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VEEP SPEAKS

A life-long San Diegan was recently telling me what a paradise the beaches had been in his youth. Now it's a lot more crowded and commercial, he told me. It's a common experience: the house on the edge of town is swallowed up in sprawl, the open country road slows to a crawl, and the funky beach town becomes too pricey for the people who first gave it charm.

As hard as it is to imagine, our children will likely tell their children of the lost golden age that was the early 21st century. But rather than bemoan this deplorable prospect, this is the time to enjoy the great bits of nature that we still have.

It's springtime, lengthening days, glorious weather, and as far as I know, the best plant bloom of the coming decade. So let's recharge our batteries, whether it's by nurturing your garden, taking a hike in your favorite local nature spot, or visiting a spectacular national park.

And then maybe we can get together and try to do something about the San Diego our grandkids will live in.
Dave Fleitner

MAY MEETING PROGRAM

Innovative Irrigation Systems for Native Plant Restoration

by David Bainbridge
Marshall Goldsmith School of Management
Alliant International University

David A. Bainbridge is active as a researcher, author and consultant in sustainable management.

His work has taken him to China, Mexico, Belize, Portugal, Jordan and England. His articles have appeared in a wide range of journals - from Restoration Ecology to Agricultural Water Management to Resource Engineering and Technology for a Sustainable World, and Solar Today. He has written 11 books and 12 book chapters and more than 250 articles and reports.

He is also active as a reviewer for proposals and programs (NSF, USDA, universities) and journals (Environmental Management, Natural Hazards, Restoration Ecology, Restoration and Management Notes, and many others). Past advisor: California Energy Commission, California Department of Transportation, and the National Affordable Housing Coalition.

We lost a good friend and a great naturalist on March 2nd.

Royce Riggan's love for nature was an inspiration to everyone he met. He will be sorely missed.

When you get a chance, honor his wisdom by taking a walk in your favorite natural place.

Royce will be there.

Rick Halsey

CALENDAR

May 9 (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.

May 15 (3rd Tue) CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Program at 7:30 p.m., Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.

June 13 (2nd Wed) CHAPTER BOARD MEETING
June 19 (3rd Tue) CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM

TERSZIA D'ELGIN RECEIVES AWARD

A scrap of undeveloped canyon in Golden Hill, a neighborhood in San Diego, has survived a century of suburban growth. Surrounded by single- and multi-family housing, the canyon has managed to retain native riparian and upland vegetation, including plants such as Coast White Ceanothus (*Ceanothus verrucosus*) now becoming rare in So. California.

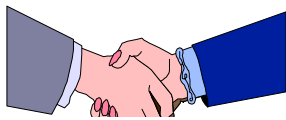
Not many saw value in this urban open space which had long been abused by trash dumping, sewer system maintenance, stream channelization and invasion of non-native plants.

But CNPS SD member Tershia D'Elgin recognized that such canyon habitats have become a rare resource for exploration, education, and recreation. She predicted that if the canyon could be reclaimed and native habitats reestablished, the area could be used to teach children about the value of nature in the city.

In the last five years, Tershia has built an active neighborhood group, Friends of 32ND St Canyon, which has twice successfully turned aside the School district from taking the parcel for a new school and ball field. They have demanded more careful treatment of the land from utility departments. They have received numerous grants to restore the land, including an award of \$158,000 from the State's Department of Water Resources to recontour the stream, replant with native vegetation, and develop a pilot project to install a subsurface biofiltration system to clean storm water before it enters the San Diego Bay.

The force behind these accomplishments was Tershia's persistence and insistence, which have made the canyon a model for other such areas in all of San Diego.

Award submitted and written by Carrie Schneider



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard & Mary Borevitz,	Carole Coburn,
Barbara Davies	Ann Forseth-Smith
Karen Hutchinson	Dustin Janeke
Rebecca Pozorski	Pam Slick
Ardelle Smith	Mary Stephan
Eileen Stevenson	Garth Wadsworth
Trevor Williamson,	Raydene Wolf.

Remember to bring your 'welcome to the chapter' card to the next meeting to get your free gift!

Mary Kelly
Membership Chair

CONSERVATION CHAIR and COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members needed: As many of you know we cannot just expect conservation to happen on its own free will. It would be nice if everyone just followed all the rules and regulations and surveyed and accurately reported all threatened and endangered plants that occurred on their property.

