

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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VEEP SPEAKS

I've been writing about various places in San Diego where I walk and hike. I encourage you to write me at vicepresident@cnpsd.org with your favorite places. Include a photo. In the near future, I hope to have a place on our website where we can share places to go, as well as our pictures of those places.

At the end of September and beginning of October, I visited Palomar Mountain State Park. Regional State Park superintendent Ronie Clark, a CNPS member, told me the park might close under the Governor's budget. Thankfully, that is not the case. The Park is open, along with our other State Parks in San Diego.

The park's many high mountain meadows (above 5,000 ft) were filled with deergrass in full fountain accompanied by goldenrod and purple asters. Bordering the meadows were black oaks, a few of which showed yellow and gold leaves, and the largest canyon live oaks I have seen. Along with a few coast live oaks and scrub oaks, these were covered with ripening acorns. Deer and wild turkey moved slowly in the shrubs beneath the oaks, Ponderosa pine, Jeffrey pine, white fir, and incense cedar. Box elder, willows, dogwood, white alder, thimbleberry, serviceberry, raspberry, strawberry, western flame bush, wild rose and others lay along creeks, a few of which still flowed--albeit slowly. Poison oak, basket bush, currants and coffee berries provided plenty of color at the wood's edge. Thirty-five species of birds were present and in all I counted seven native species in bloom, visited by checkerspot and California sister butterflies. -Peter St. Clair

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4, from 6 – 8 pm. At the **Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library**, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego. All members welcome. No Board meeting in December.

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UPDATE ON SAN DIEGO'S MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM BY JARED UNDERWOOD

San Diego County is home to many rare, threatened, and endangered species. On a national and global scale, the region has been identified as a major "hotspot" for biodiversity. It is also one of the most rapidly growing regions in the country. This combination of high biodiversity, large numbers of rare and unique species, and rapid urbanization has led to conflicts between growth and biological conservation. In the 1990s the County initiated a Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) for unincorporated areas of the County. The goal of this program was to develop comprehensive conservation plans that would allow for the conservation of biodiversity and continued growth within the County. The North County Plan (Plan) expands the MSCP into the northwestern unincorporated areas of the County. In this presentation we will outline the goals, objectives, and policies of the Plan that will allow for the streamlining future development outside of proposed preserve areas and for the conservation of rare and endangered species within the proposed preserve system. November 17, 7 pm in Room 104

For a Balboa Park map see www.balboapark.org/nav.html
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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.

6:30-7 Natives for Novices "Garden Elements: Plant Forms, Textures Colors, and Rocks" presented by Peter Giorlano Come early and browse our books. Stay after the program for conversation and refreshments.

We meet in Balboa Park, in the Casa del Prado, Room 101 or Room 104, which can be reached by car from Village Place off of Park Boulevard (served by the #7 bus). The Casa del Prado is immediately west of the Natural History Museum. The meeting room is handicapped accessible.

7-7:30 pm: Mystery plants identified! Bring your unknown plant and we will help you learn to identify it.

WILDLIFE FRIENDLY GARDENING

Want to Create a Wildlife Friendly Garden ?

This *San Diego Audubon* workshop will show you how.

The San Diego Audubon Society is conducting a workshop on **How to Create a Wildlife Friendly Garden** that uses native plants, saves water and provides a natural habitat for wildlife. Native plants are adapted to our environment, attract birds and butterflies, and are beautiful. The two-session workshop will teach you how to select, plant and maintain native plants.

When: November 28th and December 5th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. (two sessions)

Where: Tecolote Nature Center, (east end of Tecolote Road)

Cost: \$30 (includes a 1-gal. native plant to take home)

Mail in this form with your payment or call our office (858 273-7800) and make your reservation. You can also pay at the door, but you should register in advance.

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Audubon at Home Garden Workshop

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

e-mail _____

Amount Enclosed _____ (payable to San Diego Audubon)

Mail to: San Diego Audubon, 4010 Morena Blvd, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92117

NATIVE GARDENING COMMITTEE

The Native Gardening committee will meet November 3, at 7 p.m. at 4234 Tacoma St. in the Claremont area in San Diego. We'll be updating on school gardens, Natives for Novices, gardening brochures, and our community garden projects. All chapter members interested in helping promote gardening with California natives are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Dave Flietner.

