan.

You will meet some of the leading local experts on California native plants and have the opportunity to network with other teachers, parents, and volunteers working on similar projects. Participants will also receive free plants and seeds.

Submit your name, school or center you work with and describe your existing or future project in one paragraph or less. The workshop is free and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Past participants are welcome to attend space permitting. Submit your information to **sandiegonativeplants@yahoo.com**

Fine-scale Vegetation Mapping Workshop, Tues.-Fri., Nov 7-10. 8:30am-5pm each day. Presented by CNPS in conjunction with Aerial Information Systems (AIS) & CDFG. AIS will host the workshop at its facility at 112 First St, Redlands, CA. A combination of field, manual & computer exercises geared for professional botanists, ecologists, biologists, resource managers, GIS & mapping staff will be presented. Class size limited to 20. \$900. Course information/registration details available at www.cnps.org. Josie Crawford, Vegetation Training Coordinator, CNPS. (916) 327-8454 or jcrawford@cnps.org

Learn the Propagation of Matilija Poppies (*Romneya coulteri*) from Horticulture Chair Connie Beck Crusha, Sat., Nov. 18, 10am. Space is limited to 15 CNPS members only. 1077 Vista Madera Ln, El Cajon (Thomas Bros. 1252, E-7). Bring gloves, clippers, pen & paper. Wear gardening clothes. RSVP 619-749-4059 or horticulture@cnpssd.org.

LAKE HODGES GARDEN CLUB

Lake Hodges Native Plant Club's Botanical Garden near Escondido is seeking volunteers. Work takes place Wednesday and/or Saturday mornings, followed by a brownbag lunch and group discussion of gardening issues. Information: (858) 592-9782 or www.lhnpc.org.



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Like me, you may have joined CNPS for self-interested reasons. (I wanted to learn plant names, you may want to get into the plant sale early). But as we realize the importance of CNPS' mission to promote and protect this aspect of the natural world, we are motivated to reach beyond ourself and work for larger goals. In doing so, we can reconnect not only with nature, but with other people, while working together for something outside of ourselves.

On the back page of this newsletter there is a list of people who have extended themselves in this way. Each one would love to do more and could use your help. If you are already deeply involved in another group, more power to you. But if you feel like you may be more of a consumer than a citizen, why not pick up the telephone and ask what you can do to help?

Dave Flietner

NEW FIELD TRIPS PLANNED

Residents in San Diego are blessed to live with lots of canyons interspersed among the mesas and hills where we live. Many people love the idea of having nature in their backyard, even if they know little about it. If you know even twenty native plants, you know more than the vast majority of your neighbors and have valuable knowledge to share.

In February, when things green up, we will begin offering low-key field trips to the general public in an effort to: 1) educate them about native plants and communities and 2) gain new members for our chapter. The idea is to point out about twenty common natives and five exotics, with "fun facts" about each. These will be in addition to our regular, "members only" field trips.

I am looking for members who would be willing to lead one field trip a month through the spring. This would be a three to four hour commitment, including communication, scouting the site, and conducting the hike itself. Ideally the field trip would last 60 to 90 minutes, be led by two members, and include a gentle sales pitch for CNPS.

I have started getting the necessary permissions, preparing notes on the common natives (so you will have entertaining things to say), etc. I would like to have a meeting of all interested "public field trip leaders" in early January to share ideas and kick off this program.

The success of these field trips depends on your participation. I was gratified by the members who have already volunteered at a monthly meeting, but I hope many other members would take this opportunity to get involved and have fun! Please contact me via email or phone (see back page) if you would like join us.

-- Dave Flietner

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Election Day! Don't forget to vote! Thurs, Nov. 2 Plants can't vote, but you can.

Native Plant Sale, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Sat-Sun, Nov. 4-5.

Members' Preview - Sat. 8-11am; General Public 11am-4pm. Sun. 9am-2pm. Thousands of native & CA-friendly plants, including a vast selection of perennials & flowering shrubs, spring bulbs & native wildflower seeds. Shuttle service for shoppers & plants. Experienced horticulturists to answer questions. 1500 North College Avenue, Claremont, CA, 91711. For information (909) 625-8767 or rachel.kau-taylor@cgu.edu

Easy guided walk, Tecolote Canyon, Sun. Nov. 5, 9am.

