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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, September 12, 7 p.m.

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

Mary Maret, President (916) 961-4057

SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

Landscaping with California Natives *by* **Jennifer Stock**

California native plant species have as much to offer as ornamentals in your garden! Jennifer Stock, Landscape Architect with the environmental consulting firm Jones & Stokes, will take you through a PowerPoint presentation describing the basic elements of landscape design and the use of a native plant palette. Learn about how various plant communities of California can be reflected in your garden to achieve your desired landscape effect, and the benefits of using native plant species, particularly those of the Sacramento Region.



DON'T FORGET!

**OUR 2007
FALL PLANT SALE
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22**

If Jennifer's talk inspires you to get digging, the timing is perfect! Our big plant sale is just around the corner. Hundreds of native plants await you--see inside for details and a tentative list of plants that will be available!

There are lots of jobs to do before and during the sale. If you'd like to help, contact Mary M. at (916) 961-4057
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or Marietta Pellicano at
(916) 729-8180,
marietta@pellicano.org
See you there!

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 will be available for purchase at the meeting. 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.



SEPTEMBER 2007

Calendar of Events

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

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 9/5

Beavers on the Parkway

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Cool off on a hot evening with a walk on the parkway with Jack, to view beavers busy at their work. Jack will also be looking at the birds active on the parkway. Trip is limited to 8 persons. Call Jack for meeting time and place.

Sunday, 9/16

Habitat Improvement on the Parkway

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

Restoration of native vegetation and elimination of non-native invasives improves the habitat along the parkway. Jack will tell you this morning's tasks, as well as the meeting time and place, when you phone him.

Tuesday, 9/18

Evening Beaver Walk

Leader: Jack Hiehle, 967-0777

This will be one of your last opportunities to view the beaver with Jack on this evening walk. The seasons are changing and you don't want to miss the opportunity to go on one of these trips. Call Jack for meeting time and place.

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

Tues. 9/11 7:00 pm

Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave, Sac 95864 (corner Watt & Northrup)

Contact Chris Lewis for information, lewis@surewest.net / (916) 812-2876.

American River Native Plant Nursery/Demo Garden - TBD

For meeting information, contact

Chris Lewis, lewis@surewest.net / (916) 812-2876

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. **NOTE: The Sept. meeting will NOT be at the library;**

it will be at the Splash Center at Mather Field.

Effie Yeaw Nature Center - Selected September 2007 Events

**The Nature Center is located in Ancil Hoffman County Park,
2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael, CA**

All programs are FREE unless stated otherwise.

Park entrance fee: \$4.00 per car

For more information about the Center or events, contact:

www.effieyeaw.org / (916) 489-4918

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

Who Was Effie Yeaw?

Follow Effie's footsteps through the oak woodland where she taught people about nature. Hear one of her stories and find out why the Nature Center bears the name of this amazing grassroots activist.

Sat. 9/8 at 1:30 p.m.

Visit the Village

How were tule huts, grinding rocks, and acorn granaries made and used by Nisenan Indians? Find out by joining a naturalist for a guided tour of the Nature Center's replica Nisenan summer village.

Sun. 9/9 at 1:30 p.m.

Endangered Species

Join a naturalist for a guided tour of the Nature Center's newest exhibit *Endangered Species of California's Central Valley*. Enjoy a lively, hands-on exhibit featuring life-sized California condor wings and a kit fox burrow.

Sat. 9/15 at 1:30 p.m.

Pioneer Children

Can you imagine what it was like to be a pioneer traveling to what is now

known as California? Learn about the many challenges and hardships that early pioneers experienced.

Sun. 9/23 at 1:30 p.m.

Natural History Hike

Take a walk in the Nature Area and learn about the natural history of some of our local wildlife and the importance of their habitat.

Sat. 9/29 at 1:30 p.m.

Tender Twilight

Meet our newest resident, Twilight, a Western screech owl. She was permanently injured when a cat caught her, so she now lives at the Nature Center. Peek into the amazing world of owls that live in and around the nature area.

Sun. 9/30 at 1:30 p.m.

Native Plants

Learn to identify native plant species such as California poppy, Dutchman's pipevine and blue elderberry. Learn what makes these and other native plants so successful in the Sacramento Valley.

