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CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
*San Diego Chapter Newsletter*

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### **CHAPTER ELECTION**

November will be the annual election for San Diego CNPS board members. Candidates will be running for a two year term (Jan 2007 – Dec 2008). Ballots will be mailed with the November/December newsletter and members will also have the opportunity to vote via mail or at our November general meeting. Any CNPS member in good standing is eligible to run for the board. We will have 7 openings and we encourage competitive elections. The primary responsibility of the elected board is to oversee the chapter's finances and to ensure compliance with the chapter and state bylaws.

If you're considering running for the board of the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, consider these thoughts:

- Are you committed to the mission of the California Native Plant Society?
- Are you able to commit between 5-10 hours per month to help us accomplish our mission?
- Are you a leader and interested in working with other CNPS members to help protect native plants and their habitats?
- Are you able to attend the board meetings? The board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month except August and December.

#### **Timeline for board member nominations:**

Now: If you're at all interested in running for the board please contact any board member now for more information.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2006: Announcement of your candidacy, submit name and a one paragraph bio to the president (see back of newsletter for contact info.)

November 2006: Ballots are mailed.

### **JULY MEETING/PROGRAM**

#### **A CELEBRATION OF INVASIVE WEEDS AWARENESS WEEK JULY 18-24**

Our July speaker, Don Mayall, will discuss the CNPS non-native invasive plant program. Don's presentation coincides with awareness week and offers an insight into related CNPS activity.

Don is coordinator for the state CNPS Invasive Non-native Working Group and represents the state organization with groups concerned with control of invasive pest plants. He is past president of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CNPS and current Rare Plant Coordinator for the southern part of the chapter's area. He has also represented the chapter on the steering committees of the Weed Management Areas of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Since retirement from Ohlone College in Fremont, his major concern has been the protection of rare serpentine endemics in area south of San Jose.

With his wife, Carolyn, also a chapter past president and environmental activist, he is an enthusiastic native plant gardener, traveler, cat custodian, lover of early music, and grandparent. They want to see our heritage preserved for the generations of human, animal, and plant populations to come.

Summary: The invasive non-native working group of CNPS is a component of the conservation program. Our goal is preservation of biodiversity in California from threats posed to ecosystems by invasive pest plants. Invasive plants are also a major threat to the state's agriculture, watersheds, flood control, recreational areas, open space, and fire protection. This means we have potent allies in protecting our biodiversity. The presentation reviews the legal basis and institutional players in the war against weeds and provides some examples of what CNPS chapters are doing to make a difference.

## CHAPTER BOARD ACTIONS

At our June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, we voted to spend up to \$7000 on book purchases for the current fiscal year. We sold \$10,000 worth of books last year. Other high points were discussions with Mary Kelly, our new membership chair, on ideas for our membership campaign, and with Clare Billet of the Conservation Resource Network on ways that CNPS and CRN can work together.

Carrie Schneider

## FALL PLANT SALE IS COMING

The plant sale committee is looking for volunteers interested in organizing this year's plant sale. No plant experience necessary, we are looking for organized individuals with good communication skills. Specific tasks needed for our fall plant sale:

**Home Growers** wanted for Fall Plant Sale: If you are interested in growing plants for the October plant sale, please e-mail [plantsale@cnpsd.org](mailto:plantsale@cnpsd.org). We buy many plants from native plant nurseries but member grown plants increase our profits and enable us to protect more native plants and their habitats. Perhaps you have some plants on your property that you can re-pot or propagate from cuttings. If you're a novice at plant propagation, we encourage you to pick up one of the many books on native plant propagation, see our website for a complete listing, or e-mail us with your questions. We have many experienced members who can help you get started with native plant propagation.

**Seed and bulb collectors:** We also collect our own seeds and sell them at the fall plant sale. If you would like to help Gay Dorius or perhaps you have some seed you would like to donate to our fall plant sale, please get in touch with the seed team directly, Gay Dorius (858-270-4093 or [gdorius@nethere.com](mailto:gdorius@nethere.com))

**Graphic Designer/Photographer** wanted: We need help updating our plant sale signs. These are 8 1/2 x 11 signs with photographs and descriptions of each plant. We need new signs for some species and to update some outdated ones. This job would be best accomplished by two people, one with native plant experience and the other with graphic design or photography experience. You'll be reimbursed for materials and supplies.