NEW GARDEN PROJECT

There are two important river parks in the San Diego area - The San Diego River Park, which originates in the Cuyamaca mountains and eventually courses through Mission Valley to the Pacific Ocean. The second is the San Dieguito River Park which begins on Volcan Mountain and ends in the Pacific Ocean at the San Dieguito Lagoon between Solana Beach and Del Mar, by the race track.

The San Diego Chapter of CNPS has a seat on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the San Dieguito River Park and are therefore involved in the development and care of this important park and watershed.

When this park is completed there will be a 55 mile coast to crest riding and hiking trail linking the Pacific Ocean to the eastern mountains. Along the way there are numerous historic sites and scenic vistas. One of the historic sites is the Sikes Adobe Farm House, located east of I-15 and the eastern end of Lake Hodges. Although nearly destroyed in the 2007 wildfires, it is now in the process of being restored.

This particular site is one of the major focal points of the entire park and during the cooler seasons several hundred trail users per day pass by, often stopping to visit the site. Associated and part of the adobe site is a California native plant garden. The garden has been laid out and still contains remnants of its original plan, but is in need of significant rehabilitation.

The CNPSSD Native Garden Committee is planning to restore and improve this garden. When restored it can be a showplace for native plants and for our Chapters involvement in the use and promotion of our native flora and public service. This is also an opportunity for the North County residents to have a permanent garden site for their participation and enjoyment.

Restoration on the garden will begin in November 2009 and any and all are invited to participate. Please call Don Miller for dates and more information (858) 755-5143

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

Renew your CNPS membership online using a credit card. As an option, set it up to **renew automatically** year after year. It is quick, easy, convenient, and reduces renewal mailing costs.

Visit the CNPS website at:

www.CNPS.org

Click on the **JOIN** button



SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS SUMMARY

The San Diego Chapter hosted four field trips on Sunday September 13 after the CNPS Chapter Council adjourned. These trips gave visitors and local plant enthusiasts a chance to see some of San Diego area's native plant places.

A mix of about 15 folks from the general public, our chapter, and CNPSers from around the state learned about the common coastal sage, riparian, and chaparral species in Florida Canyon with Dave Flietner leading. The canyon is just east of the manufactured environment of the Balboa Park museum zone.

Given the season, they talked how the plants deal with drought and referred to Margaret Filius' book to show the true beauty of some species. While the intricacies of composite flowers and the fragrances of different species' leaves held our interest, the star of the hike was two-year old Ocean, whose pure enthusiasm and joy as he discovered the bugs and flowers, put everyone in touch with their sense of wonder.

Five Council visitors came to see the Old Town Native Plant Garden. This group included CNPSers who are actively promoting efforts to interest the public about native plant landscapes. The group enjoyed sharing ideas and experiences about introducing native plant horticulture to an urban audience, and issues with public gardens and agencies partnering with CNPS. We enjoyed the thriving plants, and noticed a lot of variety among the three species of large *Baccharis* shrubs in the garden, all of which are volunteers. The group was interested in the irrigation technology, especially deep watering tubes for trees that have boosted the oak trees' growth so well.

Those who chose to walk at Torrey Pines with guides Margaret Filius and Marty Jacobsen explored the Parry Grove trail, since it is used so little by the general public - it meant they could wander along taking up the whole trail without worrying about joggers coming by every couple of minutes. This is also a trail that has a big variety of plants and is where there was a controlled burn in 1998. There were some very interesting (and interested) people, so conversation was fun. Perhaps the blossom that attracted most attention was *Funestrum cynanchoides* var. *hartwegii* (used to be *Sarcostemma cynanchoides* ssp. *hartwegii*). Other plants that received a lot of attention were *Cneoridium dumosum*, *Agave shawii* and *Euphorbia misera*.