As volunteers, one of our most important responsibilities is to be involved in protecting our natural resources. If you're interested in being on the CNPS San Diego Conservation Committee – please e-mail conservation@cnpsd.org.

The Conservation Committee reviews development projects throughout San Diego County to ensure that environmental rules and regulations concerning native plant habitats are followed. We have a team of volunteers that works to review environmental documents (such as EIRs and EISs), write comment letters, attend public hearings, or meet with public officials and resource managers.

We are in the process of designating a bi-monthly meeting schedule. Committee meetings would be held on a weeknight evening and the location could rotate around the county. Committee members would have responsibilities to fulfill such as reviewing environmental documents, conducting surveys, or attending public hearings.

FALL SALE LOOK-AHEAD

Fall Plant Sale, **Saturday October 13** in the Casa del Prado Courtyard at Balboa Park, mark your calendars and tell all your friends!

We need a few volunteers to help coordinate the sale. These duties include soliciting donations for food, publicity (marketing), and other important administrative duties that need to be done in advance. If you're interested in helping the behind the scenes effort and working on this fall's plant sale, drop an e-mail to plantsale@cnpsd.org – no plant experience necessary.

Seed sales: The seed team coordinates the seeds sales; this includes ordering, collecting, drying and packaging all our seeds.

Plant propagation: Are you interested in growing plants for the sale? Do you have some plants at home you can pot up and donate for the sale?

If you want to help out with the fall plant sale, drop us an e-mail at plantsale@cnpsd.org.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS

Here on this beautiful rock, the Catalina Island Conservancy conducts a program entitled Volunteer Vacations in which participants engage in a variety of conservation projects. We run these weeklong programs in May, June and September. This June participants will spend two of the days monitoring our Oak Limitation Trials, a study to assess the lack of oak survivorship on the island. I've include more information below in case you would like to post this information for interested members.

I'd like to give you a little background about our 2007 Volunteer Vacations program. We have offered this special way to experience the Island since 1999. Since then, 100s of participants have rolled up their sleeves to help us protect our most treasured environs.

Volunteer Vacations offer a rewarding opportunity to actively participate in the restoration of our unique Island environment. Vacationers gain increased knowledge and appreciation for conservation and the protection of open space, as well as help preserve a natural treasure for future generations to study and enjoy. Vacationers typically participate in a variety of projects based on restoration priorities.

Vacations begin on Monday and end on Saturday, and include four days of service, project training, a naturalist activity, and opportunities to work closely with conservation staff. Vacationers stay at our beautiful and comfortable Laura Stein Volunteer Camp (LSVC)-a secluded camp with breathtaking views that is reserved solely for use by volunteers.

2007 Volunteer Vacation Dates:

May 14-19, May 28-June 2, June 11-16

June 25-30, September 10-15, September 24-29

The programs will run Monday through Saturday.

Enjoy delicious evening meals prepared and served by a consortium of local volunteers and restaurants. These three course meals will nourish the body and the soul as each night local staff or volunteers will share their stories with you, our hardworking guests. Cost: \$175/person

Includes accommodations for five nights, five dinners, on-island transportation, team leaders, project training, work supplies, and naturalist activity. Transportation to the island is not included.

I have attached a brochure with information about this volunteer program. Feel free to check our website at <http://www.catalinaconservancy.org/volunteers/vacations/index.cfm>

Please send your contact information to me at MSutton@catalinaconservancy.org and I will send you an application packet.

Matthew Sutton

CNPS CHAPTER COUNCIL

The quarterly CNPS Chapter Council meeting was held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont on March 10. In addition the typical discussions of process and mechanics, there were several topics of interest and potential relevance to our members.

A state-wide conservation conference, the first CNPS has hosted in two decades, is being planned for **October 19 – 22, 2008** at the Asilomar Conference Center near Monterey. There is plenty of interest among presenters, but volunteers to organize the event are needed, particularly on the Executive, Fundraising, Keynote/Plenary, and Marketing/Publicity committees. If you have the time and talent to contribute, please contact dianahickson@comcast.net

CNPS has developed and is presenting new plant science training workshops; there are 3 classes scheduled for this spring—two are full, one is filling up. This is a new program aimed at increasing the technical abilities, primarily among consultants.

Dr. Elizabeth Friar described a graduate-level research program to write Recovery Plans for CNPS 1B (rare, but not endangered) species. Students prepare reports that summarize the existing information of a species, gathered from site surveys, land managers, species experts, etc. The reports also provide recommendation for conservation measures.

