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A NOSTALGIC REVIEW OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES IN 1988
by
past president Doris Fredendall

Field trips took us into Echo and Breakfast canyons of the Funeral Mountains; Tetracoccus Peak and Wildrose Canyon of the Panamints; an unnamed canyon of the Last Chance Mountains; Mazourka Canyon and Papoose and Squaw flats of the Inyo Mountains; Short and Sardine canyons of the southern Sierra; and Rock Creek Basin and Gardisky Lake in the more northerly Sierra of Mono County.

These places recall special plants: *Salvia funerea* (Death Valley sage), *Gilmania luteola* (golden carpet), *Enceliopsis covillei* (Panamint daisy), *Lupinus magnificus* var. *magnificus* (Magnificent lupine), *Nocolletia occidentalis* (Nicolletia or Hole-in-the-sand plant), *Canbya candida* (Pigmy poppy), *Mimulus rupicola* (rock midget), *Arctomecon merriami* (bear poppy), *Tetracoccus ilicifolius* (tetracoccus or holly spurge), *Eriogonum infrafractum* (napkin-ring buckwheat), *Caulastramina jaegeri* (cliff dweller), and *Arabis tiehmii* (Teihm rock-cress). How many do you remember?

Remember also our *Tamarix* dig in February and our special potluck suppers for Ken Berg and Elizabeth McClintock from the state CNPS?

Other speakers included John Wehausen who presented a slide program on mountain sheep; men from Caltrans who gave a five-year projected highway report (besides listening to our concerns over right-of-way maintenance); Heather Harvey from the Forest Service spoke on their new management plan; and Mary DeDecker took us via slides through the "Outback" of Australia.

Many of our members have been working quietly, without fanfare, for the good of our area, giving input to, and cooperating with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and County officials, including the Inyo County Water Department.

I find pleasure in looking back - but more pleasure in looking forward.

FIELD TRIPS

Field Trip Chairman, Gordon Nelson, is scheduling some good trips for the coming flower season, to be announced in the next newsletter. To start the year, however, we have arranged for an unusual type of field trip on Saturday, March 11 in Death Valley. We will have the privilege of visiting the fossilized tracks of prehistoric animals in Copper Canyon of the Funeral Mountains. This is not a flower outing, but we can expect to see some blooms along the way. This special trip is done only once or twice a year, courtesy of the Death Valley National Monument. Park Service. Volunteer Ruben Scolnik will lead a limited number of participants, including 18 places for our chapter.

The hike will be a climb of 2200 feet in about 3.5 miles up an alluvial fan. Round trip will be about 8 miles. The group will leave at 8:30 sharp from the visitor center parking lot, so please be there a little early to allow time for car pooling. A regular passenger car is adequate for the trip to the trailhead.

We must require reservations to keep within our 18 person limit. Preference will be given to chapter members, in the order that reservations are received, by March 4 at the latest. The contact person is Mary DeDecker, P.O. Box 506, Independence, CA 93526 . Phone 619/878-2389.

It may be rather warm in Death Valley by March, so dress accordingly. Wear sturdy walking shoes, hat and sunglasses. Carry a lunch and plenty of water. A camera is suggested.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- John Newbro, 7501 Shetland Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93309.
- White Mountain Ranger Station Visitor Center, 789 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514.

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL MONUMENT MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER EXPANSION

Plans are under way for added new construction and remodeling of the existing visitor center in Death Valley. The need is acute, but the project would have very low priority in Park Service funding. The concept of a new facility originated in a committee of the Death Valley '49ers several years ago. The planning effort has reached the stage that an agreement has been reached with the Park Service, approving the building plan and the fund raising proposal.

The plan would add 7,800 square feet of new construction and the remodeling of 1,400 square feet. The total cost, including furnishings, is estimated at 3.5 million dollars.

The main focus is to improve the library and research facilities. Also to improve office space for the Park Service and to facilitate interpretive work. It is proposed to name the new center after Horace M. Albright in honor of a "local boy" who became Director of the National Parks and maintained a keen interest in Death Valley National Monument throughout his life.

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WATER

Water demands remain a major concern in Inyo and Mono counties. In Inyo County negotiations toward a long-term water agreement will determine the future of Owens Valley. (See Vol. 7, No. 6, page 7.) Because input from an informed public is considered essential for an acceptable agreement, a coalition of local chapters of environmental organizations has planned a water symposium designed to present major aspects of the water picture. The supervisors of both Inyo and Mono counties, appreciating the value of such an informative session, have joined with us as sponsors. It is a fine, united effort toward planning a better future. Representatives of the Bristlecone Chapter are active participants in the process. We present the agenda for the symposium on the following page. Any inquiries should be directed to Vince Yoder or Mary DeDecker (Addresses and phone numbers on page 2).



