CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

November is not only our nation's presidential election, it is our annual election for CNPS San Diego boardmembers.

We have two vacancies and several boardmembers who will be running again for a two-year term. Any CNPS member in good standing is eligible to run for the board. Interested candidates should be committed to CNPS's mission, enjoy working in a team environment, be able to attend a majority of board meetings, and interested in taking on a leadership role.

The time commitment for boardmembers is a minimum of 8-10 hours per month. The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except Aug. and Dec.) at the Tecolote Nature Center in San Diego.

MEETING PROGRAM

NURSERY GROWN NATIVE PLANTS
implications for our local ecology

Jonathan Dunn and Mike Evans

Tuesday Oct 21, 7:00 PM
San Diego, Balboa Park
Casa del Prado, Rm 104

The introduction of some nursery grown native plant material into the local ecosystem has recently received significant attention from industry experts. Many believe that nursery grown plant materials can actually disrupt and damage the gene pool of local species.

This month the San Diego CNPS will host two experts on this subject in a forum moderated by a volunteer CNPS board member.

Mike Evans, co-founder of Tree of Life Nursery and Jonathan Dunn, former Manager of the CRES Seed Bank will share their perspectives on the risks and the benefits of nursery grown materials. Please join us for this important and relevant discussion.

CALANDAR

Oct 8 (2nd Wed) CHAPTER BOARD MEETING , 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tecolote Nature Center. Take the Sea World Drive/Tecolote exit from I-5. Proceed east until the road ends at the Tecolote Nature Center. Board Members, please e-mail Carolyn Martus if you are unable to attend. Members are always welcome at the board meetings, please RSVP

Oct 21 (3rd Tue) CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM

CNPS-San Diego Monthly Programs

Chapter meetings are open to the public; there is no charge. Our programs are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, excluding August and December.

7:00-7:30 PM is a time for discussion, camaraderie, and visiting our book sales table. The programs start at 7:30. Come early and browse our books. Stay after the program for conversation and refreshments.

Mystery plants identified! Bring your unknown plant and we will help you learn to identify it.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIBRARIAN: CNPS has a small library that is available to CNPS members during our meetings. We need someone to oversee the library and check out books to members. Time commitment involves coming to our monthly meetings which are always on the 3rd of the month and finding someone to fill in if you can’t make it. Inquire at info@cnpssd.org

PUBLICITY: Write press releases and announcements about CNPS events. Time commitment is approximately 5 hours per month but can be done on your own time. It mainly involves writing e-mails, submitting our info to websites, newsletters and listserves, and following up with newspapers and magazine editors. Strong e-mail and writing skills are necessary. Inquire at info@cnpssd.org

PROGRAM’S ASSISTANT: Help coordinate and set up the room for our monthly meetings which are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except Aug and Dec). Inquire at info@cnpssd.org. Duties include: Assisting with the refreshments for our monthly meetings and/or plant sales. Welcoming members to the meeting and answering general questions at the meetings. Helping set up and clean up the meeting room.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: We attend many environmental fairs and garden events throughout the year and around San Diego County. We are always in need of extra volunteers to staff our booths at these events and interact with the general public. Inquire at puboutreach@cnpssd.org.

SALES TABLE: At our monthly meetings and plant sale we sell books to raise money for our chapter. We always need help at our sales table. Duties include: Take books, brochures, and other materials out of lockers and set up sales tables at each meeting. This means arriving about 6:00 pm or so (for a 7:00 pm meeting). After the meeting, replace the books in the lockers. For more info, e-mail booksales@cnpssd.org.

CONSERVATION: We review development projects throughout San Diego County to ensure that environmental rules and regulations concerning native plant habitats are followed. We have a team of volunteers that works to review environmental documents (such as EIRs and EISs), write comment letters, attend public hearings, or meet with public officials and resource managers. For more info, e-mail info@cnpssd.org.

