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BOARDMEMBER'S BLOG

OPEN SPACE AND THE CONCEPT OF PRISTINE

Pristine is a dangerous concept. When we say "a pristine wilderness area", we typically mean: land without modern development, without people, without pollutants derived from our modern life. Most people would say that Yosemite is a "pristine wilderness area" and should be protected to sustain the animals and plants that call it home.

But, pristine is a dangerous concept. San Diego's open spaces, such as Rose Canyon, are not "pristine". Some proponents of the Regents Road bridge project in University City have argued that therefore it's no big deal to drop a new road across Rose Canyon. For example, Councilmember Scott Peters (quoted in San Diego City Beat, March 28, 2007) says that since Rose Canyon is not "pristine", we should not object to a further assault on her. So, when a person has been assaulted, we don't object to her being further assaulted?

Even the "pristine" Yosemite is not "untouched". Wildlife populations (and humans) are managed in Yosemite with the goal of preserving the web of life while also allowing us to enjoy visiting it. Pollution falls on Yosemite from our global changes. Snowmobiles race through the park in the winter. Nevertheless, we all know that it's worth protecting in order to preserve the qualities that we treasure. Same with our Open Space parks – let's stop the assaulting and get on with the emergency treatment!

Submitted by Carrie Schneider, a CNPSSD board member. She is active in the Friends of Switzer Canyon and works for a local biotech company. She lives and gardens in North Park – check out her garden on our website:
www.cnpsd.org/SDLandscapes/Site/Home.html

MEETING PROGRAM

**Restoration of Coastal Sage Scrub
in San Juan Capistrano
by Marty McPhee of Park West Companies
Tuesday, October 16
San Diego, Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 104
doors open at 7:00 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m.**

Marty McPhee will describe the process of re-establishing a coastal sage scrub community on 75 acres of ridgeline on Reed Ranch that had been overgrazed by cattle for over 50 years.

Elimination of the resulting infestation of invasive non-native weeds, primarily cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*) and mustard (*Brassica* species), and the seed banks of these weeds, was an extreme challenge that was overcome in this project.

Means & methods, trials & tribulations will be discussed!

CALENDAR

Oct 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.

Oct 13 Fall plant sale

Oct 16 (3rd Tue) CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM
Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Program at 7:30 p.m., Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.

Nov 14 (2nd Wed) CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

Nov 20 (3rd Tue) CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The annual election for San Diego CNPS board members will be held in November. Candidates will be running for a two year term (Jan 2008 - Dec 2009). Ballots will be mailed with the November newsletter. Members will have the opportunity to vote via mail or in person at our November general meeting.

Any CNPS member in good standing is eligible to run for the board. We will have four openings on the board this year and encourage competitive elections. The primary responsibility of the elected board is to oversee the chapter's finances and to ensure compliance with the chapter and state by laws.

If you're thinking of running for the board, consider these thoughts:

- Are you committed to the mission of the California Native Plant Society?
- Are you able to commit between 5 – 10 hours per month to help us accomplish our mission?
- Are you a leader and interested in working with other CNPS members to help protect native plants and their habitats?
- Are you able to attend the board meetings? The board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month except August and December.

Now: If you're at all interested in running for the board or would like more information, please contact Carolyn Martus, Dave Flietner, or Cindy Burrascano.

Timeline for the board member election:

Oct 1: Declare your candidacy; submit name and a one paragraph bio to info@cnpsd.org

Nov : Ballots distributed via newsletter or vote in person at the general meeting

LEARN TO PROPAGATE

Propagation Workshop Saturday November 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Recon Native Plant Nursery (near Imperial Beach, directions given at time of RSVP).

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 only (**join online at <http://www.cnpsd.org/membership.html>**). Also, school teachers/parents/volunteers working on a school garden are invited.

RSVP to sandiegonativeplants@yahoo.com and indicate whether you are a CNPS member (individual or family) or if you're working with a school, include the name and location of the school and one brief paragraph on your garden plans.

THE FALL PLANT SALE IS HERE!

