

The

November '05



Hibiscus



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, November 9, 2005 7pm
Shepard Garden and Arts Center, McKinley Park
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

BUTTERFLIES

By Greg Kareofelas

Response was so great to Greg Kareofelas' presentation on dragonflies at our Chapter meeting last January that we've invited him back to talk about the butterflies of California. He's been traveling all over California this year collecting and documenting occurrences of butterflies, then making incredibly gorgeous and detailed scans for this presentation. Greg will discuss the lore, natural history, taxonomy, and conservation of butterflies. You gotta love them – they pollinate plants!

Greg has been a member of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of CNPS for many years and has had a longtime interest in butterflies and dragonflies. Our chapter meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. Each meeting includes a "Know Your Natives" Plant Identification Challenge. Our 40th Anniversary Logo canvas bags, books, wildflower seeds, Sac Valley Chapter t-shirts, posters, and bird boxes will be available for purchase at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.



Male *Colias eurytheme*
from Greg Kareofelas

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.

Splash Wins Governor's Award

The Splash curriculum *Life in Our Watershed: Investigating Vernal Pools* began in 1997 as a modest effort by CNPS volunteer, Eva Butler, to educate kids about vernal pools. From its humble beginnings, this watershed education program has become the celebrated Splash Program that has brought almost 9000 5th graders to explore the magic and the mystery of



Sacramento's vernal pools. On November 22, Splash will be honored with the Governor's 2005 Environmental and Economic Achievement Award. How did CNPS help to make such a Splash?

Please check out our chapter web page to find out and read more about this amazing story!

Become a Weed Warrior!

Working to Preserve Biodiversity along the American River Parkway

Sacramento Weed Warriors is very busy removing invasive red sesbania seedlings from the American River Parkway. The work is easy, the site is lovely, and the weather has been beautiful!! We provide gloves and tools - bring some water. Please join us (especially students needing community service hours!) for one of our upcoming community work groups:

Saturdays from 8:45 to 12:00 — November 5; December 3
Wm Pond Recreation area
Call Frank Wallace for more details and to sign up at 427-5694

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Sac Weed Warriors 8:45 - Noon Wm Pond Rec Area Contact Frank Wallace 427-5694
		8 Election Day	9 Sac Valley Chapter Mtg 7pm Shepard Garden & Arts Center	10 Morning Nature Walk w/Jack Hiehle 916 967-0777	11 Veteran's Day	12
		15	16	 <p>Habitat Conservation Planning From Tahoe To The Bay Third Annual Workshop Thursday, Nov 17 8:30 am til 3:45 pm Ulatis Community Center 1000 Ulatis Dr, Vacaville ieh@cal.net or 530-756-6455</p>		
20 Habitat Improvement w/Jack Hiehle 916 967-0777	21 Wildflower Weekend Planning Meeting 7pm	22 Morning Nature Walk w/Jack Hiehle 916 967-0777	23			
27 Jack Hiehli in December Morning Nature Walk Dec 1 Morning Nature Walk Dec 6 Habitat Improvement Dec 11		29	30 Chapter Board Mtg Chris' House 7pm	Reminder: We don't produce a December Hibiscus... Look for us in January!		

Missed Connections:

To the student in Davis who called me and left a message about holding Chapter meetings in Davis for people who can't travel to Sacramento: I left a message at the number that you provided, but then lost your phone number. Let's work together to have meetings in Davis, too. Please call me again!
- Diana Hickson, Programs Chair, (916) 362-8022.

Wildflower Weekend -Apr 8th & 9th, '06

Reserve this weekend! Saturday & Sunday April 8th & 9th 2006. We had a productive planning meeting in October. Most of the talented exhibitors will be back for our 2nd year. One change is that Ellen Dean, former curator of the UC Davis Herbarium will join us as the Freshwater Marsh Exhibitor. Welcome aboard Ellen! Are you a professional or serious amateur Botanist, Ecologist or Entomologist? We are seeking scientists by profession and avocation to participate in next year's Wildflower Weekend. Educating the public about California's native flora is one of the most important components of WW. Last year, interacting with guests was also one of the activities that volunteers most enjoyed. WW is a perfect opportunity to put your hard-earned knowledge of natural history to good use to benefit the environment and society! If you'd like to help, please contact Chris Lewis at 916 482-5282.



Spring Plant Sale Volunteer Coordinator needed!

