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**Bristlecone Chapter**

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Next Chapter Meeting

On Wednesday, November 29, we will hold our annual Potluck at White Mountain Research Station in Bishop. Our program will be "Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserve's Native Plant Project" presented by Sherry Taylor and Leslie Dawson. The Native Plant Project enhances the Mammoth Elementary School biological science curriculum with classroom botany lessons, field trips to identify native vegetation and native plant restoration efforts. The Project is a recipient of the Mary DeDecker Botanical Grant Program. The potluck set-up will begin at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 pm. Please bring your own table setting and a dish to share.

Next Board Meeting

The Bristlecone Chapter Board will meet on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the U.S. Forest /BLM Service Conference Room, 351 Pacu Lane in Bishop. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

At our September meeting the Bristlecone Board made some decisions that offer exciting opportunities for the year ahead. Ten times during the past decade our chapter has offered a weekend of native plant field trips and programs to folks from all over the state – our Sierra Spring Sojourn. Although the Sojourn has been a very popular and much appreciated event, our board would like to try something new next year, some activities that draw local and prospective members. We are talking about a summer weekend at Crooked Creek Station in the White Mountains with a focus on alpine plants. We are also talking about a native plant exhibit at the Home Show in Bishop. The Creosote Ring sub-chapter has lots of good ideas for new activities as well. In May we hope to gather members from both ends of our chapter area and all those in between for a field trip and potluck, perhaps in the Alabama Hills. We hope you will be eager to participate in these new events.

This is the time of year our chapter elects officers and chooses leaders for next year. Please let us know if you would like to become more active in the chapter and join our board. We hope to see you at the November potluck and program.

.....Sherryl Taylor



## Mary Ann Henry Remembered

Anyone who ventures into Short Canyon, on the Ridgecrest side of the southern Sierras, looking for spring wildflowers will also find a bronze plaque honoring Mary Ann Henry for her "pioneering efforts to conduct the first systematic inventory of Short Canyon flora, her decades of service to environmental education, and her years of commitment to sustaining the desert's beauty and biodiversity." This remarkable Indian Wells Valley resident passed away in August 2006.

The list of her accomplishments on behalf of the local deserts and mountains is long. She and her husband Ron worked to draw the boundaries for six wilderness areas set aside by the Desert Protection Act. Their efforts also helped include parts of Saline and Eureka Valleys within the expanded Death Valley National Park. She spent 5 years documenting the flora of the Eureka Dunes. Her 15 years of work in Short Canyon yielded a flora that includes over 200 taxa in 51 families. She was a long-time member of the Ridgecrest BLM Steering Committee, defending wildlife issues. She led numerous field trips for the Sierra Club. She volunteered at the Desert Tortoise Preserve, the Audubon Kern River Preserve, and the Maturango Museum. For many years she tirelessly identified wildflowers for the Wildflower Show & according the Charlotte Goodson, remained its "acknowledged Guiding Spirit." She received the Sierra Club Cup Award in 1982 (the Kern Kaweah Chapter's highest honor) and was made a CNPS Fellow in 1996.

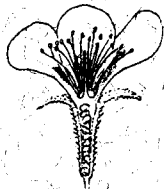
Mary Ann touched the lives of countless Indian Wells Valley youngsters from the 1992 beginning of the Sand Canyon Environmental Education Program which introduces local school children to the desert environment, local water issues, and local history. She was a respected and loved teacher of adults as well.

.....Kathy LaShure with Judy Breitenstein &  
Charlotte Goodson

### Nominations for 2007 Bristlecone Chapter Officers

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 2007:

President: Sherryl Taylor  
Vice President: Cheryl Chipman  
Treasurer: Rosanne Higley  
Secretary: Denise Waterbury



The floor will be opened for further nominations at the November 29 general meeting. Nominations will then

be closed, and voting will immediately follow. Terms for the new officers begins January 1, 2007. Many thanks to all who willingly volunteer to be a voice for native plants!

### Fall 2006 Bristlecone Chapter Mary DeDecker Botanical Grant Program

The Bristlecone Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is pleased to request applications for its small grants program in memory of renowned local botanist, Mary DeDecker. We believe this program is a fitting way to remember Mary's many contributions to the people and plants of the eastern Sierra. The program will award up to two grants of not more than \$500 each.