This is a good place to see California native plants close-up and learn more about them. Talk to professional native plant gardeners about their care. Read the informative signs with photographs of each plant in bloom, its natural habitat and range, and horticultural hints. We have an excellent selection of handouts, and books and other items for purchase.

Plan to come early as some species sell out in minutes and most plants are gone by noon. Bring your little red wagons and boxes. There is a loading zone on Village Place in front of the patio.

If you need help selecting plants, we are experts and can help you select the right plants for your landscape or restoration project.

We accept cash or checks only, **NO credit cards please**. Most plants will be available in one gallon containers unless otherwise indicated.

We'll have just about everything from native bulbs, seeds, books, and posters, to plants. From Abies to Yucca; there will be over 150 different species totaling more than 3000 pots.

The full list is posted at www.cnpsd.org/plantlist2007.pdf

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THE CHAPARRALIAN

The new issue of The Chaparralian is now available. The contents include:

- Global warming, Politics, and Science
- The National Chaparral Recreation Plan

This issue is dedicated to introducing the National Chaparral Recreation Plan, a new idea that will enrich the lives of all Californians. We've spent a long time on this and hope it will help start the discussion on how to help preserve not just the four National Forests in Southern California, but how to reconnect the population with nature.

If you would like a copy, please let me know and I'll be glad to send one to you. I look forward to your comments.

Rick Halsey

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California Native Plant Sale

Saturday October 13, 2007

Balboa Park Casa del Prado Courtyard (By Casa del Prado Theater), San Diego, CA

In a garden, native plants do best with some attention and care, but require less water, less fertilizer, less pruning, less or no pesticide, and less of your time to maintain than do many common garden plants. At the same time, they bring beauty to your garden. They also attract butterflies and birds that help keep mosquitoes and harmful bugs under control. Native splendor reduces time and effort.

Open to CNPS Members, 10 AM – 3 PM

Open to Public, 11 AM – 3 PM

Cash or Checks Only

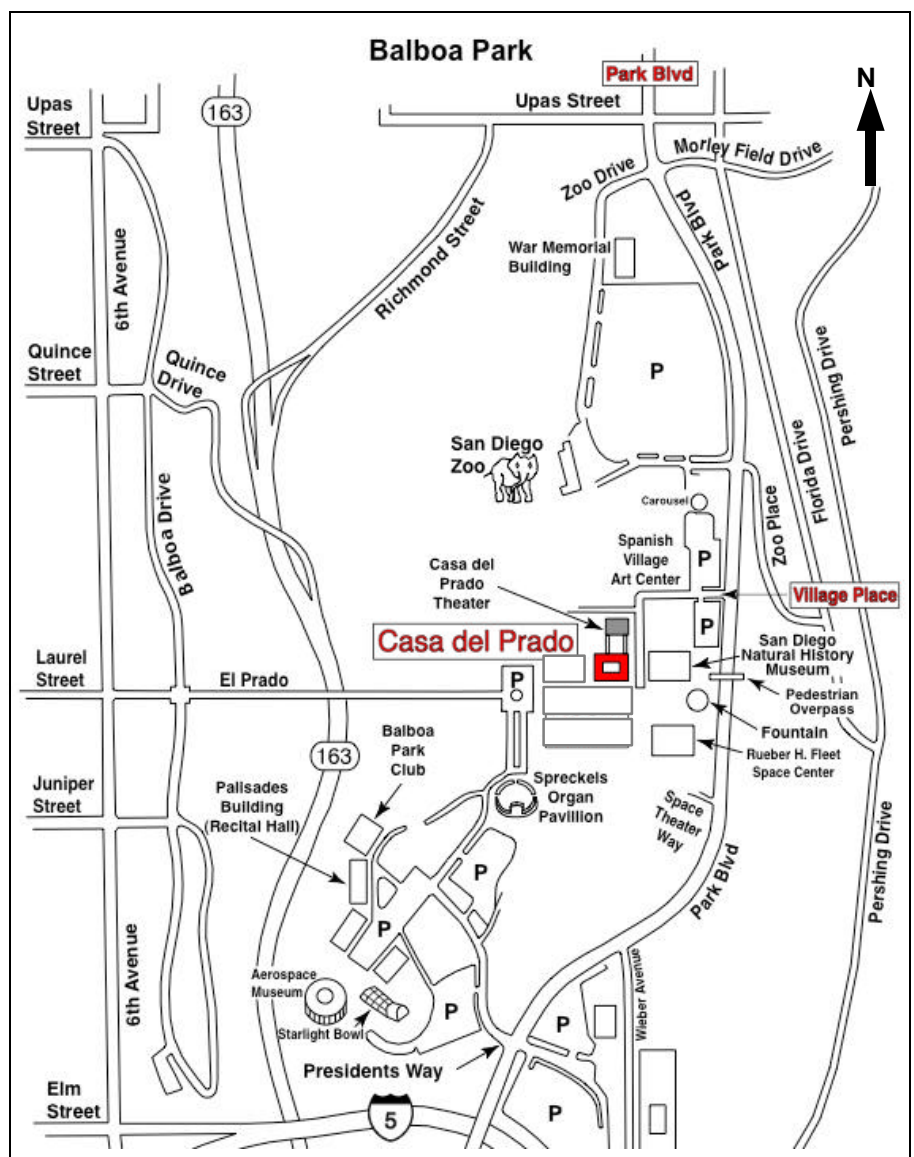
Books, posters and wildflower seed for sale and free expert CA Native advice will be available