The UCSD Dawson Los Monos Canyon Reserve in the cities of Carlsbad and Vista was opened to a group tour by UCSD Reserve Manager Dr. Isabelle Kay by special arrangement. The 234 acre reserve, which is usually only open to researchers, contains habitats such as Southern riparian woodland, coast live oak woodland, inland sage scrub, mixed and chamise chaparral, and mixed grassland of

native bunchgrasses and introduced annuals. Rebecca Wolf, a research associate, explained some studies going on in newly developed study plots where a fuel reduction experiment is documenting the relationships between loss of shrub canopy cover and subsequent growth of invasive non-native species. The group rambled through several plant communities, ending at a meadow. On the way they identified several interesting native plants, including hybrid oaks and striking specimens of one of the coastal areas spiniest plants, *Adolphia californica*. -Kay Stewart, Field Trip Chair

RECYCLE AND RAISE MONEY FOR CNPS

Las Pilitas Nursery donates 10 cents for every usable pot brought to them by CNPS members. Pots can be brought directly to Las Pilitas at

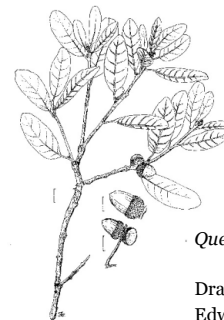
8331 Nelson Way Escondido, CA 92026

or stored at the Tecolote Nature Center at

5180 Tecolote Road San Diego, CA 92110

Please visit the CNPS-SD website for details.

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Quercus engelmannii

Drawing contributed by Fred Edwards

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER UPDATE

61 VOLUNTEERS TO DATE!

A big thank-you to all of you who have volunteered to receive your newsletter digitally. I am still working out the best way to get the newsletter to you and will hopefully be able to start in January 2010.

For those of you who have not had a chance to let me know you are interested now is the time to do it! The cost of printing and paper continues to rise. Help CNPS-SD save money and reduce waste by signing up to receive your newsletter via e-mail. If you are interested please e-mail Julie at newsletter@cnpsd.org.

CHAPTER ELECTION—BOARD CANDIDATES FOR 2010

The Executive Board consists of 11 members each elected to a two year term of office. This year we have six candidates for five open positions so your vote will matter!

A ballot for the annual election can be found on page 3 and may be returned via mail or in real time at the November general meeting.

Bobbie Stephenson served on the CNPS-SD Board of Directors from 1978 to 2002 in a variety of positions, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Plant Sale Chairperson, and Newsletter Editor. She held these positions from one to three years each, except Newsletter Editor, which she held for ten years or more (she quit counting!). She has been working as a biologist in San Diego County since 1982, during and after earning a BS Degree in Botany and a MS Degree in Biology with an emphasis in Botany from SDSU. While in graduate school she worked for CalTrans, surveying for rare and endangered plant species, compiling plant lists, mapping vegetation, analyzing impacts and proposing mitigation for State highway projects. This was followed by 22 years as a consulting biologist (including 16 years with RECON) doing biology studies and working on land and resource management plans. Four years ago she began working as a Land Use/ Environmental Planner and staff biologist for the County of San Diego. She currently works in the County's Multiple Species Conservation Program Division on programs designed to preserve San Diego's diverse biological resources.

Frank Landis has been a CNPS member for approximately 19 years. His mother (Betsey Landis) got him a gift membership soon after he graduated from college in 1990, and his experiences working with his mother (who is very active in the Santa Monica Mountains chapter) persuaded him to obtain two graduate degrees in botany (MA from Humboldt under John Sawyer, PhD from UW-Madison) both degrees focusing on native plant ecology. Over that 19 years, he has belonged to four chapters (East Bay, North Coast, Santa Monica Mountains, and San Diego), and been active in three. As a CNPS member, he has given three monthly presentations, led hikes, pulled weeds, commented on documents and policies, surveyed rare plants, and sold plants and seeds. He is a professional botanist, generally working as an environmental consultant.

Frank sees himself as a somewhat extreme example of how most plant enthusiasts are made, not born, through exposure to enthusiastic, knowledgeable teachers who turn the world from a gray-green blur into a beautiful landscape of familiar species. He is active in conservation and education issues, and has been known to help out with vegetation mapping efforts. As a director, he is interested in helping run the Chapter's day-to-day activities, in reaching out to new members and educating existing members, and in furthering plant conservation efforts throughout our city, county, and state.