**Comments wanted:** Do you have any ideas that would help us improve our fall plant sale? What plants do you really want to buy at the plant sale? How can we make things easier for customers at the sale? E-mail us at [plantsale@cnpsd.org](mailto:plantsale@cnpsd.org).

Plant Sale Committee

## 32nd ST CANYONS

San Diego Unified School District's proposed Playfield Project at Brooklyn Elementary School will destroy canyon habitat on publicly owned property in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Canyon in Golden Hill. Restoration and environmental education activities in 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Canyon began in 2003 after Admiral Lou Smith assured the community that the campus would be constructed outside the canyon and would include enough room to meet all curricular requirements. Since that time the community has raised \$300,000 to and nearly 1,000 volunteers have rolled up their sleeves to reclaim the natural environment.

The project would remove rare southern maritime chaparral, vegetation that retains stormwater, stabilizes soil, filters runoff, and moderates water flow, and would increase erosion and pollution in downstream Chollas Creek and San Diego Bay. The City's sloppy construction of the school has already damaged the channel's water quality. Failure to improve the existing stormdrain that funnels drainage from the school is causing head-cutting, bank failures and heavy sedimentation in the stream course. In addition, the school's large retaining wall was built so close to the creek that it needs to be reinforced. The \$2,000,000 Urban Stream Restoration project, that would rectify these problems and improve wetlands habitat in the canyon, will be negated, as well as some of the \$3 million already spent to restore downstream Chollas Creek.

Perhaps the most important concern of the proposed Playfield Project is that it will deny the very people the School Board serves— children — the valuable and rare educational tools found in natural biological systems.

The original Environmental Impact Report (EIR) does not address alterations to the project including elevation, increased impermeable surfaces, concentrated drainage, and traffic. CEQA regulations require that a supplemental Environmental Impact Report be prepared to assess these important project changes.

Please write Admiral Jose Betancourt, San Diego Unified School District, 4100 Normal St. San Diego, CA 92103. Request that the 0.6-acre site continue as a nature-learning resource for the District, and the playing fields be placed in the empty lot across the street.

Tershia D'Elgin, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Canyon Task Force  
Jim Peugh, San Diego Audubon Society

## **NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING**

FREE Talk on Native Plant Landscaping  
Wednesday August 30th 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Fallbrook Public Utilities District Bldg,  
990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook

Greg Rubin, native landscape designer, will show you how easy native landscaping can be! Learn the benefits of using California native plants including attracting birds and butterflies to your garden and saving water and maintenance costs.

Sponsored by Mission Resource Conservation District's Weed Management Area Program - <http://smslrwma.org>

990 E. Mission Rd. (Thomas Bros., pg.1027 G-1). Take Mission Rd. exit toward Fallbrook, right on E. Mission Rd., right on Sta. Margarita Dr., immediate left into parking lot. Information: 760-728-1332. <http://smslrwma.org>

## **REGENTS ROAD BRIDGE**

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the City of San Diego released its Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Regents Road Bridge. The EIR studied seven alternatives, including the Regents Road bridge project (a road plus bridge), widening Genesee, an underpass at Genesee and Governor, smaller scale intersection improvements, and the "No Project" alternative.

This bridge project threatens Rose Canyon Park, four miles of grasslands, riparian, and oak woodland with some of the best open space habitat remaining in the City.

Council President Scott Peters has said he will allow at least 30 days for the community to review the document. After that, he will likely introduce a motion to the city council on which alternative to pursue. Letters or emails to your City Council member and Mayor Sanders are needed now!

On Tuesday July 11, 6:30 - 9:00 pm, the UCPG will hear public testimony and vote on its recommendation to the city. The meeting place is the Jewish Community Center, located at the corner of Genesee and Executive Drive.

For more information on Rose Canyon or to read the EIR, go to <http://rosecanyon.org/email.html>. If you have questions about the EIR or want to volunteer, please contact me at 858-597-0220 or [rosecanyon@san.rr.com](mailto:rosecanyon@san.rr.com),

Debby Knight, Friends of Rose Canyon

## **NATURE EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

The San Diego Nature Education initiative will add community and volunteer support to bring nature education to classrooms and after-school programs in San Diego County. The unique and compelling element in this initiative is the investment of volunteers to bring advocacy, organization, and extra field instructors to local schools, teachers, and students.

