February Meeting and Program

*California Native Trees for Home Landscapes In the Central Sierra Nevada*

Presenter: Jennie Haas  
February 1st, 6pm  
Tuolumne County Library meeting room, 480 Greenley Rd., Sonora

The bark beetle epidemic in 2015 and 2016 gave rise to a desire to find native trees to replace those lost in home landscapes. This presentation will focus on the native tree species of the Central Sierra Nevada foothills that would make good replacements for the water-wise and fire-wise home.

Despite its name, Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*) is a California native tree. Photo: © 2017 Zoya Akulova

Oregon ash leaf. Photo: © 2017 Zoya Akulova

California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*) flowers are very fragrant. Photo: © 2009 Barry Breckling

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**CALENDAR**

**Thursday, February 1st**: Member Meeting & Program 6:00pm  
**Location**: Tuolumne County Library Meeting Room, 480 Greenley Road, Sonora, 95370

**February 3rd**: Field Trip Planning Meeting, Noon to 3:00pm  
**Location**: Tuolumne County Library Meeting Room, 480 Greenley Road, Sonora, 95370

Check for updates to our website: [www.sierrafoothillscnps.org](http://www.sierrafoothillscnps.org)
Volunteers Needed to Fill Chapter Vacancies

The success of organizations such as ours, is completely based in the participation of its members contributing to various activities and endeavors. The level of volunteerism in our chapter has been dropping steadily over the past decade, except for the number of field trip leaders and the turnout to help at plant sales, which have remained fairly steady for years.

We are at a point where we need to have more members come forward and be active at our Chapter Board level or we risk having to reduce our activities or stop member benefits such as the Shooting Star newsletter in order to continue the activities and services that each of the currently active board members signed on to do. We have a small core of board members who step up and take care of the majority of Chapter activities, often well beyond the duties of their positions. We could really use some help. Please consider taking on one of the following positions:

Chapter President
Vice President Amador County
Newsletter Editor
Program Committee Chair
Publicity Coordinator
Hospitality Coordinator (this is a task-oriented position and not a voting member of the Chapter Board)

To volunteer or for more information about the positions contact Jennie Haas, 209-962-4759, jhaas953@gmail.com.

Field Trips

The annual field trip planning meeting will be held Saturday, February 3rd, noon to 3pm, at the Tuolumne County Library meeting room, 480 Greenley Rd., Sonora. This meeting is open to all who wish to participate in planning the field trip schedule for 2018. Please consider this your invitation to help. If you want to lead a field trip or have ideas to suggest but don’t want to attend the meeting, contact Jennie Haas with your ideas, jhaas953@gmail.com or 209-962-4759.

Did you know that the state CNPS organization website has information about native plant gardening?
http://www.cnps.org/cnps/grownative/
Chapter to Host State CNPS Chapter Council June Quarterly Meeting

It’s been quite a few years since we last hosted the state CNPS organization’s quarterly Chapter Council meeting. We were contacted late last year with a request from the state organization to take a turn hosting their June meeting. The meetings circulate among chapter areas, thereby giving local chapters the opportunity to showcase the local botanical attributes of the chapter areas. We’ll be offering Council delegates several field trips which will be open to our chapter members. We’ll also have a Saturday evening dinner and speaker, also open to chapter members.

As of press time, the meeting is scheduled for June 8-10 with a location to be determined. We are putting together a planning committee and will be looking for volunteers to help on the weekend of the meeting. If you are interested in helping with the planning contact Jennie Haas at 209-962-4759, jhaas953@gmail.com. We’ll call for volunteers for the weekend of the meeting in later newsletters.

Workshops at Chico State Herbarium

Friends of the Chico State Herbarium are offering two identification workshops where participants can learn how to key out species of manzanita or lichens. *Identifying Lichens to Genus* will be taught by lichen expert Tom Carlberg on Saturday, April 14, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. This workshop will focus on identifying to genus the lichens of the lower Sierra Nevada/Cascade foothills. *Introduction to Keying Manzanitas (Arctostaphylos, Ericaceae)* will be taught by authors Tom Parker and Mike Vasey on Saturday, April 21, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The class will focus on key taxonomic characters and some background context on manzanita evolution, distribution patterns, and ecology. Keying will be emphasized. For more information, go to [http://www.friendsofthechicostateherbarium.com/eventsviewcalendar/](http://www.friendsofthechicostateherbarium.com/eventsviewcalendar/).

Looking ahead: the March 1 Program will be Medicinal Native Plants with Laureen Campana, 6pm, Tuolumne County Library.

Bitterroot (*Lewisia rediviva*) from the Red Hills field trip, 2009. Photo: Jennie Haas
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