Welcome new elected board members! Our thanks for taking a leadership role.

- President - Dave Flietner
- Vice-President - Peter St. Clair
- Treasurer - Sandra Feiock
- Secretary - Diane Green

Tom Beltran is a newly elected board member, leaving one open board position. There are also several open chair position for those interested in becoming more active in CNPS-SD. These include Horticulture, Librarian and Public Outreach. Committee chairs are also looking for volunteers to assist with the different committees. If you are interested in filling any of these positions please contact a board member. Contact information for board members and committee chairs are on the back page of the newsletter.

Our thanks to outgoing President, Carolyn Martus. Carolyn has led our Chapter with dedication and enthusiasm, bringing many new and energetic volunteers into positions of responsibility. During Carolyn's tenure, new opportunities for members to get involved flourished, including vegetation surveys and the creation of a native plant habitat in Old Town. Carolyn has worked tirelessly to improve our annual Plant Sale, increasing the number of plants we could sell in a limited space by providing pre-orders, expanding the number of nurseries supplying plants, and encouraging members to propagate plants for the sale. In addition, Carolyn has been extremely effective in getting people to take action against invasive exotic pest plants, including enlisting nurseries to stop growing and selling some of the most noxious species. We are fortunate to have someone of Carolyn's energy and commitment at the helm of the chapter for the past years, and look forward to her continued leadership as a member of the Board and Plant Sale Chairperson.

MEETING PROGRAM
FEBRUARY 17, 2009

San Clemente Island Habitat Recovery
Presented by Jonathan Dunn

San Clemente Island, home to several rare and endemic plant and animal species, is also managed by the US Navy as an alternative landing field and training facility. Unmanaged grazing by feral goats during the last century caused extensive damage to the island's unique biota. During the last two decades the Navy has invested considerable effort on San Clemente Island to assist the recovery of endangered species and stabilize the island's damaged ecosystems. Jonathan Dunn, currently a biologist at EDAW, is a former project manager for the San Clemente Island Native Habitat Restoration Program. Jonathan will present a status review of habitat and species recover projects undertaken by the Navy in recent years on the island.

San Diego, Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 104
7:00 PM
For a Balboa Park map see www.balboapark.org/nav.html

Monthly CNPS-SD Meetings

CHAPTER MEETINGS are open to the public. They are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month in room 101 or 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.

7:00—7:30 is a time for discussion, camaraderie, and browsing the sales table. We usually have a small selection of native plants available. New members who sign up receive a free gift.

If you have an unknown plant you would like identified bring it with you and one of our members will help identify it for you.
HOW TO CREATE A WILDLIFE FRIENDLY GARDEN
The San Diego Audubon Society is conducting a workshop that shows how to use native plants, save water and provide a natural habitat for wildlife. The two-session workshop will teach you how to select, plant and maintain native plants that are adapted to our environment, attract birds and butterflies, and are beautiful. Current information on wildfire prevention will be included in the program.

When: February 7, 9:00 -11:00 a.m. and February 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (the class has two sessions)
Where: Tecolote Nature Center, (east end of Tecolote Road)
Cost: $30 (includes a 1-gal. native plant to take home)
Call our office (619 682-7200) and make your reservation.

BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION CLASS
The Joy of Botanical Illustration

Naturalist, educator and artist John (Jack) Muir Laws has offered to hold a class on botanical illustration from 10:00 to 4:00pm on July 21st.
Fee: $75.00 per person
Location: To be Announced

Join us for an intensive and accessible botanical illustration workshop with illustrator and author John Muir Laws. Class will begin with a quick review of flower structure and then plunge into an approach to drawing flowers that helps you to quickly and accurately capture their form and feel. We will learn techniques for simplifying the complex structure of flowers and ways to foreshorten flowers, leaves and petals. We will investigate tricks to help draw complicated overlapping shapes such as an iris or curling leaves. After a potluck lunch we will explore applying color to our drawings using either watercolor and colored pencils and learn how to deal with the problem colors (pink, yellow, and white). Laws will also demonstrate a bag of tricks to help you deal with challenges such as pale veins on a dark leaf. This will be a full and delightful workshop, helpful for both beginners and experienced artists.