Julie Janssen has been a CNPS member for nine years and currently acts as the newsletter editor. As a restoration ecologist and she has worked as a consultant and with non-profits on native plant restoration projects throughout southern California. Julie has been growing native plants for over 15 years and spends much of her time either propagating natives for local projects, consulting with local nurseries on how to best care for and recommend natives to customers who are new to our local flora or walking in the back-country appreciating San Diego's open space. Her degree is in Environmental Studies and she is working on her Master's in Business Management.

Katherine "Kay" Stewart (Incumbent) received a BA and MA in biology. Between 1971 and 1984 she provided biotech services for CA State Parks, Oregon DFW, and the US Forest Service. She completed a Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture in 1984. She worked under a licensed landscape contractor, a swimming pool contractor, and five years for David Reed, Landscape Architect, on residential, institutional, and commercial projects. Kay was registered as California Landscape Architect # 2967 in 1989 and opened her own practice. Kay has enjoyed designing landscapes for around 330 clients so far, mostly residences. She has also provided planning for Famosa Slough Open Space Reserve, Old Town State Park, The Water Conservation Garden in El Cajon, several small projects at UCSD, Deer Park Buddhist monastery in Escondido, and Anstine- Audubon Nature Preserve in Vista.

Sandra Feiock (Incumbent) and her husband started as novice California native plant advocates when they wanted to convert their property from a weed lot to native habitat. They started by getting involved with the San Diego Chapter of CNPS and got more and more involved. Their property is improving, but remains a work in progress. Sandra started as treasurer in 2007 and wishes to continue to play this important role for the Chapter. In her short tenure she has taken the records from a Quicken based system to a full professional accounting system. She has held positions as a financial accountant and Internal Auditor with various large California businesses and is currently the Chief Financial Officer for her husband's company. The software used for that company is the same one she uses for CNPS-SD books. She has enjoyed the involvement with the San Diego Chapter and looks forward to continuing as the treasurer.

CHAPTER ELECTION—BOARD CANDIDATES FOR 2010 CONT.

Wes Hudson became a member of the San Diego CNPS in 2002. He has led Society sponsored native plant hikes in local canyons for the general public, organized a native garden tour in the San Diego metro area in 2005, and is currently a member of the San Diego Chapter's Gardening Committee. Through this committee he is currently working on a unique educational outreach project in Juniper Canyon that combines focus on the care and the use of local native plants for garden design and their use in habitat restoration. Wes is also one of the founding members of Friends of Juniper Canyon, a group which is trying to help preserve native habitat in an urban canyon in San Diego. He also serves on the steering committee of the Canyonlands Coalition, a network of numerous canyon friends groups across the county. Wes, a native of NYC, came to San Diego in 1989 after having earned a doctorate at USC. As a result of years of exploring the county's backcountry, his love of native plants came to fruition when he decided to replace his lawn and backyard with natives in 2002. Subsequently, his interest in native habitats led to, and was fostered by, employment on a number of field research projects with the USGS and through the San Diego State Foundation. In 2006, he made the decision to go completely native, professionally speaking, and started a native garden design business, North Park Native Plants, which is based on the use of local native plants in gardens that can flourish without irrigation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 1** - Tecolote Canyon Walk - pg 7
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- Nov 3** - Native Garden Committee Meeting - pg 2
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- Nov 4** - Board of Directors Meeting - pg 1
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- Nov 7** - Invasive Weed Group Meeting - pg 8
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- Nov 7** - Point Loma Work Party - pg 8
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- Nov 14** - Old Town Work Party - pg 8
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- Nov 14** - Propagation Workshop - pg 8
9 am-noon
- Nov 15** - Point Loma Work Party - pg 8
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- Nov 17** - CNPS Meeting Program - pg 1
7 pm (Natives for Novices 6:30 pm)
- Nov 28** - Wildlife Friendly Gardening Class - pg 2
9-11 am
- Dec 5** - Wildlife Friendly Gardening Class - pg 2
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- Dec 5** - Invasive Weed Group Meeting - pg 8
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- Dec 5** - Public Field Trip Meeting - pg 8
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- Dec 15** - CNPS Holiday Program - pg 5
7 pm

