



President's Message

By Snowy Dodson

Greetings for a healthy and prosperous 2009! In the spirit of the New Year, I'd like to make a confession – the cut-flowers you see each year at our Wildflower Show are not wild. They all come from private and public gardens. Yes, you probably surmised this from reading the “thanks” in the *Joyon* and from the signs posted at the show. Now in 2009 I'd like to be even more forward and bold and ask those of you with lovely California native gardens to make a contribution of a bucket of cut native flowers for the next Wildflower Show which will be held during prime flower season on April 11 & 12. In return, the CNPS Chapter will offer you recognition and profuse thanks for your volunteer efforts. We would need the flowers on Friday April 10 in time for set up in the afternoon. Contact me via phone (818-782-9346) or email (snowy.dodson@csun.edu) for further details.

In another potentially shocking revelation, Florence Nishida told the nearly 50 attendees at her “Mushrooms 101” presentation at the December Chapter program that mushrooms are not plants. However, mushrooms and other fungi have very important symbiotic relationships with our native flora. Florence's lecture was a prelude to a fungus foray scheduled for February 28 at Cold Creek (see the calendar section); and our CNPS Chapter is also working out the details for a Fungus Foray and Picnic to be led by Florence on March 7 at the Salvation Army Camp (details to follow in the March/April 2009 *Joyon*). Plan to attend one or both sessions to learn about local mycology from a local expert who is also a gifted teacher.

On January 11 at Malibu Creek State Park, the Chapter will be planting oak trees in honor of Sheila Kuhl and John Reinhold, weed warrior emeritus, and in memory of Jill Swift and Dorothy Green. The CNPS Commemorative Oak Grove is prospering under the watchful eyes of the Chapter weed warriors and with the added help of volunteers from TreePeople. Contact Jo Kitz (818-348-5910 or jkitz@mountaintrust.org) to help with the grove or for details on how to have commemorative tree planted for someone.

Thanks to those of you who voted in our recent chapter election and thanks to those of you who continue to serve as officers of our chapter. I look forward to seeing you all in 2009.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

of the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter

January 13, 2009 – 7:30 - 9:30pm
Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino

Ordinance Protecting Native Trees in Los Angeles? Really?

Presenter: Jan Scow,
Registered Consulting Arborist

Remember how excited we were to hear that the City of Los Angeles had finally upgraded the city's tree protection ordinance? Have you ever wondered how it's been going? Come hear Jan Scow, Registered Consulting Arborist, talk about his experiences with the new ordinance. The good, the bad, and the ugly of mandated native tree preservation in the nation's second largest city. If time allows, we may also be able to talk briefly about other ordinances in the area.

February 10, 2009 – 7:30 - 9:30pm
First United Methodist Church
Santa Monica

How Your Native Plant Landscaping Can Capture and Filter Water Onsite

Presenters: Susanne Jett and Mayita Dinos,
professional landscape architects
with the firm G3LA

Our speakers will introduce creative design possibilities of incorporating vernal pools, rain gardens and creek beds to capture and filter water runoff on the landscaping site. If you do not know what a vernal pool or a rain garden is, now is the time to find out!

Programs are free to the public. Refreshments will be served. For directions, see Calendar of Events on page 3.

CNPS 2009 Conservation Conference: Strategies and Solutions

January 17-19, 2009
Sacramento Convention Center and
Sheraton Grand Hotel
Sacramento, CA



sign up at www.cnps.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE CALIFORNIA DESERT CONFERENCE

February 27, 9am-5pm

Joshua Tree Community Center in Joshua Tree, CA
Sponsored by the National Parks Conservation Association, Defenders of Wildlife and Joshua Tree National Park. Featuring Nobel Laureate Jean Brennan (*Defenders of Wildlife*) on the impacts of climate change on desert wildlife, management strategies and wildlife corridors; Kirsten Ironside (*Northern Arizona University*) on the declining range of Joshua Trees; Lynn Fenstermaker (*Desert Research Institute*) on the capacity of arid lands to store carbon; and Bill Powers (*Engineer*) on the Sunrise Power Link, Green Path North and the local generation of energy. The conference is free of charge, but please RSVP to: Seth Shteir, Program Coordinator for Air and Climate California Desert Office
National Parks Conservation Association
sshteir@npca.org or call 760-366-7785

GROWING NATIVES: CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA'S BEAUTY IN DRY TIMES - March 28 & 29, 2009

A two-day symposium on native plant gardening
Location: Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette (28th) and Regional Parks Botanic Barden, Berkeley (29th). Features talks, workshops, garden tours, book sales, seed sales & more!
Registration opens January 1, 2009. CNPS members receive a discount on registration fees. Please visit www.nativeplants.org for more information.

