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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER OF
THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Serving the Sacramento, Yolo, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, lower Placer and northern San Joaquin County areas

Sacramento Valley Chapter Meeting Wednesday, February 13, 7 p.m.

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
McKinley Park • 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento 95816
(the eastern extension of E St.)
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FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

Plant Walks in El Dorado County by Sue Britting



Spring is just around the corner, and there are many great hikes to plan within a short drive. Sue Britting, of our neighboring El Dorado Chapter, will lead on us on a tour of the best wildflower hikes in El Dorado County. Starting in the low foothills and heading up to the crest of the Sierra Nevada, El Dorado County has many botanical walks to be explored. Beginning early in the spring and heading up in elevation through to the fall, Sue will give a slide tour of hikes that you can take throughout the year. This presentation will cover rare and common plants and their communities and some of the conservation challenges we face in this region.

Sue Britting is a former president of the CNPS board of directors, and is passionate

about the Sierra Nevada and the natural environment in which she lives. This presentation is guaranteed to whet your appetite for the upcoming hiking season and may inspire you to attend one of our docent-led field trips.

Hiking at Cronan Ranch along the South Fork American River

Photo: Norma Echabarne and the American River Conservancy

HETCH-HETCHY RE-IMAGINATION HIKE

Want to preview what Yosemite's Hetch-Hetchy Valley might look like if restored according to recent proposals? Join Doug Rischbieter on **Saturday, March 1**, for a 5 to 6 mile hike along Salt Springs Reservoir. Salt Springs "valley" on the North Fork of the Mokelumne River is at the western edge of the Mokelumne Wilderness. This 142,000 acre-foot reservoir (about half the size of Hetch-Hetchy) is extensively drained by PG&E each winter, and typically reaches its minimum annual elevation around the end of February. Every spring, the higher "flats" in the inundation zone resprout with "meadow" vegetation, giving optimism that restoration could be a rapid process if the spring fate were not to be re-drowned.

At the reservoir's low point, numerous meadows that were once streamside are exposed. Stump-covered flats adjoin the remnant river in the fluctuation zone. At

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Our chapter meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. Each meeting includes a "Know Your Natives" Plant Identification Challenge. Books, wildflower seeds, and Sacramento Valley Chapter t-shirts always available for purchase at the meetings. Refreshments too!

The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through science, education, advocacy, horticulture and land stewardship.

Keep the dream alive – Action Needed for the American River Parkway!

by Maxine Clark

The CNPS Sacramento Valley Chapter is finally realizing a long-held dream to establish a Native Plant Nursery dedicated to the propagation, promotion and conservation of the unique native plants of the American River Parkway. Best of all, the Nursery is actually located in the Parkway!

How is this possible? How can a population of over 1,000,000 souls have such a remarkable natural space preserved in our midst? Great effort has been expended over many years to keep this magical nature preserve. Indeed, the Parkway exists because of a tradition of activism and stewardship on the part of our Sacramento community.

One such grassroots organization is **Save The American River Association (SARA)**, founded in 1961 to establish the American River Parkway. SARA <www.sarariverwatch.org> is the only local volunteer organization whose primary mission is to protect, and when necessary, fight for the public interest in land and water issues concerning the Lower American River and Parkway.

A continuing battle for SARA is the Markis/Lien Project (Markis Use Permit). Since 2004, SARA has been opposing the development of two large houses within the Parkway Corridor Combining Zone, (downriver on the opposite side from the Native Plant Nursery), which were granted a use permit to build 35 feet from the edge of the Riverwood bluff. The Parkway Corridor Combining Zone recommends a 70-foot setback in this area. SARA has not only sued to require the County to prepare an EIR but SARA is now appealing the re-issuance of the use permit to the County Board of Supervisors for these very good reasons:

- 1) Precedent-setting, intrusive development is incrementally contributing to the degradation of the Parkway's natural values.
- 2) This kind of development is non-compliant with the intent of the County's own Plan and Zoning Code.
- 3) The County, who wrote the American River Parkway Plan and the Parkway Corridor Combining Zone, seems unwilling to use its own tools to protect and conserve an unparalleled natural and recreational resource in the heart of our urban community.
- 4) While property owners adjacent to the Parkway continue to benefit from its significant amenities acquired and maintained through taxes and bonds, Sacramento residents see an increasing erosion of their investment by the granting of exceptions, variances and use permits.