CNPS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

"We are the Program"
San Diego, Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 104
December 15 - 7 pm

Save the date for some CNPS Holiday fun! You are invited to participate in a special program of the San Diego chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

The Society is reviving a long neglected tradition of "Member's Night", to mingle with others, share family cookie recipes and just have fun. We will also recognize volunteers for their excellent service to our organization. Guests are also invited to bring along photos of recent native plant trips or gardens to share with the group. Please contact me: pfishtein@cox.net or 619-280-8234 beforehand to let me know. For best viewing by all, photos should be in either slide (supply your own carousel) or digital formats (CD). The event will also be a great opportunity to purchase books and original art work as gifts for family and friends for the Holidays.

We would like YOU to add to the table with your favorite canape's and holiday cookies for all to share. Coffee and cider will be served for the occasion.

Join us in the Holiday spirit of seeing old friends and greeting new members and bring along your botanical experiences to share with everyone. Your enthusiastic participation will make this special event a grand success.

WANTED

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CNPS-SD NEWSLETTER

Do you have an idea for our newsletter? An article, a poem, or story about native plants and their environment? We could also use line drawings or simple black and white photos of native plants. Copy submissions are due by the 10th of the month. We would love to hear your ideas!

Send copy submittals to: newsletter@cnpsd.org

Ballot for CNPS San Diego 2010 Election of Board Members

Individuals who have an individual membership should vote using the “individual” column.
Households that have a family membership should cast two votes by using both columns.

Mark your ballot, cut it out and fold it and either mail it or bring it in to the General Meeting in November

Mail Ballot to: CNPS SD C/O San Diego Natural History Museum

PO Box 121390

San Diego CA 92112-1390

VOTE FOR FIVE

	INDIVIDUAL	FAMILY
Bobbie Stephenson	_____	_____
Frank Landis	_____	_____
Julie Janssen	_____	_____
Katherine “Kay” Stewart	_____	_____
Sandra Feiock	_____	_____
Wes Hudson	_____	_____

Would you like to get more involved in CNPS, are you interested in volunteering a few hours a month?

Please circle the areas that interest for volunteer work. A CNPS member will contact you very soon.

Plant surveys Outreach, public displays Membership

Letter writing Horticulture Website

Conservation planning Fundraising, grant writing Book sales

Nature Guides (Education) Newsletter Plant Sale

Other areas of interest: _____

Name _____ Phone No. (____) _____ e-mail _____

CNPS FALL PLANT SALE

Thanks to everyone who supported our plant sale! It was a fabulous day and we sold over 5,000 plants. We recruited 23 new members and raised about \$15,000, we were still counting at the time the newsletter was printed.

Thanks to the members who grew and donated plants to the sale, Vince Scheidt, Diane Green, Sue Marchetti, Amy Huie, Connie Beck, Pete DiGirolamo, Curtis Croulet, Ed Schwind, and Melanie Howe.

Thanks to Bob Laymon, Frank Landis, and Will Johnson for taking on the laborious task of transporting the signs. Thanks to Bonnie Nickel for staying to the end and taking back the unsold Las Pilitas plants.

Thanks to Jen Lansing, Diane Green and Michael Bregantic for publicity efforts.

The leftover plants were donated to Grant Elementary, Friends of Famosa Slough, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, 32nd St Canyon, Crestridge Reserve, Lake Murray Community Park, La Mesa Enrichment Center, and Old Town State Park. The rest were sold at our general meeting.

We received donations and discounts from the following nurseries: Tree of Life, Recon Native Plants and Moosa Creek Nursery. Food was donated by Vons, Trader Joes and Papa Johns.

