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The *Pipevine*

Newsletter of the Mount Lassen Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

General Meeting

FEBRUARY 4, 2015
Wednesday 7:30 pm
Butte County Library

Botany Surveying for the 2014

Stanislaus National Forest **RIM-FIRE** Recovery Project

The Shared Adventures of a Fortunate Botanist

Presented by JOSEPHINE GUARDINO, Botanist

The August to October, 2013 Rim-Fire was the largest wildfire ever recorded in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, burning over 400 square miles. Most of this land is encompassed by the Stanislaus National Forest (SNF) though other affected areas include large tracts of private timberlands and portions of Yosemite National Park. As part of the Rim Fire Recovery Project, the SNF conducted botany surveys to account for known occurrences of sensitive botanical resources. These included populations of rare vascular plants, fungi and bryophytes, as well as occurrences of noxious weeds. Surveys were also conducted on post-burn areas targeted for hazard tree removal and salvage logging.

Josephine Guardino is a consulting botanist who was unexpectedly presented with an opportunity to participate in the landscape-scale Rim-Fire Recovery botany surveys during spring and early summer 2014. Along with an amazing seasonal crew as-



sembled with personnel coming from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, East Coast and states between, she witnessed both awesome devastation following the conflagration, and the stunning beauty of botanical response in a Sierra Nevada landscape adapted to fire.

This presentation will include photographs from Josephine's adventure and information about the recovery project, landscape, wildfire, plants and people she met. Our own Jim Bishop, retired CDF Battalion Chief, who has experience with recent fires there, will also be available after her presentation to field questions about the Rim-Fire, fuels, forest management and fire behavior.



Wes Dempsey and Gerry Ingco
Co-chairs

CSU, CHICO GREENHOUSE TOUR

February 15
Sunday

Meet at the CSU, Chico Health Center parking lot at the corner of Warner St and College Ave at 10 am. From there we will walk the short distance to the Biological Sciences Greenhouses. Tim Devine has collected hundreds of unusual plants from all over the world and is eager to show them to you and relate their stories. In the tropical room he will show you vanilla bean orchid, coffee tree, and banana. In the aquatic room you will see many ferns, water lettuce, and blue-flowered water hyacinths. In the desert room there are usually a few cacti in bloom. Invite your favorite Valentine's Day partner to enjoy the show. Ends at noon. Leader: Tim Devine 530 345-8444.

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Ann Bowers
Laura Cockrell
Hilary Dalton
Dorothy Glass
Japhier Huhndorf
Debbie King

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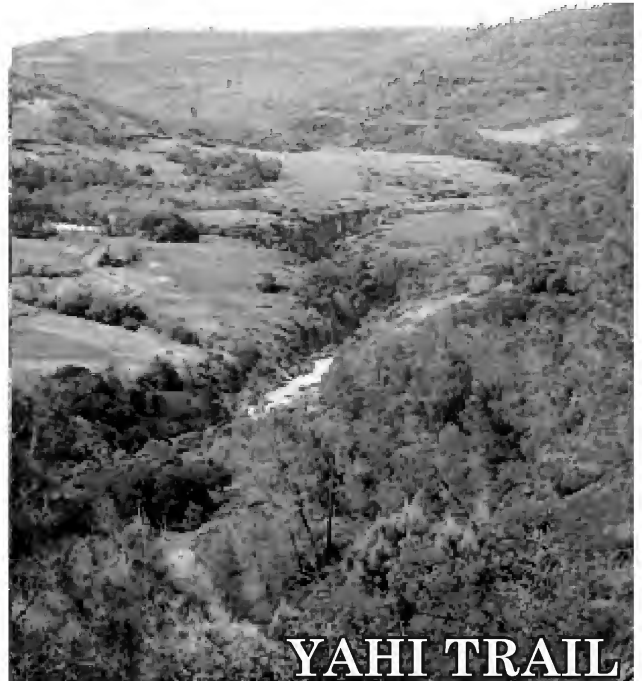


BOTANICAL BOOKS

by John Meehan, Sales Co-chair

... Are you running out of space for your old books?
... Are you no longer using that field guide to trees?
and have too many fern books?

Donate your books for the Chapter's **USED BOOK SALE** to be held at The WILDFLOWER SHOW in APRIL 2015. All books on plants, gardening, natural history and field guides will be welcome. Books donated to the chapter will be reasonably priced and the proceeds will benefit the Chapter. Bring your books to the General Meetings from now to April or call John Meehan at 530 894-5339.



YAH! TRAIL UPDATE

by Steve Overlock, Yahi Trail Chair

YAH! TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORK DAY

Love your Park? Come spend Valentine's morning, Saturday, February 14, 2015, cleaning and maintaining its signature trail, the Yahi Trail in Upper Bidwell Park. We will meet at Parking Lot E, just east of Horseshoe Lake, at 8 am. Water, gloves, loppers provided but feel free to bring your own. Questions and information call Steve at 530 514-4109 or stephenoverlock@sbcglobal.net

President's Message

by Catie Bishop, President



Happy New Year to everyone. This year, 2015, marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of CNPS. So during the January 15-17 Conference in San Jose, as well as during Native Plant Week April 11-19, all the Chapters will be offering special fieldtrips, workshops, garden tours, and in myriad ways celebrating the staying power of our organization. A brief history of the

founding follows, but what I want to focus on is what CNPS has become in those 50 years.