Bring: a small bouquet of flowers including at least one iris, drawing paper, pencils and your favorite drawing tools (Laws will demonstrate color techniques with both watercolor and colored pencil), and something to share in a lunchtime potluck.

We need someone to help organize this event. If you are interested, please contact Hank Kraus at hkraus@moosacreek.com or 760-751-1929.

CNPS - SD VEGETATION COMMITTEE RAPID ASSESSMENTS
Rapid assessments (see http://www.cnps.org/cnps/vegetation) are a tool for understanding plant composition, habitat and site quality across a landscape. We work to help the California Department of Fish and Game further classify vegetation associations, while also aiding local organizations or individuals get a better understanding of the property under their management. Rapid assessments provide a snapshot in time of the condition of particular vegetation associations, and thus can be relocated and repeated over time to reveal broad patterns due to any number or combination of factors like disturbance and weed invasion. Some of us do this for purely selfish reasons; we just dig being outdoors, and continuing to explore new places. New plants and reminders of already known plants are present at every survey.

We returned to our monthly survey schedule, starting this January. Surveys take place the fourth Saturday of every month until after June, when surveys then only occur during August and October. Survey events are free and open to the public (although CNPS membership is encouraged). Light snacks and beverages are provided for volunteers.

If you are interested, we could use your help, regardless of your experience. To RSVP for a survey, or more information, you may email: vegetation@cnpssd.org. I will email you directions and a list of what to bring. You may call 619 549 4142 if this is a preferred method of contact.

Patrick McConnell
Vegetation Committee Co-chairperson

CNPS-SD STUDENT FUNDING AWARD
2009 CNPS Conservation Conference– In the January 2009 newsletter we reported that Sula Vanderplank was awarded funds to attend the CNPS Conservation Conference. Funds were also awarded to Julie Miller and Matt Guiliams. Congratulations to all of you. We look forward to hearing about your experiences at the conference.
SAN DIEGO HISTORY MUSEUM
PLANT FAMILY CLASSES

Chenopodium and relatives (Amaranthaceae)
This class will cover the genus Chenopodium and its relatives from the family Amaranthaceae, the Amaranth family. In the San Diego Plant Family Forum, learn about local plant families by studying the details of the genera and species found in San Diego County. Take an in-depth look at families and the characters and keys that taxonomists use. Classes will be presented by local botanists and assisted by Dr. Jon Rebman. Tues Feb 3 or Thurs Feb 12
Instructor: Nuri Pierce

Rhamnaceae
This class will cover the Rhamnaceae, the Buckthorn family. In the San Diego Plant Family Forum, learn about local plant families by studying the details of the genera and species found in San Diego County. Take an in-depth look at families and the characters and keys that taxonomists use. All classes will be presented by local botanists and assisted by Dr. Jon Rebman. This class was previously offered in 2008. Up-to-date research will be included. Thurs Feb 5 or Tues Feb 10
Instructor: Jim Rocks

Geraniaceae and Garryaceae
This class will cover the Geraniaceae, the Geranium family, and Garryaceae, the Silk Tassel Family. In the San Diego Plant Family Forum, learn about local plant families by studying the details of the genera and species found in San Diego County. Take an in-depth look at families and the characters and keys that taxonomists use. All classes will be presented by local botanists and assisted by Dr. Jon Rebman. This class was previously offered in 2007. Up-to-date research will be included. Tues Feb 24 or Thurs March 5
Instructor: Dr. Mary Ann Hawke

