CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STATEWIDE CNPS ANNUAL BANQUET
DECEMBER 8TH, 2007, 5:30 PM
TOWN AND GOWN CLUB
2401 DWIGHT WAY, BERKELEY, RSVP REQUIRED

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2008, 7:00 PM
HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1400 EAST 2ND STREET, BENICIA

JOINT PLANT PROPAGATION WORKDAY WITH VALLEJO WATERSHED ALLIANCE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2007, 10 AM - NOON
VALLEJO SANITATION DISTRICT

PLANT PROPAGATION WORKDAY – BENICIA
EVERY THURSDAY, 10 AM - NOON
JEPSON GREENHOUSE - BENICIA STATE RECREATION AREA

PLANT PROPAGATION WORKDAYS – VALLEJO
LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 10 AM - NOON
VALLEJO SANITATION DISTRICT

FORREST DEANER BOTANIC GARDEN WORKDAYS
EVERY SATURDAY, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
BENICIA STATE RECREATION AREA

SELF NOMINATION FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS
DUE DECEMBER 14, 2007
MAIL TO JEPSON CHAPTER, POB 2212, BENICIA, 94510

NEXT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2008

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dear All,

Ah, the elections. I hope everyone got what they hoped for.

We have come to the season for propagation. We’ve all been out picking up seed, doing cuttings, and generally straightening out the mess we’ve all been making for the plant sales. In November we will be having a workshop with the volunteers from The Watershed Alliance. If you would like to attend, please give me a call and I’ll let you know when and where (see Calendar of Events, ed.).

Anyone who has attempted to propagate California natives will know that sometimes it is frustrating. The book, Seed Propagation of Native California Plants, by Dara E. Emery published by Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, is a great help. While we can all see stratification as an imitation of winter, some of the other methods imitate being eaten by wildlife, fire, or rolling down a hill. The first third of the book covers all these methods and reasons. Now, what it doesn’t cover is what can be propagated by cuttings. This method can also be frustrating and as yet there is no book on these methods. If you are literately and botanically gifted, perhaps this is a project for you?

Now, we really do need your help. It’s chapter officer election time again. We need a new President, Vice President and Secretary; we also need a Plant Sale chair. Other positions are listed on our web page: (http://www.cnpsjepsonchapter.org) These positions do not require genius, just patience. Our numbers are down, but from my understanding this is happening all over. Please give this serious thought as we are in sore need for new blood or ideas. More later in this newsletter from Steve, our amazingly competent reporter.

Rebecca Mannion, President - Jepson Chapter
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EVENTS OF OTHERS
WAYNE RODERICK LECTURE SERIES
The East Bay Regional Park District's Botanic Garden lecture series continues through the end of February. Presentations start at 10:30 am on Saturday at the Garden's Visitor Center. The lecture series is named after the former Garden Director, Wayne Roderick. Most presentations emphasize ecology and biogeography of native plants in the field. Free to the public but limited seating so be sure to come early if you want a seat. For more info call (510) 841-8732.

Nov. 17: Lakes Basin of the Northern Sierra Nevada, Steve Edwards
Dec. 1: The natural world of the Sierra Nevada, art and science, Jack Laws
Dec. 8: Wider explorations in Napa-Lake region with new biogeographic insight, Dick O'Donnell
Dec. 15: Natural history of Tasmania, Ron Felzer.
Jan. 5: California geology from the ground up, Steve Edwards.
Jan. 12: Botany of the inner Grand Canyon gorge, Larry Abers

SATURDAY HIKES WITH THE SOLANO LAND TRUST
Nov. 24 and Dec. 22. Hike and learn about Lynch Canyon with Dave Warner at a moderate pace, 9am-noon. From I-80 take the Hiddenbrooke/American Canyon exit, turn east on McGary Road (frontage road that runs parallel on the south side of I-80) and proceed to the I-80 underpass. Turn left at the underpass. Proceed through gate at end of cul-de-sac to gravel parking lot. $5 parking fee.

Dec. 1 and Jan. 5. Hike and bird on King-Swett Ranches with Jim Walsh. Meet at park and ride on I-80 and Hiddenbrooke Parkway at 9 am. Moderate to intermediate. Hike until noon.