Many thanks to our volunteer team: Adrienne Heinzelman, Alain Michel, Amy Huie, Anne Fege, Anthony Cocco, Benita & George Gray, Betty Ball, Callie Mack, Carrie Schneider, Cathy Chadwick, Cheryl Wagner, Chris Brennen, Christina Bowie, Cindy Burrascano, Connie Beck, Connie DiGirolamo, Dave Flietner, Dave Waller, David Varner, Dawn Lawson, Debbie Evans, Don Miller, Francis Bozzolo, George Yackey, Greg Rubin, Hank Kraus, Jake Sibley, Jane Campbell, Jeremy Sison, Joan Helland, Julie Ellison, Julie Taylor, Kay Stewart, Lexine Schroeder, Linda Jones, Lois Day, Lynn Elliot, Lynne Mayman, Margaret Fillius, Margot Laue, Marguerite Mauritz, Margy Day, Mary Kelly, Melanie Rocks, Michele Jirek, Morgan Vondrak, Moriah Alexander, Nancy Tarbell, Robin Gaudielle, Ron Forster, Sharon Hackett, Sue Fouquette, Sue Jackson, Suzanne McAllister, Theresa Acerro, Tricia Beel, and Viviane Marquez-Waller.

- Plant Sale Co-chairs Mary Kelly and Carolyn Martus

MONTHLY CNPS-SD EVENTS

Tecolote Canyon Walk - First Sunday of each month

November 1, 9 - 11 AM: Learn about the plants in Tecolote Canyon. Meet at Tecolote Nature Center at 9 AM. Take I-5 to Sea World/Décolleté Rd and proceed east on Tecolote past all the ball fields to the very end of Tecolote Rd. Comfortable walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Rain will cancel.

MEET CNPS VOLUNTEERS

When hundreds of natives were planted into the freshly weeded soil of the Old Town Native Plant Garden in April 2008, members of the Gothic Volunteer Alliance (GVA) were among the 110 volunteers who made it happen. Every month since then, CNPS work parties in the Garden have asked volunteers to donate their hard physical labor. And every month, those work parties have included between four and a dozen GVA members, working alongside a core of CNPS members and other volunteers.

GVA is a volunteer group that was established in October 2006 after a brutal attack on one of the group founders for being Goth. GVA is dedicated to removing society's misconceptions of the Gothic sub-culture by demonstrating compassion for the community and environment. They host neighborhood and graffiti cleanups, fundraisers for the San Diego Humane Society and local charities, and have provided a steady source of strength in helping CNPS heal and restore the Old Town Garden.

All volunteers, including members of GVA, have planted natives, picked up trash, pushed wheelbarrows, pitched mulch, dug out tons of weeds, pruned and groomed shrubs, and bagged and hauled stuff away. In November, CNPS will be planting around fifty more native plants (see page 4 for details). These plants will continue the restoration of the green environment that was grocery store and home depot to the Kumeyaay and Diegueno people for millennia. If such consistent TLC continues to be given by all these many hard-working volunteers, the Garden should continue to evolve from an urban wasteland into a one-acre island of indigenous plant harmony.

BOARD NOTES

At our October 7th meeting, your Board of Directors voted to join with other environmental organizations on several fronts. We will contribute \$500 to develop an "Environmental Scorecard" for San Diego's mayor and city council. We will apply for funding from the state CNPS Bilisoly bequest, to collaborate with the San Diego Natural History Museum to conduct botanical surveys in Imperial and eastern San Diego counties where development is proposed and where floral records are scant or missing. We also endorsed the proposal to create Grizzly Bear National Monument within the Cleveland National Forest, joining a growing list of Southern California environmental groups that back this visionary idea promoted by the California Chaparral Institute. Please look for more information on all these efforts in future newsletters.

We also elected David Varner as chairman of the Public Outreach committee; please read his bio on page 9.

PUBLIC FIELD TRIPS

Public Field Trips Meeting: December 5th—10 am

The spring of 2010 is just around the corner, and that means that we'll be having our native plant walks. To plan the hikes, pick the canyons and open spaces we'd like to cover and pick the dates and times of the walks, we'll be meeting at Twiggs coffee shop on December 5, at 10:00 am. Twiggs is at 4590 Park Blvd, on the corner of Madison Avenue

Everyone who has lead hikes in the past is encouraged to join with us again this year. We need your knowledge and experience. And if you haven't led a native plant hike, but would like to, please contact Paul Hormick at 619-297-2957. He'll give you the information you need to plan and lead a successful and enjoyable hike.

