CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008, 7:00 PM
HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1400 EAST 2nd STREET, BENICIA

PLANT PROPAGATION WORKDAYS – VALLEJO
LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 10 AM - NOON
VALLEJO SANITATION DISTRICT
CALL BECKY AT 707-429-2494 FOR INFO.

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

NEXT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2008

FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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UC Davis Horticulturalist to Speak at Chapter Meeting

Warren Roberts, Superintendent for the UC Davis Arboretum, will be the featured speaker at the Jepson Chapter’s general membership meeting on September 22nd at 7 PM.

Roberts talk will focus on "All Stars and Rising Stars for the Garden - Practical Native Plants for our Area.” He will identify tough and reliable native plants that have been tested at the Arboretum, are easy to grow, don’t need a lot of water, have few problems with pests or diseases, and have outstanding qualities in the garden.

Frustrated gardeners will learn about some great plants to use in the garden. We expect everyone will be informed and entertained by the comments of this accomplished horticulturist.

This talk is also timed to precede the Jepson Chapter’s fall Native Plant Sale which will occur on Saturday, October 4th, 9 AM at the corner of East 2nd and Military in Benicia. Many of the native plant recommendations by Roberts will be available for purchase at the plant sale, and the fall season is the best time for planting your garden.

The UC Davis Arboretum specializes in plants adapted to a Mediterranean climate, with hot dry summers and cold wet winters. Established in 1936, the Arboretum occupies about 100 acres along the banks of Putah Creek on the UC Davis campus.

Jepson Chapter meetings are open to the public and free, taking place at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 1400 E. 2nd Street in Benicia. Before the meeting you can join Roberts for dinner at 5pm (no host) at Szechwan House. For more information contact Steven Goetz at 745-4675.

PHOTO CONTEST!

Don’t forget the photo contest that is part of the CNPS 2009 Conservation Conference, Strategies and Solutions January 17-19, 2009, Sacramento Convention Center and Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento.

Prizes for photos go to first, second, third, and the first three runners up. The subject is “California Native Plants”. Photos must be taken in California (or California Floristic Province) and feature plants native to the state.

So, come on, you talented photographers – let’s get some visibility for our little chapter in this big conference! Early registration ends Nov 15th. Get the details on the main CNPS website:

http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2009/ or email Stacey Flowerdew at sflowerdew@cnps.org.
Hikes in Solano County

Hikes are free, no reservations needed unless otherwise noted.

- **King-Swett Ranches.** Hike and bird with Jim, Oct 4 & Nov 1, 9 a.m. to noon.
  
  Staff or docent-led activities only. Long pants, water, snacks and good boots are recommended. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at Park-and-Ride lot at Hiddenbrooke/American Canyon exit off I-80.

- **Lynch Canyon Docent-led Hikes**
  Sept 21 & Oct 12, Light Hike with Doris, 9 a.m. to noon.
  
  Sept 27, Hike with Dave to Prairie Ridge, 5 miles, moderate, 9 a.m. to noon.
  
  Oct 19, Hike and bird with Earl, 9 a.m. to noon.
  
  Oct 25, Hike with Dave “Human History of Lynch”, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  
  Lynch Canyon is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 8am to posted closing time. $5 per day, per vehicle parking fee. No potable water on site, so bring your own. Meet at the parking area. Contact Teri Engbring, 432-0150, x200, teri@solanolandtrust.org.

- **Hike at Rockville Hills Regional Park**
  Oct. 11, 9am to 11am. Learn about the native snakes, lizards, and salamanders that live in the park and how to identify the various types of reptiles; their habitats and their habits. Registration required, Adult $9, Senior/Child $6. Fee includes day admission to the Park. Contact City of Fairfield, (707) 428-7714.

Hoes Down Harvest Fair

Promoting agricultural arts and sustainable rural living through two fun-filled days of workshops and events. Farm tours, live music, farmers’ market and local foods, crafts market, solar energy workshops, and more! Full Belly Farm, Highway 16, past Guinda in the Capay Valley, Oct. 4th and 5th, $20 Adults, $5 Kids (ages 2-12), free for kids under 2. See: www.hoesdown.org, Contact info@hoesdown.org or call (800) 791-2110.