Lamiaceae I
This class will cover half of the Lamiaceae, the Mint family. In the San Diego Plant Family Forum, learn about local plant families by studying the details of the genera and species found in San Diego County. Take an in-depth look at families and the characters and keys that taxonomists use. All classes will be presented by local botanists and assisted by Dr. Jon Rebman. Thurs Feb 26 or Tues March 3
Instructor: Mike Silveira

For fee information please call (619) 232-3821 or visit their website at:
https://tickets.sdnhm.org/public/load_screen.asp?screen=adult_programs&cgcode=1

CATALINA CONSERVANCY
SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

The Catalina Island Conservancy is offering four internships for Summer 2009.
As students pursue their education, there is a natural desire to experience the actual career work that they will be later pursuing. An Internship is a formalized, structured method by which to gain this actual work experience and is often beneficial later to demonstrate to future employers that interest in the field of endeavor as well as certain field skills have already been learned. The Catalina Island Conservancy offers such an opportunity.

The Naturalist Internship: This is a public serving position. The Summer Naturalist conducts educational, interpretive natural history and environmental education programs for residents and visitors. Assists with education department outreach, community events, and Nature Center programs. Assists in upkeep of interpretive site, program record keeping, and other tasks as assigned.

Invasive Plant Management Internship: This is an extreme field position with the objective to protect nearly 100 Natural Heritage Species and unique habitats from invasive plants on Catalina Island. The position requires extensive off trail hiking and difficult, uncomfortable work, yet is extremely rewarding because of the hands on nature of the position and the stunning scenery you get to experience.

Nursery Internship: Assists in the maintenance and operation of the Conservancy’s James H. Ackerman Native Plant Nursery. This facility is responsible for producing all plant and seed material used in the Conservancy’s conservation projects. Currently, the nursery inventory consists of 17,000 container plants representing 85 different species. This position requires a wide range of skills including horticultural abilities, technical documentation, fieldwork, equipment care, and maintenance.

Trails Internship: This position requires both office skills and the ability to hike up to ten miles each day, with the majority of the work being in the field. The work includes creating a trail log, sign construction, installation and maintenance, improving existing trails creating steps, creek crossings, water bars, and other erosion control measures.

For more information visit the Catalina Island Website:
http://www.catalinaconservancy.org/about/jobs/summerInternship/overview.cfm
Are you a teacher, retired teacher or pursuing a career in teaching? Do you want to learn how to use national parks as living classrooms? Have you ever wanted to volunteer or work for your national parks? Do you love the history? Do you enjoy sharing your passion for the environment? Do you enjoy working with children? Are you interested in learning about and sharing your knowledge of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the Old Point Loma Lighthouse, Kumeyaay uses of native plants, Coastal Sage Scrub, tidepool plant and wildlife? If you answered yes, then Cabrillo National Monument, San Diego’s National Park, invites you to help young people make intellectual and emotional connections with Cabrillo National Monument as a volunteer in the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) Program in the Division of Interpretation and Education, presenting curriculum-based education programs to school groups and helping the park’s education program.

Volunteers-In-Parks will work closely with Cabrillo National Monument Interpretation and Education Rangers and will have the opportunity to pursue professional certifications and Continuing Education Units (CEU) in Interpretation and Education through the Eppley Institute at Indiana University (www.parktraining.org), as part of the National Park Service (NPS) Interpretive Development Program, which is also recognized by the National Association for Interpretation (NAI). For many years, Cabrillo National Monument staff has presented education programs which address the California Content Standards for Science and History/Social Studies to approximately 8,000 school children in grades 2-6, their teachers and adult chaperones annually. Curriculum-based education programs include Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo: A Voyage of Exploration (grades 3-5), Life in the Intertidal Zones (grades 3-5), The Kumeyaay Supermarket: Native American Plant Uses (grades 3-5), Life in Coastal Sage Scrub: Ecology of Cabrillo National Monument (grades 3-6) and Growing Up in the Old Point Loma Lighthouse (grade 2). Information about Cabrillo National Monument’s curriculum-based education programs may be found at http://www.nps.gov/cabr/forteachers/index.htm.