VEGETATION SURVEYS: Anyone who would like to help survey is welcome to attend; the only prerequisites are an interest in preserving native habitat, attention to detail, and a patient attitude, as the surveys are quite detailed. If you have not done Rapid Assessment before, training will be provided on-site. You will be able to work with more experienced surveyors to see how the survey is done. Please contact vegetation@cnpssd.org for more info or visit the conservation page of our website.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: See page 4:

TOLL ROAD HEARING

Biologist Fred Roberts and I represented CNPS San Diego at the US Dept of Commerce hearing in Del Mar Sept 22. The hearing invited people to speak on whether or not to build a toll road through San Onofre State Park. Over a thousand people came, with those opposed to the road dominating at least 4:1, based on my estimate of the ratio of free tee shirts worn by the opposing sides.

Fred drafted the facts on risks to various species found in San Onofre State Park. The Park would effectively be destroyed if the toll road were built there, since it would build on 1/3 of the site and split the other remnants in half. Our presentation noted threats to a large healthy population of thread-leaf Brodiaea; the valuable habitat there for one of only four populations of the critically endangered Pacific Pocket Mouse; and California gnatcatcher habitat, which is especially precious since the October fires consumed a large area of occupied habitat so the birds are concentrated in the Park land now, land that would be destroyed.

Other opponents included Audubon Society groups, Dan Silver for Endangered Species, League of Conservation Voters, State Parks Foundation, a whole array of camping, outdoor education, and surfing clubs, and a biologist from the San Diego Zoo, to name a few. I thought the most delightful were a child of about 8 who said he spoke for the future generation, and a lady probably in her ‘90’s who had helped found the State Park. The hearing started at 10:30 and ran til 8:30, with several ten minute breaks. Over 650 people had asked to speak, but our number 121 came up after 6:00 PM, so most people did not have an opportunity to voice their point of view.

Whatever happens with the toll road, I want to plan a field trip for San Diego CNPS members to meet up with OC CNPS members in the spring to explore the Donna O’Neill preserve. We would either be celebrating another year of protecting this 1200 acre natural treasure for the future, or will be seeing it perhaps for the last time, if this federal agency is authorized to overturn the State of California’s Coastal Commission.

Kay Stewart

NATIVE PLANT ADVOCATES

San Diego’s plants need citizen advocates. To learn more about how to get involved, send an email to info@cnpssd.org.

Carrie Schneider
INVASIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM

Join us for the 17th Annual Cal-IPC Symposium! Oct 2-3

The Symposium brings together over 300 weed workers to discuss the latest in wildland weed research and control techniques. This year’s invited sessions address the future of wildland weed management: How will climate change impact weed spread? What new initiatives will help us do our work? How can we apply lessons from the past? How will career opportunities in weed work evolve?

Addressing the future includes training the next generation of researchers and managers. This year’s Symposium includes new activities especially geared towards students, recent graduates, and anyone planning their next career move. Enter the Student Paper and Poster Contest, attend our career panel, and talk to panel participants in the discussion group.

This year we return to northern California and the shady campus of Chico State University, where the Sierra Nevada meets the Cascade Range. See www.cal-ipc.org/symposium

Registration includes Awards Banquet & 2009 membership!

GARDEN MAKING CALIFORNIA STYLE!

Explore the opportunities and constraints of garden making California-style at Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies VI: California! Saturday, October 11, 2008. This one day symposium, co-sponsored by Pacific Horticulture magazine and The Mediterranean Garden Society in concert with their international Annual General Meeting, offers a rare opportunity to meet gardeners from other Mediterranean climates of the world. The symposium will take place in stunning Monterey, the first California state capitol and a region rich in history and breathtaking beauty. Gardens have always been an important part of the developed landscape of this region where they compete for attention with the dramatic natural landscape of mountain and coastline, forest and dune.

David Fross, founder of Native Sons nursery in Arroyo Grande, will present a morning session entitled “An Overview of California Landscape and Flora” followed by “The History of California Gardens” presented by Russell Beatty, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at UC Berkeley and a consulting landscape architect in Santa Cruz, CA. Issues challenging California garden makers today will also be the focus of lively discussion.

