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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next Chapter Meeting

On Wednesday, May 31st, Jim Bishop, president of CNPS Chapter Council will present a program "Bristlecones and the Alpine Zone". Jim and his wife Catie, members of the Mt. Lassen chapter, spend a lot of time botanizing in what they call "Rainshadow Country," including the White Mountains. The program will be held at White Mountain Research Station at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Next Board Meeting

The Bristlecone Chapter Board will meet on Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00 PM at the U.S. Forest Service/BLM Conference Room, 351 Pacu Lane in Bishop.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to all of you who worked on a chapter work project these past couple of months – cleaning up our section of Highway #395, removing tamarisk in Surprise Canyon and picking up trash along the Owens River on Earth Day. As more folks use our public lands, more help is needed to clean up, plant trees and shrubs, pull weeds, rebuild campsites and trails. And our hard working public lands agencies professionals can't do it all. Look in our newsletter or on our website www.bristleconecnps.org for future opportunities to lend a hand. If the dates don't fit your calendar, check out a new website www.outsideontheeastside.org where you will find the outdoor activities, including work projects, of all our local conservation organizations listed.

See you OUTSIDE!

.....Sherryl Taylor



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Banquet

The Bristlecone Chapter will hold its semi-annual banquet on Tuesday, July 25th, at Crowley Lake Community Center at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be catered by Anything Goes. Genny Smith, who has written about the natural history of Owens Valley and the Sierra Nevada for almost fifty years, will tell us "Stories of Botanists and other Crazy Scientists." More information in the July newsletter.

2006 Bristlecone Chapter Field Trip and Activity Schedule

May 6, Saturday. Restoration at Jawbone-Butterbredt ACEC & in the Rand Mountains. Leader: Marty Dickes, BLM Wilderness Specialist. This trip is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in passive desert restoration, i.e., techniques to camouflage and close illegal vehicle routes and to jumpstart recovery (aiding natural restoration processes) on those routes. We will be touring Student Conservation Association (SCA) restoration sites in the Jawbone-Butterbredt and West Rand Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). Our guides Cody Hanford and Brendan Hughes are crew bosses for the SCA crews currently working in these areas. The crews will be available to answer questions and to demonstrate the techniques they are using. Hiking will be light. We'll be driving to most of these sites and will be walking only short distances, 4WD or 2WD w/ high clearance vehicles recommended. We will be carpooling from Jawbone Station. Bring water, food, hat, sunscreen, good walking shoes, and a jacket in case it gets cold. For more information contact Marty Dickes, 760-384-5444, "Martha_Dickes@ca.blm.gov".

May 13, Saturday. Little Lake Exploration. Leader: Shelley Ellis, BLM Botanist. Join us for a short hike along the bluff east of Little Lake. The purpose is to view the area that BLM

will develop as an interpretive site and to list all plants seen in the vicinity and make note of those in bloom. Participants may hike as far as they like along the bluff to the south, which is public land, to enjoy the wildflowers and views. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Inyokern Post Office (on Brown Rd. just south of Hwy 178/Inyokern Rd). Bring water, food, hat, field guide, hand lens, binoculars, and camera. For more information contact Shelley Ellis; 760-446-5012 (h); 760-384-5426 (w); "Shelley_Ellis@ca.blm.gov".

May 14, Sunday. Mary DeDecker Native Plant Garden. Leader: Jerry Zatorski. The self taught botanist, Mary DeDecker, explored our region extensively along with her husband Paul, and has been credited for numerous plant discoveries from our area. The Mary DeDecker Native Plant Garden is a botanical garden dedicated to Mary DeDecker the person and the flora she loved and appreciated so much. This will be a half day stroll through the garden at the Eastern California Museum to see the garden in its spring time splendor. Jerry will be on hand to answer questions about the garden and its flora. Meet at the Eastern California Museum in Independence, in the north parking lot at 9:00 AM. For more information contact Jerry at 872-3818 or "jerryzat@verizonmail.com".

May 20th, Saturday. McMurry Meadows and Volcanic Flow. Leader: Kathleen Nelson. We'll travel approximately seven miles on a decent dirt road (McMurry Meadow Road), making stops and taking short walks along the way. Depending on how dry/wet/cool/or hot our spring is, we'll either spend a bit more time in the dry foothills and volcanic flow, or higher up in the meadow. Floral highlights that we'll seek out on the trip include the beautiful bitterroot (*Lewisia rediviva*), and two CNPS listed plants: the Coso Mountains lupine (*Lupinus magnificus* var. *glarecola*), and the Inyo County star-tulip (*Calochortus excavatus*). Our trip will conclude in the early afternoon. Bring lunch, water, a hat, and sunscreen. Meet at 9:00 am, at Triangle campground in Big

Pine, at the intersection of Highway 395 and Highway 168. For more information, call Kathleen at 760-873-1095.

May 27, Saturday, Sherwin Slope. Leader: Karen Ferrell-Ingram. We will walk 2-3 miles wherever the flowers are best along the northwest rim of the Owens Valley, 5500' - 6500' in elevation. Expect to enjoy good displays of blooms in the sagebrush/bitterbrush scrub. Meet at the gravel pit on Sky Meadows Road at 9:00 AM. Wear good walking shoes, hat, and bring water and snacks. Trip will end around noon. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Call 387-2913 or write "ingram@bishopwireless.net" for more info.

FIELD TRIP POLICIES: For all field trips, be sure to bring plenty of water, lunch, good walking shoes or boots, and appropriate clothing for hot sun and/or inclement weather. Also useful would be a hand lens, binoculars, camera, floras, and plant lists. Trips will leave at the time announced, so please arrive at the meeting sites a few minutes early. Unless indicated, the average car should do fine. Car pooling is encouraged. Everyone is welcome, but not pets. For general question on field trips or if you would like to lead a trip, please call Jerry Zartoski (760) 872-3818 or write jerryzat@verizonmail.com



Geologic Features of the Mono Craters & Mono Lake - June 3

Dr. Steve Lipshie, Engineering Geologist and author of Geologic Guidebook to the Long Valley-Mono Craters Region of Eastern California

9:00 – 4:00 pm, multiple stop car tour with walking

Meet at the Green Church

\$25.00 per person donation

The tour focuses on the recent volcanic activity that produced the Inyo and Mono Craters and volcanic domes. Starting with a talk and slide show at the Green Church, the group will visit the Inyo Craters, Devil's Punch Bowl, Panum Crater and look at young volcanoes that erupted only 700 years ago. The tour will stop at the tufa towers of Mono Lake and discuss how tufa forms. Stops to view the glacial features between June Lake and Lee Vining produced during the past 150,000 years will complete the trip to the land of "fire and ice".

How to Register:

Pre-registration required, groups are limited
Donations are for the Outdoor Science Education Program to teach science classes to the children of Inyo and Mono County

Call Leslie Dawson 935-4356 to register
Send a check made out to the UC Regents to:
Leslie Dawson, Education Coordinator
PO Box 273, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

For more information:
<http://vesr.ucnrs.org>; ldawson@msi.ucsb.edu



Next Newsletter Deadline: June 28th

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