Cabrillo National Monument Superintendent Tom Workman stated, “as we prepare for the centennials of Cabrillo National Monument in 2013 and the National Park Service in 2016, these new volunteers will help us introduce thousands of young people each year to the wonderful history and natural resources at Cabrillo National Monument, as well as their other national parks. Engaging Volunteers-In-Parks to assist with our curriculum-based education programs will help us expand partnerships with schools, giving school children national park experiences which will enrich their lives. This will increase our capacity to provide school children with high-quality, park-based learning to help connect them to Cabrillo National Monument, impart to them a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks and encourage them to be stewards of their national parks, as well as of the environments right around them in their schools, neighborhoods and backyards. These are all support the mission of the National Park Service as well as the goals of the NPS Centennial Initiative.”

The NPS will provide training, and asks volunteers to commit to a minimum of one morning (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) per week, plus periodic in-service training sessions throughout the year, and you must wear an official NPS Volunteers-In-Parks uniform, which the monument provides. If you would like to join the park rangers at Cabrillo NM in educating young people about the park and helping them create their own personal connections with it, please contact Cabrillo NM Volunteers-In-Parks Program Manager Park Ranger Marcy Marquez at tel. 619-523-4573 or email Marcy_Marquez@nps.gov for more information, or to sign-up as a Cabrillo NM Volunteers-In-Parks, as soon as possible. Our volunteers are, indeed, Very Important People!!!

Cabrillo National Monument, located on Point Loma at the end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Hourly public transportation (#28 Bus, connecting with #84 Bus) is available to the visitor center, from the Old Town Transit Center. For additional information about the monument call 619-557-5450 or TTY 619-222-8211, or visit our web site at http://www.nps.gov/cabr/. For more information about the National Park Service Centennial Initiative visit www.nps.gov/2016/.

**EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA**
The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.
Joshua Tree National Park - The Desert Institute presents outdoor adult weekend classes for spring 2009. Come to Joshua Tree National Park to learn with the experts about this exciting desert wonderland. These classes are open to all skill levels. Call for catalog, information and registration: (760) 367-5535 or www.joshuatree.org

Classes:

**Rocks & Minerals of JTNP**
February 27 – March 1, 2009
Joshua Tree, CA – Bruce Bridenbecker, professor of physical science at Copper Mountain College, will explain the critical principles that shaped the rocks and minerals of this area into the blonde granite and pre-Cambrian gneiss which are iconic of the Mojave and Colorado Deserts during this combined three day lecture and field class.

Date/Time: Friday, February 27, 6 pm – 9 pm  
Saturday, February 28, 8 am – 5 pm  
Sunday, March 1, 8 am – 4 pm
Meet at: Copper Mountain College, 6162 Rotary Way, Joshua Tree, CA
Credit Fee: $190 ($180 for JTNPA/PINE members)  
Non-credit Fee: $115 ($105 for JTNPA/PINE members)

**Secrets of a Desert Oasis**
March 1, 2009
Joshua Tree National Park, CA – Explore the largest stretch of palm trees in Joshua Tree National Park with outdoor guide and desert naturalist Mark Wheeler. Persons attending must be in good physical condition, and comfortable spending the day walking and rock scrambling up to twelve miles in the park.

Date/Time: Sunday, March 1, 8 am – afternoon
Meet at: Cottonwood Visitor Center, Joshua Tree National Park, CA
Fee: $50 ($40 for JTNPA and PINE members)

**Archaeological Surveying cont.**
Dr., Twentynine Palms, CA
Fee: $75 ($65 for JTNPA and PINE members)

**Basic Desert Survival**
March 7, 2009
Twentynine Palms, CA – Learn the essential “big four” skills needed to safely explore the sometimes harsh and often challenging desert landscape of Joshua Tree National Park. Tony Nester, survival expert and author of Desert Survival Tips, Tricks and Skills, will teach the physical skills and mental processes that will prepare participants to discover some of the most beautiful and most dangerous habitats of the world by engaging in mock survival scenarios.