Complementing these programs will be an afternoon tour of gardens in Carmel and the Carmel Valley (including gardens by Michelle Comeau and Bernard Trainor) that demonstrate a clear response to the region’s Mediterranean climate. The day’s events will conclude with an evening lecture by Bart O’Brien, from the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.

For further details or to register for this exciting event please visit the symposium website at http://regonline.com/medskiesvi or call the Pacific Horticulture office in Berkeley at (510) 849-1627

Growing Natives:
Celebrating California’s Beauty in Dry Times

March 28, 2009 - Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette
March 29, 2009 - Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Berkeley
Co-sponsored by: Pacific Horticulture, the California Native Plant Society and the Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden

We are pleased to present a 2-day program of talks and workshops exploring the possibilities for creating beautiful waterwise gardens with plants native to California.

For more information, please visit: www.cnps.org, www.nativeplants.org, or www.pacifichorticulture.org

1400 FREE TREES - NOV 8

Bill Nelson, of Pacific Tree farms will be giving approximately 1400 Native Trees to fire victims. The trees are two years old and are one to two feet tall in ten inch tubes. The trees have been aclimatizing to the mountain at Art Cole’s home in Wynola at 3800 ft.

The seeds were obtained locally from native germ lines. The varieties are Jeffrey Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Coulter Pine, Incense Cedar, and Cuyamaca Cypress.

Bill will be offering 1 to 5 trees per acre up to thirty total to any fire victim who will make a good home for them. You can contact Bill at: (619) 422-8887.

The trees will be distributed from 8am to 1pm on Saturday, Nov 8 at the Julian Public Library. Art Cole will be delivering the trees to the Julian Library and can be reached at (760) 765-1771.

Directions to Julian Public Library:
take 67 North to Ramona
going straight thru Ramona (67 becomes 78)continue up to Julian
go right at stop in Julianproceed 3/4 mile
The library will be on your left after the Post Office. The building is Forest Green with White Sage trim.

INVASIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM
HELP AT OLD TOWN GARDEN

Join CNPS members and other volunteers at the newly restored Old Town State Park Native Plant Garden to help with weeding during the summer, and planting of annuals and bulbs in the rainy season.

Dates: Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 13, 2008 Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Bring: a hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool and something to kneel on.

Park in the State Park free lot at Calhoun and Taylor Streets, or take the trolley. The garden is in Old Town across Congress Street from the trolley/train/bus depot, and is right next to the parking lot.

Peter St. Clair

CANYONEER NATURE WALKS

The SD Natural History Museum’s Canyoneers offer many interpretive nature walks throughout the year.

Check online (www.sdnhm.org) for directions, the most current info, and any updates.

The museum’s Canyoneers interpret natural history by leading free, public weekend hikes in San Diego, Riverside and Imperial Counties. These may be Friday hikes with small groups of school children or weekend hikes with the general public.

PLANAT ATLAS GOES PUBLIC

In the interest of disseminating as much data as possible to the public, and the fact that the San Diego County Plant Atlas project has exceeded 35,000 collections, Dr. Jon Rebman, Curator of Botany, has directed that all of the data be opened to the public.

The web site, www.sdplantatlas.org , has been reworked to open database searching and mapping to all users without the requirement for passwords. Public users can now view the complete synoptic collection of 2,475 plant specimen images.

Database searching and mapping include the complete Herbarium San Diego collection as well as the Plant Atlas, a total of over 70,000 specimens. Note that the older San Diego County specimens (pre-Plant Atlas) have now been fully databased and georeferenced to allow mapping of the entire collection.

All the web pages related to the functions of the Parabotanists have been isolated. Parabotanists are still required to have a unique password to enter data and edit their data.