Please join SARA in its \$5,000 appeal to the Supervisors to protect the Parkway from man-made encroachments and developers' efforts to subvert the Parkway's zoning codes and law. (Yes, \$5,000 is what it costs to appeal to your county authorities.) **First, send an email. Go to <www.McMansions.org>** for contact information and letter-writing assistance. Then, make plans to **attend the appeal hearing on February 13, 11:30 a.m., 700 H Street, Supervisors Chambers.** Questions? Contact NoMcMansions@aol.com

Save the American River Association (SARA) has recently attained 501(c)3 non-profit standing. In celebration of their new tax-exempt status, SARA has received a dollar-for-dollar matching challenge grant from their Citizens Advisory Committee for up to \$50,000. From November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008, The Committee will match all donations and new membership fees. This is a rare opportunity for Parkway enthusiasts to double their support for SARA's critical work on behalf of the community and the Parkway and take a deduction as well. More information is at www.Sarariverwatch.org

Because, Because, Because: Guidelines for Citizen Action

At our January chapter meeting, CNPS's litigation committee chair and attorney Keith Wagner shared useful strategies for effective citizen participation in fighting environmentally damaging projects. With all the fights before us, like overbuilding on the American River Parkway (story at left), Keith's thoughts, summarized here, provide valuable guidance for our CNPS mission.

Keith focused on three strategies that can help citizens to convince agencies and elected officials to correct deficiencies or disapprove the project, if necessary, where impacts to native plants have not been, or cannot be, adequately addressed. These strategies are also intended to help CNPS, in the event litigation becomes necessary:

1. Lawful Exercise of Agency Authority

In addition to considering and commenting on a project's impacts to native plants and their habitats, consider also investigating and commenting on whether the agency may be exceeding the scope of its legal authority. Simply put, *regardless* of the project's impacts, is the agency legally allowed to do what it is trying to do? In some cases, land use restrictions in a General Plan or zoning requirements, or other conflicts with other laws, including the laws that establish the agency and its authorities, may forbid the agency from approving the project, regardless of its impacts.

2. Submit "Substantial Evidence"

Substantial evidence is fact; reasonable inference based on fact; or expert opinion based on fact. When commenting on a controversial project, back up your opinion statement ("I think this is a bad project") with facts, and, when possible, documentation. Keith says, "Think, 'because, because, because....'" For example, "I think this is a bad project BECAUSE this peer-reviewed article in (publication name) by a

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noted authority on the topic (name) shows there are likely negative impacts, as summarized here: "...". Provide a copy of the article or articles to the agency to support your objection, which then becomes a part of the agency's record. Personal experience and expertise can be valid, but risk being dismissed as "biased" opinion. Accordingly, comments that are based on personal knowledge of a particular plant or habitat are strengthened by documenting the individual's basis for the conclusions about particular impacts.

3. Enforce Mitigation Monitoring Plans

Investigate and raise past mitigation commitments when commenting on new projects. Many past projects have been approved on condition of providing mitigation ("actions taken to lessen actual or foreseen adverse environmental impacts"¹); mitigation plans become law. Hold agencies accountable for enforcing mandatory mitigation plans. If agencies fail to do so, citizens may be able to directly enforce the measures themselves.

CEQA

The California Environmental Quality Act requires that:

- **Project impacts must be investigated and disclosed.**

Note, that if an agency finds no negative impacts (a "negative declaration"), yet you can document "substantial evidence" that there is risk of environmental harm (perhaps even as little as one study, or your own factually supported observations), that one disclosure can block project approval, at least temporarily.

- **Project impacts must be mitigated or avoided, if "feasible."**
- **Significant impacts may be justified by "overriding considerations."**

Remember, as Keith told us, that CEQA "does not exist in a vacuum." That is, it intersects with other federal, state, county and city laws and regula-

tions, including general plans, specific plans and zoning laws. Look for laws besides CEQA that might otherwise govern an objectionable project, or the

agency's authority to approve it.

1. *Facts on File Dictionary of Environmental Science*. 1991. L. H. Stevenson and B. Wyman, editors.

Wildflower Weekend

The cost of producing Wildflower Weekend is going up and up. Yet our chapter remains committed to continuing our wonderful celebration of all the plant communities in our area.

Where else can you see such a full array of plants from eight plant communities in one place? And have experts handy to answer your questions? Plus the opportunity to purchase native plants, seeds, and how-to books? Nowhere else!

To pull it off again this year, we need special help with finding sponsors and media to help defray our costs and publicize the event.

And then we need you, your friends and families to visit Wildflower Weekend!