Study the plants of lower Tecolote Canyon. Meet at the Tecolote Nature Center (Thomas Bros. 1286, F-2).

Comfortable walking shoes & sun protection recommended.

3rd International Fire Ecology Management Congress: Mon-Fri, Nov. 13-17.

Town & Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North (Thomas Bros. 1268, H-4). The Fire Congress will consist of lectures, field trips, workshops, 500+ papers & a showcase of products, technology & tools on the leading edge of international fire science & fire policy. A list of all 31 sessions is posted at http://emmps.wsu.edu/firecongress/program/

Register at: http://emmps.wsu.edu/firecongress/register.html. 1-day registration is \$140; registration for the entire Fire Congress is \$330.

"Propagating Native Plants From Seed" with Andrew Wyatt, Plant Propagator Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Sat. Nov. 18. Noon-4pm. Learn the different techniques & requirements to germinate CA native plants including principles & techniques of dormancy breaking, sowing & germinating seeds, seedling development, disease control, & transplanting. All materials provided. \$52 (\$61 nonmember). Class limited to 12. Code 064HRT107. Preregistration required. Contact Rachel Kau-Taylor: (909) 625-8767 x224 or rachel.kau-taylor@cgu.edu

Hellhole Canyon Docent Led Hike, Sat. Nov. 18, 9am.

Meet at the parking lot trailhead off Kiavo & Santee Lakes (Thomas Bros. 1091, H-3). A docent/ranger will guide you through the Preserve & highlight examples of some of the most healthy wildlife remaining in S. CA. Bring water & sturdy hiking shoes; binoculars recommended. Call Park Rangers at 619-956-4707 for directions & a free brochure. Sponsored by the County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department. (760)749-5320.

Friends of Famosa Slough Nature Walk, Sat. Nov. 18, 1-3pm. Easy walk provides good views of a variety of birds & salt marsh habitats at this wetlands preserve. Meet at the 1st bench on Famosa Blvd, south of W. Pt. Loma Blvd. (Thomas Bros. 1268, B-5). Bring binoculars for a better view. (619)224-4591 or http://www.FamosaSlough.org

"Acorn Festival," Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens. Sun., Nov.19, 11am–3pm. Fall is a time of harvest and festivities for southern California Indians. The Tongva still gather & you are invited to come & join in the celebration. \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Pre-Registration is required. Contact Rachel Kau-Taylor at (909) 625-8767 x224 or rachel.kau-taylor@cgu.edu

Easy guided walk, Tecolote Canyon, Sun. Dec. 3, 9am.Study the plants of lower Tecolote Canyon. Meet at the Tecolote Nature Center (Thomas Bros. 1286, F-2).
Comfortable walking shoes and sun protection recommended.

"Field Botany II," with Lorrae Fuentes, Director of Education, Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens. Sat., Dec. 9, 10am-4pm. Class is a continuation of Field Botany I. Practice keying plants using technical floras, examine herbarium specimens & look at fresh material while walking in the Garden. Bring in plant material for us to examine & ID. Class sessions are informal & hands-on. Introduction to Botany or Field Botany I recommended, but not required. A short excursion to the Mt. Baldy area may be planned. \$72 (\$90 nonmember). Limit: 15 participants. Code: 064BOT103. Pre-Registration is required. Contact Rachel Kau-Taylor at (909) 625-8767 x224 or rachel.kau-taylor@cgu.edu

Hellhole Canyon Docent Led Hike, Sat. Dec. 16, 9am. Repeat of Nov 18 hike.

Friends of Famosa Slough Nature Walk, Sat. Dec. 16, 1-3pm. Repeat of Nov 18 walk.

SPECIAL THANKS TO RECON

Special thanks to RECON Native Plants Inc.for their support of our Fall plant sale by a donation of California native plants with a value of \$3000.

Now, let's decipher the tradename acronym:

RECON Native Plants, Inc. 1755 Saturn Blvd., San Diego, CA 92154 P (619) 423-2284 F (619) 423-0632 Habitat Restoration Quality, Native Plant Material www.reconnativeplants.com

CHAPTER ELECTION

CHAPTER OFFICERS AND THE ELECTION PROCESS

The Executive Board consists of 11 members each elected to a two year term of office. Ordinarily six members are elected in even numbered years and five in odd numbered years. This year we are electing seven members due to a resignation.