In 1965, the East Bay Division of Parks in Oakland was threatening to discontinue the arboretum of native plants in Tilden Park, and to dismiss its supervisor, James Roof. This brought forth a series of protests and organized protest meetings on the part of citizens who loved the arboretum and felt that it served a valuable purpose in the cultural life of the area. Those plant lovers were: Joyce and Dr. Horace Burr, Jenny and Scott Fleming, Susan and August Fruge, Irja and Walter Knight, James Roof, Leonora and Dr. Erwin Strohmaier, plus University of California chemist Leo Brewer and botanist W.M. Laetsch. After a vigorous campaign, they succeeded in blocking the proposed dismantling, and the victors realized that much more could be done to save from destruction the rare native plants of California. So a handful of plant lovers came together to form an organization and fill a need.

Since then CNPS has grown to 34 Chapters, including one in Baja California. We have over 9000 members state-wide. It is the singular group working to conserve native plants and their habitats in California. And with the great diversity of plants in California, that is a tall and very important order. CNPS Programs focus on all aspects of native plants including horticulture, education, rare plants, legislation, and vegetation mapping. Chapters follow the State's lead with education and horticulture workshops, garden tours, general meetings, native gardens, fieldtrips, and many, many more activities geared to introduce people to the importance of preserving native plants. The focus and goal has remained the same as with those first pioneering visionaries, and today we have an organization we are proud to support and participate in.

So as you are out enjoying the natural world this year, give a thought to the people who work to protect that landscape.

Executive Board Meeting

February 18 - 7 pm

Janna Lathrop, 530 228-0010

Legislative Notes

by David Anderson

BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN REGION NATIONAL MONUMENT?

As yet there is no environmental legislation news to report from the newly convened 114th Congress and the 2015 session of the California Legislature. There is, however, a newsworthy effort by environmentalists to encourage President Obama to use his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to give ecologically important areas the protected status of national monuments. One of the areas proposed for national monument status is northern California's Berryessa Snow Mountain region. The Berryessa Snow Mountain region forms the west wall of the Sacramento Valley for 100 miles. Its northern boundary is Snow Mountain, due west of Butte County. When driving from Paradise to Chico down Skyway, Snow Mountain is clearly visible across the valley. In winter it is usually snow-capped.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region is a biodiversity rich area containing plants and animals that have disappeared in other parts of California. It consists of 350,000 acres of federally owned and managed lands. Any telephone calls, letters or emails to President Obama asking him to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate Berryessa Snow Mountain region a national monument will help the cause. The Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, met with environmentalists in Napa last month and presumably is informed of the importance of protecting the area. What is needed now is a ground swell of political support.

To communicate with President Obama write to -The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20500, Send email to president@whitehouse.gov Telephone (202) 456-1111

HOSPITALITY THANKS YOU

by KarroLynn Yells, Hospitality Chair

NEED cookies for April and May 2015. Please sign up at the February General Meeting or notify KarroLynn Yells at 530 534-3551. **THANK YOU** Meryl Bond for December's and Ellen Copeland for February's cookies.



CELEBRATING ANOTHER WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER SUELLEN ROWLISON

by Catie Bishop, Vol. Recognition Chair

Too much time has passed since we recognized the volunteer efforts of one of our own. Without our long-term volunteers this Chapter would not survive. They believe in the organization's cause, bringing their personal emphasis and fresh outlook to contribute to its wellbeing and progress. Their dedication pays off as the Chapter grows in size and influence, increasingly doing a better job of outreach to the public, teaching the importance of native plant conservation, and furthering Statewide efforts to protect our wild places. One of those special people is Suellen Rowilson.

Suellen has been with us for eleven years. In that time she has been President for three terms and Conservation Chair. She has worked on many committees, staffed numerous tables, helping out at plant sales and other outreach events. She has spent many an evening since 2008 attending meetings making input to the discussions on the Butte County Habitat Conservation Plan, along with other topics relevant to native plant conservation.

Suellen is pleasantly persuasive, and uses her influence to make connections with other conservation organizations, and convince donors to sponsor our events. She is great at networking, believing we are stronger when we collaborate...and she's right. Suellen is one of those people who is a full-time volunteer, finding time to help no matter what else she is doing. She looks for opportunities to share information about CNPS, and she does the same for the other organizations she supports. She is a valuable member of the Executive Board, and we rely on her insights to help us make good decisions.

There is no way for a volunteer organization like CNPS to adequately compensate the fine people who give up their time to work for something important, without any monetary reward. The only thing we can do is make sure they know how very important they are for the cause, how much we notice and appreciate what they do, and publicly recognize them as an indispensable part of the conservation community. **Thank you Suellen.**

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March 7, 2015

INTRODUCTION TO LICHEN IDENTIFICATION

by Tom Carlberg

For most people lichens are only colorful blotches on rocks or just moss-like stuff on tree branches. But lichens are a unique association between a fungus and an alga. This workshop will explore the basics of lichens in the lab in Holt Hall and also in the field from 9 - 4 in Holt 129 at CSU Chico. Please register in advance. For more information about registration please contact the CSU, Chico Biology office at (530) 898-5356 or epurvis@csuchico.edu

Detailed workshop descriptions and sign up forms are available on the Chico State Herbarium website: csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html

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Calendar 2015

February

- 4 - General Meeting
- 14 - Yahi Trail Workday
- 15 - CSUC Greenhouse Tour
- 18 - Ex Board Meeting

March

- 4 - General Meeting
- 18 - Ex Board Meeting

April

- 1 - General Meeting
- 12 - WILDFLOWER SHOW
- 11 - 19 - CA Native Plant Week
- 15 - Ex Board Meeting