



CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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OUR FALL PLANT SALE is on Saturday Oct 18

The plant sale is not only our biggest fundraiser but it is also a unique opportunity to educate folks about our flora. Gardening with native plants is one way to open people's eyes to the beauty and importance of our canyonlands.

We rely on our members to help spread the word about our plant sale and to help do all the things that go into making this important sale a success.

Before the Sale:

We need a few volunteers to go to some of the native plant nurseries and tag plants, usually done during business hours on the Wednesday or Thursday before the sale.

On Sale Day:

We need lots of help, sign-up to volunteer. We have many jobs including some that require strong muscles and others that require strong minds and a few that fall somewhere in between so please e-mail us your preferences. Volunteers are needed for the set-up, ticket writing, plant loading, refreshment table, book and seed sales, security and customer service. Volunteering at the plant sale is a great way to meet others who share your passion for native plants. Free breakfast and lunch for all volunteers. We ask that you bring your own container for water and/or insulated mug for coffee/tea, we are trying to do our part to reduce our waste output.

A volunteer job for every native plant lover:

Please take a moment and print a plant sale flyer from our website and post it at your workplace, coffee shop, supermarket, etc. CNPS is a non-profit and we don't have the funds for a billboard yet.

MEETING/PROGRAM

California Native Plants for the Garden by Bart O'Brien

Bart O'Brien, Director of Horticulture, Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden, will discuss suitable native plant species and cultivars for Southern California home gardens and landscapes. This talk and his beautiful slides will inspire you to plant more natives.

Bart has a Master of Landscaping Architecture from Harvard and is the current President of the Southern California Horticultural Society.

He collaborated on The Landscaping Guidelines and Plant Palettes for the Los Angeles River, recently adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He is also coauthor of *California Native Plants for the Garden*.

CALENDAR

Sept 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 the road ends at the Tecolote Nature Center. Board Members, please e-mail Carolyn Martus if you are unable to attend. Members are always welcome at the board meetings, please RSVP.

Sept 16 (3rd Tue) CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM

CNPS-San Diego Monthly Programs

Chapter meetings are open to the public; there is no charge. Our programs are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, excluding August and December.

7:00-7:30 PM is a time for discussion, camaraderie, and visiting our book sales table. The programs start at 7:30. Come early and browse our books. Stay after the program for conversation and refreshments.

Mystery plants identified! Bring your unknown plant and we will help you learn to identify it

PLANT SALE PRE-ORDERING

Pre-orders (20 items minimum) from CNPS members only will be accepted starting around September 1 and are due by October 1. Skip the lines and crowds and have your plants waiting for you by the curb. Check the website for details and instructions on pre-ordering.

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HANDS ON AT OLD TOWN

Join CNPS members and other volunteers at the newly restored Old Town State Park Native Plant Garden to help with weeding during the summer, and planting of annuals and bulbs in the rainy season.

Dates: Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 13. 1 pm to 3 pm

Bring: a hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool, and something to kneel on.

Park in the State Park free lot at Calhoun and Taylor Streets, or take the trolley. The garden is in Old Town across Congress Street from the trolley/train/bus depot, and is right next to the parking lot.

Peter St. Clair

CNPS 2009 PHOTO CONTEST

Sponsored by CNPS and Lowenpro, for full details visit <http://cnps.org/cnpsconservation/conference/2009/>

Cash, backpacks, and/or conference banquet tickets will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize winners and runners up.

Deadline for entries is 15 November.

FREE SEEDS FOR KIDS

While supplies last, a FREE package of California Poppy seeds will be given to youngsters who visit the sales scene.
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SPREAD THE WORD

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AT HOME PROPAGATORS

You are welcome to propagate plants from your own backyard and donate them to the sale, just please let us know ahead of time. Untagged mystery donations dropped off during dawn hours on plant sale day are welcome but often add to the confusion.

So, make the volunteer's job easier, if you have any intentions of donating plants to the sale, please let us know ahead of time. We sell California natives ONLY, please don't bring any non-natives. We can help you identify plants.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP

Saturday November 8, 2008 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon)

Learn the basics of native plant propagation including seed germination techniques and vegetative propagation. Behind the scenes tour of Recon's Native Plant Nursery – one of the largest growers of California's native plants.

Who is invited? CNPS members (join online at www.cnps.org/membership.html) AND School teachers/parents/volunteers working on a school garden.

RSVP to sandiegonaiveplants@yahoo.com. Directions will be sent out sometime after you RSVP. You must RSVP for the workshop.

Please indicate whether you are a CNPS member (individual or family) or if you're working with a school garden. Those working on school gardens should include the name and location of the school and a few sentences describing your garden plans.

California Native Plant Sale

Saturday October 18, 2008

Open to CNPS members 10AM 3 PM

Open to the Public 11AM - 3PM

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado
Courtyard by Casa del Prado theater
San Diego

Books, posters, seeds and free
California Native Plant expert advice
Freebies for Kids

Come early for best selections

Show up late for best deals

Join CNPS at the sale or get sale info &
membership form at www.cnpsd.org

Cash or checks only

*Sale sponsors by and all proceeds benefit the San Diego Chapter of the California
Native Plant Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the
preservation of native California flora*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

California Native Plant Society
2707 K Street, Ste 1
Sacramento, CA 95816

Student or Limited Income \$25
 Individual \$45
 Family, Group or Library \$75

Plant Lover \$100
 Patron \$300
 Benefactor \$600
 Mariposa Lily \$1,500

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

e-mail address _____

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LIZARDS & SNAKES AT THE TIJUANA ESTUARY

Saturday, September 13 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon:

Speaker Series: (tentative topic)