Remember these dates:

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

If you can help, please contact Chris now at lewisc@surewest.net; or (916) 482-5282.



SAVE THE DATE:
April 12 & 13, 2008

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

2008 WILDFLOWER WEEKEND
APRIL 12-13

Help put on an amazing two-day event that will educate and activate people to want to save habitat and plant communities around Sacramento and the world!

If you've visited or volunteered at Wildflower Weekend

previously, you can help now!

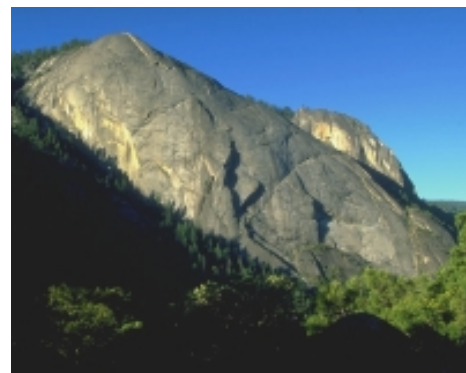
Contact Chris Lewis via email:

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or phone: (916) 482-5282.

Re-Imagining Hetch-Hetchy, continued from p. 1

4,000 feet elevation and along this south-facing trail, some early wildflowers may already be in bloom. The vegetative mosaic created by the 2005 "Power Fire" is also evident. The trail is pretty gentle, with only a few short climbs, but



after the wet season there are many places with water on the trail (wear waterproof hiking boots!).

Plan to meet in Jackson at 7a.m.; the trailhead is about 40 miles beyond, but road is slow and narrow and requires nearly 2 additional hours driving. **Call Doug at (916) 296-0901** for driving directions, logistics, and more hike details. Camping overnight is an option. Inclement weather will cancel. Minimum 5, maximum 15

participants. *Note:* The hike could easily be up to twice as long, depending on the interest and ability of those in the party.



FEBRUARY 2008 Calendar of Events

Check out the calendar online at www.sacvalleycnps.org for more, updated events and happenings!

FEBRUARY

Wed., 2/6, 8 a.m.

Jacob Lane area, American River Parkway

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Join Jack on a 4 hour walk looking at native and non-native plant species, mammals and birds. This walk is great for beginning and more experienced nature lovers. Meet Jack at the end of Jacob Lane, which runs south off Fair Oaks Blvd., between Arden and Eastern.

Sun., 2/17

Habitat Improvement Work Day

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Help Jack restore native vegetation along the American River Parkway. Tasks vary from month to month, and can include removing noxious weeds, pond clean-up, and other chores, so call Jack for details and meeting time and place.

Wed., 2/20, 8 a.m.

Hike American River Parkway, Estates Drive area

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

This morning walk along the river will be in an area just upstream from the Watt Ave. Bridge at the end of Estates Drive in Carmichael. Join Jack on this stretch of the river as he shares with you his knowledge of plants, mammals, and of course, birds. Meet Jack at the end of Estates Drive, which runs south off Fair Oaks Blvd., between Watt and Eastern Avenues.

MARCH

Sat., 3/1 Salt Springs Reservoir Hike

**Leader: Doug Rischbieter
(916) 296-0901**

Experience an area similar to what a restored Hetch-Hetchy might look like. Join Doug for a 5-6 mile hike along Salt Springs Reservoir. The hike could easily be up to twice as long, depending on the interest and ability of those in the party. Camping overnight a possibility. Plan to meet in

Jackson at 7a.m., and to proceed about another 40 miles on slow, narrow road. Participants limited to 15 maximum. For more information see page 1, or call Doug.

CNPS Plant Science Training Program

Upcoming Workshops

For more information CNPS website <<http://cnps.org/cnps/education/>> or contact Josie Crawford at (916) 447-2677 or jrcrawford@cnps.org

Mar. 4-5, 2008

Rare Plant Surveys, San Diego County

Primary Instructors: Fred Roberts, Michele Balk

Mar. 25-27, 2008

Vegetation Rapid Assessment, Jasper Ridge

Primary Instructors: Todd Keeler-Wolf, Julie Evens, Nick Jensen

April 14-16, 2008

Vernal Pool Plant Taxonomy, UC Davis and Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley vernal pools

Primary Instructors: Carol Witham, Ellen Dean, Jennifer Buck.

ONGOING

Native Plant Demo-Garden

Saturdays and Sundays

10 a.m. until noon (Rain cancels).

