Chapter Meeting to Focus on Botanic Garden Upgrades

Come to the Chapter meeting on Monday, September 25th at 7 PM to hear about the proposal that will be made to State Parks for the next phase of the Forrest Deaneer Native Plant Botanic Garden. There will be more paths, more plants and more opportunities to become involved in its growth. Chapter meetings are free of charge and open to everyone. Reach the meeting by taking I-780 to the East 2nd Street exit in Benicia and go south 2 blocks to 1400 East 2nd Street.
October 7 Native Plant Sale is our Biggest Fund Raiser

The CNPS Jepson Chapter Fall Plant Sale takes place on Saturday, October 7 at the Benicia Community Garden, Military East and East 2nd Street, Benicia, from 9 to 3. Help get the work out by posting the enclosed flyer on a bulletin board or public place. Please visit us on Saturday for your fall planting needs.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the plants and work the sale. Call Becky Mannion at 429-2494, if you want to help or learn more about our propagation activities.

Below is a list of other opportunities this season to find plants for your garden. Most sales take cash or checks only. Bring a sturdy box for your purchases.

- **September 13, thru October 29**

- **Saturday, September 23, 2006, Open 9-3**
  Sacramento Valley CNPS Chapter Plant Sale Shepard Garden & Arts Center, McKinley Park (3330 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento)

- **Sunday, September 24, Open 10-2**
  UC Berkeley Botanic Garden Plant Sale, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Parking Fee

- **Saturday, October 7, Open 10-3**
  UC Davis Plant Faire, Native plants and exotics, Arboretum Nursery at Orchard Park (south side of Orchard Park Rd in Davis). Plant list at www.ucdavis.arboretum.edu

- **Saturday, October 14, Open 9-1**
  Milo Baker CNPS Chapter Plant Sale Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building (across from the County Fairgrounds), Santa Rosa

- **Saturday, October 14, Open 10-3**
  Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Rd, Los Altos Hills. 650-941-1068 or cnps_scv@yahoo.com

- **Saturday, October 28, Open 10-3, Sunday, October 29, Open 12–3**, Native Here Nursery, 101 Golf Course Road (across from the golf course entrance) Tilden Park, Berkeley.

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CHAPTER ROSTER

Your Board encourages all members to become involved in what interests you. We are available to answer your questions and listen to your ideas of what membership in the Jepson Chapter can mean to you.

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CHAPTER UPDATES

BOTANIC GARDEN
On September 11, the Jepson Board of Directors approved a request to State Parks to permit construction of upgrades to the Forrest Deaner Botanic Garden and the Propagation Area at the Benicia State Recreation Area. Details on the request will be presented at the next Chapter meeting.

A Progress Report to the Solano Dey Giving Fund has been prepared by Norma Deaner. The report describes the development of the Botanic Garden with a focus on activities that were assisted through various grants. A copy of the report is available on the Chapter website.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM
Your comments can help support the Endangered Species Act, which is a major tool used by CNPS to protect rare plants species in California. Please take a minute go to the Department of Interior (DOI) website:

http://www.doi.gov/initiatives/conservation.html

Read the materials about the “listening sessions” and email a letter to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne. These “listening sessions” are taking place across the country to gather input on cooperative conservation projects. Because the DOI may use input from these sessions to promote changes to environmental laws, it is vital for a strong conservation message be heard.

Written comments can be sent to the DOI email address. If you click on the following, it gives you an easy way to email your comments to DOI:
http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/esa_08_06.

Please help make a difference and do this today, and share this alert with others. All comments should be emailed to DOI by September 28, 2006.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
We have 61 members in the Jepson Chapter. The CNPS Board of Directors has set a goal to increase membership of each chapter by 20% for 2007. CNPS has produced a colorful tri-fold brochure that Jepson members are placing at local libraries, nurseries, and community centers. If you know of a place to use these brochures, you can get a supply from Mary Frances Kelly Poh at 745-5461.

Starting a Native Plant Garden
Starting a native plant garden can take some work, but it makes a lot of sense. California native plants have adapted over hundreds of thousands of years to the very conditions that exotic plants must overcome with fertilizer, water and constant care. They don’t require much water or protection from frost, and you seldom have to do anything to prepare your soil before planting.

Sure there are exceptions, but there are about 6,000 plants native to California – trees, shrubs perennials, annuals, vines, bulbs, ferns, succulents and groundcovers. If you choose plant types that are compatible with the plant communities that are in and around Solano County, you will be amazed with a beautiful, diverse and low maintenance garden.

When you restore a piece of Solano County to its natural cover, nature smiles and sends you visitors. Birds look down from the sky and recognize home, and butterflies gather to sip nectar and add another dimension of grace to your garden.

Fall is the best time to start your native plant garden. Either by planting now or by starting to plan for planting next fall. Go to one or several of the plant sales mentioned in this newsletter to see the variety of plants available in your area. The Chapter plant sales are staffed by local experts who will be eager to answer questions and provide advice. You will also find books and other information available. Finally, your business will help each Chapter earn money for Chapter activities.

Below are some resources on the web that can help you start your native plant garden.

www.growingnative.com
www.gardeningwithnatives.com
www.goingnativegardentour.com
www.bringingbackthenatives.net
www.calflora.net
www.cnplx.info
www.cngf.org
www.nativeplants.org
Open House Announcement

The Suisun Marsh Natural History Association invites the public to the Suisun Wildlife Center's annual open house on November 11 from 11-4. The Association operates a wildlife rehabilitation program for local birds and animals, attempting to return them to the wild. It also offers environmental education to over 8,000 children and adults annually.

Each year the Wildlife Center opens its doors to the community. You will be able to see the internal workings of the Wildlife Center. You can see their wonderful wildlife displays. You can also visit the resident critters. Visitors to the open house can also buy tickets for prize throughout the day. The Wildlife Center is located at 1171 Kellogg St. in Suisun City.

CNPS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: ____________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

City/Zip: _____________________________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________________________________________

Email (optional): _______________________________________________________

I wish to affiliate with:  ____ Jepson Chapter – Solano County
                        ____ Other ____________________________

Membership Category:  ____ Student/Retired/Limited Income, $25
                       ____ Individual, $45
                       ____ Family/Group/Library, $75
                       ____ Plant Lover, $100
                       ____ Patron, $300
                       ____ Benefactor, $600
                       ____ Mariposa Lily, $1500

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