Officers for the Chapter are selected by the Board from the Board membership subsequent to the annual board election. The officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Ballots for the annual election are distributed as a part of the November chapter newsletter and may be returned via mail or in real time at the November general meeting.

Even though the annual election is non-competitive, chapter members are encouraged to submit a ballot to show support for the Board and for the chapter officers.

CANDIDATES FOR 2006 ELECTION

Carrie Schneider currently coordinates the presentations at the chapter's monthly meeting in Balboa Park. A board member for more than five years, she joined CNPS to assist in increasing the use of local native California plants in San Diego in private and public landscaping, and to improve the quality of restoration work carried out in San Diego's habitat preserves. Her vision is that San Diego will achieve the capacity to actively manage its public lands to preserve its unique plant communities, and become a greater asset for the enjoyment of citizens and visitors. One of her current projects is to ensure that restoration to be carried out by the San Diego County Water Authority in Mission Trails Park results in improved instead of degraded plant communities.

Dave Flietner has been a member of CNPS for over a decade. He currently serves as the Field Trip Chair and the representative to the Chapter Council. Dave is the Chapter Council representative to the Board of Directors, where he has promoted a state-wide membership campaign and fund-raising appeal to environmental consultants. He has an M.S, in Botany from the University of Florida and works as a botanist with a local environmental consulting firm.

Catherine MacGregor is a botanist working for a local consulting firm. She has volunteered for CNPS for a number of years, in various positions from programs coordinator to librarian. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering for native plant-related causes. Catherine would like to undertake a second term as a board member because she has enjoyed taking part in running the organization.

Carolyn Martus has served as president of the San Diego Chapter board for the past two years. She has helped publish outreach and educational materials for landscapers and gardeners on the issue of invasive plants and to promote the use of appropriate native plant material in cultivated landscapes. For the past two years she has also co-chaired the fall native plant sale. She would like to continue to serve on the board and help protect more native plants and their habitats while increasing the public's awareness and appreciation for our native flora. She works as an environmental consultant on habitat restoration projects in north county.

Marty Foltyn has been a member of CNPS for more years than she can remember, and a CNPS San Diego volunteer since she was asked to fill in for the refreshment chair. For the past few years, she has served as chapter treasurer, a place where she can best support those fantastic individuals who are dedicated to education and conservation of our breathtaking San Diego native plant species. She is honored to be running again for a 2-year term on the CNPS Board. In her other life, Marty is president of a consulting company that helps technology companies market their products, spouse of the CNPS webmaster, and the mom of a busy 5th grader who she hopes will continue their family's love of native plants.

Hank Kraus is running for the board of CNPS because of his passion for native plants. He suspects his passion comes partly from being a 3rd generation Californian and partly because of an appreciation of the gift of nature. He became acquainted with native plants in college where he worked as a docent at a wildlife sanctuary in the Santa Ana Mountains. His current profession is as a business consultant specializing in business turnarounds. Hank and his wife Sue own Moosa Creek Nursery, a California native plant nursery in Valley Center.

Cindy Burrascano graduated from San Dieguito High School and stayed locally where she went to San Diego State University. She has a M.S. degree in Science and is currently a Senior Product Development Associate at a local biotech company. Her primary interests are rare plants, conservation, weed control, and volunteer empowerment. She has previously served as Chapter President and on the State Board as an At-Large representative. She is a poor gardener but has taken great delight in seeing the wildlife interactions with and on native plants that have managed to survive in her yard.

CUT AT FOLD TO REMOVE THE BALLOT

MISSION

To increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats, through education, science, advocacy, horticulture and land stewardship

BALLOT FOR CNPS SAN DIEGO 2006 ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Individuals who have purchased an individual membership should vote using the "individual" column. Households that have purchased a family membership should cast two votes by using both columns.