INVASIVE WEED GROUP

The Invasive Weed Group met for the first time in October in two sessions. We began with a review of safety and rules and regulations before doing some palm control.

Our next two meetings will be November 7 and December 5 at 9am. We will review an effective, on-going, restoration project and learn additional control techniques. Meet at the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve parking area. (Thomas Guide 1170,G-3). Directions: From I-15, exit Rancho Bernardo Road and proceed east. Rancho Bernardo Road becomes Espola Road in Poway. Continue east on Espola Road, which curves to the right just past Old Coach Road. The Blue Sky Ecological Reserve parking area is on the northeast (left) side of Espola Road just beyond the curve. (If you reach Lake Poway Road you have missed the reserve.)

All CNPS members are welcome; the only requirement is that you are interested in becoming involved with our native open spaces. Regular meetings are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month - other dates and times can be arranged. There will be some hands-on training so wear boots, long pants and long sleeves. Bring water, gloves and eye protection if you have it.

Contact Arne Johanson at arne_kj@yahoo.com or 858-759-4769 with any questions.



PROPAGATION WORKSHOP

Native Plant Propagation Workshop

Saturday November 14th

Recon's Native Plant Nursery (Imperial Beach)

9am - noon

CNPS members AND volunteers working on school garden projects

RSVP required, contact plantsale@cnpsd.org

CNPS with the support of Recon Native Plants will be sponsoring a native plant propagation workshop. Open to all CNPS members AND volunteers working on school garden projects. You will learn the basics of vegetative propagation, seed germination, and you will get to see the behind-the-scenes operations of one of the largest growers of California native plants. You must be registered to attend.

MONTHLY WORK PARTIES

Old Town State Historic Park Native Plant Garden

2nd Saturday of each month

November 14, Saturday, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

This month we will be planting native plants!

The Garden is at the west end of Old Town Historic State Park, between Taylor, Congress, and Calhoun Streets, opposite the Old Town Transit Center. Come by trolley or bus, or if you drive, park in the free lot at Taylor and Calhoun Street. Enter from Calhoun. We'll plant native species to continue restoring this pre-historic environment. Bring gloves, planting tools, and sun protection. For more info contact: fieldtrips@cnpsd.org

Point Loma Plant Garden -Work Party first Saturday and third Sunday of each month

November 7 and 15, 9-11 AM: Wear sunscreen and bring a hat and water. All tools and supplies are provided. No facilities on site. For more information contact - San Diego River Park Foundation

Contact Richard Dhu at Richard@sandiegoriver.org or 619-297-7380

<http://sandiegoriver.org/plnpg/php>

CONSERVATION UPDATE

The CNPS conservation committee is currently working to prevent implementation the City of San Diego's proposed Master Storm Water System Master Maintenance Program (MSWSMP). The plan as currently designed proposes to Bulldoze/Grade "70.27 acres of wetland vegetation communities ranging from mature Southern Willow Scrub to Fresh Water Marsh; 26.64 acres of Unvegetated (Earthen) "Channel" bottom; and 105.70 acres of sensitive upland vegetation communities including Coast Live Oak Woodland, Scrub Oak Chaparral, Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub, Coastal Sage-Chaparral Scrub, Southern Mixed Chaparral, and Non-native grasslands". The program describes several mechanical excavation methods that are proposed to be used repeatedly on a 1-3 year basis to remove vegetation and soils from the Wetlands of the City of San Diego. The objective of the program is to protect life and property from the hazard of flooding within the City of San Diego. CNPS feels that the current proposal fails to adequately show a hydrological connection between vegetation removal and the protection of life and property on a site-specific level. The program also redefines the mitigation requirements for impacts to wetland vegetation communities and essentially reduces the mitigation requirement for the permanent grading of Wetlands to weed removal of existing wetlands within separate watersheds. CNPS is requesting that the proposed program be redefined to utilize the benefits of native wetland vegetation communities in flood control and pollutant removal from the City's natural drainage courses, and focus on watershed/site specific upstream urban run off management. CNPS is also requesting that if vegetation removal is deemed necessary for flood control, that a focus be placed on invasive species and non-native species removal along with improving/upgrading existing manmade flood control structures (such as drop-structures and retention structures).

