



CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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VEEP SPEAKS

Gasoline at \$4.50 a gallon. Food prices skyrocket, stock prices plummet. Isn't it a great time to be alive? While I don't mean to minimize the real pain that this crippled economy is causing people, in a way I'm glad that it's finally happening. We're running up against the limits of our ability to exploit the planet and now, finally, inevitably, we must change our way of doing things if we are to survive.

And because humans can be pretty smart when they need to, we will figure out how to cut our demands on the natural systems we depend upon. I think that this will take form not only in technological innovation, but in people's basic attitudes toward the natural world. People may open to both a greater appreciation of the natural world and a desire to actively participate in its care and maintenance. A logical outlet for many may be to get acquainted with the plants that are best suited to their own place and climate. Your native plant garden provides an accessible entrée into the natural world as people began to reestablish a connection. So garden proudly: tell your neighbors how you're working to create a sustainable world.

Dave Flietner

CALENDAR

July 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.

July 15 (3rd Tue) CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

MEETING PROGRAM INVASIVE PLANT STUDIES By Carl Bell

**Tuesday July 15, 7:00 PM
San Diego, Balboa Park
Casa del Prado, Rm 104**

Invasive plant species have invaded our local habitat. This week is Invasive Weed Awareness Week and CNPSSD is pleased to host Carl Bell as he presents the latest research on the biology and ecology of pest species and discusses educational methodologies and natural resource policy issues related to invasive plants. Special emphasis will be made on the unique issues related to habitat recovery after the recent wildfires.

Biography

Carl E. Bell is the Regional Advisor of Invasive Plants from the University of California Comparative Extension. He is responsible for extension research and outreach in six southern California Counties (San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, Ventura, and San Bernardino). Clientele for this position are land owners/land managers of public and private properties. The focus is on non-native plants that have invaded natural habitats.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Biology and his Masters Degree in Botany from California State University, Long Beach.

CNPS-San Diego Monthly Programs

Chapter meetings are open to the public; there is no charge. Our programs are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, excluding August and December.

7:00-7:30 PM is a time for discussion, camaraderie, and visiting our book sales table. The programs start at 7:30. Come early and browse our books. Stay after the program for conversation and refreshments.

Mystery plants identified! Bring your unknown plant and we will help you learn to identify it

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OUR PLANT SALE

Our Plant Sale is Saturday Oct 18th

Check the website for up to date info or drop us an e-mail: plantsale@cnpsd.org

SHOPPERS: Pre-orders will be accepted starting around September 1st and are due by October 1st. Pre-orders are for CNPS members ONLY and must be 20 items or more. Skip the lines and crowds and pre-order your plants!

VOLUNTEER JOBS: It is not too early to sign up to volunteer at the sale!

Before the Sale: A few people are needed the week before the sale to help with plant deliveries, a few volunteers are also needed to go to the nurseries and tag plants.

At the Plant Sale: Volunteers are needed for the set-up, ticket writing, plant loading, refreshment table, book and seed sales, security and customer service.

Seed and Bulb Team: Amy Huie volunteered to be our new seed and bulb team leader. We say goodbye to Gay Dorius who will be learning how to garden at her new home near Yosemite National Park. Amy has been in touch with most of the volunteers who worked with Gay but if there is anyone else out there who would like to help out, please get in touch with Amy directly at 619-440-7789 or amyhuie@usa.com.

RAPID ASSESSMENT SCHED

Save Sat. July 26 for a Rapid Assessment vegetation survey dates to be performed by the CNPS Vegetation Committee volunteers for the first part of the year (after that, surveys become more sporadic). Location to be announced.

Surveys typically take place on the 4th Saturday of the month from 9am to 2pm, unless there is a holiday around that weekend:

Lexine Schroeder
CNPS Vegetation Committee Co-chairperson

CHAPTER BOARD OPENING

Daniel Simon is moving to San Clemente and resigning from our board, so we have an opening. If there is anyone out there interested in this position, please let me know. The board meets on the 2nd wednesday of the month (except Aug and Dec.)

Members interested in this position should be committed to the CNPS mission but do not have to be an expert botanist. Our board is made up of both amateur and professional botanist/ biologist types. If you're interested in getting more involved with CNPS - please contact me and I'll give you more info about the position.

Carolyn

CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE

In 1997, the City of San Diego adopted a habitat conservation plan that set aside land for the protection of about 60 plant and animal species. The Preserve covers much of San Diego's Canyonlands that are intertwined among residential areas.

After the recent fires, the City obtained a FEMA grant to help manage city open space that is adjacent to houses. Since this city open space is also part of the habitat Preserve, it's imperative that the management be done with habitat preservation in mind. The City jumped the gun this last winter, sending inadequately trained crews with chainsaws into Rose Canyon, Tecolote Canyon and others. CNPS-San Diego and other environmental groups spoke up and demanded that a biologist train and direct these crews, in order to minimize damage to the Preserve that the City had pledged to maintain in exchange for the rights to develop other lands. We are happy to report that the City has recently advertised for a biologist to carry out this work (apps.sandiego.gov/pjaol8/bulletins/2935.pdf).