Lizards and Snakes at the Tijuana Estuary

Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon:

International Coastal Cleanup

Events at Border Field State Park and the Tijuana Slough

National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon:

Habitat Restoration: Volunteer Event with San Diego

Audubon Society at Border Field State Park

Sunday, October 5 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.:

Fiesta del Rio at Imperial Beach Pier Plaza

Saturday, October 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon:

Habitat Restoration: Volunteer Event at Tijuana Slough

National Wildlife Refuge

Lorena Warner-Lara

Education Specialist/Research Assistant

www.tijuanaestuary.org

GOODBYE TO GAY DORIUS

We say goodbye to Gay Dorius who will be learning how to garden at her new home near Yosemite National Park. Amy has been in touch with most of the volunteers who worked with Gay but if there is anyone else out there who would like to help out, please get in touch with Amy directly at 619-440-7789 or amyhuie@usa.com.

PROBLEM PLANT GROUPS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOTANISTS

34TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, October 18

PROBLEM PLANT GROUPS

Difficult to understand and identify

Ruby Gerontology Center
California State University, Fullerton
800 N. State College Blvd
Fullerton, CA

Additional information may be obtained from Kerry Myers
kmeyers@ecorpc consulting.com

CNPS JOB OPENING

California Native Plant Society

Executive Director

Job Announcement

Job Summary

CNPS is seeking an Executive Director who will be a strong and articulate leader for one of California's most effective conservation groups. The Executive Director will expand the Society's fund-raising programs, develop programs that advance its mission, and implement the Society's strategic plan for growth and development. The Executive Director will work closely with the Chapter Council and the Board of Directors. The Executive Director operates under the direction of the Society's Board of Directors and is supervised directly by the President of the Board. The Executive Director will develop and implement communications strategies to promote greater public awareness and understanding of the Society and its mission. Deadline for Applications: September 30, 2008 (anticipated start date January 1, 2009).

For further information see our website at www.cnps.org.

WATERWISE GARDENING

Growing Natives:

Celebrating California's Beauty in Dry Times

March 28, 2009 - Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette

March 29, 2009 - Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Berkeley

A major 2-day native plant gardening symposium is being planned for March 28-29, 2009 on the theme of "Growing Natives: Celebrating California's Beauty in Dry Times".

CNPS is one of 3 major cosponsors, along with Friends of Regional Parks Botanic Garden and Pacific Horticulture Foundation.

For more information, please visit www.nativeplants.org, www.cnps.org, or www.pacifichorticulture.org

RAPID ASSESSMENT SCHED

Surveys typically take place on the 4th Saturday of the month from 9am to 2pm, unless there is a holiday around that weekend:

Lexine Schroeder, vegetation@cnpsd.org
CNPS Vegetation Committee Co-chairperson

GARDEN MAKING CALIFORNIA STYLE!

Explore the opportunities and constraints of garden making California-style at **Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies VI: California!** Saturday, October 11, 2008. This one day symposium, co-sponsored by *Pacific Horticulture* magazine and The Mediterranean Garden Society in concert with their international Annual General Meeting, offers a rare opportunity to meet gardeners from other Mediterranean climates of the world. The symposium will take place in stunning Monterey, the first California state capitol and a region rich in history and breathtaking beauty. Gardens have always been an important part of the developed landscape of this region where they compete for attention with the dramatic natural landscape of mountain and coastline, forest and dune.

David Fross, founder of Native Sons nursery in Arroyo Grande, will present a morning session entitled "An Overview of California Landscape and Flora" followed by "The History of California Gardens" presented by Russell Beatty, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at UC Berkeley and a consulting landscape architect in Santa Cruz, CA. Issues challenging California garden makers today will also be the focus of lively discussion.

Complementing these programs will be an afternoon tour of gardens in Carmel and the Carmel Valley (including gardens by Michelle Comeau and Bernard Trainor) that demonstrate a clear response to the region's Mediterranean climate. The day's events will conclude with an evening lecture by Bart O'Brien, from the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and editor of *Fremontia*, entitled "Garden Jewels from the California Flora".

For further details or to register for this exciting event please visit the symposium website at <http://re-gonline.com/medskiesvi> or call the *Pacific Horticulture* office in Berkeley at (510) 849-1627

HERE'S A GREAT COMBO

On Sept. 6:

Nan Sterman will talk on how to get rid of the grass lawn.

Gene Ratcliffe will talk about how to use attractive native plants in your yard to reduce water use and attract wildlife.

For more info, visit the web at <http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/seminar/program.pdf>

MISSION HILLS NURSERY

Mission Hills Nursery now offers California Native Plants. The prices are very reasonable so stop by this weekend and check it out!

Currently there are 40 species in stock but an additional 150 species are available for special order from an availability list at www.moosacreeknursery.com/availability-list.pdf. Mission Hills Nursery is located at 1525 Fort Stockton Dr. and their phone number is 619-295-2808. Fausto, the owner, or Tiger, the Manager, will be happy to help with your native plant requirements.

Hank, Su Ed and Angel

WILD LAND WEED FIELD COURSES

Upcoming field courses will train weed workers on the biology, identification, and control of invasive plants. Limited space is still available, including special discounted rates for restoration volunteers! See registration and course details at www.cal-ipc.org/fieldcourses/index.php.

2008 Field Course Schedule:

Chico - Bidwell Park

October 1 - Revegetation *NEW!*

Cal-IPC Symposium follows on Oct. 2-4 at CSU Chico

Oakland - Trudeau Training Center

November 6 - Mapping

[date and location to be confirmed]

I look forward to seeing you at a field course!

Heather Brady, Coordinator

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Send copy submittals to: newsletter@cnpsd.org

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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