The City of San Diego has released an Environmental Impact Report (available on City's website) for public review and comment, the CNPS Conservation Committee has written a letter in opposition to the proposed plan, but has not yet received a response letter. For this proposed program to be implemented, it must first be approved the City Council. This Program is citywide and will affect every Council District. The CNPS Conservation Committee plans to coordinate efforts with other Conservation Groups to ensure that all City Council members understand that this is a problematic approach to flood control and that this program will have devastating irreversible effects on the City's native ecosystems. The proposed Master Storm Water System Master Maintenance Program if approved will set a standard for wetland maintenance processes and procedures. The CNPS Conservation Committee is determined to ensure that the preservation of native plants will be a requirement of the Final Maintenance Program and that native plants are utilized for their hydrologic functions and ecologic values and not destroyed for false flood prevention. - Carrie Schneider

VEGETATION COMMITTEE

Rapid assessments (see <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/vegetation>) are a tool for understanding plant composition, habitat and site quality across a landscape. We work to help the California Department of Fish and Game further classify vegetation associations, while also aiding local organizations or individuals get a better understanding of the property under their management. Rapid assessments provide a snapshot in time of the condition of particular vegetation associations, and thus can be relocated and repeated over time to reveal broad patterns due to any number or combination of factors like disturbance and succession. Rapid assessments are a great excuse to get outdoors and discover/reintroduce yourself to native plants. Each survey is a learning experience no matter what level you're at.

We will return to our monthly schedule starting January 30th with a survey of gabbro soil vegetation associations at Crestridge. Gabbro soils are a type of mafic substrate that usually contain high levels of iron and magnesium. Serpentine, which occurs in other parts of the state, is another example of a soil derived from mafic substrate. The iron and magnesium rich gabbro soil has allowed for the evolution of several plant species that occur primarily and even exclusively on it. This will be a great opportunity to view this amazing habitat as well as some of the unique plants that occur in it.

Surveys usually take place the fourth Saturday of every month through June, after which surveys will occur in August and October. Survey events are free and open to the public (although CNPS membership is encouraged!). Light snacks and beverages are provided for volunteers. If you are interested, we could use your help, regardless of your experience. To RSVP for a survey, or more information, you may email: vegetation@cnpsd.org. I will email you directions and a list of what to bring. You may call 559-443-9233 if this is a preferred method of contact.

NEW VEGETATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Anna Bennett's love for the environment started at a young age. Growing up in the Sierra National Forest allowed for lots of outdoor exploring. She was lucky enough to live in an area where she was surrounded by wilderness in addition to having parents that let her wonder off for hours to explore. As a child, her mom would take her for hikes where they would spend time thumbing through field guides to figure out which plants they had observed. That childhood love for nature carried over into adulthood. Anna attended Humboldt State where she studied botany. Here in San Diego, her passion for native plants and the environment continues.

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Ranunculus californicus

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NEW PUBLIC OUTREACH CHAIR

David Varner moved to San Diego this past year from Boise, Idaho, where he worked as a consultant in the water resources industry and converted his landscape to Great Basin/Pacific Northwest natives. He studied under John Sawyer and has worked as an environmental educator, field biologist, and manager of a non-profit organization. Since moving to southern California, he has been an active member the Conservation Committee and has participated in an entomological survey of Point Loma for the Natural History Museum.

As Public Outreach Committee chairperson, he hopes to introduce CNPS and our messages about native plant conservation and gardening to new populations. Dave says, "I want to reach out to members of our community that may not yet know of CNPS and the importance of native plants, but are interested in contributing to the enrichment of our social and environmental community. In the end, I would like to see the diversity that exists in our region's flora reflected in the membership of our organization." Please contact Dave if you want to join him in revitalizing the committee and communicating the CNPS message to the communities in our region.

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