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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 at Doris
Fredendall's home in Big Pine.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, January 26, 7:30 at the
White Mountain Research Station.

The presentation will be hosted by Sally
Manning, Plant Ecologist for the Inyo
County Water Department. The topic of
Sally's long awaited presentation will be
on the monitoring of Owens Valley
Vegetation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all our members and friends.

Resolutions are being made as we go into action to activate and implement the new CNPS Strategic 5-year Plan as projected at the December State Board Meeting. And again, as I listened to the goals and strategies of the Eastern Sierra Bio-diversity Coalition, I realized how essential it is for critical conservation issues to be addressed jointly with all the other organizations concerned with the earth's future. Working together we can be much more effective in creating a positive force for environmental change.

An article in the Sierra Club Magazine for Jan/Feb 1994 by Robert Levine, "Botanical Barbarians" quotes our own CNPS state board chairman, Jake Sigg, of the Invasive-Exotics Committee in calling attention to the damage done to habitats by escaped exotics.

With the emphasis on education imagine what collective power we may have in the coming year to heal ailing habitats and to improve the environment.

.....Betty Gilchrist



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CNPS STRATEGIC PLAN 1993-1998

Developed by Its Board of Directors, 9/17-19/93

Every once in a while it is proper for organizations to take the time and effort to do an internal review of its goals and how it can most effectively achieve them. Sometimes goals subtly change but activities get stuck in a rut and new goals are not properly emphasized. Personnel changes and, in our case, new chapter members invite newer goals.

Since our Society has been initiated we have conducted several internal reviews of our aims and how to better achieve them. However, the Board felt that the time had come to do a formal review and establish a formal plan to guide the Society in the next several years with possible changes in organization and procedures that these redefined goals might require to effectively achieve them.

The Society could have stumbled through this self-examination itself again or get professional help. We wisely did the latter. We hired a competent firm to give us guidance in this task. They had lots of experience in this line of work and were expert facilitators. Most importantly, it is our plan, not theirs. They helped us to not get too bogged down in time consuming arguments about details that could be resolved later. They kept the larger picture focused before us so that we could produce a plan within the three day deadline. We can now see that this final product would not have been completed by ourselves alone. Kudos to Roger Duerkson and John Johnson of the Association and Society Management Co., Inc. From Placerville, CA.

The purpose of the planning work completed by the Board of Directors, Chapter leadership and committee members and articulated in this Plan is to establish a clear vision of the future with respect to plant life, the pursuit of which will be the focus of all California native Plant Society future activities. In our vision of a most desirable future, native plants, plant communities, natural habitats and communities will be widely appreciated - and understood as essential to human well-being.

Further more, to efficiently organize its activities, the CNPS' leaders produced a statement of its mission as an organization which defines its overall role in achieving its vision for the preservation of native plant life. Membership in the CNPS is open to everyone. Our purpose is to preserve and protect California native plants in their natural habitat. Our related purposes are to pursue our principal purpose through education and scientific activities, foster preservation of natural habitats and plant communities, and foster appropriate horticultural use of California native plants.

It is the intent of the Board of Directors of the CNPS that this Strategic Plan will be a dynamic force which focuses all of their discussions, policies and decisions; which forges a vigorous and compelling partnership between all the people, chapters, and the state of organization of the CNPS; which guides all of the activities of the Society; and which defines and empowers all of the organization's systems, leaders and staff.

CNPS has identified eight objectives it deems essential to implement its mission statement. These eight essential objectives, all of which must be attained by CNPS if it is to successfully achieve its mission are as follows:

1. To achieve broad, active public commitment to preserve native plants and plant communities.
2. To actively conserve native plants and native plant communities.
3. To obtain optimum organizational effectiveness.
4. To produce sufficient, reliable and timely funding for all CNPS objectives.
5. To influence legislation in favor of preservation of native plants and plant communities.
6. To encourage the appropriate horticultural use of native plants.
7. To encourage and facilitate acquisition or preservation of habitat for protection of native plants.
8. To develop, maintain and disseminate a comprehensive, high quality scientific data base on native plants and plant communities.