**Come early for best selections
Show up late for best deals**

You can join CNPS at the sale or download a membership form from our website.

You may pre-order your plants: See details at www.cnpssd.org

**to contact us:
info@cnpssd.org
www.cnpssd.org**



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RIVER PARKWAY GRANTS

The Resources Agency is pleased to announce the release of the Guidelines and Application for the Proposition 50 California River Parkways Grant Program third round of funding.

The California River Parkways Grant Program is a competitive grant program for river parkways projects. Eligible projects must meet a minimum of two out of five statutory conditions and provide public access or be a component of a larger parkway plan that provides public access. \$20.5 million for the third round of grant awards is included in the proposed 2007/08 Governor's Budget.

Information and related documents can be accessed online at: http://resources.ca.gov/bonds_prop50riverparkway.html Technical assistance workshop information is available.

Grant Applications for this program will be accepted until Friday, October 19, 2007 at 4:00PM.

For more information on the California River Parkways Grant Program, send an email to rp50@resources.ca.gov or call (916) 653-2812.

AN "ACACIA-CIDE"

BE PARTY TO AN "ACACIA-CIDE" as we begin to thin out stands of invasive *Acacia cyclops* that are presently depriving California native plants of sunshine, nutrients and water.

Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m. to noon

We'll be working at 32nd Street Canyon, Golden Hill.

From 30th and C Street, go east on C Street past 32nd Street and down the hill until you see a big retention wall on the left. Park there and then walk into the canyon on the left (north) for approximately 350 feet.

Please bring gloves and handsaws if you have them. Don't forget your sunscreen and water.

If you have questions, call Terشيا 619/929-7630



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NOAA's Office of Habitat Conservation has released information about the following funding opportunities for FY 08:

Community-based Habitat Restoration Project Grants: FFO# NMFS-HCPO-2008-2001032. The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) provides funding and technical expertise to implement locally-driven, grass-roots habitat restoration projects. The NOAA Restoration Center (RC) anticipates that typical awards will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

Community-based Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Project Grants: FFO# NMFS-HCPO-2008-2001026. The NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP), authorized in the Marine Debris Reduction, Prevention, and Reduction Act (33 U.S.C. 1951 et seq.), provides funding to implement locally driven, community-based marine debris prevention and removal projects. Awards - \$15,000 - \$250,000. Applications due October 31, 2007

Open Rivers Initiative: FFO# NMFS-HCPO-2008-200103: The NOAA Open Rivers Initiative (ORI) provides funding for locally-driven projects to remove dams and other barriers. Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. Although a select few may fall outside of this range, project proposals requesting less than \$30,000 or greater than \$1,000,000 will not be accepted or reviewed. Applications due October 31, 2007

The full text and application instructions for these announcements are currently posted at www.grants.gov under the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) numbers listed above for each program

Questions regarding the announcement may be sent to: glhrp.glerl@noaa.gov.