Date/Time: Saturday, March 7, 9 am – 4 pm
Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, CA
Fee: $60 ($50 for JTNPA and PINE members)

**Primitive Skills: the Universal Tool Kit**
March 8, 2009
Joshua Tree, CA – Join Paul Campbell, author of Survival Skills of Native California, to delve into one of the oldest skills known to man: making and using stone tools in this all-day field class.

Date/Time: Sunday, March 8, 8:30 am – 4 pm
Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Dr., Joshua Tree, CA
Fee: $60 ($50 for JTNPA and PINE members)  
Material Fee: $10

**Rare Species of JTNP**
March 8, 2009
Twentynine Palms, CA – Joshua Tree National Park is a land of diversity, with ecosystems of the high, cool Mojave Desert and the low, hot Colorado Desert all within its boundaries. Katie Barrows, botanist specializing in endangered species, will explain what animals and plants are considered rare, threatened, or endangered and why in this one-day field class.

Date/Time: Sunday, March 8, 9 am – 5 pm
Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, CA
Fee: $60 ($50 for JTNPA and PINE members)

For more information on these and other upcoming classes call Karina White, Program Director (760) 367-5535.
2009 FIELD TRIPS FOR CNPS MEMBERS

Sunday February 22 – 9 AM to 12 PM
Torrey Pines State Reserve Coastal Vegetation

Many coastal plants should be coming into bloom, and Margaret Fillius, author of ‘Native Plants, Torrey Pines State Reserve and Nearby San Diego County Locations,’ will be our guide. Meet 9 AM at the adobe visitor center/book store on the mesa in the heart of the reserve. Parking is $8/car to park in the Reserve parking lots. Comfortable walking shoes and sun protection are musts, and water and binoculars are a bonus.

Meet at 8:15 AM at Denny’s Restaurant on Friar’s Road just east of 163 to ride-share to the preserve and back.

Bring a copy of Margaret’s fine book and the author will autograph it for you.

RSVP to Kay at kaytaff@sbcglobal.net and please share your cell phone number and if you plan to ride share or meet at the preserve.

The group size cannot exceed twelve, so please RSVP soon to hold your spot!

Sunday March 15 - 9 AM to 4 PM
Plum Canyon Wild Flower Walk in Anza Borrego Desert State Park

Larry Hendrickson - Botanist, Field Trip Leader

We will explore several miles of Plum Canyon from sunny alluvial lowlands on upstream into a shady tributary canyon. Meet 9:00 AM at the intersection of State HWY 78 and County HWY S-2 (San Felipe Road) (Thomas Guide 410 A-11). S-2 joins 78 for several hundred yards at this junction. Larry will be parked on the west side of S-2, just south of 78. From there we will caravan to the trailhead. The hike will be moderately long though slow! Bring several quarts of water and lunch, and wear long pants, good walking shoes, and have good sun protection. Binoculars are a plus. After the hike, we will spend a half hour or so removing the invasive Saharan mustard (Brassica tournefortii) at the trailhead. Bring hoes, or other weeding tools and gloves if you would like to help.

If you want to caravan from the San Diego coastal area meet 7:30 AM at the Park'n'Ride off I-15, east on Poway Road, left on Sabre Springs Road, then left into the shopping center driveway, and turn into the right-hand parking lot (Thomas Guide 1189 H-6). RSVP to Kay at kaytaff@sbcglobal.net. Provide a cell phone number and please say if you plan to meet at S-2 in the desert OR at the Sabre Springs park'n'ride.

This is a CNPS members’ field trip: be advised, we will use botanical terminology frequently! If you are not yet a member, you may join on the day of the field trip at the membership rate that applies.

