



OCTOBER 2015

# The *Pipevine*

Newsletter of the Mount Lassen Chapter  
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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## *Make Your Yard*

### **WATER-WISE and HABITAT-FRIENDLY**

**T**hree speakers will talk about how you can select and plant native plants to create habitat-friendly and water-wise places in your yard. They are Melinda Teves with the Altacal Audubon's Neighborhood Habitat Program, our own Woody Elliott of Mount Lassen Chapter CNPS and Nancy Praizler.

Melinda has been certifying and photographing yards that meet Altacal's rigorous criteria for a habitat-friendly yard. She'll give you the details of that program, how to become certified, and will show photos of the many yards that qualified.

Woody has been working with CNPS member and Master Gardener, Cindy Weiner, on the CNPS Horticulture webpage that they developed for the first Fall Garden Tour, coming on September 27. He'll showcase the new information on the webpage and show how you can use it to successfully select and manage your native plants.

Nancy has recently had her yard approved for a Calwater lawn-replacement rebate. She navigated the multi-step process and will tell you how it was done. While Calwater's funds for the program have been spent, the state of California is also offering a rebate program more generous than Calwater's. She'll have information about that program too.

## **General Meeting**

OCTOBER 7, 2015

Wednesday 7:30 pm

Butte County Library, PARADISE

5922 Clark Road

(east side between Nunneley and Elliott)

Presented by

MELINDA TEVES, Altacal Audubon Society

WOODY ELLIOTT, CNPS

NANCY PRAIZLER, CNPS



## Field Trips

WES DEMPSEY and GERRY INGCO, Co-chairs

### BUTTE CREEK BLM TRAIL BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

October 4 Sunday

Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave by 9 am. Bring a light jacket, lunch, water, insect/sun protection, and money for ride sharing. We'll drive east on Hwy 32 to Garland Rd, then south to the trailhead in Butte Creek Canyon. Easy 3 mile round trip, walk along a scenic Upper Butte Creek. The trail stays close to the stream, has several wooden bridges and a structured steel stairway. The trail winds through a narrow band of riparian vegetation containing a variety of flowering plants and a mixed coniferous forest extends up the rugged canyon walls. There is evidence of historic gold activity along the creek. Call for alternate meeting place, 530-893-5123, 530-342-2293

### MAIDU MEDICINE WALK UPPER BIDWELL PARK, CHICO

October 18 Sunday

Meet at 8 am at Horseshoe Lake parking lot E in Upper Bidwell Park with sunscreen, hat, and walking shoes. See about 30 plants that local Maidu used for medicine, food, and crafts. Lemonade berry for basketry and a refreshing drink, soap plant for suds and brushes, foothill pine for skin salve and food, and many others. We'll stroll about a mile thru the foothill woodland ending up in the Big Chico Creek riparian at noon. Rain cancels. 530 342-2293

### FOREST LAKE LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK

October 24 Saturday

Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwys 32/99) in time to leave by 8:30 am. Bring lunch, water, insect/sun protection, and money for ride sharing. We'll travel Hwys 32 and 89 about 68 miles to the Forest Lake-Brokeoff Mountain trailhead just inside the south boundary, 6,500 ft ele. We'll climb 1 1/2 miles for a 700 ft ele gain through an open Red Fir-Jeffrey Pine forest, following a cascading mountain stream. A short distance off the trail we find tree-ringed Forest Lake at the base of towering cliffs. Call for alternate meeting place, 530-893-5123.



**THANK YOU EVERYONE** that gave a **donation** through the Annie B's Community Drive. All monies donated to Mount Lassen Chapter from Aug 1 - Sep 30 was allotted back to our chapter and an additional percentage based on the total monies donated to us was granted.

## NOMINATIONS to MLC BOARD 2016 Sought

by Suellen Rowilson  
Nominating Committee Chair

Please, step up and nominate yourself, or someone else with their consent, to one of the open positions for the MLC Board. Elections will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the monthly MLC Program Meeting. Terms begin in January with the first Board Meeting on January 20, 2016. Board Meetings are held monthly except for June, July and Dec. That gives us all a little break to catch up. One can serve two consecutive one year terms and Treasurer 4 consecutive one year terms before moving off the Board or to another position.

**ELECTED OFFICERS** open - President, VicePresident, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 or 4 Members-at-Large

**CHAIRS** open - Education, Horticulture, Rare Plants. Some of the other chairs would like a co-chair and split some of the duties. See page 5. to check out the entire list of Elected Officers and Chairs.

Please contact the Nominating Committee; Suellen Rowilson, Paul Moore or Woody Elliott if you are interested. Anyone is welcome to attend Board Meetings to check us out. The next meeting is October 21, 2015.

THANK YOU for your consideration. All of you, whether on the Board or not, are vital to our ongoing efforts to promote native plants and their habitat.

## Executive Board Meeting

October 21 - 7 pm

Woody and Ann Elliott's

## President's Message

by Catie Bishop, President



Now that Fall is here, our thoughts are turning to planting native plants. Fall is the best time to plant natives, because the soil is still warm enough for root development, but the plants are preparing for winter so they are slowing their top growth. Also the days are shorter, the nights are cooler, and rain will be coming soon. So if you are thinking of doing some planting, we have several fun opportunities coming up that will help you out.