NOV+DEC ISSUE

Please note: we will have a combined November/December issue. Contributors should include December material along with their November material.

Editor

**“Borderless Botany: Current
Border Issues in Southern
California”**

Oct. 20, 2007

Early Registration \$35.00

(due by 5 October 2007)

\$45.00 at the door

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

Parking in Lots H, J, and E (including faculty/staff parking) is free and available to anyone on weekends

The symposium fee includes a one-year membership in SCB. With that you will receive 6 issues of *Leaflets* and 2 issues of *Crossosoma*. Please indicate if you would like to purchase a box lunch for \$15.

**LOW—WATER
GARDENING WORKSHOP**

Learn the benefits of drought-tolerant plants, how to incorporate native plants into your landscaping design, and how to attract birds & butterflies to your garden. Take home a free native plant from this free workshop.

Do good in your watershed AND lower your water bill! The space is limited and reservations are required.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City Hall Annex, Del Mar

or

Saturday, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Sikes Adobe Farmstead, Escondido

Contact (858) 674-2275 ext 12 or grownative@sdrfc.org for directions and to reserve a space.

Sponsored by San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy with a generous grant from the Metropolitan Water District Community Partnering Program.

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**

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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WATER CONSERVATION SUMMIT

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, JOAN KROC CENTER FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

OCTOBER 12, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,

The 2007 Water Conservation Summit cordially invites:

- o Professionals who design, build, supply and maintain San Diego County's urban landscaping
- o City and county land-use planning directors and storm water managers
- o Large commercial/industrial water users

The goal of the Summit is to develop a long-range water conservation plan for saving 108,000 acre-feet of water annually in San Diego County by 2030.

The 2006 Summit introduced over 240 professionals to a market-based strategy to develop water-efficient landscaping in San Diego County, and launched three public/private workgroups to design a model water-efficient landscaping ordinance, a collaborative industry cluster, and public education.

With three presentations in the morning and four interactive creative sessions in the afternoon, the 2007 Summit will give your association members the opportunity to give input on:

- o How the model water efficient landscaping ordinance will change the way developers, landscape contractors, nurseries, and city planners do their jobs
- o Training/certification programs and other landscape industry strategies in development
- o How we educate the public to adopt water-efficient landscaping
- o How large water users can benefit from audit and incentive programs
- o How expanded recycled water systems could serve San Diego County
- o How the water and energy industries can work together to promote efficiency

More information and online registration is available at: www.waterconservationsummit.com



20-GALLON CHALLENGE

"We are clearly facing a serious water crisis throughout California," said Fern Steiner, chair of the San Diego County Water Authority's board of directors.

Steiner urged residents, businesses and public agencies around the San Diego region to increase their water conservation immediately.

The Water Authority and its 24 member retail water agencies launched a "20-Gallon Challenge" campaign for voluntary water conservation earlier this summer in response to dry conditions that already are depleting water reserves around the state. The 20-Gallon Challenge calls for everyone in the region to reduce their water consumption by 20 gallons per person, per day. Suggested tips available at www.sdcwa.org.

"The need for all of us to conserve water has never been more urgent," Steiner said. "The more water we save now, the more water we can keep in storage to meet next year's needs when water deliveries from the Bay-Delta are being curtailed," Steiner said.

Steiner said the Water Authority will continue to work with the governor, state legislators, federal officials and other water agencies on determining a long-term solution to the Bay-Delta's infrastructure, and legal and environmental problems so that the State Water Project will be able to safely and reliably convey water supplies to Southern California.

"While this ruling will determine water deliveries for the next year or so, we are very concerned that its limits could continue under the new permanent rules for operating the State Water Project pumps," Steiner said.