The California Native Plant Society Sacramento Valley Chapter

2007

Native Plant Sale



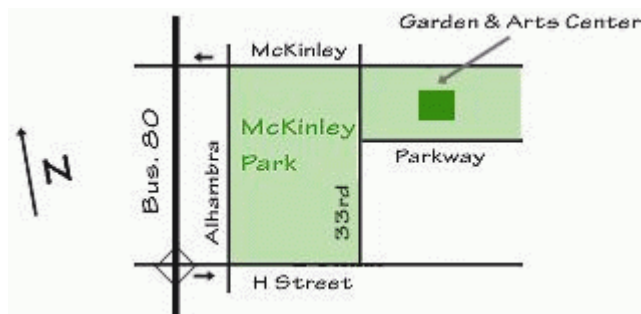
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Saturday, Sept. 22
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Shepard Garden &
Arts Center
McKinley Park

3330 McKinley Blvd
www.SacValleyCNPS.org

- Hard-to-find California native plants (see list on reverse!)
- Drought tolerant perennials, seeds, books & more!
- Advice on landscaping and growing native plants from local experts
- Speakers, exhibits and displays



Botanical Name	Common name
<i>Abies concolor</i>	white fir
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	vine maple
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	big-leaf maple
<i>Acer negundo</i> var. <i>californicum</i>	California box elder
<i>Achillea</i> 'Heidi'	crimson yarrow
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Lilac Beauty'	lavender yarrow
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	common yarrow
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Paprika'	red yarrow
<i>Achillea</i> 'Salmon Beauty'	salmon yarrow
<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	chamise
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California buckeye
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	white alder
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> (syn. <i>A. pallida</i>)	western serviceberry
<i>Arbutus unedo</i> 'Compacta'	compact strawberry madrone
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	madrone
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	strawberry madrone
<i>Arctostaphylos edmundsii</i> 'Carmel Sur'	Carmel Sur manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i> 'Dr. Hurd'	Dr. Hurd's manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Emerald Carpet'	emerald carpet manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Green Supreme'	bearberry
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Howard McMinn'	McMinn's manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'John Dourley'	John Dourley manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos bakeri</i> 'Louis Edmunds'	pink manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Massachusetts'	bearberry
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Pacific Mist'	bearberry
<i>Arctostaphylos pajaroensis</i> 'Paradise'	Pajaro manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Point Reyes'	Pt. Reyes bearberry
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Radiant'	bearberry
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Sentinel'	sentinel manzanita
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Woods Compact'	bearberry
<i>Aristolochia californica</i>	California Dutchman's pipe
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	coastal sagebrush
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	big sagebrush
<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	wild ginger
<i>Asarum lemmonii</i>	foothill wild ginger
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	showy milkweed
<i>Aster alpigenus</i>	mountain meadow aster
<i>Aster chilensis</i>	common aster
<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>	quail bush
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> 'Pigeon Point'	Pigeon Pt. coyote brush
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	coyote brush
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> 'Twin Peaks II'	coyote brush
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	incense cedar
<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>	Pacific reedgrass
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	spice bush
<i>Carex barbarae</i>	Santa Barbara sedge
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	bush anemone
<i>Carex pansa</i>	California meadow sedge
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	slender sedge
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i> 'Anchor Bay'	wild lilac
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Blue Jeans'	wild lilac
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Centennial'	ceanothus
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Concha'	wild lilac
<i>Ceanothus cordulatus</i>	mountain whitethorn
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Dark Star'	wild lilac
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i> var. <i>exaltatus</i> 'Emily Brown'	Emily's hallelujah bush
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Frosty Blue'	wild lilac
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i>	Pt. Reyes ceanothus
<i>Ceanothus gloriosus</i> 'Heart's Desire'	
<i>Ceanothus hearstiorum</i>	Hearst ceanothus
<i>Ceanothus griseus</i> var. <i>horizontalis</i>	Carmel creeper
<i>Ceanothus integerrimus</i>	deerbrush ceanothus