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CHAPTER ROSTER

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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Herbarium Course on Tanoak

If linking botany, American history, and political economics sounds fun, this is the workshop for you. The instructor, Frederica Bowcutt, will explore American history as it relates to changing attitudes and land use practices affecting Tanoak (Lithocarpus densiflorus) forests. The workshop will focus on the environmental history of the Mendocino and Humboldt Coast. November 23, 2008, Valley Life Sciences Building, UC Berkeley, $85 for members of the Friends of the Jepson Herbarium and $110 for non-members

http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/2008/index.html#Nov23
**CHAPTER UPDATES**

**BOTANIC GARDEN REPORT**

Members of the Botanic Garden Committee initiated work on the planting plan for the Valley Grassland plant community. Planting plans for the Chaparral and Coastal Scrub areas were completed last year.

We received 4 more rolls of weed-block this month thanks to a donation by Gene Doherty. This will allow more weed-blocking to continue in preparation for installing plants this fall.

More good news - one of our fine volunteers has generously offered to donate the cost to manufacture a bunch of tee-shirts as a way to acknowledge volunteer service. Does anyone have any ideas for the Forrest Deaner Native Plant Botanic Garden tee-shirt design? Send your suggestions over to Norma: E-Mail: ndeaner@comcast.net

**BOARD SETS SLATE OF OFFICERS**

At their September meeting, the Board of Directors considered nominations for elected officers serving the Jepson Chapter. These nominations are as follows:

- President: Gene Doherty
- Vice President: Steven Goetz
- Treasurer: Mary Frances Kelley Poh
- Secretary: Alison Fleck

Members will be requested to consider these nominations as well any others from the floor, and to vote on these positions at the general membership meeting on October 27.

**CHANGES TO BYLAWS PROPOSED**

The Board of Directors has completed its update to the Chapter bylaws which were first drafted in 1999. The most significant change is to introduce procedures to allow for decisions by email, telephone and mail. To save paper, we have posted the bylaw changes for your review on our website [www.cnpsjepsonchapter.org](http://www.cnpsjepsonchapter.org). A copy can be mailed to you by calling Steven Goetz at 745-4675. Members will be requested to vote on these proposed changes at the general membership meeting on October 27.

**CHAPTER PLANT SALE ON OCTOBER 4TH**

Be sure to attend our big fall native plant sale on Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Benicia Community Garden, corner of East 2nd and Military. Help spread the word by posting the enclosed flyer for our plant sale on a bulletin board in your neighborhood and share it with your friends.

California native plants grow most successfully when purchased and planted in the fall season. Check our website after September 15 for a list of plants for sale, [www.cnpsjepsonchapter.org](http://www.cnpsjepsonchapter.org). This event will be staffed by local experts who will be eager to answer questions and provide advice. Remember, all CNPS members will receive a 10% discount on all purchases!

We need helpers for the sale, particularly moving plants to the site on Friday and back to the propagation area on Saturday afternoon. Other assignments include sales and sales write-up. No experience is necessary. Call Becky at 429-2494 if you would like to help.

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**Other Fall Native Plant Sales**

- **Mills College Botanic Garden**, Sept 24 and 25, 10am to 4pm, some natives, Mills College 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, once on campus request a parking permit and a campus map. 510-430-2230
- **UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, Sept 28, 11am - 3pm, some natives, 200 Centennial Dr, Berkeley, 510 643-2755
- **Merritt College**, Oct 4, 9am to 3pm, some natives, in Landscape Horticulture Dept, 12500 Campus Drive, parking fee, 510-436-2418
- **UC Davis Arboretum**, Oct 4, 10am to 3pm, some natives, Arboretum Teaching Nursery, Garrod Drive, Davis, 530-752-4880
- **East Bay CNPS Plant Fair**, Oct 18, 10am to 3pm, Oct 19, noon to 3pm, all natives, Native Here Nursery, 101 Golf Course Dr, Berkeley across the street from the Tilden Golf Course
- **Milo Baker CNPS Plant Sale**, Oct 11, 9am to 1pm, all natives, Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building (across from the fairground.) 707-833-2063
- **Yerba Buena CNPS Plant Sale**, Nov 6, 7:30pm, all natives, Recreation Room, County Fair Building, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
COASTAL CLEANUP DAY
Celebrate the 24th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day with us on Saturday, September 20th. The Forrest Deaner Native Plant Botanic Garden will be one of the sites for the cleanup event. You can find out about other cleanup sites in the County by contacting:

**Benicia Water Education Program**
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CNPS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: ________________________________

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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
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