Mary Alice Kessler, Botany Department
San Diego Natural History Museum

GOT THE URGE TO EDIT?
OUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU

We need a new editor for the newsletter to replace Jim Harrison who will step down after the December newsletter issue has been published.

Contact Jim at 858 273-5242 for a rundown on the job and the way he has gone about it.

Contact Carolyn at 760 434-5033 if you are interested in taking the newsletter editor position.

WILD LAND WEED FIELD COURSES

Upcoming field courses will train weed workers on the biology, identification, and control of invasive plants. Limited space is still available, including special discounted rates for restoration volunteers! Registration and details at www.cal-ipc.org/fieldcourses/index.php.

2008 Field Course Schedule:
Chico - Bidwell Park
October 1 - Revegetation NEW!
[Cal-IPC Symposium follows on Oct. 2-4 at CSU Chico]
Oakland - Trudeau Training Center
November 6 - Mapping
[Date and location to be confirmed]

I look forward to seeing you at a field course!

Heather Brady, Coordinator

CNPS 2009 PHOTO CONTEST

Sponsored by CNPS and Lowenpro, for full details visit http://cnps.org/cnpsconservation/conference/2009/
Cash, backpacks, and conference banquet tickets will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize winners and runners up.
Deadline for entries is 15 November.

OCTOBER AT TJ ESTUARY

Sunday, October 5 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Fiesta del Rio at Imperial Beach Pier Plaza
Saturday, October 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon: Habitat Restoration Volunteer Event
Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve
Iwarner@parks.ca.gov, www.tijuanaestuary.org
JONES LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT FIREFIGHTING SERVICES EXIST BEFORE APPROVING SUBDIVISIONS IN HIGH RISK FIRE AREAS

The California State Legislature passed legislation authored by Assemblymember Dave Jones (D-Sacramento) that will require that before counties approve new subdivisions in high fire hazard areas, they certify that adequate fire protection will exist.

“I have listened to the pleas of fire officials who have repeatedly pointed to the growing risk involved with building in fire-prone areas,” said Jones. “My bill requires a sensible approach to approval of new building sites in high fire danger areas. This legislation will save both homes and lives.”

While California has made strides in getting in place stricter building and defensible space standards to help avoid even worse loss of property, Jones’ AB 2447 addresses the planning or prevention side of the issue. It allows a county to approve a new subdivision in a high fire risk area only if they find that they meet Cal Fire’s subdivision design standards, they certify that the fire fighting agencies can provide structural fire protection for the parcels that would be created, and the subdivision has more than one way in and out to serve it. Assemblymember Jones said, “We cannot continue to approve new subdivisions in the most hazardous areas if there is not adequate fire protection. AB 2447 will help us avoid putting the lives of firefighters, and the lives and property of homeowners, and the dollars of taxpayers, needlessly at risk.”

AB 2447 is supported by firefighters, environmental groups and property owner groups. The Assembly took final action on the measure on August 30th, by concurring with amendments made in the State Senate. The bill now moves to Governor Schwarzenegger.

Please take a moment to print a plant sale flyer from our website and post it at your workplace, coffee shop, supermarket, etc. CNPS is a non-profit and we don’t have the funds for a billboard yet.

We rely on our members to help spread the word about our plant sale. The plant sale is not only our biggest fundraiser but it is also a unique opportunity to educate folks about our flora. Gardening with native plants is one way to open our eyes to the beauty and importance of our canyonlands.
California Native Plant Sale
Saturday October 18, 2008

Open to CNPS members 10AM 3 PM

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado
Courtyard by Casa del Prado theater
San Diego

Open to the Public 11AM - 3PM

Books, posters, seeds and free
California Native Plant expert advice
Freebies for Kids

Come early for best selections

Show up late for best deals

Join CNPS at the sale or get sale info &
membership form at www.cnpssd.org

Cash or checks only

Sale sponsores by and all proceeds benefit the San Diego Chapter of the California
Native Plant Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the
preservation of native California flora