Mark your ballot; fold it, and mail it; or bring it to the general meeting in November **VOTE FOR SEVEN**

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	Dave Flietner			
	Catherine MacGregor			
	Carolyn Martus			
	Marty Foltyn			
	Hank Kraus			
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CNPS WINS AWARD

Carolyn Martus (CNPS San Diego Chapter President, Scott Sandel (ASLA-SD and CNPS-SD member) and Melanie Johnson-Rocks (volunteer CNPS-SD) accepted the award for "Outstanding Environmental Resource Document" from the Association of Environmental Planners at their 2006 annual awards banquet.

The San Diego County Invasive Ornamental Plant Guide by the American Society of Landscape Architects (San Diego Chapter) and California Native Plant Society (San Diego Chapter)were awarded "Outstanding Environmental Resource Document" at the Association of Environmental Planners (AEP) annual awards banquet on September 21, 2006.

The San Diego County Invasive Ornamental Plant Guide is produced and distributed by ASLA-SD and CNPS-SD for the primary purpose of educating landscape professionals and the general public regarding the cultivation, selection, use, and management of non-native and/or invasive flora in San Diego regional landscapes. The Guide is of special importance in the urban interface", areas where natural vegetation and man-made landscapes comes into close contact. The Guide provides a list of plants in two categories: most invasive and moderately invasive. The complete Guide is available on line at http://www.asla-sandiego.org/content/plantguide.html

Thanks to Amy Baquial, Marney Griffin, Melanie Johnson-Rocks, Larry Sheehan, Scott Sandel, Scott Molentin, Chris Langdon, David Reed, Bob Perry, Carl Bell, Mike Kelly and Dr. Jon Rebman for their contributions and efforts in producing this comprehensive guide.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan Benich DiAnne Broussard Holly Foster Jessie Gates Christina Greuel Amy Hule Nicholas Kellar Makela Mangrich, Penny Moreau Jan Ryder Morgan Vondrak

New members will receive a welcome gift when they attend a general meeting and bring their "welcome to the Chapter Card".

Mary Kelly (619) 685 7321

RAPID ASSESSMENT

On Saturday August 19, the CNPS, San Diego Chapter Vegetation Committee met at the eastern margin of the Los Penasquitos Lagoon to conduct rapid assessments. As with the previous assessments, we broke into two teams in order to characterize two very different habitats. We were treated with a visit from CNPS's new Executive Director, Amanda Jorgenson, from Sacramento!

One team performed a rapid assessment of coastal salt marsh vegetation, which included as dominants the common salt marsh shrubs frankenia (*Frankenia salina*), and pickleweed (*Salicornia virginica*). On both of these shrubs was the parasitic large flower salt marsh dodder, (*Cuscuta salina* var. *major*); and there were many *tiny* flowers in bloom on this species during our visit, making identification possible. Additionally, there were several other species typically found in this habitat type, including a new name change among the many in Simpson and Rebman's newest checklist, the prairie bullrush *Bolboschoenus maritimus* ssp. *paludosus* (*Scirpus maritimus*), salty susan (*Jaumea carnosa*), and an unidentifiable Chenopod. The CNPS List 4 Southwestern spiny rush existed just outside of the lower marsh.

Another team performed a rapid assessment in coastal sage scrub habitat that bordered southbound I5, upslope and east of the salt-marsh. There was fairly intact sage scrub here, despite its being a veritable island, just a peep away from a major thoroughfare. Common components included black sage (Salvia mellifera), lemonade berry (Rhus integrifolia), Scrub oak (Quercus dumosa), and wart-stemmed ceanothus (Ceonothus verrucosus). The latter species is a CNPS species of concern, though it is still relatively commonly encountered here and there. A sign that we were indeed sampling in fairly intact habitat was the presence the former species, and of the spike moss (Selaginella cinerascens) on the ground surface. It will be interesting to compare this particular polygon to itself in a decade or two, following a fire or two caused by a passing motorist.

The next survey will be Sat. Jan 27, location TBA. To Find Out More about the CNPS Vegetation Program, please check the website at www.cnps.org/programs and click on *Vegetation*. A copy of the survey protocol is also posted there. To Participate: Please contact Lexine Schroeder for more information or to RSVP at vegetation@cnpssd.org, or 619-729-5715 weekends or after 7pm weekdays.

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

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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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