Wildfire is frightening, but it's not necessary to destroy the natural wonders of our area. Attend a "LIVING WITH WILDFIRE" course to learn what you can do. These workshops are being scheduled by district – stay tuned on the CNPS-San Diego email list server for updated information about times and places (to join, send an email to the address below).

Another smart thing to do is to start a Fire Safety Council in your neighborhood, as Tierra Santa did; see (campbellot.com/firesafe_tierrasanta/Articles/roof%20article/roof%20article.htm). Also, read practical measures to take right now at the Homeowner's Wildfire Mitigation Guide (groups.ucanr.org/HWMG/programs.htm).

San Diego's plants need citizen advocates. To learn more about how to get involved, send an email to info@cnpsd.org.
Carrie Schneider

Cal-IPC SYMPOSIUM

Join us for the 17th Annual Cal-IPC Symposium! This year we return to northern California and the shady campus of Chico State University, where the Sierra Nevada meets the Cascade Range.

The Symposium brings together over 300 weed workers to discuss the latest in wildland weed research and control techniques. This year's invited sessions address the future of wildland weed management: How will climate change impact weed spread? What new initiatives will help us do our work? How can we apply lessons from the past? How will career opportunities in weed work evolve?

Addressing the future includes training the next generation of researchers and managers. This year's Symposium includes new activities especially geared towards students, recent graduates, and anyone planning their next career move. Enter the Student Paper and Poster Contest, attend our career panel, and talk to panel participants in the discussion group.

Registration includes Awards Banquet & 2009 membership!

Call for Papers Abstracts Due July 1

Cal-IPC invites the wildland weed community to submit abstracts for contributed papers and posters. Paper sessions are held October 2-3. Contributed oral presentations are 15 min. plus 5 min. for questions. Posters will be displayed throughout the Symposium and a designated poster session will allow attendees to interact with poster presenters.

Sample topics:

Invasive plant biology and ecology

Control techniques

Mapping and monitoring

Habitat restoration after invasive plant control

Early detection and rapid response

Exceptional invasive plant removal projects or outreach programs

Social issues or policy related to invasive plant management

See abstract instructions at
www.cal-ipc.org/symposia/presenters.php.

SAVE THE DATE! Fiesta del Río

Once again the Tijuana Estuary will celebrate those cultures and the diverse natural resources of our coastal area with Fiesta del Río, to be held this year on Sunday, October 5, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Imperial Beach Pier Plaza.

We will feature a wonderful line up of entertainment, food, activities and participants. Our theme for this year's event will be "Passport to Adventure." We invite you to visit this year's Fiesta del Río. It is our hope that the booth area of the Fiesta del Río, which is reserved for our partners in environmental education, will exhibit all the wonderful work being done by organizations in our region, like yours, and help to educate the general public about our local habitats, their inhabitants and the issues concerning these. Last year was our largest turnout ever - 2,000 people! So this is a great opportunity to interact with the public, again we encourage you to think of engaging activities for the public.

We promise to make sure the sound system is not too loud for the booth area, so you don't have to strain your voices and people can easily hear you. We hope you will join us in the festivities. Please mark October 5th on your calendar. Look for your formal registration packets and information in July – August via email. Thank you for your support.

Lorena Warner-Lara
Education Specialist/Research Asst.

SHOW OF HANDS PLEASE NATIVE PLANTS FOR BARRIO LOGAN?

CNPSSD has been invited to consider taking part in a proposed program to create a native plant enclave in the Barrio Logan. The concept includes elements such as a native plant demonstration garden, possible sale of native plants, and a native plant walking trail.

The enclave would be situated on land leased to Coordinated Maritime Services (a non-profit org) and the concept is being introduced to the Barrio Logan Community Update Committee.

If you are interested in helping with this project, send an e-mail to Jim Harrison, jfh4eco@cs.com. If a reasonable number of members are interested, the idea will be taken to our Executive Board for approval as a SD chapter project.

HELP AT OLD TOWN GARDEN

Join CNPS members and other volunteers at the newly restored Old Town State Park Native Plant Garden to help with weeding during the summer, and planting of annuals and bulbs in the rainy season.

Dates: Sunday, June 1; thereafter, every 2nd Saturday: July 12, Aug 9, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 13, 2008 Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Bring: a hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool and something to kneel on.

CNPS restored riparian species to the original San Diego river location in the area of the State Park just east of the Trolley Station, and planted upland species also used by the Kumeyaay indians around McCoy House. The cottonwoods, sycamores, coast live oaks, elderberry, cattail, tule, deer-grass, white sages and other species are growing quickly. But we must keep the weeds at bay. With your help the garden will become even more beautiful. We especially need to eliminate invasive non-native bunch-grass species from the site. If we do this now, weeds will be more under control by 2009.

