



GOLD FIELD NOTES

EL DORADO CHAPTER ☉ CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ☉ January-February 2015

COMING ACTIVITIES

January 22 (Thursday)

Lecture and webinar.

Vegetation and Flora of a Biodiversity Hotspot: Pine Hill, This talk begins at 1 PM in Sacramento at the Natural Resources Building, 1416 Ninth St. The talk will also be available online via WebEx webinar. Register for the webinar at this link: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Lectures>

January 24 (Saturday)

Workshop.

Fire wise Landscaping presented by EDC Master Gardeners.. 9 AM to 12 PM at the Government Center Hearing Room, Building C. See website for details: http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_Master_Gardeners/Public_Education_Classes/?calitem=254972&g=56698

January 27 (Tuesday)

Chapter Program.

Climate change and forests. See article to right for details.

March 24 (Tuesday)

Chapter Program.

To be arranged. See website for updates.

February 11 (Wednesday)

Film.

Trashed, a film about global waste. Hosted by Sierra Club and Coalition for Change at Cozmic Café. Doors open at 6 pm, film at 6:30 pm. Suggested donation: \$3.00

Evening programs generally are held on the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The program begins at 7 PM at the Planning Commission Room, Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville.

JANUARY 27TH PROGRAM

CLIMATE CHANGE, FORESTS AND FIRE IN THE SIERRA NEVADA: IMPLICATIONS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

What is the future of Sierra Nevada forests after years of fire suppression and in the face of global climate change? Will fires on the scale of the King and Rim fires become the new normal? These questions, and more, will be answered by Dr. Hugh Safford during this talk. Dr. Safford, the senior vegetation ecologist for the USDA-Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Region is uniquely qualified to address these questions. He will discuss how past, present, and future climate changes interact with recent fire-suppression and wildfire in our forests. While he will focus on vegetation, plant diversity and a few key animal species, effects of climate change and wildfire on carbon, water, and soil will be summarized as well. How does this knowledge affect forest management practices? Dr. Safford will address this question at the end of his talk.

This program will be held on January 27. The program begins at 7 PM at the Planning Commission Room, Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville.

PLANT WORKSHOPS

The Friends of Chico State Herbarium hosts a variety of plant workshops each year. These well designed and economical workshops are taught by experts in a variety of fields. Workshops are held at the Herbarium and in field locations. Check the Friends' website for workshop updates and to sign up (<http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html>).



AMANITA MUSCARIA

Introduction into Mushroom Foraging and Identification.

January 31, 2015, Saturday, 9:00 - 5:00 pm.

This workshop will be useful for beginners as well as for people with some knowledge of mushrooms. The day will start with an hour or so of introduction to the subject – how to get started, what you need to be concerned about in doing identifications, and a question and answer period. After that, the group will go into the field to gather mushrooms, following the advice provided in the introduction. Upon return from gathering mushrooms, the identification part of the workshop will use the field guide *Mushrooms Demystified* by David Arora. The process of identifying mushrooms will be described with the variety of mushrooms that were gathered in the field. Additional details can be found at: http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/workshops/Mushrooms_1-31-15.pdf

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FALL PLANT SALE SUCCESS: WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

The Fall 2014 plant sale was one of our most successful ever. We had record numbers of visitors and gross sales were the highest ever. This success was supported by our dedicated volunteers and supporters. We want to take a moment to thank them for lending a hand and joining the fun. Leading the whole shebang was Shellie Perry, Plant Sale Coordinator Extraordinaire. Her intrepid team of workers included: Jane Reed, Lester Lubetkin, Thorne Barrager, Becky Hudak, Marcia Hartman, Dianna Campbell, Stephanie Johnson, Karen Schambach, Kathleen Barco, Asya Pedone, Alice Cantelow, Bonnie East, Annie Walker, Cindy Podsiadlo, Doni Mae, Mike Taylor, Amy Hoffman, Sue Britting, Marcia Scott, Tripp Mikich, Ben Parks, and Karen Pitts.

We also want to thank our vendors and others who provided plants: Mahala Guggiano from Flourish and set-up help from Jamie Guggiano; Zeb Puterbaugh



Shellie Perry chatting with a native plant buyer. (photo: El Dorado Facebook)

from Floral Natives; Steve Dowty and help from Valerie Dowty; Roger Jensen from Cornflower Farms. Also native plants and non-native free plants provided by members and caretakers: Ben Parks, thanks for the free “Naked Lady” bulbs as well as the Datura plants; Asya Pedone, thanks for transplanting, watering and taking care of the grasses through the summer; Sue Britting, many thanks for buying, packaging, and displaying the native wildflower seeds (we sold out!); Cindy Podsiadlo for the showy penstemon and madrone. There are others to thank but during the flurry of setting up, we might have missed who brought what.

Special thanks and pat on the back to Tripp Mikich for getting the word out through Mt. Democrat article, emails, flyers, posters, and facebook. Rich Wade, thanks for getting the ads posted in the Mt. Democrat. All this comes together with preparation and help from a lot of folks....at the plant sale, behind the scenes, and even after the plant sale.