The San Diego Nature Education initiative will bring together these resources to provide local ecology classes and outdoor nature experiences to San Diego children:

1. Curriculum for local ecology that meets California state science standards, with simple field exercises for fourth-grade students and teachers that can easily be done in nearby canyons, vacant lots, or schoolyards.
2. Existing environmental education curriculum, lessons, field trips, speakers, and programs.
3. Volunteers from existing community, environmental, professional, and business organizations who value and are willing to invest in science and environmental education for local children.
4. Teachers, administrators, environmental education providers, who generally support local science teaching, but have many educational priorities and commitments.
5. Local businesses and organizations who can provide materials, administrative support, funds, and publicity.

CNPS members have a valuable role to play in this initiative. If you want to get involved please contact me at 858-472-1293 or [afege@sdnhm.org](mailto:afege@sdnhm.org).

Anne S. Fege

## **OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE**

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. 10am-12pm. Peter Howell of the Open Space Institute discusses current & future conservation priorities in San Diego County. He is gathering input from the conservation community on how bridge financing could potentially work with TransNet funds to accelerate conservation in San Diego. CRN Members are invited to attend. One representative per group please (RSVP a must). Organizations actively involved in land purchases may be asked to attend a follow-up session from 1-3pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Rm, S.D. National Bank, 1420 Kettner Blvd. (Thomas Bros. pg. 1288, J-2). RSVP to Clare Billet (include name/organization/e-mail address of person attending): [clare\\_sdCRN@care2.com](mailto:clare_sdCRN@care2.com) or 858-357-1708.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Final Days! NHM Plant Atlas staff challenge**

#### **July 1-Saturday, July 15.**

Parabotanists challenged to reach goal of 22,000+ plants entered into the database by July 15th. Prizes for the 3 people who have entered the most plants before July 15 cut-off. Check prizes & progress of the 10 most active people on the login page at [www.sdplantatlas.org](http://www.sdplantatlas.org).

### **Plant Clinic with the Master Gardeners.**

#### **Saturday, July 1, 12-4:00pm.**

Water Conservation Garden, Cuyamaca College. Bring your plant clippings for ID or disease diagnosis. 12122 Cuyamaca College Dr. W., El Cajon (near Jamacha Rd. & Hwy. 94, Thomas Bros. 1271, J-5). Members, \$10; non-members, \$13. Pre-registration required, 619-660-0614. Information about the garden, including detailed directions & a map, at <http://www.thegarden.org>

### **Wednesdays in the Watershed**

#### **July 5. 9am-12pm**

Sponsored by the Escondido Creek Conservancy. Call 760-471.9354 to RSVP (required) & learn destination of this week's outing. Bring water/snack.

### **San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy Nature & Bird Walk**

#### **Saturday, July 8. 9-11:00am**

Exit Hwy 5 at Lomas Santa Fe (west), Solana Beach; north on Rios Ave. to trailhead at the end of the street (Thomas Bros. 1167, E-6). Contact: Kathy Dickey [kathydickey@adelphia.net](mailto:kathydickey@adelphia.net)

### **Friends of Famosa Slough Work Party.**

#### **Saturday, July 8. 9am-12pm**

Volunteers needed to tend native salt marsh wetland plants, remove invasives & pick up litter. Wear work clothes, BYO water, work gloves & gardening/weeding tools or clippers. Refreshments provided. Meet at the SE corner of W. Pt. Loma Blvd. & Famosa Blvd. West on Hwy 8; south on Nimitz Blvd.; east on W. Pt. Loma Blvd. to Famosa Blvd. (Thomas Bros. 1268, B-5). Information: 619-224-4591 or <http://www.FamosaSlough.org>

### **Ranger/Docent guided hike in Hellhole Canyon Preserve.**

#### **Saturday, July 15. 9am-12pm**

Meet in the parking lot trailhead off Kiavo & Santee Lakes (Thomas Bros. 1091, H-3). Bring water. Call Park Rangers for more information: 619-956-4707

### **Xeriscape:**

#### **Saturday, July 15. 9:30am-12:30pm**

Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget. Water Conservation Garden, Cuyamaca College. See July 1<sup>st</sup> listing for location details.