This ruling does not address the many other challenges imperiling the fragile Bay-Delta - pollution from pesticides, invasive species that compete for the food supply for the Delta smelt, rising sea levels from climate changes, as well as the aging levee system that could give way in an earthquake and cripple the Bay-Delta's ecosystem and foul its water supplies. Any long-term solution for the Bay-Delta must address all the problems confronting the region.

The Water Authority in 2006 implemented a drought management plan which has detailed steps for dealing with the drought, including a formula for reduction of water supplies to its member agencies. Under the plan, each member agency would decide how it will implement the reduction for its customers. In the same manner, should MWD reduce water supplies, it will be up to the Water Authority to decide how to achieve the water savings or implement that reduction to its member agencies.

CRESTRIDGE RESERVE

Interested in working with children? Want to share your love of the outdoors with children? Enjoy doing hands-on projects with curious student to help them learn more about ecology? Volunteers are needed to be field instructors or assistants. Training is provided.

Interested to helping maintain this beautiful reserve by planting, watering or working on special projects? Interested in learning more about our natural habitat through ongoing training with a variety of experts?

Interested in working with volunteers?

Check us out, and learn about the many wonderful activities taking place at Crestridge. Perhaps you will find the perfect volunteer activity to suit your personality.

Where: Crestridge: 1171 Horsemill Road (call or email for directions)

Questions? Call Cathy Chadwick (619) 749-5767 or chadgroup@cox.net.

The Endangered Habitats League at Crestridge Ecological Reserve invites You to our Fall Native Plant Sale Saturday, October 6, 8am-12noon

Native plants/Composting supplies/Expert advisors/and Kids activities

The Sale will benefit education and restoration programs at Crestridge. Most plants will be in 1 gallon containers and will be local natives, including Manzanita and Ceanothus, Blue-eyed Grass, Salvias, native wildflowers and much more. Native plant experts will be on hand to assist you with selection. Most plants \$7.50 or 3 for \$20.

Composting questions? Ask a master composter from the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation. Low-cost bins for sale to residents of unincorporated County. Biostack compost bin, \$45; Wriggly Wranch worm bin, \$40.

Fun activities for kids:Dissect an owl pellet/Build a birdfeeder/Plant a native plant seed to grow at home For directions or additional information, please contact Cathy Chadwick at chadgroup@cox.net or 619-749-5767.

TECOLOTE CANYON WALKS

1st Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Walks may be canceled in event of inclement weather or poor trail conditions.

Walks leave from Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote rd., San Diego. Bring water and binoculars if you have them, and wear a hat, comfortable shoes, and sunscreen. Don't forget to make time to visit the Nature Center before or after the walk.

TIJUANA RIVER ESTUARY

Sunday, October 7: Fiesta del Río 1:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Imperial Beach Pier Plaza

Celebrating the Cultures and Natural Resources of the Tijuana River Estuary: where nature and nations meet Dance!Drama!Music!Food!

Join us on for activities ranging from children's games, dancing, and Latin music. Visit booths featuring San Diego's leading environmental organizations, learn a traditional pirate period dance, watch the engaging Dr. Zoolittle, or visit Native handicraft booths featuring the art and pottery of contemporary Kumeyaay artisans. Finish off the day by enjoying a mariachi band from the Sweetwater Union High School District and the lively local Latin band Agua Dulce! The FREE event takes place at the Imperial Beach Pier Plaza. Please visit http://www.tijuanaestuary.com/inc_m_fiesta.asp for more details.

Saturday, October 20: Saturday Speaker Series

10:00 – 11:00am

Dr. Richard Wright will present the on the Tijuana River Watershed Atlas Project. More details to come.

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The San Diego chapter has an e-mail list for members to discuss issues relating to native plants. We also post news about upcoming programs, action alerts, and field trips that comes in too late to be included in this newsletter (which requires at least a three-week lead time). You can subscribe yourself to this list by sending an email to listserv@ucsd.edu. In the body of the email, type "add cnpsd-L"

Copy submissions are due by the first of the month prior to month of publication. (For example, copy for inclusion in the July issue must be received by June 1.)

Send copy submittals to: newsletter@cnpsd.org

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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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