For each objective a series of strategies were developed to assure accomplishment. Space does not permit the listing and discussion of these strategies but, anyone interested in learning more about the Plan can contact me and I will be happy to copy it for you (about \$5.00) or loan you mine. Just give me a call at 876-4275.

.....Vince Yoder



SPRING 1994 BRISTLECONE CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS

Possibilities for field trips in our region are numerous and varied. The problem is to schedule those which are most appealing as well as the most worthwhile. This is to seek input from you! Do you want any 4-Wheel drive trips? These are always interesting, sometimes exciting, but limits participation for those who have access to 4-wheel drive vehicles. Do you enjoy overnight campouts? Overnight trips are always planned to take advantage of both days, too much to crowd into a single day. We would like to hear of any other preferences you may have or any expression of what type of trip interests you most. Phone or write to Mary DeDecker (619) 878-2389 or HCR 67, Box 35, Independence, CA 93526.

FIELD TRIP POLICIES

Generally, day trips last most of the day while the overnight trips may conclude early Sunday afternoon. Bring a lunch and drinks on a day trip. Bring plenty of water or other thirst quenching beverages, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and sturdy walking shoes. Also, it is advisable to have some insect repellent in case of mosquitos in the Sierra or gnats in the desert. Don't forget to bring along some field guides, appropriate plant lists and a hand lens. Overnight trips usually call for primitive camping, which means no facilities. Bring all your own food, water, and everything else.

Family, friends, and visitors are welcome to come along, but please no pets. Unless indicated, the average car should do fine on our trips. Please use a reliable vehicle, with good tires, and start out with a full tank of gas. Trips will leave at the time announced, so please arrive a few minutes early. Car pooling is encouraged.

The leader will feel responsible for your safety so you are asked to follow instructions for roadside parking and camping sites. Courtesy requires that you inform the leader if you should leave the group for any reason.

The earliest field trips are scheduled as follows:

APRIL 16. Leader: Vince Yoder. A long overdue trip to see the CNPS official flower, the Panamint Daisy, *Enceliopsis covillei*. We guarantee that you will be impressed! Meet at 9:00 am at the Visitor's Center south of Lone Pine. Car pooling may take place from there. Those who come from the south may join the group at the Trona-Wildrose Junction in Panamint Valley at 10:00 am. The site is in the Panamint Mountains.

MAY 14. Leader: Diane Payne. A local trip to rare plant sites to see *Oryctes nevadensis* and *Sidalcea covillei*, as well as other spring blooms. Meet at 9:00 am at the White Mountain Research Station on West Line Street east of the Owens Valley.

MAY 28. Leader: Mary DeDecker. San Lucus Canyon on the east side of the Inyo Mountains. See *Astragalus cimae* var. *sufflatus*, endemic to that east side, and other species of interest. Meet at 9:00 am at the Visitor's Center south of Lone Pine.

CONSERVATION CORNER

Our Bristlecone Chapter of the CNPS is rapidly approaching its 12th birthday. Our halcyon youthful days are essentially over. Although our activities are much the same as they were in the past we need to expand towards a more pro-active phase in our Eastern Sierra Area and expand our Chapter outreach.

In the conservation category it is important that we enhance our conservation team to include those who will become contact persons with our Public Agencies. We need to keep in constant touch with the several Forest Service offices, with the local BLM area office, and with the Death Valley National Monument staff.

I envision having individuals covering each of the four Ranger District offices as well as the Supervisor's office, the BLM Bishop Area office and the Ridgecrest BLM office, the Toiyabe USFS Bridgeport office and the Death Valley National Monument office. BLM Ridgecrest is now covered by Mary Ann Henry, and Carla Scheidlinger has her thumb on local grazing matters, bless 'em.