### **Nature Walk with the Friends of Famosa Slough.**

#### **Saturday, July 15. 1-3:00 pm**

Bring your binoculars for good views of a variety of birds & salt marsh habitat. Meet at the 1st bench on Famosa Blvd, south of the intersection with W. Point Loma Blvd. (Thomas Bros. 1268, B-5).

### **California Invasive Weeds Awareness Week 2006 Monday, July 17-Sunday, July 23**

Let everybody know about your weed management group's successful projects/activities to stop the introduction & spread of invasive weeds. Let Elizabeth Brusati at Cal-IPC know what your weed group is planning for CIWAW 2006 and your events will be posted on the Cal-IPC website ([edbrusati@cal-ipc.org](mailto:edbrusati@cal-ipc.org))! Contact Katie Filippini for free full color posters & packets of ideas to increase outreach ([kfilippini@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:kfilippini@cdfa.ca.gov)). See posters & information packets online at: [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc/pdf/ciwaw\\_2006.pdf](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc/pdf/ciwaw_2006.pdf)

### **Wednesdays in the Watershed**

#### **July 19. 9am-12pm &**

#### **August 2. 9am-12pm.**

Wednesdays in the Watershed, see July 5 listing

### **San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy Nature & Bird Walk.**

#### **August 12. 9-11:00am**

Hwy. 5 to Lomas Santa Fe exit (head west); turn right (north) on Rios. Hikers meet at trailhead at end of Rios (Thomas Bros. 1167, E-6). Contact: [kathydickey@adelphia.net](mailto:kathydickey@adelphia.net)

### **Wednesdays in the Watershed**

#### **August 16. 9am-12pm.**

See July 5<sup>th</sup> listing for details.

### **Special Hike into Carlsbad Highlands Ecological Reserve**

#### **Saturday, August 19, 9-11am.**

Sponsored by the Sierra Club & Preserve Calavera. Hike covers portions of this Oceanside reserve normally closed to the public. No facilities. Wear sturdy shoes & bring water. Space is limited; advance reservations required. Call Dave Voss at 760-630-1070 to RSVP & get directions/parking instructions.

### **Friends of Famosa Slough Nature Walk.**

#### **Saturday, August 19. 1-3:00pm**

See July 15<sup>th</sup> listing for details.

### **Vegetation survey using Rapid Assessment Protocol.**

#### **Saturday, August 26**

Location TBA. Instruction provided. Data will be used to monitor MSHCP preserves and will contribute to future editions of the Manual of California Vegetation. Contact Lexine Schroeder at least a week in advance if you plan to attend: [vegetation@cnpsd.org](mailto:vegetation@cnpsd.org) or at 619-729-5715 (eves/weekends only).



# CNPS

## San Diego Chapter California Native Plant Society 619.685.7321 ■ www.cnpssd.org

### Membership Application

Memberships support education, research, conservation, school gardens and other activities related to understanding and preserving California's native flora. Members receive local chapter newsletters describing meeting speakers/presentations, field trips and other activities that provide opportunities to meet people who share your interest in native plants. In addition, members receive subscriptions to *Fremontia*, a quarterly journal for laypeople, and the *Bulletin*, a quarterly statewide newsletter, as well as early admission to our annual plant sale. Dues amounts in excess of \$12.00 per year and all gifts to CNPS are considered tax deductible by the IRS.

*Please complete this form, make check payable to "CNPS" and mail to:*

California Native Plant Society  
2707 K Street, Suite 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

This is a  new Membership  Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### Volunteer Opportunities

*CNPS depends on volunteers for the success of its programs and activities. If you are free to volunteer, please check the areas of interest to you. A CNPS member will contact you shortly.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant surveys             | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach, public displays  | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter writing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture               | <input type="checkbox"/> Website    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising, grant writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Book sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Guides (Education) | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant sale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other areas of interest:  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

*Dedicated to the Preservation of California Native Flora*

*Join us at our monthly meetings held the third Tuesday of every month (except August and December) at 7:00 pm in Room 104 of the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park in San Diego*

## **VOTE NO ON MIRAMAR**

The City of San Diego is asking us to vote to seek to use Marine Corps Air Station Miramar as the new San Diego airport. I am voting “No” because of the devastating effects on native plants and habitats that this would cause.