There was a discussion about developing guidelines for what should be sold at native plant sales. This is a fundraiser for all the chapters, but it's possible that some plants could degrade the gene pool of native species in the wild.

There was a report on the interests and activities of CNPS members and potential members and a discussion of how to use this information to attract and retain new members.

-- Dave Flietner

SPRING PLANT SALE COORD.

We need a volunteer to take on the responsibility of coordinating and organizing our spring plant sale at the Tree of Life Nursery in San Juan Capistrano.

This volunteer(s) works directly with the staff at TOLN to set the date, advertise the sale, and recruit volunteers to help at the sale. TOLN provides all the plants and their staff on sale day. It's a great opportunity for someone (or 2-3 people) interested in native plant horticulture.

The sale is usually scheduled for a Saturday in February or March and requires planning six months in advance. Send an e-mail to info@cnpsd.org or contact any board member if you're interested.

OPERATION BUDBURST

Phenology is the timing of seasonal events such as germination and flowering time in the spring. Early clues to the onset of spring have been used for centuries by farmers to time sowing in order to maximize crop production. Today, phenological patterns are used to track the effect of climate change on plants and animals, to anticipate wildflower displays (and allergies), and to make predictions about fuel loads and about when to plant our gardens.

The U.S. National Phenology Network (NPN) was created in 2006 to facilitate the collection and sharing of phenological data. Project BudBurst is an annual campaign designed for the public; it's the collective effort of scientists and educators interested encouraging citizen scientists to record flowering times in nearby natural areas.

Six steps will enable you to complete your phenological investigation:

- 1) Go to the Project Budburst website (www.budburst.org), where you may subscribe (it's free) and find complete directions at the Participate! link. Here you will:
- 2) Select and identify one or more species using the plant list or by geographic area;
- 3) Locate the site where you may observe each species, including its latitude and longitude;
- 4) Determine which phenophase (phenological stage) you are looking for (i.e. Budburst/First Leaf, First Flower). For help, you may download plant descriptions by selecting species from the "Plants by List" link.
- 5) Report your observations (the dates of each phenophase) online.
- 6) Compare your observations on our maps to thousands of others around the country.

With your help, we will compile phenological information that will be compared to historical records to see how our backyards, parks, and forests are changing. You can do your part by participating in Project Budburst!

POSITION POSTING

WILDCOAST is currently seeking candidates for the position of Director of Development. Primary responsibility is for identifying, cultivating and soliciting individuals able to make gifts in the \$10,000-\$1,000,000 range. She/he will have primary responsibilities in the San Diego region and will be responsible for developing and leading the entire fundraising effort for the organization.

For full company and position information, contact :

WILDCOAST, Human Resources
925 Seacoast Drive
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

This posting will remain open until filled.

SAN DIEGO BOTANICAL GARDEN FOUNDATION

The San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation (SDBGF); who are they and why are they important to CNPS members?

For those of you who are new to the gardening scene in San Diego, SDBGF is an umbrella organization for most of the gardening clubs and societies including CNPS SD.

The function and mission of the SDBGF is important to CNPS. Casa del Prado in Balboa park, where we have our meetings and plant sales is run by San Diego city parks and SDBGF directly coordinates on our behalf with the parks department. SDBGF schedules the meeting rooms for all the clubs and societies and maintains group equipment like the carts.

Our membership in the SDBGF gives us consistent use of the rooms at Casa Del Prado and allows storage space for our merchandise (books and posters) and our lending library.

The SDBGF is run by volunteer board members from the gardening clubs and societies that make up the SDBGF. CNPS's representative is Don Miller - Don attends quarterly SDBGF meetings and relays information between SDBGF and CNPS. The SDBGF board is comprised of one president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, treasurer, historian, office manager and data programmer. They are currently seeking board candidates.

SDBGF also seeks volunteers to help out in the office on Thursdays- if you are interested please contact them directly at sdbgf@nethere.com or 619-234-8901.

NOTE FROM SD PLANT ATLAS

To the Board of the San Diego Chapter of the CNPS:

I would like to thank you on behalf of Curator of Botany, Dr. Jon Rebman and the staff at the San Diego County Plant Atlas for your generous support of our project.