Our representatives would have a specific contact person in each office and make a personal monthly visit or phone call to chat about past, present and future plans, how Environmental Assessments are progressing, what potential conflicts there are and how we can provide assistance, etc.

We want these public bodies to know that we exist, that we can be a positive force for them, and that we have resources that can be of help to them.

Please step forward and volunteer!! Relatively little of your time would be needed, but much good can come from our efforts. I will be as supportive as I can, help you get started, visit the appropriate office with you, etc. Please call me at 876-4275 anytime and let's talk about it.

.....Vince Yoder

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

US Fish and Wildlife Service Notice of Review of Plant Taxa for listings of Endangered or Threatened Species (48pp). Vol. 58 No. 188. Available at all Public offices; BLM, USFS, libraries, etc.



FEDERAL CONSERVATION ITEMS OF INTEREST

Biodiversity

Currently there are a total of 6 proposed House and Senate bills pertaining to Amendments to the Endangered Species Act of 1973:

HR 1992 - A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act to ensure that listing of species is in the public interest, that species are listed only on the basis of actual threats, not speculative future threats to their existence, that listing of species and designation of their critical habitat will be subject to blind peer review, that persons conducting listing processes do not benefit economically from a listing decision, that emergency listing without full public and scientific community participation will occur only in emergency situations, that incidental take prosecutions will occur only after a recovery plan has been prepared which provides guidance as to what constitutes a take, and that the act does not encourage suits between private citizens, and for other purposes.

HR 2043 - A bill to reauthorize and amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

HR 2207 Common Sense Amendments for All Endangered Species Act. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act with common sense amendments to strengthen the act, enhance wildlife conservation and management, augment funding, and protect fishing, hunting, and trapping.

S 74 - A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act and to clarify citizen suit provisions, and for other purposes.

S 921 - A bill to reauthorize and amend the Endangered Species Act for the conservation of threatened and endangered species, and for other purposes.

S 1521 - A bill to reauthorize and amend the Endangered Species Act to improve and protect the integrity of the programs that act for the conservation of threatened and endangered species, to ensure balanced consideration of all impacts of decisions implementing such acts, to provide for equitable treatment of non-federal persons to contribute voluntarily to species conservation, and for other purposes.

Chapter members are encouraged to keep abreast of these bills, realizing the ramifications these potential amendments may have on endangered plants.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

To Doris Fredendall who announced at our annual Bristlecone Chapter potluck in December that she had successfully completed eradicating exotic plants; Russian thistle and Halogeton primarily, from the Westgard Pass roadsides. Doris has been diligently removing these pests from Westgard for several years and many of us have seen her tromping up and down the route with garbage bags, gloves and white high top sneakers on numerous early mornings. The canyons and native plant communities of this special place are once again restored to a relatively pristine state thanks to Doris' commitment and love of native plants. Thank you Doris!!!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members in our chapter.

Richard Potashin
Bishop

Derik Olson
Bishop

Warren Hughes
Hughson, CA



THE 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 the understanding of California's native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations. Varied interests are represented.

Name _____ P.O. Box or Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

I wish to be affiliated with the Bristlecone Chapter _____. Other _____.

Membership Category

Student/Retired/Limited Income \$18.00
 Individual or Library \$25.00
 International \$35.00
 Family or Group \$35.00
 Supporting \$50.00
 Plant Lover \$100.00

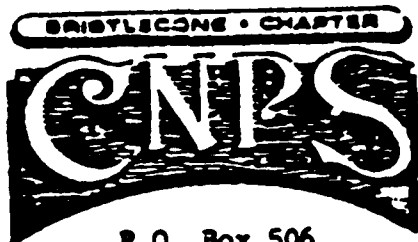
Please make check payable to: The California Native Plant Society. **Mail to:** Bristlecone Chapter, CNPS, P.O. Box 506, Independence, CA 93526

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Gift contribution: Where most needed _____. Conservation _____.

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