Are you interested in Native Plant Gardens? Do you like working with people? We need your help. Part of the huge success of Wildflower Weekend in 2005 was the popularity of the Plant Sale we had there. So, Wildflower Weekend 2006 will have a Plant Sale both Saturday and Sunday! Some of the nurseries are already lined up. If you'd like to help out, please call Chris at 916 482-5282

Botanical Sampling last June at Deer Creek Hills

from Hazel Gordon

We neglected to mention the outcome of our trip to Deer Creek Hills on June 25 and 26, 2005 (see photo at left). Our chapter hosted a workshop where participants learned to collect plant community data in riparian areas using the CNPS rapid assessment protocol. Carol Witham, Julie Evens and Josie Crawford gave the training to fourteen participants, completing two rapid assessments. This botanical and environmental data set will add to other information used in developing a management plan for this preserve in the easternmost part of Sacramento County.

Fall Plant Sale

Record Sale\$
by Lorraine Van Kekerix

The plants and bulbs, posters, books and t-shirts just flew out of the Shepard Garden and Arts Center at our fall plant sale. This is the ideal time to plant natives, so we hope all the plants and bulbs are all tucked into the warm soil and getting settled into their new homes.

It takes a big team to make a sale successful and many people helped to boost our profits.

The new plant information cards with pictures made a real difference in plant sales. Many thanks to Chris Lewis, Janie Booth, Jessica Hankins, Carol Crofoot and Janet Gerland for the new cards. Steve Woodward made all the pricing signs and got the pricing labels prepared.

The variety of plant materials was very large thanks to our plant vendors and chapter member growers: Cache Creek Nursery, Cornflower Farms, Far West Bulbs, Restoration Resources, Linnea Fronce, Emmy Gunterman, Jack Hiehle and Steve Woodward.

We also had great help in set up, sales (plants, bulbs, books, t-shirts, seeds, bird and bat houses), keeping the plants organized, plant information, landscape consultations, food (including a CNPS 40th anniversary cake as shown on the calendar!) and



promoting membership, educational activities, the Weed Warriors and the vernal pool project and clean up. Our volunteers were: Bernadette Balics, Rich Blackmarr, Janie Booth, Dan Burmester, Eva Butler, Fran Clarke, Dean, Linnea Fronce, Janet Gerland, Ames Gilbert, Nancy Gilbert, Hazel Gordon, Emmy Gunterman, Jessica Hankins, Gordon Harrington, Jack Hiehle, Jen Hogan, Glen Holstein, Russ Huddleston, Bill Jenkins, Annie Kempees, Kristi, Chris Lewis, Martha Mallery, David Marraccini, Mary Maret, John Martin, Joyce Martin, Olga Myslivec, Andy Phillips, Melinda Rivasplata, Mary Ann Robinson, Frances Sargent, Mary Schiedt, Sebastian, Gerald Swafford, Paul Townsend, Kent Valentine, Amanda Van Houtte, Lorraine Van Kekerix, Frank Wallace, Betsy Weiland, Rees Williams, Bill Wingfield and Steve Woodward

~Note from the Hibiscus editor~

I've changed my email address to:
slow@cal.net

Lead a Field Trip or Nature Walk in 2006

We have about 10 CNPS Members & Board Members who are willing to lead one field trip next year. Could you lead a trip to your favorite place? We are putting together a Field Trip Calendar for the entire year! So no matter what time of year your trip would be, please let us know ASAP and we'll add your trip to our list!

Just phone or email Chris at 916 482-5282 or lewisc@surewest.net.



Waterfall at Table Mountain



Recent, New, and, Renewing Members : Many T hanks! by Hazel Gordon

We are again delighted to welcome new members who recently joined our chapter: P. Barth, T. Linton, P. Slife, K. Thiruvengaden, K. Van Epen and G. Walden. Thank you for returning your chapter questionnaires (hopefully to be included with this Hibiscus) to us so that we can serve you better.

Our sincere appreciation for their continuing support also goes to our recently renewing members: L. Archambault, J. Barrett, E. Berteaux, R. Bettis, A. Bowman, J. and L. Brugger, J. Buck, G. and M. Burke, M. Cecchetti, E. Chapman, B. Christoff, S. Clark, C. Cockrill, L. Fuzeserry, C. Goff, M. Gogol-Prokurat, H. Gordon, C. Grinstead, G. Guameri, S. Gude, J. and E. Gunterman, S. Guthrie, P. Harris, N. Helman, C. Hom, P. Johnson, D. Kelley, M. Ketelaar, D. and K. Kimberling, C. Meigs, M. Mills, M. Mirassou, D. Moore, D. Murphy, O. Myslivec, J. Nishida, D. Oebker, D. Popp, J. Rice, J. Sallee, F. Sargent, D. Schmoldt, M. Schwab, W. Siegfried, R. Stork, D. Tamannaie, T. Toland, M. Vaghti, E. Wrenn, and R. Yacoub. Thank you for your loyalty to CNPS!