Cindy Podsiadlo
Acting President 2014

NEW BOOK FOR THE NATIVE PLANT ENTHUSIAST

The Redbud Chapter CNPS, our neighbor to the north, has been busy creating a handy guide to *Trees and Shrubs of Nevada and Placer Counties, California*. The guide describes and illustrates with color photos over 200 species of trees, shrubs and woody vines growing in Nevada and Placer Counties—a small but widely-diverse segment of California rising in elevation from valley grasslands and foothill woodlands up through mountain meadows and conifer forests to the east side of the Sierra Nevada.

This book is useful to backyard observers and casual hikers, as well as serious students and knowledgeable native plant enthusiasts. Versatile and accessible, the guide has clear botanical descriptions, anecdotes for the curious, reference to insects and wildlife, and a list of places to see trees and shrubs of all varieties.

Although designed for Placer and Nevada counties, this guide will work well for those exploring in counties to the north and south. You can purchase this book at our chapter’s meeting in January and the plant sale in April. Check out the Redbud Chapter’s website (<http://www.redbud-cnps.org/index.htm#head>) for other book sellers nearby.



PLANT WORKSHOPS (continued from page 1)

Identifying Lichens to Genus.

March 7, 2015, Saturday, 9:00 - 4:00 pm.

This one-day workshop will focus on identifying the lichens of the lower Sierra Nevada foothills to genus. The morning will be spent covering lichen basics – anatomy, morphology, and reproduction of lichens. Lunch will be spent in the field, with lichens, and possibly some hands-on collecting. Afternoon will be back in the lab for guided exploration, using dissecting scopes, reference materials, chemical spot tests, and vouchers and a key provided by the instructor. Participants should bring dissecting tools, a hand lens, a thumb drive, and lunch. Participants will benefit more from the workshop if they are experienced with using dichotomous keys. Additional details can be found at: http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/workshops/Lichens_3-7-15.pdf

Plant Families in the Garden and in the Woodlands.

April 11, 2015, Saturday.

This workshop will be led by Linnea Hanson, the recently retired Forest Botanist from the Plumas National Forest, and Emily Meigs, a recent graduate in plant biology. Additional details about this workshop to be provided on the Friends’ website soon (<http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html>).

FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Greetings all and Happy New Year!



I am looking forward to working with you all as we enter another year of promoting native plants. I'm hoping we can

work even harder this year in bringing our message to the community- that native plants are an amazing, diverse, beautiful asset to our area. The chapter has many opportunities coming up- from attending our bimonthly general meetings/talks, to joining hikes near and far, to helping with our plant sales or education/conservation/stewardship projects. Watch our bimonthly newsletter (mailed to members) or follow our website www.eldoradocnps.org or our informative facebook page "El Dorado Chapter-California Native Plant Society". There really should be something for everyone and we encourage you to join us!

As I enter the presidency, I'd like to thank Rosemary Carey for her wonderful 3 and a half years at the helm before me, and also Cindy Podsiadlo for stepping in during the interim half year. It takes many dedicated people to keep our chapter going, and we are all indebted to these

MARCH 24TH PROGRAM: TO BE ARRANGED

The topic for this program is still in development. Please check the website for updates. A full description will be posted three weeks when available and in the March newsletter.

This program will be held on March 24 and begins at 7 PM at the Planning Commission Room, Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville.

hard-working, behind the scenes folk- as well as to our entire board. Here's to a fresh new year and the native plants we all love!

*Alice Cantelow
Chapter President*

NATIVE PLANT DEMO GARDEN THANKS

Nine CNPS members were able to help with the first installation of plants at the Master Gardener native plant demonstration garden in December- at very short notice as a weather window opened up. Many people develop their first appreciation of native plants through gardening, so your help in creating this native plant demonstration garden may well impact many in the county!

A BIG thank you to Mary Lou Giles, Bill and Tal Blackburn, Susan Klein, Doni Mae, Lester Lubetkin, Annie Walker, Marty Oberlander, and Alice Cantelow.

Further planting is on hold pending completion of more drainage projects, but will hopefully occur in February. Watch for further notices...



Alice Cantelow

Chapter volunteers assist in the creation of a native plant garden at El Dorado Center, Folsom Lake College off Missouri Flat Road in Placerville.



COME WALK WITH US!

Check out our schedule of plant walks coming in the March-April newsletter and look for updates on Facebook and our website.





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 PRESERVATION OF
 CALIFORNIA'S NATIVE FLORA**

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide nonprofit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The mission of the Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. Membership is open to all.

Membership includes the quarterly journal, *Fremontia*, the quarterly *Bulletin*, which gives statewide news and announcements of Society activities and conservation issues, and the chapter newsletter *Gold Field Notes*. To join, call our main office in Sacramento, (916) 447-2677, or visit www.cnps.org to join online.

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