Park in the State Park free lot at Calhoun and Taylor Streets, or take the trolley. The garden is in Old Town across Congress Street from the trolley/train/bus depot, and is right next to the parking lot.

Peter St. Clair

CONSERVATION

The Plant Atlas includes Info on Native/Non-native plants

The ever-growing database at the San Diego Natural History Museum now includes a field which indicates whether a particular plant is a San Diego county native or not. Go to www.sdplantatlas.org, and choose "Search our database" from the "Public Resources" tab. Be sure to select the "Plant Atlas" collection, or "both". We expect this feature to be very helpful when reviewing landscaping and restoration plans. Thanks Plant Atlas!

MSCP East

The County of San Diego has embarked on a program to prepare a joint habitat conservation plan/natural community conservation plan for unincorporated areas of eastern San Diego County. CNPS's current representative to the MSCP East County meetings can no longer attend due to conflicting work schedule. If you can represent CNPS on this important committee, contact me at info@cnpsd.org.

Carrie Schneider,
Chapter Conservation Chair

WILD LAND WEED FIELD COURSES

Upcoming field courses will train weed workers on the biology, identification, and control of invasive plants. Limited space is still available, including special discounted rates for restoration volunteers! Registration and details at www.cal-ipc.org/fieldcourses/index.php.

2008 Field Course Schedule:

Berkeley - Tilden Regional Park

July 23 - Biology & Identification *NEW!*

July 24 - Control Methods

Chico - Bidwell Park

October 1 - Revegetation *NEW!*

[*Cal-IPC Symposium follows on Oct. 2-4 at CSU Chico*]

Oakland - Trudeau Training Center

November 6 - Mapping

[*date and location to be confirmed*]

I look forward to seeing you at a field course!

Heather Brady, Coordinator

NHM-CANYONEER WALKS

The SD Natural History Museum's Canyoneers offer many interpretive nature walks throughout the year.

Check online (www.sdnhm.org) for directions, the most current info, and any updates.

July Schedule:

date location

1 Santa Ysabel preserve

7 San Elijo Lagoon County

8 Agua Dulce loop

14 Sunset Trail

15 Piedras Pintadas Ridge

NEWSLETTER VIA LIST SERVE

We have changed the way we distribute electronic copies of the PDF version of the newsletter. Instead of being sent as an e-mail attachment, the PDF newsletter will be posted on the chapter web page. After it has been posted, an announcement of the posting will be made via the list serve.



PLANT SALE SEED TABLE

Hello CNPSSD members. My name is Amy Huie and I will be taking responsibility for the seed and bulb table from Gay Dorius. I hope I have been able to get in touch with all the volunteers who have been working with Gay. If I haven't contacted you, and you would like to continue working with the Seed and Bulb Team, please call me or email a message.

I am also requesting help from our chapter members who are interested in joining the Seed and Bulb Team. You can join us to:

- Clean seeds and bulbs donated by Recon Nursery.
- Package seeds and bulbs donated by Recon or bought from Theodore Payne and Telos

You may donate your own native seeds and bulbs from your garden.

If you are interested in joining us in this important service to our chapter, please contact me:

My phone number is: (619) 440-7789

My email is: amyhuie@usa.com

We will be having a seed cleaning and seed packaging party at Tecolote Nature Center on Sunday, June 22nd, beginning at 9am. Please contact me if you can make it, or if you need directions. I look forward to seeing you there! There will be bagels and coffee.

Amy

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CNPS 2009 PHOTO CONTEST

Sponsored by CNPS and Lowenpro, for full details visit <http://cnps.org/cnpsconservation/conference/2009/>

Cash, backpacks, and/or conference banquet tickets will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize winners and runners up.

Deadline for entries is 15 November.

CHAPTER POSITIONS

Volunteer Opportunities with CNPS San Diego!

We always need volunteers! From pulling weeds to setting up for our monthly programs, if you have time, we need you. Please send an e-mail to info@cnpsd.org or just introduce yourself to one of the board members.

BOARD MEMBER OPENING: We have an unexpected vacancy on our board as one of our boardmembers is moving out of town. We are looking for someone who is responsible and committed to the CNPS mission. If you're interested in becoming more involved with CNPS and enjoy working with others, please contact us.

BOOK SALES ASSISTANT: We sell books, posters and plants at our monthly meetings and at community events and we need some help setting the books, making sales, and tracking the inventory.

LIBRARIAN: CNPS has a small library that is available to CNPS members during our meetings. We need someone to oversee the library and check out books to members.

PROGRAM'S ASSISTANT : Help coordinate and set up the room for our monthly meetings which are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except Aug and Dec): Assist with the refreshments for our monthly meetings and/or plant sales. Welcome members to the meeting and answer general questions at the meetings Help set up/clean up the meeting room

PUBLIC OUTREACH: We attend many environmental fairs and garden events throughout the year and around San Diego County. We are always in need of extra volunteers to staff our booths at these events



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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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