To date, the Plant Atlas has led to the training of over 500 "citizen scientists" (parabotanists) and has added 24,149 plant specimens to the collection at the SDNHM Herbarium. We have been able to contribute to an increase in our knowledge of the flora of this county (an 8% increase since the last Checklist was published in 2001!) The 2006 Checklist includes 126 documented new county records.

It is the support of organizations like yours, and the good people in it, that make these results possible- and so rewarding!

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Mary Ann Hawke
SD County Plant Atlas

LOOKING BACK AT CNPS SD

For the CNPS history project, I looked through old CNPS San Diego newsletters. I thought I would take people down memory lane. In January 1973 the newsletter was a single page one-sided document. Joyce McKinney, Bill Knerr, and Helen Chamlee Witham were to talk about Propagation of Native Plants for the chapter. The CNPS patch was available with the Panamint daisy logo. Upcoming fieldtrips were to the lower Colorado River, the "nature reserve of Camp Pendleton", Poway Lake, Punta Banda cliffs in Baja California, a desert outing, and visits to gardens of three members.

May of 1979 had the board meeting at Mitch Beauchamp's house. There was a potting party for the plant sale at Helen Chamlee's house. Fred Sproul led a fieldtrip to Cuyamaca Lake.

In December of 1986 the Pamo Dam EIS had been re-released for review and Emily Durban led the effort to find a better solution to our water needs. Duffy Clemmons had started his rare plant distribution project and provided County maps with four locations of *Arctostaphylos otayensis* (Otay Manzanita), one location of *Dudleya multicaulis* (many-stemmed dudleya), and three locations of *Astragalus tener* var. *titi* (coastal dunes milk vetch). There was a notice about the 2nd Native Plant Revegetation Symposium to be held at the Hanalei Hotel sponsored by SD CNPS, So. CA Chapter of the Wildlife Society, and the Riparian Vegetation Work Study Group. John Reiger and Bobbie Steele were listed as the contacts for the symposium.

In 1987/1988 Kay Stewart wrote about State Fire Code and fire reduction issues. Problems cited in 1988 were fire breaks across canyons, land denuding along canyon rims, and burning of 50 year old Torrey pines and mature toyon during a controlled burn in Encinitas. Wayne Tyson had started the Tecolote Grass project. The California Department of Fish and Game had received listing petitions for *Rosa minutifolia* (Small-leaved rose) and *Cupressus guadalupensis* ssp. *forbesii* (Tecate cypress).

In September of 1989 the Fish and Game Commission balked at listing the Tecate cypress despite the CDFG staff recommendation for adoption of threatened status for the species. The decision was postponed to October at the request of an Irvine Company lobbyist. Ironically, today in 2007, the plant is considered endangered by CNPS rare plant scientists and we are continuing to argue for the listing of this imperiled species.

Cindy Burrascano



CRESTRIDGE ECO RESERVE

Crestridge Ecological Reserve is a 3,000-acre ecological reserve located on the north side of Crest. From the 1970's - 1990's several developments were proposed for the area. But due to its ecological value and the hard work of your local residents, the area was acquired for preservation in 1999. CNPS has sponsored hikes in Crestridge to see the impressive native habitat which includes Mixed Chaparral, Coastal Sage Scrub, Scrub Oak Chaparral, Riparian areas and Open Oak Woodlands. Crestridge is open to hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers.

Docents needed for education program: Crestridge is the home of The Earth Discovery Institute (EDI), a program of the Endangered Habitats League in San Diego providing environmental education. EDI is rooted in the belief that young people and the natural environment need each other to thrive.

Volunteers are needed to serve as field instructors in EDI's education programs that serve nearly 3,000 students annually. If you love the outdoors, are committed to sharing your love of the outdoors with children, enjoy doing hands-on projects with curious students, this could be the opportunity you've been waiting for! Ongoing time commitment is 10 hours per month (M-F, September-June). Training will be provided.

Summer Camp: The Earth Discovery Institute and Ari-maw Productions present Summer Science Camp 2007 at Crestridge Ecological Reserve. Join our talented instructors for 4 fun weeks of science-themed day camp at the Reserve. Learn fascinating scientific facts, create cool projects, and join exciting activities in this beautiful natural setting, \$150/week. The camp will take place from 9am-2pm as follows:

June 25-29: THE AVATAR,
July 9-13: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS,
July 16-20: LIVING IN THE FUTURE,
July 23-27: MADAGASCAR.

For more information, contact Cathy Chadwick at 619-749-5767 or chadgroup@cox.net.