Botanical Name	Common name
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Joan Mirov'	Joan Mirov ceanothus
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Joyce Coulter'	wild lilac
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Julia Phelps'	wild lilac
<i>Ceanothus griseus</i> 'Kurt Zadnik'	
<i>Ceanothus lemmonii</i>	Lemmon's ceanothus
<i>Ceanothus griseus</i> 'Louis Edmunds'	blue blossom
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Owlswood Blue'	Owlswood blue ceanothus
<i>Ceanothus prostratus</i>	squaw carpet
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Ray Hartman'	wild lilac
<i>Ceanothus thrysifolius repens</i> 'Louis Edmunds'	prostrate blue blossom
<i>Ceanothus thrysiflorus</i> 'Skylark'	compact blue blossom
<i>Ceanothus rigidus</i> 'Snowball'	
<i>Ceanothus thrysiflorus</i> 'Snow Flurry'	white wild lilac
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	western redbud
<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	pipe-stem clematis
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	western clematis
<i>Corylus cornuta</i> var. <i>californica</i>	western hazelnut
<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>	mountain dogwood
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i> 'Peter's Choice'	
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i> (syn. <i>C. sericea</i>)	redtwig or western dogwood
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	tufted hair grass
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i> 'Susan's Choice'	tufted hairgrass
<i>Epilobium canum</i> 'Calistoga' (Syn. <i>Zauschneria</i>)	California fuchsia
<i>Epilobium canum</i> (Syn. <i>Zauschneria canum</i>)	California fuchsia
<i>Epilobium canum</i> 'Carman's Grey'	California fuchsia
<i>Epilobium canum</i> 'Catalina' (Syn. <i>Zauschneria</i>)	tall California fuchsia
<i>Epilobium canum</i> ssp. <i>Canum</i>	California fuchsia
<i>Epilobium canum</i> 'Cloverdale' (Syn. <i>Zauschneria</i>)	California fuchsia
<i>Epilobium c. ssp. latifolia</i> 'Route 66' (Syn. <i>Zauschneria</i>)	California fuchsia
<i>Epilobium septentrionale</i> 'Select Mattole'	California fuchsia
<i>Epilobium canum</i> 'Wayne's Silver' (Syn. <i>Zauschneria</i>)	California buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> (E. f. var. <i>foliolosum</i>)	St. Catherine's lace
<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	sulfur buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> var. <i>polyanthum</i>	blue idaho fescue
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i> 'Siskiyou Blue'	Oregon ash
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	flannel bush
<i>Fremontodendron</i> 'Ken Taylor'	flannel bush
<i>Fremontodendron</i> 'San Gabriel'	flannel bush
<i>Garrya elliptica</i> 'Evie'	coast silktassel
<i>Garrya elliptica</i> 'James Roof'	coast silktassel
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	toyon
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Canyon Delight'	alumroot
<i>Heuchera maxima</i>	island alum root
<i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	alum root
<i>Heuchera</i> 'opal'	alum root
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Rosada'	
<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	Douglas iris
<i>Juglans californica</i> var. <i>hindsii</i>	No. California black walnut
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	Baltic rush
<i>Juncus patens</i> 'Carman's Grey'	Carman's grey rush
<i>Juncus patens</i>	rush
<i>Leymus condensatus</i> 'Canyon Prince' (syn. <i>Elymus</i>)	canyon prince lyme grass
<i>Lupinus albicaulis</i>	Sierra lupine
<i>Lupinus albilfrons</i>	bush lupine
<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>	yellow flower bush lupine