Wear a hat, long shirt and boots (or sturdy tennis shoes). Also bring gloves, gardening tools and knee pads if you have them. RSVP by Sunday at 5 p.m. to confirm 929-7896. For more info, Sabrina.soj@surewest.net

Chapter Meeting & Guest Speaker

2nd Wed. of month, 7:00 p.m.

(Jan-June; Sept.-Nov)

Shepard Garden & Arts Center, McKinley Park, Sacramento. Meetings are free and open to the public. Books, Wildflower Seeds, and our SacValley t-shirt always available for purchase. Refreshments.

Habitat 2020 Conservation

Mon. 2/11 7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue at the corner of Watt Avenue and Northrup

For info: Betsy (916) 488-3894 or flweiland@yahoo.com

American River Native Plant Nursery/Demo Garden Workdays

2nd Saturday of every month

2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova

Rain or shine, there is lots of work to be done. Consider riding your bike out!

For information, contact Chris Lewis, lewisc@surewest.net / (916) 812-2876, or www.SacValleyCNPS.org

Chapter Board Meetings

4th Wed. of month 7:00 p.m.

(Jan-June; Sept.-Nov) Arden-Dimick Public Library, 891 Watt Ave. at Northrup, Sacramento 95864.

Call Mary Maret for more information (916) 961-4057.

Call for New Mather Field Docents

If you've ever considered joining the ranks of the veteran Mather Field docents, this is the year to begin. Our volunteers have introduced over a thousand people to the joys of vernal pools. They understand the importance of sharing one of Sacramento's best kept secrets to build a constituency for the conservation of our vernal pools. If you'd like to know more, just call Eva Butler before the end of March at 916-443-6282. We provide training and have some handy-dandy tools for self-paced study. We're looking forward to meeting you.

Other Events

Effie Yeaw Nature Center - February 2008

Located in Ancil Hoffman County Park,
2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael, CA

All programs are FREE unless stated otherwise.

Park entrance fee: \$5.00 per car or FREE to ARNHA members.

Open 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily.

**For more information about the Center or events, contact:
www.effieyeaw.org or (916) 489-4918**

Sat. 2/2 at 1:30 p.m.

Tracks: What do they mean?

Tracks reveal animals that you may not see while on your nature hike.

Join us for some tracking detection and discover what animals live in the Nature Area.

Sun. 2/3 at 1:30 p.m.

Nature's Hide and Seek

Take a guided walk through the Effie Yeaw Nature Area and seek out the hidden signs of the wildlife that inhabit the preserve.

Wed. 2/6 at 8:00 a.m.

Brisk Nature Hike

Meet Jack at the end of Jacob Lane (off Fair Oaks Blvd.) for a brisk early morning hike downstream along the river.

Sat. 2/9 at 1:30 p.m.

Winter Birding

Winter is a great time for bird watching, with an EYNC naturalist for a guide. Look for common and uncommon winter birds. Bring your binoculars.

Sun. 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.

Early Signs of Spring

Stroll through the Effie Yeaw Nature Center to search for the early signs of spring. Smell the fresh earth ready for new growth, hear the calls of birds as they mark their territories with calls,

see the strange-looking early-bloom of the Dutchman's pipe, and find soft catkins and new buds on trees.

Sat. 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.

Living with Wildlife

Are there bats in your belfry, raccoons in your trash? Explore ways that humans can peacefully coexist with wildlife in their neighborhoods.

Sun. 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.

Great Gobblers

Beards, wattles and snoods—what strange things to find on a bird! Look and listen for wild turkeys as you explore their world on this guided walk through the Nature Area.

Sat. 2/23 at 1:30 p.m.

Who Are the Maidu People?

The Maidu are the native people that have lived in this area for hundreds of years. Come view slides and artifacts, and take a tour of the Nature Center's replica Maidu village to learn more about this culture.

Sun. 2/24 at 1:30 p.m.

Nighttime Hunters

Uncover the mysteries of owls: what they eat, where they sleep, how they find food and more! Get a close-up look at one of the Nature Center's owl residents.