There is a **WATER-WISE & HABITAT-FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR** planned for September 27 from 10-2. It is sponsored by CNPS, BEC, and Altacal Audubon. Even though it is free, you need to sign up at BECnet.org or in person at Gateway Science Museum or Chico Creek Nature Center. You will be sent a map of the gardens a few days before the event. On the tour you will see how different home owners have arranged their landscaping around the use of native plants. A couple of public gardens are also included, some of which contain mature specimens so you can see what they will ultimately look like. There will be people at all locations to show you around and answer any questions you might have.

Second is a workshop offered by CNPS and sponsored by California Department of Water Resources, **DITCH YOUR LAWN**. It will be taught by John Whittlesey and will give you information about removing your lawn, replacing it with native drought-tolerant plants, also composting and local sources of plants, design, etc. It is on OCTOBER 18 and runs for 4 hours. It will be held at the ARC Pavilion in Chico. Contact Janna Lathrop or Cindy Weiner for more information.

The third offering is the **HARVEST FESTIVAL** on Saturday, November 7. It will be at the Bidwell Mansion and starts at 10 am. CNPS is always there giving out good information about native plants, selling native plants, and giving away milkweed seeds for people who want to turn their yard into a supportive habitat for Monarch butterflies.

All of these things are free to the public, and a great opportunity for you to be as prepared as can be to have a successful transition to a native plant landscape. Happy Gardening!

## Legislative Notes

by DAVID ANDERSON

### HECTIC TIME

As of this writing (Sept 5) the California Legislature is going through its annual period of chaos in dealing with huge numbers of bills in the last few days of its session. Under the Legislature's 2015 calendar September 11 is the last day for any bill to be passed. Governor Brown will then have until October 11 to sign, approve without signing or veto bills sent to him after September 11. Overriding his veto requires a two-thirds majority vote in both the Assembly and Senate.

CNPS has been following 30 environmental bills, but has not made its positions in support or opposition available on line. As information becomes available, it will be reported in future Pipevines.

## CHICO SCIENCE FAIR

Dear Mount Lassen Chapter,

*I wanted to thank you so much for the cool field journal and sketching guide I received from you at the Chico Science Fair. I have been using it a lot this summer. I have been practicing how to do sketches of different plants and environments I see when I am out on hiking and camping trips. I carry the journal with me on all of my Boy Scout trips.*

*I enjoyed doing my science fair project on the effects of wildfire on native soils and plants and I am excited about doing more research. I love science, it and history are my two favorite subjects! This summer I have been studying how Star Thistle effects the range lands in foothills around our home. Plus I learned some cool history about why we have Star Thistle.*

*Thank you again for supporting the Chico Science Fair. I appreciate the neat things your chapter awarded me. Look for me at next year's fair.*

*Sincerely,*

**Trenten Dewell**, CORE Butte Charter School

(This is a letter from the Grade 4 Special Award winner from MLC. His project was *Fun with Burnt Dirt, The Changes in Soil after a Wildfire.*)

## UPCOMING EVENT HARVEST FESTIVAL and PLANT SALE

NOVEMBER 7, SATURDAY

Looking for NATIVE PLANTS to sell at the upcoming Harvest Festival. If you have any please contact Janna @ 530 228-0010 or jlathrop4mlc@comcast.net.

We are also gathering MILKWEED SEEDS. We plan to hand out small seed packets to promote growing native milkweed to help dwindling MONARCH habitat.

## AMAZON

**D**ID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP CNPS while shopping at Amazon? The online retailer has a new program which donates to selected charities through AmazonSmile, but you must begin your shopping excursion at <http://smile.amazon.com>. On the first visit you'll be asked to sign into your existing account and to select a charitable organization to support. Select CNPS and then shop as usual. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Eligible products are marked "eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. This is an easy way to support a cause we all care about.

## HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU J. Danforth, Janna Lathrop and Meryl Bond have graciously volunteered to supply the General Meetings with cookies during the next three months. KarroLynn Yells at 530 534-3551 or karrolynnY@att.net

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## FRIENDS of the HERBARIUM

2015 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & REGISTRATION FORMS  
Chico State Herbarium, [csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html](http://csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html)

October 10, 2015.

### FALL HARVEST: EDIBLE & MEDICINAL ROOTS, BARKS, AND FRUITS OF CALIFORNIA

TELLUR FENNER will explore the diverse array of edible/ medicinal plants found growing throughout California, with an emphasis on those native to the region. Topics include botany basics from a plant family perspective, plant id in the field, medicinal/edible/ utilitarian uses, California ethnobotany, legal/ethical harvesting guidelines and information about at-risk medicinal plants, safety issues and tips on how to avoid toxic/poisonous plants, sampling of a variety of edible/medicinal plant preparations, and more! He is a clinical herbalist and educator from Mendocino County where he runs his business, Blue Wind Botanical Medicine Clinic and Education Center. This workshop will be from 10am to 4pm

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## Calendar 2015

### September

- 27 - Water-Wise GARDEN TOUR
- 30 - Annie B Community Drive Ends

### October

- 4 - Butte Creek BLM
- 7 - General Meeting PARADISE
- 18 - Maidu Walk Upper Park
- 18 - *Ditch Your Lawn* Workshop
- 21 - Executive Board Meeting
- 24 - Forest Lake Lassen VNP

### November

- 4 - General Meeting CHICO
- 7 - Harvest Festival PLANT SALE
- 18 - Executive Board Meeting