Botanical Name	Common name	Botanical Name	Common name
<i>Mahonia 'Golden Abundance'</i>		<i>Ribes nevadense</i>	Sierra currant
<i>Mahonia pinnata 'Ken Hartman' (syn. Berberis)</i>	California Oregon-grape	<i>Ribes speciosum</i>	fuchsia flowering gooseberry
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus (Diplacus aurantiacus)</i>	golden sticky monkey flower	<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	evergreen currant
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	deer grass	<i>Ribes sanguineum 'White Icicle'</i>	flowering currant
<i>Penstemon h. 'Margarita Bop'</i>	foothill penstemon	<i>Romneya coulteri</i>	matilija poppy
<i>Penstemon rydbergii</i>	meadow penstemon	<i>Rosa californica</i>	California wild rose
<i>Philadelphus lewisii 'Goose Creek'</i>	double wild philadelphus	<i>Rosa woodsii var. ultramontana</i>	interior wild rose
<i>Pinus jeffreyi</i>	Jeffrey pine	<i>Rubus leucodermis</i>	western raspberry
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	ponderosa pine	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	thimbleberry
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Monterey pine	<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	California blackberry
<i>Pinus sabiniana</i>	grey pine	<i>Salvia apiana</i>	white sage
<i>Populus fremontii</i>	Fremont cottonwood	<i>Salvia clevelandii 'Aromas'</i>	
<i>Populus fremontii 'Nimbus'</i>	male Fremont cottonwood	<i>Salvia 'Bee's Bliss'</i>	
<i>Prunus andersonii</i>	desert peach	<i>Salvia exigua (Salix hindsiana)</i>	coyote willow
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	hollyleaf cherry	<i>Salix goodingii</i>	Gooding's black willow
<i>Prunus lyonii (P. ilicifolia ssp. lyonii)</i>	Catalina cherry	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	red willow
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas-fir	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	arroyo willow
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	coast live oak	<i>Salix lasiandra (S. lucida ssp. lasiandra)</i>	Western black willow (yellow willow)
<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>	scrub oak	<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	purple sage
<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	blue oak	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	black sage
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	California black oak	<i>Salvia leucophylla 'Pt. Sal'</i>	dwarf purple sage
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	valley oak	<i>Salvia clevelandii 'Whirley Blue'</i>	
<i>Quercus vaccinifolia</i>	huckleberry oak	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	Mexican elderberry
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	interior live oak	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	giant sequoia
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	coffeeberry	<i>Sequoia sempervirens 'Nana Pendula'</i>	prostrate coast redwood
<i>Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case'</i>	coffeeberry	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	coast redwood
<i>Rhamnus crocea ssp. ilicifolia (R. ilicifolia)</i>	holly-leaf redberry	<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	blue-eyed grass
<i>Rhamnus californica 'Mound San Bruno'</i>	coffeeberry	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	yellow-eyed grass
<i>Rhamnus californica ssp. tomentella (R. tomentella)</i>	coffeeberry	<i>Spiraea densiflora</i>	mountain spiraea
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	lemonade berry	<i>Styrax officinalis var. californicus (S.o. var. redivivus)</i>	snowdrop bush
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	sugar bush	<i>Symphoricarpos albus(s. rivularis)</i>	snowberry
<i>Ribes aureum var. aureum</i>	western golden currant (mountain)	<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	wooly bluecurls
<i>Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum 'Barrie Coate'</i>	flowering currant	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	California huckleberry
<i>Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum 'Claremont'</i>	flowering currant	<i>Vitis californica</i>	California wild grape
<i>Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum</i>	flowering currant	<i>Vitis californica 'Roger's Red'</i>	Roger's Red
<i>Ribes aureum var. gracillimum</i>	golden currant	<i>Wyethia mollis</i>	California wild grape mountain mule's ear

PRIME PRIZE FOR SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

by Peggy Berry

Greg Kareofelas, a butterfly, dragonfly and damselfly expert, has given fascinating talks about them at past CNPS Sac Valley meetings. He has produced beautiful posters of his favorite subjects for sale. Last year Greg donated a framed butterfly poster that was a coveted prize at a Sac Valley chapter raffle.

Now Greg has stepped forward with another generous offer to add funds to our Sac Valley treasury: a framed poster of his exquisitely beautiful scanned dragonflies for our September meeting raffle. The dimensions are 30" wide x 24" high including frame.

Dragonflies are extremely difficult to photograph accurately," Greg says. "Unlike butterflies whose color is derived from scales on their wings and do not change over time, dragonfly colors are the 'color of life' and start to leave soon after the specimen is dead. Because most dragonflies are difficult to approach (their huge eyes are very good), the average person never gets to appreciate their beauty."

Tickets are \$1.00 each; 7 tickets for \$5.00 and 15 tickets for \$10.00. This will be the only raffle prize offered.

If you are interested in this framed



"Dragonflies of California" poster and can't attend the meeting, please contact Peggy Berry at (916) 944-1184 to talk about purchasing tickets in advance.

CNPS Sacramento Valley Chapter Wins a Big CEQA and State Planning and Zoning Lawsuit Victory

By Carol Witham

On July 6, 2007, Judge Patrick Marlett ruled that the City of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State Planning and Zoning Law in their approval of the so-called "Preserve at Sunridge" project. The ruling specifically cited four points in which the City's actions were illegal.

Approval of the project and certification of the EIR violated CEQA by:

- improperly deferring mitigation
- the finding that impacts on vernal pool wetlands and associated endangered species had been mitigated to less than significant was not supported by substantial evidence in the record
- failure to adequately disclose

ground-water pumping impacts on migratory fish and the Cosumnes River.

Approval of the project also violated the State Planning and Zoning Law because the project is not consistent with mandatory requirements of the City of Rancho Cordova's General Plan.

The so-called "Preserve at Sunridge" is a proposed 530-acre Angelo K. Tsakopoulos residential development in the middle of the Sunrise-Douglas specific planning area in the newly chartered City of Rancho Cordova. This area is the home of the most diverse and densest complexes of vernal pools in Sacramento County. As approved by the Rancho Cordova City Council, this project would re-align Morrison Creek, protect only 90 acres of vernal pool grassland and eliminate an important

wildlife corridor between two preserved areas. The City Council approved this development even though the state and federal wildlife agencies have said that a minimum of 220 acres must be protected along with the natural alignment of Morrison Creek. The City Council also assumed that adequate mitigation for losses would occur but failed to document the basis of that assumption.