FIELD TRIPS

May offers an abundance of riches, with five field trips in four weekends. Local, international, Saturdays, Sundays, basic, advanced; there's something for everyone.

Dave Fleitner
Field Trip Chair

CNPS SD FIELD TRIP BASICS-always

- * Heavy rain cancels all field trips.
- * Wear sturdy shoes; bring water, sunscreen, etc.
- * Unless noted, trips are free and are open to members and public

UPCOMING CNPSSD TRIPS

Sat, May 5, 9 a.m. - noon.

Lopez Ridge Park

Open only to CNPS members & Friends of LPC
Applications for both available day of hike

Join **Mike Kelly** for a leisurely plant walk (mostly flat except for the initial steep dirt road). Highlights include a strange oak hybrid (*Quercus x. acutidens*) and federally-listed willow monardella (*Monardella linoidea viminea*) restoration. Meet at 7245 Calle Cristobal in Mira Mesa (TG 1208 J-3).

Directions: Exit I-5 at Sorrento Valley Blvd., continue east 1/2 mile after crosses Camino Santa Fe (changing to Calle Cristobal). Exit I-15 west on Mira Mesa Blvd., turn right on Camino Santa Fe, and right on Calle Cristobal.

Sat, May 12, 10 a.m. - noon.

Tecolote Canyon.

Meet our common natives and learn their uses with **Betsy Cory** and **Alan Bennett**. Bring a friend! Meet at Tecolote Nature Center (TG 1268 F-2).

Directions: Exit I-5 at Tecolote Canyon Road (east), continue straight past end of road to the end of parking area. Free and open to the public.

Sat, May 12, 8:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m.

Punta Banda, Baja California.

Fred Roberts will lead an all-day trip to this rugged and spectacular maritime succulent scrub-covered peninsula. Punta Banda, located just south of Ensenada, is a spectacular peninsula with succulent sage scrub with several Baja California endemics. Bring lunch and water, we will go out to dinner afterward. You don't need a passport (yet). Meet at Palm Avenue Park & Ride, 2340 Palm Ave., Chula Vista (TG 1330 B-6).

Directions: Exit I-5 east at Palm Avenue, pass Hollister, turn left into trolley station.

Sat. May 19, 10 a.m. - noon.

Black Mountain

Learn the basics about native plants with **Arne Johanson** and **Julie Kircher**. Bring a friend! (TG 1227 J-7). Meet on Bernardo Center Drive in 4S Ranch just west of Dove Canyon near the Carmel Valley Rd. construction barricades (Thomas Guide 1169 - F6).

Directions: From I-15 exit Camino Del Norte west, go 1 mile, turn left on Bernardo Center Dr. 1.5 miles (past Dove Canyon Rd.) to Carmel Valley Rd. Free and open to the public.

Sun. May 27, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Eagle Peak Preserve.

Here's a great getaway for Memorial Day weekend. **Rob Hutsel** will show us around Engelmann oak woodlands and native grasslands in this 312 acre preserve. We will meet at the Poway Rd/Sabre Springs Pkwy Park and Ride (TG H6) at 9:30 a.m. Bring lunch, but save room for apple pie in Julian afterward.

Directions: Exit I-15 east at Poway Road, turn left at Sabre Springs Pkwy, U-turn back to the lot. Alternatively, meet us at the Preserve at 10:30 (www.sandiegoriver.org/articles/DirectionsEaglePeakPreserve.htm).

TRIPS PAST

GRAPEVINE CANYON

Saturday (March 24) a small group of CNPS members led by botanist Larry Hendrickson went by 4WD from S22 down to Tamarisk Campground through the Anza Borrego wilderness areas along Grapevine Canyon Road. Our goal was to observe several areas of the proposed segment of the proposed SDG&E 500 KV "sunrise" transmission lines.

The temperature was a blissful 70 degrees. Though I tallied 63 separate taxa, we saw very few annuals. Those we did see included two spurge (Chamaecybe) species, scarlet buglers and Phacelia and Amsinckia species. Despite it being the driest year on record, all the shrubby plants had at least some leaves and flowers, trying to keep life going. Ocotillo in the lower elevations had few leaves but lots of flowers, survival strategy in action. Desert apricot and many other shrubs were blooming and lush at the head of the canyon at the mountain/desert interface, while in the lowland riparian areas, honey mesquite, cottonwood, and willow were in full bloom.

