Field Trips

Triple Wildflower Celebration

April 22 (Friday)—9:00 AM

In conjunction with Native Plant Week, Earth Day, and the Bruin Ranch Celebration, a representative of the Placer Land Trust will lead us through the newly acquired Bruin Ranch. Julie Carville, Karen Callahan, and Roger McGehee will help identify the plants we find. We will meet at the Bruin Ranch parking area at 9:00 AM, but people from Grass Valley, Nevada City and beyond, who wish to carpool, can meet at 8:30 AM at the Safeway parking lot in downtown Grass Valley. This field trip will last until 12 noon, and will be cancelled if heavy rain is predicted. To find the Bruin Ranch parking area, from Hwy 49 north of Auburn, take Lone Star Road west, follow the road past the clubhouse, and someone will direct you to the parking area.

Evening Programs

Maidu Indian Plant Names

April 27 (Wednesday)—7:30 PM at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Meeting Room in Nevada City

Taught by Farrell Cunningham, Mountain Maidu language teacher and Alicia Funk, author of Living Wild—Gardening, Cooking and Healing with Native Plants of the Sierra Nevada

Indigenous language loss continues to occur at a rapid pace in California and worldwide. Just 200 years ago, at least 80 different languages were spoken in California, making the state the most diverse area of languages of its size. In the Konkow language, du means bush, ‘ca means tree and sawi means greens and these terms appear repeatedly in many plant names. Maintaining indigenous languages provides a key to understanding a sustainable and close relationship to the environment we inhabit.

Discover how to connect deeply with our local landscape through learning traditional names of native plants. Learn how the Maidu plant names give clues as to plant uses and how essential it is to maintain a sustainable relationship to the plant world. Taste recipes and drinks made from our local plants.

All donations go to support Maidu language classes. Contact alicia@livingwild.org for more information.

Save the Date

Native Gardening Festival

Saturday May 7

See page 6 for details
**Kids’ Wildflower Fun at Hells Half Acre**

**May 1 (Sunday), 9:45AM to 1:30PM**

Come join Aurora Carville (age 7) and Julie Carville (ageless Gramma) for a fun day in the flowers. Bring your own hand lenses or see below. We’ll draw and learn about flowers and the insects that visit them, and you’ll find your very own special flower friend. Ages 7-11, each child required to come with one adult. Class size limited to 10 kids (and 1 parent, grandparent, or adult friend for each child). To reserve your spot in this class, please email Julie at mtngypsy1@sbcglobal.net or call her at 530-265-4741. Meet at Hell’s 1/2 Acre at 9:45. The walk starts at 10 a.m. and goes til about 1:00-1:30 p.m. Bring lunch and water, camera, an unlined tablet and marking pens, crayons or colored pencils and a hand lens. Lenses are also available for sale at the Earth Store in Nevada City (265-0448). They aren’t cheap, but a good hand lens is worth its weight in gold for the pure enjoyment it brings; cheap hand lenses are useless. You’ll be glad you have one once you start using it in our class. Rain cancels. If in doubt, call Julie after 8 a.m. on May 1, for a recorded message as to whether it is a go or not, and you may also call/email her prior to Sunday with any questions. Directions to Hell’s 1/2 Acre: Drive west from Grass Valley on W. Main St., toward Rough and Ready Highway. Bear left onto Squirrel Creek Road near St. Patricks Cemetery. Turn right onto Gold Drive (one street after Adam Ave.). Drive to the end of Gold Drive and park. There is no charge for this class, but pre-registration is required.

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**Wildflower Walk at Edward’s Crossing**

**May 19 (Thursday)—10:00 AM at the Rood Center, 10:30 AM at the trailhead**

This trail stays high above the river, affording good views and a variety of habitats for a variety of wildflowers. The trail is narrow and cliffy in places, but doesn’t change much in altitude. We will identify and enjoy the wildflowers until lunch-time, and then review the wildflowers on the way back. We should be back at our cars by 2:00 PM. If you wish to meet us at Edwards Crossing, take North Bloomfield Road from Highway 49 in Nevada City, and park just before the bridge over the South Fork of the Yuba River.