This was the first action taken by the City after approving its General Plan. The fact that the first project out-the-gates has been ruled in violation of their own General Plan should be a wake-up call for the Council and the local populace that elects them. The ruling was a big win for appropriate disclosure under CEQA and for good local planning.

New Flora and Native Plant Revegetation Projects in BLM's Cache Creek Natural Area, Bear Creek Watershed, Colusa County

by Jim Weigand and Craig Thomsen

Several projects are starting up that complement longstanding interests of CNPS Sacramento Chapter members. First, a floristic survey of the 13,000-acre Payne Ranch within BLM's Cache Creek Natural Area (below Bear Valley, south of Highway 20) is underway with colleagues at the UC-Davis Herbarium and Natural Area Manager, Gregg Mangan. One focus is to map special-status species, including many serpentine endemic plants. Interested volunteers are welcome to assist with this multi-year project. For more information, contact Dr. Ellen Dean at the UC Center for Plant Diversity Herbarium, eadean@ucdavis.edu.

Second, Jim Weigand, ecologist at the BLM California State Office, is conducting an assessment for the Bear Creek watershed. He is working closely with Craig Thomsen, Range Ecologist at the UC-Davis Department of Plant Sciences, to evaluate stewardship issues and ecological restoration needs within this 65,000-acre sub-watershed of Cache Creek. Among the many restoration pre-

scriptions will be to rehabilitate abandoned mine sites on Walker Ridge, using serpentine endemic plants. Please contact Jim at James_Weigand@blm.gov if you have an interest in participating in this project.

Craig Thomsen currently maintains the spectacular Bear Creek Botanical Management Area, on a Caltrans right-of-way along Highway 20 just west of Hwy 16. For the last eight years he has used prescribed burns, mowing, and hand-pulling to reduce yellow star-thistle and barbed goatgrass, as part of an ongoing effort to maintain the rich native prairie flora there; see <<http://www.cnga.org/guide.php>>. He is also working with Gregg Mangan to restore native plants along Bear Creek south of Hwy 20, where they have lost ground due to past human disturbances and invasion by non-native plants.

If you would like to participate as a volunteer in any of these ecological restoration projects, please contact Craig at cdthomsen@ucdavis.edu or Gregg at Gregg_Mangan@blm.gov.

Sacramento Splash presents a Nature in the Neighborhood workshop: (More) Landscaping with California Native Plants

Wednesday, September 5
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Tuesday, September 11
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Sunday, September 16
10:00am – Noon

Fall is the perfect time to get your landscape growing with native plants! With help from gardener and landscape designer Bernadette Balics, you too can bring nature to your door step by landscaping with beautiful, hardy native plants.

Evening Sessions – Wed., 9/5 and Tues. 9/11, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

During two evening sessions at the Splash Education Center, Bernadette will share her experience with native plant gardening in the Sacramento area. She will give you feedback on your own planting plans and answer your questions. You'll get to see photos of California native plant gardens, exchange experiences and peruse useful books.

Covered topics include:

- Climate, soil, watering, planting and plant care issues specific to native plant gardens
 - Garden site evaluation
 - Easy to grow and hard to grow native plants
 - Plant communities
 - Habitat gardens
 - Where to buy native plants
- Bring a pencil, questions, and a rough map of your gardening area to the evening classes.*

Field Trip – Sun., 9/16, 10:00 a.m. - Noon Visit the Sacramento Valley California Native Plant Society (CNPS) demonstration garden at the Old City Cemetery. See live native plants and learn about plant maintenance by helping with fall gardening chores. We'll get a chance to test our site evaluation skills by observing the growing conditions of various plants. *Dress in your gardening gear and bring your gardening tools.*

Plant Sale

If you are ready to buy plants *now*, Bernadette will meet you at the Sac

Valley CNPS Fall Plant Sale on September 22 at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park (see flyer, page 3).

Registration Information

- Reservations are required. Visit www.sacsplash.org and click on "Nature in the Neighborhood" or call Splash at 916-364-2437.
- The Splash Education Center is located at 4426 Excelsior Rd., Mather, CA 95655. For directions, go to website, click on "Find Us."
- Fee: \$90.00/person benefits the Splash program. Payable by cash or check only. Age 16 years and older.

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