#### Criteria and Procedures

Written proposals are to be submitted to the Bristlecone Chapter Funding Committee. Proposals are limited to two pages in length. Each proposal should contain a title, objectives, methods, expected final product, a brief statement of applicant's qualifications and how Bristlecone Chapter funds will be used. If applicant is a student, an accompanying letter from their advisor would be welcome. Inclusion of an e-mail address will facilitate notification. **Deadline is December 8, 2006.**

Send proposals or requests for information to:  
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Blvd. Mammoth Lakes CA. 93546  
(760) 924-5778

Inquiries only: [res0iium@verizon.net](mailto:res0iium@verizon.net)

### CONSERVATION Groundwater pumping updates

#### Drought Recovery Policy still in limbo

How I look forward to the time when I'll no longer have to write about the Drought Recovery Policy (DRP)! In the last issue I wrote about a proposal by Inyo County Water Department (ICWD) Director Tom Brooks to supersede the DRP with an interim management plan. Brooks' proposal would not provide for the realization of the DRP goal of substantial water table recovery in the vegetation rooting zone, and I therefore argued against it. As of 10/28/06 ICWD had not released any response from DWP to Brooks' proposal. If there are no more developments before the upcoming Standing Committee meeting (Nov 27, 2006) Inyo Supervisors will once again have to decide whether to initiate dispute resolution proceedings regarding DWP's

unilateral DRP termination. Inyo Supervisors threatened in 2003 to dispute the unilateral termination but never did.

### So near but yet so far: a replacement for On/Off

In September 2005, Inyo Supervisors gave the Inyo County Water Department (ICWD) one year to develop a replacement for the Inyo-LA Long Term Water Agreement's disastrous pumping management protocol, ON/OFF. ICWD was directed to develop a replacement protocol in collaboration with DWP if possible, but to develop a protocol even if collaboration wasn't possible.

At the August 2006 Technical Group meeting ICWD Director Tom Brooks gave a presentation of the concepts behind ICWD's proposed ON/OFF replacement. Brooks described ICWD's proposal as a "clock and ruler" protocol, because it would manage pumping based on direct measurement of depth-to-water (ruler) and the duration of any drawdown (clock). Brooks stated that ICWD had yet to complete hydrologic modeling necessary to apply the concepts to any particular site in Owens Valley. The concepts are a great improvement over those of the ON/OFF protocol.

Unfortunately, two months later Brooks disclosed at the October 2006 Technical Group meeting that ICWD had not met its deadline. Instead of finishing the protocol, Director Brooks and ICWD staff began attending a series of closed meetings with DWP staff, management, and a facilitator regarding revisions of the Green Book. Because there are any number of potential Green Book revisions which aren't directly related to developing an ON/OFF replacement, and because the proposed revision process will take years, prospects for the timely development of a new protocol to replace ON/OFF are nil.

The closed meetings appear violate Section III. G of the MOU, which requires all scheduled Technical Group meetings to be open to the public. Although Technical Group members (including DWP and ICWD management) attend the meetings and the purpose of the meetings is to discuss, plan, and schedule Green Book revisions which are the responsibility of the Technical Group, Brooks claims these closed meetings are not subject to MOU Section III. G. His argument seems to be that unless a vote is taken, meetings of Technical Group members doing the work of the Technical Group don't count as Technical Group meetings.

It's discouraging to see Mr. Brooks continue the policies of public exclusion practiced by his predecessor, Greg

James. Such policies have served neither Inyo County nor native plants and animals well in the past. Neither Brooks nor DWP have given any reason to think they will in the future.

.....Daniel Pritchett, Conservation Chair

### Holiday Gift Ideas that Support CNPS

Need a gift for someone who loves plants or is interested in the eastside or gardening? A CNPS membership is the gift that lasts all year! Contact Diana Pietrasanta at 760-873-6262.

Our chapter also has wonderful books that would be a great addition to a gift membership. Contact Sue Weis at 760-387-2349. See adjacent for a current selection of books that Sue has on hand. Sue can also get any book that is available on the CNPS website. Purchasing a holiday gift book through Sue allows the Bristlecone Chapter to retain a portion of the sale.

Alabama Hills Plant List	Yoder
Bishop Creek Checklist	Crowther
California Desert Flowers	Morhardt
California Native Plants for the Garden	Bornstein et al.
California's Wild Gardens	Faber
CNPS Inventory	CNPS
Deepest Valley	Smith
Flora of the Northern California Desert	DeDecker
Gardening with a Wild Heart	Lowry
Insects and Gardens	Grissell
Intro to CA Desert Wildflowers	Munz
Intro to CA Mountain Wildflowers	Munz
Jepson Desert Manual	Baldwin et al.
Lichens of California	Hale & Cole
Mammoth Gold	Smith
Mammoth Lakes Sierra	Smith
Purshia	Young & Clemen
Seed Propagation of Native CA Plants	Emery
Sierra East	Smith
Sierra Flower Finder	Keator
Sierra Nevada Wildflowers	Wiese
The Lost Cement Mine	Smith
Trees and Shrubs of CA	Stuart & Sawyer
Wild Lilies, Irises, and Grasses	Harlow & Jakob
Wildflowers of the Eastern Sierra and Mojave	Blackwell



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