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**Wildflower Walk at Sagehen Creek**

**May 29 (Sunday)—8:30 AM at the Rood Center, 10:00 AM at the trailhead**

The Sagehen Trail has a wonderful array of wildflowers representing a transition zone between the rich floras of the Sierra Nevada and the Great Basin. This mostly level, 2-mile trail will provide your minds and eyes with a botanical feast! Be prepared for mosquitoes and intense sunlight, as well as the possibility of sudden rain or hail storms. If the Rood Center is out of the way for you, you may meet us at the trailhead: take the Highway 89 North Exit off Interstate 80 in Truckee. Drive approximately 7.4 miles north on Highway 89, until you arrive at the cement-sided bridge over Sagehen Creek. Turn right, immediately after the bridge, into the dirt parking area. The trail leaves from the parking area and heads east along Sagehen Creek.

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Celebrate California’s first official California Native Plant Week, April 17-23, 2011, by enrolling in Redbud Chapter’s Wildflower ID Workshop. See page 5 for details.
Latecomers can catch us on the trail. We’ll be back to our cars by 3 p.m. at the latest. Those who need to leave earlier can do so, since the trail is easy to follow out. Bring lunch, and lots of water or a water filter! Leaders: Julie Carville and Roger McGehee

South Fork Trail near Washington

June 11 (Saturday)—8:30 AM at the Rood Center, 9:30 AM at the South Fork Trail parking area on Relief Hill Road

This is a beautiful trail along a beautiful stretch of the South Yuba River. We will walk about 3 miles in and 3 miles out, enjoying the river and wildflowers as we go! We will stop for lunch beside a small stream. Although you may head back at any time, the field trip will probably last 5 or 6 hours. Bring lunch and water. Mosquitoes can be quite thick at this time of the year. The water will probably be too high, cold, and swift for swimming or wading, but we should see LOTS of wildflowers! To find the trailhead, drive through the town of Washington, cross over the bridge and head straight up Gaston Road. Within 0.3 mile, turn left (west) onto Relief Hill Road. Drive west to Poorman Creek Bridge (1.7 mile). Then continue 0.1 mile to the signed access road to the trailhead dropping sharply left. It might look like you will never be able to drive back up this steep access road, but you WILL make it!

Sherwood Forest

July 11 (Monday)—9:00 AM at the Rood Center, 10:30 AM at Sherwood Forest

For much of the trip we will be scrambling steeply uphill over rocks with no trail. But with the change in altitude, we are sure to find wildflowers regardless of how early or how late the wildflower season is. This area is best described by Julie Carville in her book Lingering in Tahoe’s Wild Gardens: “Sherwood Forest is a magical place, where one can follow a stream to its source and along the way discover crimson columbines nodding their vibrant heads in the misty spray of a waterfall...” Heading south from Tahoe City, on Highway 89, drive 2.3 miles, and just after Sunnyside Resort, turn right onto Pineland Drive. When Pineland Drive forks, take the Twin Peaks Road to the left, which will become Ward Creek Blvd. Continue past the Paige Meadow sign, until you arrive at the Sherwood Forest lift, which is on the backside of the Alpine Meadow’s ski area, where the road loops back. There is plenty of parking along the shoulder. Bring lunch, and lots of water or a water filter! Leaders: Julie Carville and Roger McGehee.

Onion Valley near North Fork Camp

June 26 (Sunday)—9:00 AM at the Rood Center, 10:00 AM at Emigrant Gap

If you wish to meet us at Emigrant Gap, park at the end of Emigrant Gap Exit on the south side of I-80. We will then drive down Emigrant Gap Road and Texas Road past North Fork Campground to a consistently flowery meadow, then visit a bog filled with Leopard Lilies and Lemmon’s Ginger. Those that feel energetic can then hike down to North Fork Falls. This area is a real wildflower hot-spot! Bring lunch and water, and prepare for mosquitoes.

Donner Peak

July 26 (Tuesday)—8:30 AM at the Rood Center, 9:30 AM at the PCT trailhead off Highway 40

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The trail zigzags steeply up before leveling off at a wildflower-filled meadow. Then it wanders uphill to a saddle and the top of Donner Peak, with a grand view of Donner Lake and the Tahoe Basin. Even when the flowers are not blooming this is a beautiful hike. But during wildflower season it becomes a botanist’s paradise! Meet at the Rood Center in Nevada City. If Nevada City is out of the way for you, a secondary meeting place will be at the Trailhead: heading east on I-80, take the Soda Springs exit and go about 4 miles along old Highway 40 past Sugar Bowl and past the Mt. Judah parking area to the large building on the corner (0.2 miles west of Donner Pass). Then take the paved road by the building to the right (south), and drive to where the road makes a sharp right hand turn (approximately 0.1 mile). Park along the road. (On maps, this is called Lake Mary Road) Look out for “No Parking” signs and be careful not to block anyone’s driveway. The trailhead is at the Pacific Crest Trail sign, where the road made the sharp right hand turn. Bring lunch, and lots of water or a water filter! Leaders: Julie Carville and Roger McGehee

In Search of Summer Wildflowers

August 12 (Friday)—9:00 AM at the Rood Center, 10:00 AM at the Pacific Crest Trail parking area on the south side of I-80.