**CNPS CHAPTER COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2009**

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
Mark your calendar and reserve March 14 for the statewide CNPS Chapter Council meeting. Not only is the Garden in full bloom at that time, but you meet other CNPSers from around the state and get updated on important issues. Check *The Bulletin* for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VALLEY OAK RECRUITMENT STUDY

UC Santa Cruz graduate student, Blair McLaughlin, is pursuing research for a PhD dissertation on valley oak (*Quercus lobata*) sapling recruitment. He is looking for areas where there are valley oak saplings. Saplings are defined as trees above knee height or that appear to be over a few years old and are growing naturally, not planted or irrigated/caged trees. If you know of such sapling stands please contact Blair via email: bcmclaug@ucsc.edu so that he can add them into his survey data.

HEALING BOOK PUBLISHED ONLINE

Healing With Medicinal Plants Of The West - Cultural And Scientific Basis For Their Use by Cecilia Garcia (Chumash) and James Adams is now published as a second edition online at www.abeduspress.com. The cost to view the book for 2 years is \$15. The book is revised, has 90 new photographs and a new section "Sacred not Psychedelic."

ANNUAL COASTAL ART & POETRY CONTEST

The California Coastal Commission invites California students in kindergarten through 12th grade to submit artwork or poetry with a California coastal or marine theme to the annual Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. Up to eight winners will be selected to win \$100 gift certificates to an art supply or book store (made possible in part by Blick Art Materials), and each winner's sponsoring teacher will receive a \$40 gift certificate for educational supplies. All winners and honorable mentions will receive tickets for their families to visit the Aquarium of the Pacific, courtesy of the Aquarium. Students may have their work featured on Commission web pages and materials, and winning entries will be exhibited throughout the state. Entries must be postmarked by January 31, 2009 to be eligible for the upcoming contest. For rules and entry form (and helpful links for teachers and students), visit www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/poster.html (or follow the links from www.coastforyou.org), email coast4u@coastal.ca.gov, or call (800) Coast-4U.

CNPS Conservation Conference January 17-19, 2009

Register now for the CNPS 2009 Conservation Conference

Sacramento Convention Center and Sheraton Grand Hotel

Regular Registration ends Jan 12

Same Day registration opens Jan 17-19

Workshops Jan 20-21

Register at <http://cnps.org/>



Over 200 scheduled speakers, 3 keynote speakers (Jerome Ringo, Stephen Hopper, and John Muir Laws), 30 CNPS posters, 95 scientific posters, silent auction, photo and botanical illustration exhibits and contests, poetry reading, banquet, student events and competition, and much more! Please come and share our success stories and learn about new conservation strategies. Help us make science matter again!

PROGRAMS**TUES 1/13 7:30-9:30pm***Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino*

Ordinance Protecting Native Trees in Los Angeles? Really?
 Presenter: Jan Scow

Directions: the Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd. in Encino, is on the north side of Magnolia between Balboa & Hayvenhurst. Park in the lighted lot at the east end of the garden, walk west along the path to the garden center building. Native plant and gardening books will be for sale and refreshments are served. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 6:00pm at Tony Roma's Restaurant, 16575 Ventura Blvd., Encino. (818-461-8400)

TUES 2/10 7:30-9:30pm*First United Methodist Church, Santa Monica*

How Your Native Plant Landscaping Can Capture and Filter Water Onsite
 Presenters: Susanne Jett and Mayita Dinos

Directions: The First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street, Santa Monica CA 90403, is one and a half blocks north of Wilshire Boulevard on 11th Street in Santa Monica. From the 10 freeway, exit at Lincoln. Go right, or north to Wilshire. Turn right. In three blocks turn left on 11th Street. The church is on the left, just past California. Church parking is on the right under an apartment complex. The Fireside Room is at the north end of the church's large patio, next to the Sanctuary. Native plant and gardening books will be for sale and refreshments are served. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 6:00pm at El Cholo Mexican Restaurant in Santa Monica at 1025 Wilshire Blvd.

