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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Highlights of Carson Pass

Speaker: Ted Kipping

The October 26, 7:30 pm, membership meeting will be held in the Garden Room of the Orinda Public Library. **(Not at the UC Botanical Barden, as listed in the printed Bay Leaf)**

Directions to Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way:

From the west, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda/Moraga exit. At the end of the offramp, turn left on Camino Pablo (toward Orinda Village), right on Santa Maria Way (the signal after the BART station and freeway entrance), and left on Orinda Way. From the east, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda exit. Follow the ramp to Orinda Village. Turn right on Santa Maria way (the first signal) and left on Orinda Way. Once on Orinda Way, go 1 short block to the parking lot on the southeast side of the new 2-story building on your right. There is additional free parking beneath the building as well as on the street. From BART (4 blocks): Exit the Orinda station, turn right and cross a pedestrian bridge, then cross a second pedestrian bridge on the left. Go 1 short block on the sidewalk to the third pedestrian bridge. Go 2 blocks on Orinda Way to the Orinda Library.

Carson Pass, about 15 miles south of Lake Tahoe as the crow flies, is famous as the place where John C. Fremont and his party made the first successful winter crossing of the Sierra Nevada in February 1844. The Carson Pass area is also notable for its botanical diversity, which results from the environmental extremes encountered in a relatively small area. This month's speaker, Ted Kipping, will take us on a photographic tour of the spectacular Carson Pass area, introducing us to some of its plant communities and discussing the interdigitating ecotones that contribute to the area's diverse flora.

Ted's interest in the natural world began early and led to studies of natural history and a passion for plants. After working at Strybing Arboretum, Ted founded a tree pruning business and has earned a reputation as one of the most artistic of Bay Area arborists. In addition, Ted is an accomplished and widely published plant photographer who is active in a variety of horticultural societies.

Please contact Sue Rosenthal, 510-496-6016 or rosacalifornica@earthlink.net if you have questions.

CHAPTER COUNCIL MEETING

Chapter Council Meeting, dinner and talk, December 3, 2005

The CNPS Chapter Council traditionally meets in Berkeley every year, the first weekend in December at the UC Berkeley Faculty Club.

All members are invited to attend. Reservations are required for the dinner.

The after dinner speaker will be Dr. Thomas Bruns, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley. Tom is an expert in the field of mycology, specifically in

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mycorrhizal fungi, and he is an excellent speaker. Tom has done a great deal of research in the area that was burned 10 years ago in Point Reyes. The title of his talk is "Dispersal and Establishment Strategies of Ectomy-corrhizal Fungi in Post-fire California Forests."

Contact Jim Bishop for reservations and details, cjbishop@cncnet.com. If you don't have internet access, please call Delia Taylor at 510-527-3912.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

CNPS Anniversary Party Friday, December 2, 2005

Our chapter is hosting an evening reception honoring the **40th anniversary** of the California Native Plant Society. The event coincides with the CNPS Chapter Council December meeting which traditionally takes place in Berkeley.

East Bay chapter members are invited to come to this very special celebration. The time and place will be announced in the November *Bay Leaf* and on our chapter web site. There will be an on-going silent auction along with lots to eat and drink, a jazz duo, as well as a live auction later in the evening.

Price of admission: Something related to California Native Plants that can be auctioned. We already have two beautiful prints from Peggy Lee Fiedler's book, *Rare Lilies of California*, illustrated by Catherine M. Watters.

Any kind of fun or beautiful or useful item related to our native plants can be donated—it doesn't have to be expensive, and it doesn't have to be new. How about a wildflower identification book, a scarf with wildflowers, some elderberry jam, a novel with a botanical subject, some seeds, bulbs, or a nice pot? If you are a garden designer or landscaper, an hour or two of your expert advice could be donated (you can state how far you are willing to go).

Helpers will be needed and appreciated. Please contact Delia Taylor by phone (510-527-3912) or write to deliataylor@mac.com.

Delia Taylor

Live each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences of each.

Henry David Thoreau

CHAPTER PLANT SALE



Plant Sale: October 1 and 2

As I write this, the plant sale is only two weeks away, and by the time you read this I hope you are enjoying your new assortment of wonderful California native plants! We anticipate a great turnout from our members and the greater community, but there are always plants remaining that would love to find the perfect home. We will be selling these plants, at a discount, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon throughout October, and on one Saturday, October 8th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

As we mentioned in past issues, our Board of Directors and plant sale volunteers have received notice from the Horticulture Department at Merritt College that they plan to expand, and our chapter nursery must find a new home. We have been actively seeking a new location for propagation and sales. Any ideas or suggestions from our chapter members and their friends will be gratefully received.

Tuesday sales will continue (with Shirley), and I will be at the nursery on Thursday mornings through October for volunteers to help with the nursery during this time of transition and into our new location. We are working hard to find the best possible place and expect many of the same wonderful native plants to be available for our annual sale in 2006.

October Volunteer Days

Tuesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 noon 4, 11, 18, 25
Thursdays 10:00 am to 12:00 noon 6, 13, 20, 27

EBCNPS California Native Plant Nursery
Merritt College, Oakland
Parking fee: 50 cents

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As surely as the sunset in my latest November shall translate me to the ethereal world, and remind me of the ruddy morning of youth; as surely as the last strain of music which falls on my decaying ear shall make age to be forgotten, or, in short, the manifold influences of nature survive during the term of our natural life, so surely my Friend shall forever be my Friend, and reflect a ray of God to me, and time shall foster and adorn and consecrate our Friendship, no less than the ruins of temples.