Sierra Nevada Lecture Series

Presented by the Sierra College Natural History Museum, the Sierra College Center for Sierra Nevada Studies – Free & Open to the Public

Through May 8, 2008

Thursday nights, 6 – 9 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**Sierra College- Rocklin Campus
Room LRC 107**

**Learning Resources/
Library Building**

Part of the Spring 2008 course "Interdisciplinary 6: The Sierra Nevada." Course Code: 75561 (Rocklin campus) or 05075 (TV/Distance Learning). For course information and registration visit www.sierracollege.edu

1/31 Geology of the Sierra Nevada

Laird Thompson, expert geologist and adjunct professor of geology at Utah State University, and Frank DeCourten, professor of earth sciences, Sierra College

2/7 Sierra Skiing and Weather

History Mark McLaughlin, Sierra Nevada weather and cultural historian

2/14 Birds of the Sierra Nevada

Brian Williams, Environmental Consultant, Williams Wildlands Consulting and Ed Pandolfino, Sierra Foothills Audubon Society

2/21 Tales of the Sierra Nevada

Gary Noy, Director of the Center for Sierra Nevada Studies, Sierra College

2/28 The California Gold Rush

Gary Kurutz, Director of Special Collections, California State Library

3/6 The Hetch Hetchy Story

Dennis Pottenger, journalist, Hetch Hetchy historian

Ron Good, Executive Director, Restore Hetch Hetchy

Lectures weekly through May 8. For a complete listing, visit

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Sacramento Splash Vernal Pool Critter Tour for Kids

Sunday, 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

CNPS families and friends are invited to the annual Family Day Vernal Pool Critter Tour. This tour was created especially for kids to experience the wet phase of the vernal pools at Mather Field. A blast for kids of all ages!

The tour puts the spotlight (and the magnifiers) on critters that spring to life when the vernal pools fill with rain during the winter. You'll come nose-to-nose with tiny aquatic creatures you've never met and you'll never, ever forget!

Reservations are highly recommended to secure a spot on this tour. Call the Wildflower Hotline at **916-737-WILD** for reservations and directions to the Splash Center. Or visit www.sacsplash.org under "Find Us." Tours are free but donations are greatly appreciated.



Starthistle Honey—Not so sweet

As Hibiscus was going to press in January, a posting on the Sac Valley listserv caught our attention. The

sender was horrified to have found a website promoting a starthistle honey by referring to the flower as a rare California native. In fact, as any CNPS member surely knows, yellow starthistle is an invasive, noxious weed that that causes severe economic and ecological damage.

Soon after the posting appeared, alert native plant defenders responded. It turns out that Jeanette Wrynski of the Yolo County Resource Conservation District has been in contact with this company in the past. Here is what Jeannette said: “First they were Barnies Coffee and Tea Company, Orlando, Florida, then Moonshine Trading Company, now Z... About 5 years ago... I found that the distributor is right here in Woodland and paid them an in-person visit. I explained the folly of their statements and on a second visit provided them with printed news articles, published papers and newsletters

about how problematic YST is. They ‘said’ they would make changes after their current inventory of labels ran out.”

After a second visit about 2 years ago, they told Jeannette, “they felt it wasn’t necessary to change the label for distribution across the nation, only in California ‘where it was a problem.’ I did my best to educate them some more.”

Jeannette went to the website and to the “contact us” portion and sent another message. We encourage EVERYONE to do the same!

The Weed Research and Information Center at UC Davis has an informative website devoted to yellow starthistle. Access it at <<http://wric.ucdavis.edu/yst/yst.html>>. Developed by Dr. Joseph DiTomaso, Extension Specialist, it contains in-depth information and credible sources of data with which to make our argument to Moonshine Trading Company/Z Specialty Food. On the site, Dr. DiTomaso acknowledges yellow starthistle as an important honey source plant in California.

Nevertheless, yellow starthistle is a noxious, invasive weed that does

millions of dollars in economic damage annually. It displaces native plants and reduces ecological diversity, is detrimental or poisonous to livestock, damaging to agriculture, and contributes to depleting soil moisture in already-stressed western grasslands.

Moonshine Trading Company/Z Specialty Foods has changed its starthistle honey website by now characterizing this invader as “a vibrant wildflower growing throughout Northern California.” This is not enough. While it is not doing anything illegal, the company is, in our opinion, acting irresponsibly by positioning its honey source in this positive fashion.

We can boycott Z Specialty Foods’ starthistle products, and we can let them know we object to their marketing message. Citizen action can be effective in the marketplace as well as in the courtroom! **Write, call or visit:** <http://zspecialtyfood.com/product_info.php?products_id=46&osCsid=20a8035> Z Specialty Food, LLC, 1250-A Harter Ave., Woodland, CA 95776 Ph: 800-678-1226 / Fax 530-668-6061 e-mail: store@moonshinetrading.com

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AMERICAN RIVER RANCH NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

We cancelled the January work day, but please join us on **Saturday February 9th from 9:00 – 1:00** at the Nursery!