For others who may be close to your membership expiration date, please remember to renew to continue to receive the Hibiscus and other CNPS publications. Your timely financial support is crucial in enabling CNPS to continue its many roles in preserving and showcasing our natural botanical resources.



CNPS Newsletter
 Sacramento Valley Chapter
 2707 K Street, Suite 1
 Sacramento, CA 95816-5113

Nonprofit Org.
 US Postage
Paid
 Carmichael, CA
 Permit No. 135

ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

November 2005 Hibiscus

www.SacValleyCNPS.org

The Sacramento Valley chapter newsletter, Hibiscus, is published monthly, except for July, August, and December. Subscriptions are \$10 per year. To subscribe solely to this newsletter, send your \$10 check to: CNPS Sac Valley Membership, 2707 K St, Ste 1 Sacramento, CA 95816-5113. Articles for the Hibiscus must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 8th of the month for possible inclusion in the next month's issue.

President
 Vice President
 Treasurer
 Secretary
 Book Sales
 Chapter Botanist
 Chapter Council Delegate
 Conservation

 Demo Garden
 ECOS Representative Habitat 2020
 Education
 Ethnobotany
 Fairs & Events
 Fall Plant Sale Coordinator
 Field Trips
 Habitat Enhancement
 Historian
 Horticulture
 Hospitality
 Listserv Moderator
 Long View Oaks
 Mather Vernal Pools
 Membership
 Natural Communities
 Newsletter Editor
 Newsletter Assembly
 Poster Sales
 Programs
 Publicity
 Rare Plants
 Kids/Community Gardens
 Spring Plant Sale Coordinator
 Stockton Sub-Chapter
 Web Site
 Wildflower Seeds
 Member at Large

Christina Lewis, 482-5282, lewisc@surewest.net
 Mary Maret, 961-4057, mmaret@sbcglobal.net
 Bill Patterson, 452-9491, bilwpat@aol.com
 Hazel Gordon, 530 297-7204, hgordon@fs.fed.us
 Olga Myslivec, 483-6727, olgamyslivec@hotmail.com
 Glen Holstein, 530 758-6787 holstein@cal.net
 Diana Hickson, 327-5956, dianahickson@cwnet.com
 Mary Maret, 961-4057, mmaret@sbcglobal.net
 John Hunter, 737-3000, johnhunterca@sbcglobal.net
 Mitchell Alford, 736-0850, phytophinder@sbcglobal.net
 Glen Holstein & Chris Lewis
 Bonnie Ross, 962-3619, bross@water.ca.gov
 Renee Shahrok, 484-8245, renees@cal.net
 Mary Schiedt, 530 661-6061, maryolol@netscape.net
 Lorraine Van Kekerix, 457-2674, lkvk@dcn.org
 OPEN
 Frank Wallace, 213-4682, frankw2@pacbell.net
 Betty Matyas, 363-2390
 Jessica Hankins, 916 731-4910, jhankins@csus.edu
 Peggy Berry, 944-1184, pegberry@aol.com
 Harry Spanglet, 445-6531, spanglet@water.ca.gov
 Deborah Stout, 916 564-8541 stout@nsrnet.com
 Eva Butler, 443-6282, riverside1@att.net
 Hazel Gordon, 530 297-7204, hazलगordon@hotmail.com
 Hazel Gordon, 530 297-7204, hazलगordon@hotmail.com
 Slow, 916 508-8288, slowhand@slowhandtattoo.com
 Christina Lewis, 482-5282, lewisc@surewest.net
 OPEN
 Diana Hickson, 327-5956, dianahickson@cwnet.com
 Janie Booth, 530 220-3283, janiebooth@gmail.com
 Russell Huddleston, 456-1988, rhuddle1@CH2M.com
 Jennifer Hogan, 530 661-3410, jhogan@water.ca.gov
 OPEN
 Martha Mallery, 209 477-3966
 Sabrina Okamura-Johnson, 929-7896, soj@surewest.net
 Paul Townsend, 916 454-9677, paul.t.townsend@usace.army.mil
 Melinda Rivasplata, 454-5937, melrivas@aol.com

Spring Plant Sale Volunteer Coordinator needed!

Are you interested in Native Plant Gardens? Do you like working with people? We need your help. Part of the huge success of Wildflower Weekend in 2005 was the popularity of the Plant Sale we had there. So, Wildflower Weekend 2006 will have a Plant Sale both Saturday and Sunday! Some of the nurseries are already lined up. If you'd like to help out, please call Chris at 916 482-5282.

How about a Tote?

Our 40th Anniversary canvas tote will be available at our meetings for \$10 to non-members and \$5 to members (just another member benefit brought to you by the Chapter Board).