Henry David Thoreau, from the chapter "Wednesday", in *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*

NATIVE HERE

The time for planting natives is approaching. To take advantage of that, Native Here nursery will extend its hours November 4 through 12. Volunteers are sought to help write up sales, mornings from 9 to 12:30 and afternoons 12:30 to 4. Sign up by e-mail to charlid@pacbell.net, or drop by the nursery. There will be a wonderful supply of *Quercus lobata* from Orinda and other locales, as well as a variety of other oaks. *Rosa californica* and *Cornus sericea* are also plentiful this fall. Smaller quantities of many species are also available from all over the East Bay. Volunteers are always welcome to join in the fun and work on Fridays from 9 to noon and Saturdays, 10 to 1. The nursery is directly across from the Tilden Park golf course main parking lot exit, at 101 Golf Course Drive.

Seed forays continue to depart on Tuesday mornings at 9 am throughout October.

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SOLANO STROLL

Our table contrasted the top 20 invasive weeds in our area, identified and collected by Dorothy Frantz, with a bouquet of elderberries, California fuchsia, *Grindelia*, and snow berries.

We had *Dudleya* plants and bulbs of *Triteleia*, *Allium* and *Chlorogalum* for sale, plant sale posters, *CNPS Bulletins* and other literature.

Thanks to Mel Erskine for donating plants and bulbs, and the East Bay chapter Plant Sale folks for donating bulbs. Thanks to Mel and Dorothy, Janet Gawthrop, George McRae and Linda Hill for helping out at the booth.

Delia Taylor

CONSERVATION

Our East Bay Conservation Analyst Jessica Olson continues work on a variety of conservation projects, contacting others interested in preserving habitats throughout our two counties, commenting on planning documents, briefing conservation committee members, and communicating with planners. Current projects the chapter is following include Carnegie Off-Highway

Recreational Park proposed expansion, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan, Livermore/Springtown issues, Urban Limit Line proposed expansions, land use planning for Concord Naval Weapons Station, Oakley, and the Richmond shoreline.

Conservation Committee members have commented on the *Spartina* project to ensure that rare plants and habitats are not harmed by the commendable effort to eradicate non-native *Spartina* species from our Bay wetlands and are following fuel management issues.

Volunteers are always welcome to join the committee. Contact Charli Danielsen, charlid@pacbell.net, or Jessica Olson jjolson@ebcnps.org.

In order to retain the analyst past December when the San Francisco Foundation grant runs out, funds must be raised. Please send contributions, earmarked "for East Bay Conservation Analyst fund", to CNPS, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816-5113. This is one of the most important contributions members can make to ensure that native plants are protected in the East Bay.

Charli Danielsen

ACTIVITIES OF OTHERS

Collector's Sale A Plantsman's Art Collection, Sunday, October 16, 3-6 pm

Noted California native plant expert Wayne Roderick gave his botanical art collection to benefit the Helen Crocker Russell Library at the Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco. The Library will display and have a sale of Wayne's botanical art treasures between October and December, with a reception and special sale scheduled for October 16.

The Library is located in the San Francisco Botanical Garden in Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way. For more information call 415-661-1316, extension 303, or visit the Garden's website at www.sfbotanicalgarden.org. (See page 4.)

Yosemite Botanical Symposium October 28-30

The symposium is sponsored by the Yosemite Association and will be held at and around the Wawona Hotel at the south end of the Park. The keynote speakers are Dr. Peter Raven, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, and Stephen Botti, author of *An Illustrated Flora of Yosemite*. There is a broad range of topics, and both indoor and outdoor activities are planned.

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To find out more about the event and to register call the Association at 209-379-2321 or go to its website, www.yosemite.org and enter /seminars in the address bar.

Restoration, Perspiration and Education Saturday, November 12, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Ranger Bob Flasher, East Bay Municipal Utility District

Enjoy an exciting day of hands-on creek restoration, scenic hiking and animated discussion on EBMUD watershed lands. The blessings and curses of restoration efforts, and native and invasive plants are up for debate. Learn to observe results to avoid compounding mistakes.

Cost: \$25 (Academic credit available)

Meet at EBMUD Watershed Headquarters, 500 San Pablo Dam Road, Orinda.
For more information, call 510-665-3689 or email martha@thewatershedproject.org.

This workshop is part of the 2005 Fall Field Series on creeks, wetlands and watersheds which runs from

October 1 through November 12 in locations throughout the Bay Area. The series is sponsored by the Watershed Project, an environmental education non-profit organization based in Richmond. Full workshop listings are available at www.thewatershedproject.org.



Friends of Five Creeks Weekday Weed Warriors meet at 10 am, usually Tuesdays, to combat invasives in varying restoration sites, mostly Berkeley—Richmond but occasionally beyond. Enjoy the outdoors and good company in a small group while making a real difference. Email f5creeks@aol.com to be informed of the upcoming schedule.



Plant Natives at Cerrito Creek



Join Friends of Five Creeks to plant natives at the two-year-old restoration of Cerrito Creek at El Cerrito Plaza, 10 am Saturday, November 12, and Saturday, December 3. Meet at the north end of Cornell Street—south end of El Cerrito Plaza parking lot (opposite Trader Joe's and Junket). Relax over coffee or visit the farmers' market when work is done.

**Prints & Paintings from the Bequest
of Wayne Roderick (1920-2003)**

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Name _____

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I wish to affiliate with:

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Other _____

E-mail _____
(optional)

Membership category:

Student, Retired, Limited income, \$20

Individual, Library, \$35

Household, Family, or Group, \$45

Supporting, \$75

Plant lover, \$100

Patron, \$250

Benefactor, \$500

Mariposa Lily, \$1000

Mail application and check to: California Native Plant Society, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento CA 95816



Narrow leaf milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*), with monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) caterpillar. Photo by Janice Bray

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