To find the trailhead, take the Boreal Ridge/ Pacific Crest Trail exit off of I-80 and then drive east to the parking area. We will then walk to the Pacific Crest Trail and head north, hoping to find summer wildflowers, such as fireweed and asters, in full bloom.
Evening programs (continued)

Discover California Grasslands

*with Wade Belew*

June 22 (Wednesday) — 8:00 PM at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Meeting Room in Nevada City

In a state with towering redwoods, majestic oaks, vernal pools and other more “charismatic” plant communities, grasslands are often overlooked while right at our feet. In this fascinating presentation you will learn that grasslands are very productive and diverse biologically, and provide numerous ecosystem services that benefit humans and natural systems alike. Yet today, less than 2% of our native grassland heritage remains. Five topics included in this presentation are: California grasslands and grassland diversity, what are grasses?, ecosystem values and services, restoration and landscaping with native grasses, and the important work of the California Native Grasslands Association. Presenter Wade Belew is President of CNGA and manages an urban stream restoration project in Cotati, CA. Wade uses innovative methods in planting an understory of native grasses, sedges and rushes.

### Wildflower Identification Workshop

**“Name that Wildflower!”**

April 16, 2010— 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Teachers: Botanists Linnea Hanson and Jenny Marr Location: Near Nevada City at a member’s home.

Immerse yourself in wildflowers for the day. Learn how to identify major plant families found in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Spend the morning with freshly gathered plant specimens observing special features—hairy nectar runs, freckles, colored anthers, banner petals or seed pods. In the afternoon, we’ll use our knowledge on a field trip to a beautiful wildflower area led by Linnea and Jenny.

Workshop Fee: $25.00 for members of California Native Plant Society and $35.00 for nonmembers. Fee includes workshop handouts, beverages and food in the morning, and a potluck lunch.

Pre-registration is required. Class limited to 25 people and rain will not cancel.

Contact: Karen Callahan, penstemon@nccn.net or call 530-272-5532 and she will send more details.

### Measuring and Monitoring Plant Populations

April 26 (Tuesday) to April 28 (Thursday)

The CNPS Education Program is offering this popular workshop in Grass Valley this spring. This will be a three-day combination of class room instruction and field exercises at Hells Half Acre.

The class is taught John Willoughby, State Botanist with Bureau of Land Management. The cost is $395 for CNPS members and $420 for non-members. For more information on the CNPS Education Program visit www.cnps.org/cnps/education.

### BriarPatch Demonstration Garden Tours

Sunday, April 17th, 2:00 PM
Sunday, June 5th, 4:00 PM
Thursday, July 7th, 7:00 PM

See article beginning on page 7 for more information.
First Annual

Native Gardening Festival

by Julie Becker

Redbud’s 2011 spring plant sale has turned into a festival—literally. The first annual Native Gardening Festival is set for Saturday, May 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Sierra College in Rocklin.

The inspiration behind the name change came from Chet Blackburn, chair of the spring sale, and now the Festival. He views the Festival as an opportunity for people to immerse themselves in native plants, not only with the actual greenery, but with a full slate of seminars, educational displays, a wildflower show, a wildflower hike and an assortment of books and gifts.

Festival shoppers will see before them the largest selection of native plants to be found anywhere in northern California, if only for a short time. As always, regional nurseries will offer a wide assortment of plants, and as if that’s not enough, their inventory will be supplemented by Chet’s resourcefulness.

About a week before the Festival, Chet will go on a buying spree, traveling south below Los Angeles to both Las Pilates Nursery and Tree of Life Nursery. His goal is to find plants not typically found at local sales or retailers, but adaptable to our Mediterranean climate --- something like hybrid monkeyflowers or unusual Monardella species which he’ll set up in a special Connoisseurs Corner.

Besides the rich assortment of plants, reason enough to come to the Festival, there will be a parade of seminars scheduled throughout the day. Topics so far include: Design of Native Plant Landscapes, Seasonal Cooking with Native Plants, Wildflower Safaris (where to see them), Sources for Native Plants (where to find them), Propagation of Native Plants, and Organic Soils. There may very well be others, so stay tuned!

