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Mimulus filicaulis located during Anderson Valley/Big Grizzly Peak Field Trip on May 27, 2017. Photo: Barry Breckling



Judy Breckling and Doug Krajnovich admiring Hetch Hetchy monkeyflowers. Anderson Valley/Big Grizzly Peak Field Trip on May 27, 2017. Photo: Jennie Haas

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CNPS “GARDENING WITH NATIVES” SYMPOSIUM

Our fabulous fall symposium is just around the corner – all day on **Saturday, September 9**. You won't want to miss it. All we need is a little help from some of you to help this symposium run smoothly.

Volunteers are needed on Sat., Sept. 9, to help with various tasks such as registration, book sales, food service, and cleanup. We will also need people to help set up late afternoon of the day before. All will take place at the fairgrounds in Sonoma. In return for volunteering, you will be eligible for 50% off your registration fee and the opportunity to be of service to your organization!

Please contact Val Myrick, vkmy-

rick@pacbell.net, 209-533-3193, to volunteer.

You must be confirmed as a volunteer in order to receive the nice discount.

Thank you to Doug Krajnovich for volunteering to update and manage our Chapter website!!

MEETING HIATUS

Reminder that there will be no monthly meetings in the summer (June-August). The Shooting Star Newsletter will still be delivered to your inbox. Keep an eye out for updates on September's Native Plant Symposium!

CALENDAR OF CNPS EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE!!

POSTPONED! June 24 – Bell Meadow. Leader: Jennie Haas. Hiking level: moderate.

July 27 (tentative date) – Carson Pass Area. Leader: Bob Dean. Hiking Level: strenuous due to the very high elevation. RSVP required in case of date change.

July 29 – Rare Plant Treasure Hunt, Rare Plants of Glacier Point Road Meadows. Leaders: Peggy Moore and Alison Colwell. Hiking level: easy to moderate.

More information on Field Trips (Page 2)

If you change your mailing or e-mail address, be sure to send a note to Jennie Haas. This will keep your newsletter on time!

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Field Trips

Of the May 20th *Mimulus* field trip to the Evergreen Road area, Barry Breckling reports the following. “A small group of intrepid flower hunters braved an unusually warm May day and a baffling variety of wildflowers in search of Monkeyflowers. In the end, they identified about 70 plant species, and the most exciting part of the trip was being guided by leader Lynn Robertson, who helped us bag nine monkeyflower species! We found most of the monkeyflower species on one small rocky slope just west of the Hetch Hetchy entrance to Yosemite. Lynn showed us a yet to be officially described new species (for now named *Mimulus crackicola*). As most of you know, monkeyflowers were somewhat recently moved from the Figwort family (Scrophulariaceae) to the Lopseed family (Phrymaceae), and it seems that more monkeyflower changes are on the horizon. In California, all monkeyflowers that have been in the genus *Mimulus* (with the exception of one disjunct species) will be moved to genera such as *Diplacus*, *Erythranthe*, and *Mimetanthe*.” Thank you for your report, Barry. And thank you for leading this awesome field trip, Lynn!



Mimulus crackicola, a new species yet to be described officially, May 20, 2017. Photo: Barry Breckling

The May 27th field trip to Anderson Valley and Big Grizzly Peak turned out to be a nice day with a whopping 94 species in bloom. We did have to search for some of the flowers since we were a little past the peak bloom period for the area but we did catch the Congdon's woolly sunflower (*Eriophyllum congdonii*) and the Hetch Hetchy monkeyflower (*Mimulus filicaulis*) in bloom. They were both quite cheery in their sunny locations on the rocky slopes. We also saw skullcap (*Scutellaria siphocampyloides*), ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*), Dudley's clarkia (*Clarkia dudleyana*) and some unusually late blooming Kellogg's monkeyflower (*Mimulus kelloggii*).

For all field trips: bring lunch, water, sunscreen and appropriate clothing and footwear. Hiking level varies with each trip. Your trip will be enhanced by bringing field guides and magnifying lenses, although these are optional. Carpooling is encouraged. Call ahead if the weather looks iffy. Check http://www.twitter.com/SIE_CNPS for updates. Our field trips are open to everyone. Bring a friend or two. It is Chapter policy that pets are not allowed on our field trips. We appreciate everyone's adherence to this policy.