Miramar functions perfectly well as a military base and as the best remaining habitat for a number of rare species. If it were converted to a joint civilian/military airport, I don’t believe it could continue to function well in either capacity. We would lose the last best place for vernal pools, vernal pool species, willowy monardella, and native grasslands. San Diego County is left with at most 3% of its historical vernal pools. For vernal pools and willowy monardella, Miramar is their only option – the only remaining place with large areas of functioning habitat.

We can’t count on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to enforce the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in a way that will truly provide for the long-term survival of these rare plant species. Our environmental laws surely aren’t stopping the toll road through Camp Pendleton that will jeopardize many listed animal species.

Miramar developed an Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) years ago to direct impacts to the least environmentally sensitive areas of the base. The INRMP documents the large number of sensitive habitats and species that the base supports. The base defines their native grassland as having 40% ground cover of native grasses and forbs with greater than 2/3 of that needlegrass. The base supports 30 acres of this high quality grassland and another 438 acres of grassland that would meet the CDFG definition of native grassland -- 5% cover of native grasses. This shows how degraded this habitat is in general, and what high quality habitat Miramar supports. There are only a few, usually small, areas in California where one can still see native grassland. A native grassland in spring is a thing of beauty beyond my limited ability to communicate.

Vernal pools are a resource that has been largely destroyed in San Diego County. Of the 3% that still remain, approximately 4/5th are on Miramar. As stated in the INRMP, “The vernal pool resource at MCAS Miramar is the largest and most contiguous in southern California, supporting the most important and least disturbed examples of endangered and sensitive species dependent on vernal pools in the region”. Development of a joint use facility would require paving many areas occupied by vernal pools and force the military to use the remaining area more intensively, degrading the watersheds that support the vernal pools.

USFWS reported that about 70% of the endangered willowy monardella occurred on Miramar in 1995. That proportion is even higher today, since the loss of a critical population in the City of San Diego. The reduction or complete loss of willowy monardella populations in open space parks after nearby development happens teaches us that a delicately balanced hydrological regime supports this species. We humans haven’t been able to maintain that balance when we develop an area; even with no direct impacts, in time the species will die out. The level of development needed to support a civilian airport won’t leave willowy monardella unscathed over much of its remaining range.

The complete list of rare plant species known to occur on MCAS Miramar includes the federally listed endangered willowy monardella (*Monardella linoides* ssp. *viminea*), Del Mar manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glandulosa* var. *crassifolia*), coyote thistle (*Eryngium aristulatum* var. *parishii*) San Diego mesa mint (*Pogogyne abramsii*), and California Orcutt grass (*Orcuttia californica*), federally listed threatened spreading navarretia (*Navarretia fossalis*), and CNPS sensitive California adder’s tongue fern (*Ophioglossum californicum*), little mousetail (*Myosurus minimus*), Nuttall’s scrub oak (*Quercus dumosa*), San Diego barrel cactus (*Ferocactus viridescens*), summer holly (*Comarostaphylis diversifolia* ssp. *diversifolia*), variegated dudleya (*Dudleya variegata*), wart-stemmed ceanothus (*Ceanothus verrucosus*), long-spined spineflower (*Chorizanthe polygonoides* var. *longispina*), western dichondra (*Dichondra occidentalis*), pygmy spike moss (*Selaginella cinerascens*), Palmer’s grapplinghook (*Harpogenella palmeri* var. *palmeri*), Palmer sagewort (*Artemisia palmeri*), Orcutt’s brodiaea (*Brodiaea orcuttii*), and San Diego goldenstar (*Muilla clevelandii*)!

I will vote no on a Miramar siting of an airport even if it means no airport expansion for San Diego. There has got to be a better solution.

Cindy Burrascano, Conservation Chair

## **RECYCLE THOSE POTS**

Recycle your one gallon plastic pots and RAISE MONEY FOR CNPS! CNPS San Diego has joined with Las Pilitas Native Plant Nursery in Escondido ([www.laspilitas.com](http://www.laspilitas.com)) or (760)749-5930 to recycle more one gallon plastic pots and raise money to protect native plants.