Educational displays will be another feature at the Festival. Some of them will show history, uses and unusual facts about native plants. (For example, did you know milkweed silk was used in life preservers during World War II?) And others will be interactive —puzzles to test your knowledge of native plants.

As always, a highlight in the spring is Chet’s spectacular wildflower show, unusual because all the plants on display are living plants in containers, rather than just cut flowers, as usually found in shows. In the past, there have been upward of 150 flowering species and cultivars of California native plants and this year will be no exception.

Rounding out the Festival will be a wildflower hike on the undeveloped grounds of the college, led by Shawna Martinez, and a chance to buy a wide variety of merchandise, including plant and gardening books, colorful cards, posters, and Redbud T-shirts and tote bags. And for buyers who hunger for more, there will be refreshments as well.

While the Festival opens to the public-at-large at 9:30 a.m., CNPS members (of any chapter) can come in and buy plants beginning at 8:30 a.m. As the Festival draws near, plant lists and a complete schedule of seminars will be posted on the Redbud website: www.redbud-cnps.org.

To stage this show, volunteers are definitely needed. Prior to the sale, you can help create educational displays. Come up with an interesting topic, share it with Chet, and then pull together photos and captivating copy. (Chet’s amazing but he can’t do all this by himself!) The day before the sale, strong folks are needed to load plants, tents and tables and drive them to the site. And of course, there are lots of jobs the actual day of the sale. If you wish to volunteer or simply want more information, contact Chet at (530) 885-0201 or chetblackburn@yahoo.com.

Directions to Sierra College

Coming from the foothills, take I-80 to the Rocklin Road Exit. Turn left (going east) onto Rocklin Road. Turn left on to the campus at the third light. (The 3 lights are close together). Then turn into the second driveway. Both the 1st and 2nd driveways come up on you fairly fast. The sale is in the parking lot in front of Sewell Hall, which is the big building with the green roof (Oxidized copper).
Native Plants, Soils, Rocks, and Planet Earth

A look at the broader context for native plants in recognition of Earth Day (April 22nd) and the first annual California Native Plant Week (April 17–23).

by Rachel Teferet and Cindy Rubin

Planet Earth is made up of minerals that, for the most part, combine and recombine to form what we call rocks. The earth’s core and mantle together are approximately 8,000 miles in diameter; the crust on the surface of this ball is 3 miles thick under the oceans and 20–25 miles thick for the continents. Many different kinds of rocks are found within the unique geology of the Sierra Nevada, including all three geological categories:

Igneous rock is formed by cooling magma. Igneous literally means “of fire” in Latin. Examples: granite—a common intrusive rock with a coarse-grained crystalline structure formed below the earth’s surface and now exposed by erosion; gabbro—coarse-grained and dark-colored without quartz, the intrusive equivalent of basalt, rarely seen at the earth’s surface. Basalt, obsidian, cinders, and ash are examples of extrusive materials ejected from volcanoes.

Sedimentary rock forms via sedimentation of particles, usually in bodies of water. Local examples: limestone—a partially soluble rock often used in construction and as a soil conditioner; shale—a rock composed of mud and minerals that often splits into thin sheets.

Metamorphic rock forms from older rocks (igneous or sedimentary) by great heat and pressure or by chemical changes, generally occurring deep within the earth. Local examples: slate—comprised of different minerals (from sedimentary rock), often used as roofing material; serpentine—California’s state rock, green to black with a distinctive waxy appearance (from igneous rock).

In addition to being attractive, rocks serve various purposes in a garden: path surfacing, garden bed borders, and stepping stones. In nature, as well as in a garden, rocks provide special habitat niches: animals such as lizards bask in the sunshine and find places to hide; smaller rocks act as mulch, especially in dry habitats; larger rocks absorb and then radiate heat, creating mini-microclimates. Over geologic time, rocks on and near the surface of the earth weather (decompose) to form the basis of soil.

As would be expected, the various soils derived from weathering of the many different types of rock are themselves unique. The serpentine and gabbro soils in particular represent a special situation. They are high in heavy metal content such as chromium and nickel and deficient in the calcium, nitrogen, and phosphorus required for plant growth; hence, they tend to prohibit the growth of many plant species (including most of the non-native weeds). As a result they have developed a unique flora capable of withstanding those conditions better than other plants. Because of the unusual soil chemistry, these habitats may contain unique or rare plants.