June 24 – Bell Meadow: POSTPONED. Due to road issues, it will not be possible to access Bell Meadow on June 24th. We'll monitor the Forest Service's progress on clearing and repairing the roads. Hopefully we'll be able to work in a day there sometime this summer. Request to be added to the Field Trip e-mail List to receive updates. For more information or to be added to the Field Trip e-mail List, contact Jennie at jhaas953@gmail.com, 209-962-4759.

July 27 (tentative date) – Carson Pass Area. Leader: Bob Dean. Hiking Level: strenuous due to the very high elevation. The destination of this Thursday hike will be a small meadow with a lot of native plants. The hike starts at about 8,000 feet elevation and rises to about 9,000 feet, with a lot to stop and see along the way including ancient junipers, beautiful scenery and plenty of wildflowers in the snowmelt-fed runnels. **RSVPs are necessary** in case the date needs to be changed due to a lingering snow pack and to coordinate meeting place and time. To RSVP or for more information, contact Bob at goldrushdean@yahoo.com, or 209-754-5887.

July 29 – Rare Plant Treasure Hunt, Rare Plants of Glacier Point Road Meadows. Leaders: Peggy Moore and Alison Colwell. Hiking level: easy to moderate, depending upon participant preference, but including some off-trail hiking. Glacier Point Road has provided tourists access to the famous overlook of Half Dome since the 1880s. The greater bounty, however, has since been enjoyed by botanists, who have relished the easy access to the diverse plant communities of the red fir zone and the lush wet meadows of this granitic upland. The botanical rewards are many, as this area was largely unglaciated during the recent Tioga Glaciation and is thus a refugium, including for several CNPS-listed species. We are likely to see Bolander's clover (*Trifolium bolanderi*), Yosemite Ivesia (*Ivesia unguiculata*), and Yosemite bog-orchid (*Platanthera yosemitensis*). We may split into small groups to visit multiple meadow sites to census populations of one or more rare species. Note that an entry fee to Yosemite NP of \$30 is required. **Please sign up** so that updates and directions can be sent and car-pools arranged. For more information and to sign-up, contact Peggy at 209-966-5728 or pemoore4@gmail.com.



Clarkia dudleyana located during Anderson Valley/Big Grizzly Peak Field Trip on May 27, 2017. Photo: Jennie Haas

-- Jennie Haas, Field Trip and Membership Coordinator

Gardening With Natives Symposium

By now you have received a copy of the brochure and registration form for the September 9th Gardening with Natives symposium. This should be a very good way to spend your day – listening to knowledgeable experts on subjects such as what native plants will be good for a water-wise garden or attracting pollinators, what native trees are suitable for our area, and what things we should consider in planning our resilient landscapes into the future.

We'll accept mail in registration through September 1st. After that, registration will be accepted at the door. If you would like to volunteer to help at the symposium for a reduced registration cost, contact Val Myrick, vkmyrick@pacbell.net, 209-533-3193. For more information about the symposium or to receive a copy of the brochure, contact Nancy Piekarczyk, nanpiekarczyk@gmail.com, 510-816-0132.

-- Jennie Haas, Symposium Planning Committee



Ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*) with a ladybug pollinator during Anderson Valley/Big Grizzly Peak Field Trip on May 27, 2017. Photo: Jennie Haas



Flowers and Folk. In Search of Monkeyflowers Field Trip on May 20, 2017. Photo: Barry Breckling



Scutellaria siphocampyloides located during Anderson Valley/Big Grizzly Peak Field Trip on May 27, 2017. Photo: Jennie Haas

CRITICAL NEED FOR A NEW TREASURER

We have a critical need for a volunteer to step forward and take on the role of Treasurer. This member of the Chapter Board of Directors manages the budget, pays the bills and reports on the account balances to the board once per month. Contact Bob Dean, (209) 754-5887, goldrushdean@yahoo.com if you are interested.

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