For information about the above programs, please see "Upcoming Programs" on front page.

BOARD MEETINGS**TUES 1/6 7pm**

LA/SMM Chapter Board Meeting at the home of Snowy Dodson, 15811 Leadwell Street, Van Nuys. Chapter members are invited! 818-782-9346

TUES 2/3 7pm

LA/SMM Chapter Board Meeting at the home of Jo Kitz. 6223 Lubao Ave., Woodland Hills. Chapter members are invited! 818-348-5910

HIKES AND RESTORATION**SUN 1/11 9am***Malibu Creek State Park*

Weed War Is Recruiting Volunteers Today, the California Native Plant Society commemorates the lives of some awesome CNPS members by tending the CNPS Commemorative Oak Grove where 20th Century Fox warehouse and heavy equipment were once stored. In memoriam we honor Dorothy Green and Jill Swift. Commemorating her years of service to California, we will plant an oak tree for Past-State Senator Sheila Kuehl, and we thank John Reinhold for his years as a weed warrior for CNPS. There will be surprise honoree. We will also enhance the habitat by planting additional trees and acorns. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. Reservations required. 818-348-5910. 4hrs. Co-sponsored by Mountains Restoration Trust and TreePeople.

THUR 1/15 8:30am*Caballero Canyon, Tarzana*

Chaparral Chatter explores the trails and byways of the valley's entrance into Topanga State Park. Winter rains bring a flush of green and early spring blooms (mountain lilac and currants) add color to the canyon. Bring water and snack. Meet at the lower trailhead. RSVP 818-345-6749 3hrs

SUN 1/25 10am*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Two years ago, most of the park burned, so this walk will view the recovery of native wildflowers (and many weeds); enjoy wave action on the beach and hope to see a whale migrating or a sea lion rollicking. 2hrs. 818-348-5910

SUN 2/8 9am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Weed War and Habitat Restoration Warring against (removing) the non-native plants (weeds) is necessary to restore biodiversity, habitat and ecological balance to the parks and preserves in the mountains. Bring lunch and water; tools and gloves provided; credit for community service hours. Please call for site location. *Reservations required*. 818-348-5910 or online at volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs. Co-sponsored by Mountains Restoration Trust and Tree People.

THUR 2/19 8:30am*Caballero Canyon, Tarzana*

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SUN 2/22 10am*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea In January 2007, most of the park burned, so this walk will view the recovery of native plants and wildflowers (and many weeds); enjoy wave action on the beach and hope to see a whale migrating or a sea lion rollicking. 818-345-6749 2hrs

SAT 2/28 9am*Cold Creek Preserve*

Flowers and Fungus Interpretive Walk: Spring is here with mountain lilacs and milk maids all in bloom; forms of fungus push through the duff if the rains have come. Call for meeting place. 818-591-1701 x203 or 818-348-5910. 3hrs

Theodore Payne Foundation

10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley 91352 - (818) 768-1802 - www.theodorepayne.org
 Nursery and Store Open Tuesday – Saturday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES**Small Irrigation Controllers with Bob Galbreath****Sat, January 10, 2pm – 3:30pm**

Come 2010, weather-based irrigation controllers, also known as smart controllers, will be the only controllers sold in California. Learn now how these new practical devices save time and water, foster sustainability and ensure that plants get watered when they need it.

Fee: \$25 members; \$35 non-members

Native Plant Horticulture with Lili Singer**Sat, January 17, 10am – 1pm**

This class offers the basics on gardening with California flora. You'll discover what a "native plant" is and why natives are valuable, and learn about plant communities, planting techniques, establishment, irrigation, pruning, ongoing maintenance and where to see and buy native plants. Recommended for beginners.

Fee: \$35 members, \$45 non-members



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