Inyo County
Courthouse

Eastern Sierra WATER Symposium

February 4, 1989
Bishop High School Auditorium
301 N. Fowler St.
Bishop, Calif.



Mono County
Courthouse

- 8:45 AM Opening Remarks
Owens Valley Committee Representative
Introduction of Speakers
Thaddeus Taylor III, Inyo County Water Commissioner
- 9:00 California Water Needs & Supply - Are They in Harmony?
Richard W. Atwater, Director of Resources
Metropolitan Water District
- 9:30 Los Angeles Water Perspective
James F. Wickser, Assistant Chief Engineer - Water
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
- 10:00 The Eastern Sierra: Source & Beneficiary of
California's New Water Law
Antonio Cosby-Rossmann, Visiting Professor of Law at U.C.L.A.
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Owens Valley Water Management
Gregory L. James, County Counsel-Water Director
Inyo County
- 11:15 Vegetation & Hydrological Studies in Owens Valley
Dr. David P. Groeneveld, Plant Ecologist
William R. Hutchison, Consultant, Luhdorff & Scalmanini
- 12:00 Break for Lunch
- 1:30 PM Introduction of Speakers
Raymond Gray, Inyo County Water Commissioner
Groundwater Management in Mono County:
A Possible Legislative Solution
Neal McCarroll, Assistant County Counsel, Mono County
- 2:00 Mono Lake Update
Martha Davis, Executive Director, Mono Lake Committee
- 2:30 Air Pollution Studies at Mono Lake & Owens Dry Lake
Ellen Hardebeck, Air Pollution Control Officer
William Cox, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
- 3:00 Break
- 3:10 Inyo/Mono Mutual Water Concerns Panel
Moderated by Antonio Cosby-Rossmann
Keith Bright, Robert H. Campbell, Inyo County Supervisors
Daniel Paranick, Donald Rake, Mono County Supervisors
Gregory L. James, Inyo County Counsel & Water Director
Neal McCarroll, Assistant County Counsel, Mono County
James F. Wickser, Department of Water & Power
Ilene Mendelbaum, Eastern Sierra Rep., Mono Lake Committee
Dennis Martin, Forest Supervisor, Inyo National Forest
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MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER EXPANSION, continued from page 5.

WHY IS THE EXPANSION NEEDED?

The present facilities are 29 years old and space available will not house present collections, much less additional material as it comes in. Study, meeting and laboratory space is non-existent and needed.

Space is to be allocated as follows:

MUSEUM EXHIBIT SPACE almost doubles the existing gallery space to provide for a Natural History Gallery, a Cultural History Gallery, and one for rotating and travelling exhibits. 2,000 sq. ft.

RESEARCH LIBRARY/ARCHIVES. Provides space to accumulate a complete collection of Death Valley books plus audio-visual material, photographs, pamphlets, periodicals and journals. 860 sq. ft.

CURATORIAL STORAGE. Provides adequate storage space, meeting professionally accepted standards for protection of materials. Will facilitate cataloging and retrieval of museum objects. 2,000 sq. ft.

MEETING/ STUDY/ CLASS ROOMS/ AV PREPARATION. Will be dedicated to the original '49ers and used for organization activities, research and study. Rooms with audio-visual equipment will be available for classes, scientific and historical group meetings and for seminars. 900 sq. ft.

CONSERVATION LABORATORY. For preparation, repair and analysis of Death Valley Collections. 300 sq. ft.

RECORD CENTER. To establish and maintain records and administer curatorial and library collections. 240 Sq. ft.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND SERVICE SPACE. 1,500 sq. ft.

TOTAL NEW CONSTRUCTION 7,800 ft.

REMODELING. To provide office space near the library for selected resource specialists, and provide classrooms with more accessible consultation opportunities. 1,400 sq. ft.

Fund raising to this point has focused on obtaining contributions to provide a fund for showing serious interest and good faith. A consultant has been hired to assist in fund raising through foundations and other sources. Any inquiries should be addressed to Dean Lemon, Chairman, Horace M. Albright Committee., Death Valley '49ers Museum Project, Box 338, Death Valley, CA 92328. It is an ambitious project with great potential. The Bristlecone Chapter is contributing \$100.

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY - Membership Application

The California Native Plant Society is an organization of lay persons and professionals united by an interest in the plants of California. It is open to all. 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. Varied interests are represented.

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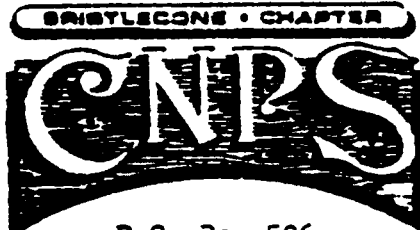
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