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Board and Volunteer Positions – Step right up!!

Newsletter Editor Our editor Cara Wilcox has resigned due to family needs. Thanks for all your work, Cara! Hence this “bare bones” newsletter. If you are interested in copy-editing and layout and have strong organizational skills, this is a sweet position. Issues come out every other month. Others, generally other board members, provide the content (and you can write articles if you want, too). Two Adobe InDesign templates are available or you can do it your way. I’ll help you learn the ropes. Contact Jackie Pascoe: countrymoosie@gmail.com.

Plant Sale Chairperson Karen Hildebrand is retiring after ten years service in her role as Plant Sale Co-Chairperson. Huge thanks to Karen! This role needs a person to manage the sale event, twice a year. For more information, contact Karen: karenhildebrand@cruzio.com.

Extra Volunteer Help Needed for October 15 Sale! In the meantime – we need a little extra help.

Scheduling: Can you do the phoning and scheduling for the plant sale? You do not need to be a botanist, just have time in the evenings in September to call about thirty regular volunteers (and maybe there’ll be a few newbies too). Karen Hildebrand will meet and give you all the necessary information for this job. (We already have a volunteer to do all the needed errands beforehand.)

Friday site preparation: We need to help the Arboretum crew to spiff up the sale site (rake etc.) on Friday Oct 14, the day before the sale. Contact Karen: karenhildebrand@cruzio.com.

Bookseller Cindy Hudson is also retiring for personal reasons. She provided us with a great selection of books and managed the sales end of things with aplomb. Bookseller buys books, stores them, brings them to meetings and plant sales, sets them out and sells them. Also keeps an eye open for interesting new books to sell. It’s a great job, Cindy says. For more details, contact Cindy: cindy@centralcoastwilds.com.

Chapter General Meeting—Stephen McCabe, Speaker

UCSC Arboretum Meeting Hall, September 12 at 7:30 pm

Conservation of Liveforevers: Threats and New Species: Stephen McCabe will show photos of *Dudleya* (aka liveforevers) and other native plants. The liveforevers are succulents that have diversified primarily in California and Baja California and their off-shore islands. Steve will also show other wildflowers that grow near the liveforevers. Many of the liveforevers are naturally uncommon and have become endangered due to development along the coast and to recreational activities occurring within their habitats. Four or more species that are not yet named will be shown. He will also offer information about how to grow the native succulents in local gardens.

Stephen McCabe has been a CNPS Board Member since 1985, focusing especially on sandhills conservation. Currently Emeritus Director of Research, Stephen worked for 30 years at the UCSC Arboretum. Stephen is preparing several research manuscripts about *Dudleya* and has presented programs at several international symposia. He has written about gardening with native plants for several publications. His efforts to plan restoration of endangered species have been profiled in a cover story of Science News:

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/climbing-high-save-threatened-west-coast-plant>

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Deadline for next newsletter: October 15

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Events

Chapter General Meeting, September 12 at 7:30 pm. Conservation of Liveforevers: Threats and New Species, a talk by Stephen McCabe. In the UCSC Arboretum Meeting Hall.

Keying Club – this session cancelled: Sorry – there’s a scheduling conflict. Catch you next time!

Chapter Plant Sale, Saturday October 15, Eucalyptus Grove at the Arboretum, alongside the Arboretum Plant Sale. Members can shop early at 10 am. General public from 12 noon – 4 pm. Mark your calendars for another great fall plant sale – the plants have never looked better! Check your mailbox soon for the flyer!

Restoration Group - Linda Brodman: Learn about the natural systems that surround us while helping to restore special and wild places in Santa Cruz County. Ages 8 to 80 welcome! Dress in layers and bring work gloves, a drink, and enthusiasm! Check cruzcnp.org for details closer to the date or contact Linda: 831.462.4041, or redwdrn@pacbell.net.

- **Saturday, August 27, 10 am to 1 pm:** BLM's Coast Dairies Management Area.
- **Saturday, September 24, 10 am to 1 pm:** Location to be determined.

18th Annual Central California Invasive Weed Symposium – October 6, 2016: Morning talks, afternoon field trips. Continuing Education credits available. For more information: www.cciws.org. Our chapter is a sponsor for this event! The location is: Carpenters Union Hall, 910 2nd Ave, Marina, CA 93033.

Field Trips - Deanna Giuliano: Not scheduled yet. Check cruzcnp.org for late updates. Carpooling is encouraged, but not CNPS sponsored. Bring water, layers, sunscreen, hat and a lunch. Contact Deanna Giuliano: drosegiuliano@yahoo.com or call 831.355.4902.

Volunteer at the UCSC Herbarium: Thursdays 9:30 am till noon. Carpool from PetSmart parking lot at 9:15 am. Preparing plant collections is important work! Contact Al Keuter: akeuter@gmail.com.