MONTHLY CNPS-SD EVENTS

Tecolote Canyon Walk - First Sunday of each month

February 1, 9 - 11 AM: Learn about the plants in Tecolote Canyon. Meet at Tecolote Nature Center at 9 AM. Take I-5 to Sea World/Tecolote Rd and proceed east on Tecolote past all the ball fields to the very end of Tecolote Rd. Comfortable walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Rain will cancel.

MONTHLY WORK PARTIES

Kumeyaay Native Plant Garden Old Town State Historic Park - Work Party 2nd Saturday of each month

February 14, 1 - 3 PM: The garden needs your TLC on Valentine's Day to continue to control unwanted weeds, so the trees, grasses and other fiber plants for future basketry projects, and healing and food plants can continue to grow and thrive. Bring gloves, your favorite hand weeding tools, and be sure to have sun protection. The garden is at the far west end of Old Town, across from the Trolley/Bus transit center. Look for the adobe entry sign at Congress Street and Taylor Street and you are there. Free parking in the public lot just north of the garden off Taylor Street. Drinking water is available on site.

Point Loma Native Plant Garden - Work Party 1st Saturday and second Sunday of each month

February 3 and 11, 9-11 AM: Wear sunscreen and bring a hat and water. No facilities on site. For more information contact -
San Diego River Park Foundation
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619-297-7380
http://sandiegoriver.org/plnpg/php
A Japanese Shinto or Zen garden tradition honors the surrounding natural landscape by imitation. This concept doesn't mean that a California garden should look like a garden in Japan! A California garden designed along these principles might look like an oak woodland in Descanso, a coastal succulent scrub garden in Encinitas, or a chaparral garden in Poway or Alpine.

Someone who knows how big elves are named the chaparral for their scale. Not having seen elves, I have to take their word for it, and I comfortably call chaparral "an elfin forest." But the fact is, many chaparral shrubs are huge, and most people don't have enough garden space to make a forest for elves! But a garden could, in the Japanese tradition, imitate especially vivid bits of the chaparral experience.

A unique part of the chaparral experience for me is hiking under the shady enclosure of chaparral thickets higher than my head. Suddenly the canopy opens at an exposed outcrop, and I stand above an undulating chaparral expanse below and beyond. At these edges of rock outcrops, or drainage channels, sunlight shines, and small sun-loving plants nearby delight the senses.

To recreate that special experience, I would select just enough large chaparral plants to create a brief overhead canopy of shrubs. Use big manzanitas, ceanothus, mountain mahogany. Start at a gate, or the far side of a patio or small lawn, or the second exit from a gazebo. Make this canopy long enough to feel like a tunnel. The canopy would abruptly end, in sunlight. At that sunny edge, I'd nurture a seasonal celebration of penstemons, catchflys, peonies, bulbs, and other briefly magical plants.

And beyond this threshold, dwarf prostrate shrubs could be planted to imitate, in miniature form, that chaparral impression of a richly textured quilt tossed over the soil. A careful choice of three or four low-growing species and subspecies, named cultivars and varieties of typical chaparral plants planted judiciously could yield a continuous ground-hugging tapestry.

Such a garden would be nothing like the Shinto gardens of Kyoto, and would be too short for the elves, but might serve mere California mortals as a Zen-like salute to our beautiful chaparral within the modest boundaries of a home-garden. - Kay Steward

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ZEN, ELVES, AND CHAPARRAL GARDENS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form, make out a check payable to “CNPS”, and mail to:

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2707 K Street, Ste 1
Sacramento, CA 95816

___ Student or Limited Income $25            ___ Plant Lover $100
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The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The Society, working through its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding of California's native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations. Membership is open to all.

Membership includes informative publications, free field trips and monthly programs and discounts on books and posters. Also included are *Fremontia*, a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants, the *Bulletin*, a quarterly statewide report of activities and schedules, and the chapter newsletter. Please call the membership chairperson for more information.

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