The Demo Garden has clay loam soil—Aiken series soil derived from and underlain by cobbly andesitic tuff.
and conglomerate known as the Mehrten formation. It is volcanic rock that erupted onto much of the upland surface of the western Sierra Nevada area during the past 10 million years or so, prior to the uplifting of the Sierra as the mountain range that we know today. The volcanic ash and sands of the Mehrten formation cap remnants of the gently sloping west flank of the Sierra Nevada, perching on drainage divides between modern stream valleys. The Mehrten formation is the impermeable layer that underlies the shallow soil of the special wildflower area of Hell’s Half Acre in Grass Valley and areas of the lower west edge of the Sierra foothills, making the very special and specialized vernal pool habitat possible. A good place to view the Mehrten formation locally is one of the road cuts along Highway 20 east of Nevada City as it climbs up onto Harmony Ridge.

In some areas of the Demonstration Garden we are blessed to have a deep, intact layer of heavy loam topsoil. In other areas, we have clay loam subsoil at the surface, the result of grading the property. We are experimenting with adding a thin layer of topsoil (rescued from the parking lot extension project in 2009 and leftover from planting out rescued plants) over some of the exposed subsoil, in addition to the use of mulches, such as pine needles, oak leaves, and small wood chips. We have found that the addition of as little as half an inch to an inch of topsoil over an area of exposed subsoil makes a noticeable improvement in the friability of the upper layer of subsoil within a season.

**Native garden spring and summer flowers**

Whiteleaf Manzanita (Arctostaphylos viscidula ssp. viscidula) was the first species to bloom in the Demonstration Garden, starting in late February, followed shortly by Western Bitter-cress (Cardamine oligosperma). Early-season wildflowers are of special importance to our native, nectar-eating pollinators, such as Anna’s Hummingbird, which lives year-round in our area—the only hummingbird species that does. Manzanita is Spanish for “little apple,” referring to the shape of the berries. “A cider can be made by crushing the berries, ripe or green, scalding with an equal volume of water, and allowing the solids to settle. The berries may also be dried.” (A Sierra Nevada Flora, Norman F. Weeden, 1986.)

Next to bloom (starting late in March to early April) are two species of bulbs, Sierra Fawn Lily (Erythronium multiscapoideum) and Blue Dicks (Dichostemma capitatum ssp. capitatum), newly rescued Indian or Miner’s Lettuce (Claytonia parviflora ssp. parviflora) and buttercup (Ranunculus sp.). Western Blue Flax (Linum lewisii), Prettyface (Triteleia ixioides var. scabra), Fivespot (Nemophila maculata), Chinese Houses (Collinsia heterophylla), Bush Lupine (Lupinus albilfrons var. albilfrons), poppies (Eschscholzia sp.), and cool-season grasses—Purple Needlegrass (Nassella pulchra), Lemmon’s Needlegrass (Achnatherum lemmomii), and Fescues (Festuca spp.)—will start blooming later in April to May. Later in May on into June, they will be joined by Woolly Sunflower (Eriophyllum lanatum var. achillaeoides), Dwarf and Slender Madias (Madia minima, M. gracilis), Checkerbloom (Sidalcea malvaeflora ssp. asprella), Western Morning Glory (Calystegia occidentalis ssp. occidentalis), Gay Penstemon (Penstemon laetus), and Deerbrush (Ceanothus integerrimus). As we move into

Demonstration Garden back trail with rock edging. Cindy Rubin, Harmony Works

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Living Wild
by Julie Becker

When we think about environmental dilemmas, it’s easy to feel grim. But common wisdom tells us, rather than dwelling on a problem, be part of the solution. This is what Alicia Funk did when she and Karin Kaufman created their new eco-friendly guidebook: Living Wild: Gardening, Cooking and Healing with Native Plants of the Sierra Nevada.

By offering landscaping advice, gourmet food recipes and plant medicine remedies, the book invites people to become actively engaged in the natural world. “As advocates of a sustainable lifestyle,” Chet Blackburn writes, “the authors make a compelling case for the wider use of native plants in our daily lives, and they provide detailed information on how to do it in an entertaining and organized manner. Who knew you could make sugar, crackers, cider, muffins and utensils all out of our native Manzanita?”

This active and enjoyable engagement inevitably leads to a strong sense of place and love of the land. According to Julie Carville, “When we learn about native plants by growing them in our own backyards and harvesting them for food, medicines and other uses, we gain a deeper sense of truly belonging in the environment where we live.”