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form, make out a check payable to “CNPS”, and mail to:
California Native Plant Society
2707 K Street, Ste 1
Sacramento, CA 95816

___ Student or Limited Income $25
___ Individual $45
___ Family, Group or Library $75
___ Plant Lover $100
___ Patron $300
___ Benefactor $600
___ Mariposa Lily $1,500

Name(s): ________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip: _____________________________________________________________
Phone #: _________________________________________________________________
e-mail address ___________________________________________________________
PLANT SALE PREORDERS

Check the website for up to date info or drop us an e-mail: plantsale@cnpssd.org

SHOPPERS: Pre-orders will be accepted starting around September 1st and are due by October 1st. Pre-orders are for CNPS members ONLY and must be 20 items or more. Skip the lines and crowds and pre-order your plants!

PLANT SALE HELP WANTED

It's not too late to sign up to lend a hand with our plant sale on Saturday October 18th, 2008. To volunteer, send an e-mail to plantsale@cnpssd.org and put "Volunteer Plant Sale" in the subject of your message.

Here's what we need:

Before the Sale:
Plant Tagging: We need a few volunteers to travel to Las Pilitas Nursery in Escondido to tag plants, a few folks are needed to travel to Recon's nursery near Imperial Beach and few more folks are needed to travel to Tree of Life in San Juan Capistrano. Volunteers usually arrange their own car-pools to save on gas money.

Deliveries: We need one or two people to deliver the plants from Las Pilitas nursery in Escondido to the sale. You pick up the plants on thursday or friday and deliver them early saturday morning.

Refreshments: Christina Bennich has/will be coordinated the food for the volunteers and she needs some help with picking up and delivering the food on sale day.

Cardboard/boxes/trays: Need one or two people to hit up costco or your grocery store for those cardboard trays or boxes that customers can use at the sale to put their plants in.

Other: There is always something that comes up last minute during the week before the sale so its good to know who can help out if needed and indicate if you have a vehicle for transport.

At the Plant Sale:
Volunteers are needed for the set-up, ticket writing, plant loading, refreshment table, book and seed sales, security, and customer service.

Volunteers are asked to show up at 7:30 am on sale day. They will be fed breakfast and lunch.

There is more info on the sale at our website, www.cnpssd.org or e-mail plantsale@cnpssd.org

AT HOME PROPAGATORS

All are welcome to donate plants from your own backyard for the sale, just please let us know ahead of time. Untagged mystery donations dropped off during dawn hours on sale day are welcome but often add to the confusion.

So, make the volunteer's job easier, if you have any intention of donating plants to the sale, please let us know ahead of time. Inquire at puboutreach@cnpssd.org

JOB OPENING (be quick)

Conservation Project Manager Job (posted 9/23/08)
The San Diego Conservation Resources Network (www.sdcrn.org) is accepting applications for half-time employment for their Project Manager position. There will be the opportunity to grow the position into a full-time one.

CRN is a nonprofit organization with a mission to support the network of resource conservancies involved in the preservation and stewardship of the natural and cultural resources of the San Diego region and promote public understanding of conservation issues. Under the direction of the President of the Board of Directors, the Project Manager will be responsible for developing the Land Acquisition Readiness Program for CRN’s member organizations, fundraising to expand the position to a full time position, and other member services.

General requirements for the position include: Knowledge of regional environmental protection and conservation issues, ability to work effectively with CRN members, professional associates, governmental and NGO entities within the community, skill with computer word processing, and database management, proven experience in fundraising, grant writing and development experience, and a bachelor’s degree in a related field or three year’s experience in a related field.

For a full job description and application process please contact Mike Kelly at mkelly1@san.rr.com or call 858-342-8856. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. (PCT), Tues., Oct. 7, 2008.

Copy submissions are due by the first of the month prior to month of publication. (for example, copy for inclusion in the July issue must be received by June 1).

Send copy submittals to: newsletter@cnpssd.org

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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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Contact any board member if interested in any of these positions

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