BRYOPHYTES (SMALL GREEN PLANTS) FIELD TRIP
Sunday Dec, 9, 10 am to noon. Join Dan Norris on this walk for a close look at mosses and possibly other bryophytes. Meet at UC Berkeley Botanical Garden parking lot. Bring your best hand lens or high magnification camera macro lens. Rain cancels the trip, but the trip will proceed in fog or light mist. To prepare, read the *Fremontia* issue on bryophytes. [http://www.cnps.org/cnps/publications/fremontia/Fremontia_Vol31-No3.pdf](http://www.cnps.org/cnps/publications/fremontia/Fremontia_Vol31-No3.pdf)

WILLIS LINN JEPSON 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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Send your announcements events, stories, articles or ideas to Steven Goetz at sgoet@sbcglobal.net or mail to 347 Goldenslopes Court, Benicia. The deadline for the next newsletter is January 11, 2008.
**CNPS Policies on Herbicide Use and Weed Management**

Policies to further the mission of the CNPS are established by the Chapter Council. Since 2006, the Chapter Council has been drafting polices on herbicide use and invasive weed management. These two policies are closely related.

In my household, herbicide use is controversial. Herbicide has saved me many of hours of labor in establishing native gardens in three weed-infested yards. However, my spouse believes herbicides are dangerous to the environment and will no longer allow them to be used. We argue on this.

Draft herbicide and weed management policies are now available for review by local Chapters. Comments are due by the Chapter Council meeting on December 8th. The following is a summary of the proposed policies:

**Herbicide Use Policy Statement** – Herbicide can be an effective tool for controlling weed species that impact native vegetation. However, herbicide, like other vegetation treatments, has potential adverse effects. The decision of whether or not to use herbicide in a specific weed management project should be based on a comparison of the cost and benefits of herbicide and alternative treatments. In forest management, CNPS opposes the use of herbicide to maximize timber production by targeting non-timber native species.

**Wildland Invasive Plants, Integrated Weed Management Policy Statement** – CNPS supports the use of Integrated Weed Management (IWM) to control existing weed infestations and protect vulnerable wild lands and roadsides from invasive species. The California Invasive Plants Council has provided a definition of IWM:

> Deciding which methods to use for a given project is based on many factors – effectiveness, ecological impacts, human health risk, cost, and availability of materials and labor. Evaluating these factors and selecting the best set of methods for a given project is generally called Integrated Pest Management or Integrated Weed Management.

These policies statements also include background information and guidelines. We are attempting to get the full text posted on our website. In the meantime, you can get full copies from your newsletter editor at sgoet@sbcglobal.net or 745-4675.

You are Invited to the Annual CNPS Banquet in Berkeley

The CNPS Board and Chapter Council will meet on December 8th at the UC Berkeley Botanic Garden. All CNPS members and friends are invited to the annual CNPS Banquet which follows the meetings that Saturday.

The Banquet begins with appetizers at 5:30pm at the Town and Gown Club, 2401 Dwight Way, Berkeley. A buffet dinner starts at 7pm, followed by the banquet speaker Dr. Jodie Holt at 8pm. Dr. Holt chairs the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences at UC Riverside and studies weeds and invasive species that are of serious concern in the agricultural and ecosystems of the southwestern US. The title of her presentation is *Research: The Critical Component in Invasive Plant Management*.

To reserve a place at the banquet, send a check for $25 made out to CNPS by November 26 to CNPS 2707 K St, Suite 1 Sacramento 95816. Indicate your main dish preference, which is either chicken or vegetarian.
HERBARIUM SPECIMEN WORKSHOP
Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, 9am-3pm. UC Davis, 1026 Sciences Laboratory Building.
Instructor: Ellen Dean, Curator, Center for Plant Diversity.
Herbarium specimens are used as an aid in plant identification and research. They can also be beautiful works of art and can make great gifts. After a brief demonstration of how plant specimens are collected and dried and labeled, participants will learn hands-on how to mount the dried specimen on to paper.
Cost: $35 for CNPS members, $40 non-members. To register, call 530-752-1091

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