Simply bring your one-gallon plastic pots to Las Pilitas and for every pot you bring in they will credit CNPS San Diego with 10 cents. The nursery is located in San Diego County about a half mile south of the I-15 off of Old 395 at 8331 Nelson Way, Escondido, 92026, Thomas Guide 1068 J-3

## VEGETATION SURVEY

The Vegetation Committee assessment of Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on May 20 and 21 was highlighted by a visit by CNPS staff Vegetation Ecologist Anne Klein. The goal of this visit was to hone our skills in quantifying vegetation cover and in performing rapid assessments.

On Saturday our rapid assessment of a north facing hillside showed with bush penstemon (*Keckiella anthirrhinoides*) redberry (*Rhamnus crocea*), laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*), and white sage (*Salvia apiana*). The bush penstemon were flowering, and together with dense stands of monkeyflower (*Mimulus* sp.) nearby, the hillsides were alive with color.

On Sunday we practiced using binoculars to quantify vegetative cover from a distance, useful for plots that will be too difficult to reach on foot, and thus will need to be estimated from afar. We also looked at several different associations within the reserve, and further calibrated our cover estimations in non-native grasslands, coast live oak woodland, riparian forest, and coastal sage scrub.

The Vegetation Committee is looking for detail-oriented volunteers who are concerned about native plant conservation. No experience is necessary. Our next survey will be Saturday, August. 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Lexine Schroeder for more information or to RSVP at [vegetation@cnpsd.org](mailto:vegetation@cnpsd.org) or 619-729-5715 weekends or evenings only.

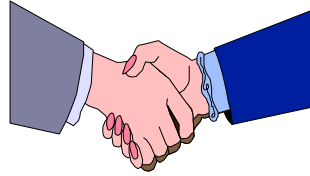
Patrick McConnell

## AWARD TO GARY SUTTLE

Chapter member Gary Suttle received the State CNPS Volunteer Recognition Award on June 3rd for his diligence in studying and protecting the rare Nuttall's Lotus, *Lotus nuttallianus*, in the San Diego area.

Gary has learned about and worked to protect Nuttall's lotus for years. He surveyed accessible populations (including some on military bases) and raised awareness of the species in the jurisdictions responsible for its management. He personally convinced the City of San Diego to protect a population that was being impacted by a volleyball court. Gary first weeded the site by himself and later began organizing work parties. He has worked to promote weed control at other sites by providing photo-documentation before and after invasion to demonstrate the problem.

In adopting and studying Nuttall's lotus, Gary has insured protection and appreciation of this rare plant in the San Diego area. His own efforts and his involvement of others, including city staff, demonstrate what a dedicated, self-taught volunteer can accomplish.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Christopher Vellema	Robin Rierdan
Mike Dettinger	Daniel Hermstad,
Sally McSpadden	Lyn Olsson
Warren Schmidtman	Michelle Stinson
Marcia Garcia	Erika Steinhubl
Andy Bernal	Jeannine Ross

New members will receive a welcome gift when they attend a meeting and bring their 'welcome to the chapter' card!

Mary Kelly  
760.525.9687 cell

## POSITION OPENING

The Center for Natural Lands Management is currently seeking an energetic, conscientious, hard working and innovative individual to fill the position of Assistant Preserve Manager for approximately 4,000 acres of native habitats in San Diego, California. Applications will be accepted until July 15, 2006.

Tasks will include posting and maintaining fences, gates and signs; monitoring and enforcing trespass; interacting with the public, partners, agencies; controlling invasive plants, and assistance with biological studies. The position almost exclusively involves outdoor working conditions in rough terrain, and often alone. Working on weekends will also be required.

Requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Biology, Range Management, Natural Resources, Botany, Outdoor Recreation, or related fields, and a minimum of 2-3 years of relevant experience. For more information contact Markus Spiegelberg at 619.295.4953 or [m Spiegelberg@cnlm.org](mailto:m Spiegelberg@cnlm.org).

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@cnpsd.org](mailto:newsletter@cnpsd.org)

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## Dedicated to the Preservation of the Native Flora

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.

### CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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