Butterflies, beetles, rabbits, birds, and other creatures were making the most of the briefly abundant food. The birders on the trip were having a great time identifying hermit thrushes making little chatty calls, and beautiful black phainopepla whistling in the mistletoe clusters, as well as many other birds I have forgotten about. We found the locations of the proposed powerline pads and easements within

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the wilderness areas, using the aerial photos that SDG&E has on its website. One segment of the corridor would deviate almost 1/4 mile from the existing pole alignment up the hills into the Grapevine Mountain wilderness. Two pad locations in that segment are located right adjacent to two dense stands of evergreen shrubs growing on a high watertable/exposed aquifer up on the north-sheltered side of two knolls. This is an act of terrific disregard to life in the desert, where such a place must provide key refuge for animals, well away from the riparian corridor with all its activity. For instance, we were excited to see several perfect 2" diameter bobcat pad prints in the soft soil above the wash at Angelina spring.

One of the pull stations would be located in an area where Larry has found Coves' Cassia, though we did not have time to see if the pull site would fall right on the spot where plants are growing. The SDG&E proposed mitigation for plants found at a site is very poor, a few days notice to see if any volunteers could come dig up the plant, and the risks of killing plants by transplanting are huge. A proposed new connecting transmission line that would run across virgin wilderness from Sentenac Canyon north to join the big 500 KV line would go across a mile of braided meanders at the confluence of San Felipe Creek and the runoff from Grapevine Canyon. Having seen what happened at Palm Canyon a year ago, I can only imagine the forces that sometimes rip through the confluence of these two drainages. What happens when a tower is struck by a 5' deep moving mudslide with basket-ball sized boulders surfing in the crest?

Larry showed us a fifty acre burn that resulted from some yahoo who shot out insulators in the 69 KV existing lines, which brought the live lines down. The fire raced through the dried carpet of exotic grasses that have started to seriously compromise many areas close to the roadways. The burned cactus garden there was ghostly, only a few tiny Mammillaria spp survived unsinged. We saw our only poppy there, a brave little Eschscholzia minutiflora sheltered under a boulder.

Another pull station is planned in that site, which includes a prime archeological area with large "slicks" (fine grinding areas) on the boulders. We found several dozen beautiful clusters of the listed Panamint Dudleya in boulder outcrops on a hillside, growing with small ferns, within a short distance of the proposed new 150' wide easement. After some search, one of the group finally found one plant that was intermediate between the listed Borrego Bedstraw and the more common Desert Bedstraw. The easement through that area, near Stuart Springs, would span a rich and vital riparian community with ancient Zizyphus (Lotebush) tall enough to stand under. We found a barn owl carcass with perfect feathers in that area, reminding us that this canyon is also a very important raptor corridor. What a loss if a fire were to start there from a powerline downed, like the Pines fire that torched the head of Grapevine Canyon six years ago.

Kay Stewart

PLANT SALE RECORD SET

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped at the Tree of Life CNPS sale on March 3. From 9:30 on we had a parking lot full and over-flowing with customers! Several people who came to the sale to buy plants also pitched in to help customers make their selections. It was a perfect sunny spring day and a great time to pick some new natives for our gardens.

Thanks to Anthony, George, Coolidge, Dawn, Don, Betsy, Cindy, Pat, Sue, Sharon and anyone I may have forgotten to list. And special thanks to Pat Pawlowski who presented a slide show on butterflies and their favorite host and nectar plants. Thanks to Mike Evans and all the staff at Tree of Life Nursery, it is through partnerships like this one that we are able offer our programs and provide outreach to the community. Thanks also to everyone who drove up to buy plants on our sale day!

Our share of the sale proceeds was \$2885 which is an all-time record for our spring sale. This money will help us continue to protect native plants and their habitats. Three cheers for the volunteers and members who made it happen!

Connie Beck Crusha

VISIT CNPS SD LIBRARY

CNPS San Diego invites you to visit our lending library at any of our monthly meetings. Browse through our wide selection of books and check out any books for one month with proof of membership (newsletter addressed to you or member card).

Library hours are 7 until 7:30 PM as well as one half hour after the speaker finishes, at every monthly meeting. A list of books in our library can be viewed on our website (www.cnpsd.org) in the Education and Community Outreach section.

Come educate yourself on a variety of topics from California wildflowers to native oaks to the flora of Baja at the CNPS lending library!

Catherine MacGregor

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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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