The more we feel connected to the land, the more we want to preserve the beauty around us. On a somber note, the reference section of Living Wild includes an extensive list of threatened Sierra native plants compiled by Aaron Sims, rare plant botanist with the California Native Plant Society. There are already three plants native to the Sierra Nevada that are presumed extinct and over 100 that are rare and endangered. Living Wild does not advocate collecting plants from the wild. Instead, it provides multiple reasons to grow and cultivate native plants in our own gardens and yards.

Living Wild is illustrated with vibrant color photographs. Redbud board member Karen Callahan photographed the 90 native plant species featured in the gardening section and board member Brad Carter shares the beauty of his garden on the back cover of the book.

In an ongoing conservation effort, 100 percent of Living Wild book profits will be donated to environmental and cultural preservation in the Sierra Nevada.

The book is available at local, independent stores. For more information, visit www.flickerpress.com or contact Julie@flickerpress.com.
The Importance of Volunteering

CNPS is a volunteer organization, and we never seem to have enough volunteers to carry out all our objectives. At the present time several board positions are open (see the list of board positions). Two of them are elected positions, President and Treasurer. It is important that all these positions be filled so that our organization can run smoothly and so that all our objectives can be met. Plus we recently created two “Board Member At Large” positions for people who want to be voting members of the board with a minimum of responsibilities. We also need volunteers for plant sales, putting up posters, doing plant surveys, keeping an eye on sensitive areas, rescuing plants, helping with restoration projects, and just being on-call for special projects.

If you are even slightly interested in volunteering, please contact Roger (265-4173) or Bill (265-8040). We could sure use your help!

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Board Meetings

The Redbud Board will meet on Wednesday, May 25, and Wednesday, July 27. All members of the Redbud Chapter are invited to attend. Please contact Roger (265-4173) or Bill (265-8040) for the meeting places and times.
Welcome
New Redbud Members

Christopher Bilham
Cecily Mui
Sarah Phillips
Elaine Phillips
Bernell Scott
Pamela Sparks
Carol Thompson

And many thanks to our loyal renaming members!

Request For Information From
Long Time Loyal CNPS Members

CNPS seeks to update its database with the original join dates for long time Redbud members, so your support and participation can be properly acknowledged. Members listed below please contact Joan Jernegan (jernegan95602@wildblue.net) with best estimate of join date:

Everett Butts
Julie Carville
Constance Chadwick
Robert Chesney
Glen & Nathalie Cooley
Anne Davis
Barry Friesen
Beth Gaydos
David & Jamie Lynne Magney
E.P. & Amy McElhany
Susan Sanders
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William Stack
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James & Harriet S. Wilson

July, there will be Common Madia (Madia elegans), Yarrow (Achillea millefolium), Soap Plant (Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. pomeridianum), Sanborn’s Onion, (Allium sanbornii var. sanbornii), and assorted brodiaeas (Brodiaea spp.).

Many new plant species have been added to the garden through the fall and winter as seed, bulbs, and plants. Some of them—Ground Iris (Iris macrosiphon), Yellow Cat’s Ear (Calochortus monophyllus), and Sticky Cinquefoil (Potentilla gladulosa)—may bloom this year. If we are lucky, some of the rescued Humboldt Lilies (Lilium humboldtii ssp. humboldtii) will grace the Demo Garden with their showy spotted orange flowers at the end of June into the first week of July. Watch for the new additions as you stroll around the garden.

Demonstration Garden Tours

All tours meet by the upper, east (closest to the store) corner of the Demo Garden (future picnic area). Rain (beyond light sprinkles) will cancel a tour.

Early Season
Sunday, April 17th, 2:00 PM
Come out during the first annual California Native Plant Week to see the early season flowers in the Demo Garden. Weather permitting, this will include the charming Sierra Fawn Lily.

Mid Season
Sunday, June 5th, 4:00 PM
Come see and learn a bit about the flowers of peak spring bloom in the Demo Garden.

Later Season
Thursday, July 7th, 7:00 PM
Come see the Humboldt Lilies, if we are lucky enough to have them bloom their first year in their new home.

Wish List

• Manzanita wood, branches 3 inches or more across the base for a screening panel in the shade structure. We are looking for that which has been or needs to be cut for fire safety or similar concerns.
• Rocks, especially larger rocks and slate, that need a home (that can’t stay where they are) and a geologist/geology student to help identify rocks.
• Excess native plants in sizes that are transplantable, primarily shrubs and perennials.

For more information, to volunteer, or to donate: Cindy, crubin@nccn.net, 273-1816
Redbud Chapter
Calendar of Coming Events

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