

California Native Plant Society



*Sacramento Valley Chapter
Stockton Sub-chapter*

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The beginning of another wildflower season is filled with promise with the restoration of groundwater that continues even as this edition is being penned. Reports of the desert in 100 year bloom has three of our members off to witness firsthand this festival of color and we eagerly await their reports and hopefully images to share! Meanwhile, locally, we have planned some more trips for appreciation of the flora closer to home.

WILDFLOWERS

...that bloom in the Spring

12 Noon - 7 p.m.
Nature Center
Oak Grove Regional Park
I-5 and Eight Mile Road
Stockton, CA

- * Wildflower Display
- * Nature Photography by Bob Stahmer
- * Native Plant Garden

Sponsored by the Oak Grove Docent Council
and the California Native Plant Society
Park entry fee: \$5 per car.

The poster features several images of wildflowers: a purple flower, a pink flower in an oval frame, a yellow flower, a small purple flower cluster, and a blue and white flower.

The upcoming wildflower show at Oak Grove Regional Park Nature Center, sponsored by our subchapter of CNPS will be a good opportunity to educate the public to the beauty to be found within a half hour or hour's drive from home here in the central valley.

If you can spare time the day before the show to help with collecting or setup, or if you can help staff the tables on either day of the show, please call Martha at (209) 477 3966.

If you can't help we would still like to see you at the show.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS...

For trip information contact:

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Chico Grunder's Table Mountain (east of Oakdale)

Friday, March 25, 2005 - Owl Creek Ranch

Bring a sack lunch and join our annual pilgrimage to Chico's spectacular hilltop overlooking the Stanislaus River.

Wildflower Display

Nature Center - Oak Grove Regional Park

April 9-10, 2005.

12 noon - 7 pm

Volunteers, Please! We need folks to help gather the species for our wildflower display. Collecting will take place on Friday, April 8, when we'll go to various locations around the valley.

Also, we need to borrow vases of all sizes and shapes.

If you can help, please phone Martha at (209) 477 3966.

Wildflower Show & Plant Sale

Sacramento

April 16-17, 2005

Lets' carpool on Sunday.



Merced River Canyon (east of Merced)

Date to be arranged

Winding our way through the redbud-covered foothills, we'll arrive at the colorful Hite's Cove trail along the Merced River.

Bring lunch.

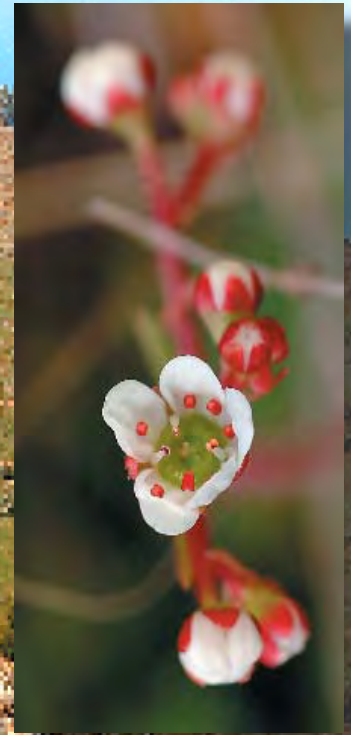
Arena Plains (west of Merced)

Saturday, April 16, 2005 - 1pm to 4pm

A ranger-led trip to discover some of California's most beautiful vernal pools and the other half of Half Dome!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Del Puerto Canyon - February 6, 2005



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