Please email or phone Chris Lewis to confirm because weather may (or may not) cancel outdoor work. **lewisc916@yahoo.com or (916) 812-2876 cell**

DIRECTIONS TO THE NURSERY

from Sacramento:

- Highway 50 East
- Mather Field/Rancho Cordova Exit
- Left on Mather Field
- Right on Folsom Blvd (after crossing light rail)
- Left on Coloma Rd (Raley's on your left)
- Left onto Chase Dr (you'll drive along side Cordova High)



The Nursery address is **2140 Chase Dr.** on the American River Parkway! Take the small road on your left directly before Hagen Park kiosk. Drive through gate (to open, simply lift chain).

Where the drive splits go up toward the left and park where you see other cars, near the farm stand. It is Soil Born Farms' lease and we are their partners. We'll be working side-by-side with them on many projects!

Looking forward to seeing you!

American River Ranch Native Plant Nursery

EDIBLE ALL-STARS!

by Chris Lewis

People ask what plants we'll grow at the nursery. The list is long. But I started looking up "our" natives in an old book, *Wild Edible Plants* by Donald R. Kirk (1970). According to Kirk, many of our plants could feel at home in our kitchens! (*Editor's note:* Be sure you have picked the correct plant and prepare it properly. Always check the latest information on identifying and using wild foods, and don't eat anything you are unsure about. Substances in plants can interact with medications--always check with your doctor before consuming something wild!)

Achillea borealis ssp. *californica* - Yarrow (right)

The entire plant above ground may be dried, boiled in water, strained and then "administered to remedy a

run-down condition or a disordered digestion. This brew also makes a rather nourishing broth!"



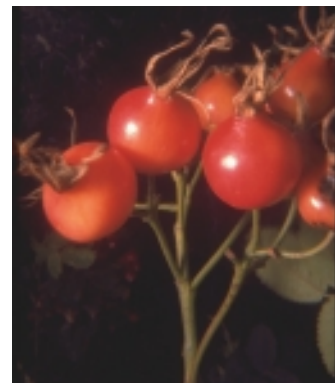
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Christina Lewis

Rosa californica - California wild rose (left)

The edible fruits, often called rose hips (right), can be eaten raw, stewed, candied, or made into preserves. A little sugar improves the flavor. The petals of the flowers are pleasant tasting and may be candied or used in salads.



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HABITAT 2020

Chris Lewis

Habitat 2020 has wonderful news- we hired an intern. Matt Baker will be helping us organize and become more effective! (More on Matt next month.) Were you inspired by our wonderful speaker at January's meeting? Keith Wagner represents Sacramento Audubon as a member of the conservation consortium called Habitat 2020. Glen Holstein and I are representatives for CNPS in this consortium. We can use your help, whether in the background, or upfront making presentations. Whatever your strength is, we'll find a way for you to join us! If you have ANY time available, please contact me at lewisc916@yahoo.com. I hope to see my email Inbox fill up!



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VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO NEW AND LESS-NEW MEMBERS!

Hazel Gordon, Membership Chair

We are really pleased to report that we have a number of new and reinstated members in the last two months:

R. Aberasturi, "B&W", S. Bartindale, J. Beck, A. Dennis, J. Duthie, R. Elliott, L. Halpenny, J. Hernandez, J. Hingtgen, A. Hiss, A. Karl, J. Lamare, D. Marshall, D. Matsunaga, L. McDonald-Chan, J. Rittenhouse, C. Roye, C. Ruby, L. Stetzner, J. Stock, and D. Vaughn

Please feel very free to contact us about (almost) anything connected with our chapter and our organization and don't forget to look at our colorful webpage.

The number of renewing members is too high to print, about 108 renewals in the last two months! Two of these renewals and one new member have been donations from other members – what a nice surprise for them and for us!

Thanks for joining us again or for the first time and have a great year!

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Bufferlands Calendars available...

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) has created a beautiful wall calendar that is available for free at any of their public outreach events.

More information on the events can be found at their website
<www.bufferlands.com>

DO YOUR PART FOR OUR CHAPTER!

We are still recruiting for:

Vice President - heir-apparent to the presidency

Hospitality Chair - Juice-and-Cookie Master!

Book Chair - bibliophile's dream job

Program Chair - we'll let you entertain us.

Field Trips coordinator, Horticulture Chair and Chapter Council Delegate

Current chair persons will help you ease into the position. Some positions lend themselves to teaming up--get a partner and share the experience. For information or to volunteer, Call Mary M. at (916) 961-4057

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