General Membership Meeting & Elections

What are we doing up there?

Jim Velzy

January 14, 2013
Speaker 7:30 pm
UCSC Arboretum Horticulture Building

Jim Velzy will give a talk on the restoration efforts taking place at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) Greenhouses on Science Hill. UCSC Greenhouses primarily support the campus community, but are open from 9 am to 3 pm every weekday throughout the year to the general public. Jim will discuss current restoration projects supported by the greenhouses, going into depth on local flora propagation and placement in the landscape.

Jim Velzy is a native New Yorker who received a Bachelor’s of Science degree from Cornell in 1983, and worked as a commercial grower for eight years before joining the UCSC campus in 1991. Jim is the Director of UCSC Greenhouses which has three greenhouse facilities on the rooftops of three science buildings in the center of the UCSC campus.

Elections for the Board of Directors

Nearly every year there are changes in the Chapter’s Board of Directors, whether due to relocation, excessive busy-ness, or other temptations of life.

Kevin Collins is joining the Conservation Committee. Kevin will monitor the County Planning Agendas and alert us of proposed projects that may need to be evaluated for habitat issues. We are developing a strong committee in order to attract a botanist or equivalent to be Chair, without them needing to do all the work.

Kris is stepping down from her post as Secretary, which she has ably performed for several years. I would like to find a replacement Newsletter editor, one who would bring it a bit more visual appeal. It’s possible that Jenn will be migrating to other areas at some point during the year; if so the Membership and Book Sales positions will open up.

If a position interests you, contact one of the current Board members for more information.

The nominees include:

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OPEN: Secretary, Conservation Chair, Field Trips, Newsletter? Book Sales?

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.
Natural History Field Trip
Series with Randall Morgan

Come with legendary local naturalist Randall Morgan assisted by renowned weed warrior Ken Moore to selected hot spots in the Santa Cruz area and learn about some of nature's little known wonders. These walks will cover all aspects of natural history including botany, birds, bugs, biogeography, general ecology, conservation, habitat restoration, ethnobotany, wild foods, the native/non-native issue, natural succession, land management/restoration/enhancement (plus common mistakes and misconceptions), gardening ideas, how to "read" landscapes, and more!

To sign up for a trip, RSVP to Ken Moore, ken@wildwork.org Be sure to put the date of the trip in the subject line, and provide your name, if it is not in your email address. The number of attendees is limited, and spaces will be reserved in the order received. You will receive an email notification of your status.

Ending times for trips are an estimate; they sometimes run longer.
Please wear clothing that will not attract stickers, and make sure you are free of any weed seeds before coming.

These field trips are being provided to you at no cost, thanks in part to our sponsors and other contributors. Your donations are needed to continue offering this incomparable opportunity.

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For more about Randall Morgan: http://scicom.ucsc.edu/publications/essays-profiles-pages/profile-rozendal.html

Saturday January 5  10:00 to 12:00
Bonny Doon Reserve
We will see 4 species of manzanitas, hopefully around peak of flowering, all glorious and honey-scented and abuzz with speedy early bumblebee queens and nectar-thieving andrenid bees and hummingbirds and cool giant syrphid flies, also possibility of special winter birds like crossbills or red-breasted nuthatches or ????: back in the 60's we even had an influx of Clarke's nutcrackers! (we can’t promise that or any, really, but who knows?). Will concentrate on the “racetrack” area which is quickly regrowing with ponderosa pines and Santa Cruz cypresses and perfect manzanitas, and also has undoubtedly the most magnificent live-oak to be seen around here. Limit 15 people. We'll cancel if it rains.

We'll meet at 10:00 at the Bonny Doon Fire Station on Martin Road.

Saturday February 23  10:00 to 12:00
Branciforte Creek
Reprise of our inaugural walk, a leisurely half-riparian, half-urban stroll, this time at the freshest most verdant moment of the year. We will follow the creek from its concrete-channeled lower end to a pleasantly untrammeled stretch, with interesting backyards on the other side the whole way, then back via Market Street neighborhoods with all sorts of interesting highlights along the way. No end of things to interest a lover of plants. Limit 15 people. We'll cancel if it rains.

We'll meet at 10:00 at the Santa Cruz Senior Center, 222 Market St.

Plant Checklist To Be Updated

The Flora committee has been busy working on the second edition of An Annotated Checklist of the Vascular Plants of Santa Cruz County, California. We are almost out of copies of the first (2005) edition. The update will use the names used in the current version of The Jepson Manual, and include the latest data from the field.

We hope to have the new edition available later this year.

Plant Keying Club Takes a Break

Please note: there will not be any plant keying or mystery plant identification sessions before this month's meeting.
Winter Field Trips

Christian Schwarz had originally offered an outing last winter, as a followup to his presentation at the January 2012 public meeting. Last winter’s dry spell, and consequent limited showing of mushrooms, forced a cancellation of the field trip. This year is already shaping up better, so here’s your chance to explore with Christian in the field.

As always, check the website for trips scheduled too late for this newsletter: www.cruzcnps.org/events2.html

Sunday January 26, 10 AM – 1 PM
Fungus of Nisene Marks State Park
with Christian Schwarz

RSVP requested.

This amazing redwood forest is home to a great diversity of some of our most beautiful and little-known fungi. The Waxy Caps (Hygrocybe spp.) are especially well represented here, as are the pink-spored Entoloma, as well as the Agaricaceae (Agaricus, Lepiota, Cystolepiota, Leucoagaricus). The mycota is like no other place in Santa Cruz county, and is more reminiscent of the far north coast. We will visit old-growth redwoods, large tanoaks, and tall oak groves. A deeply cut ravine with steep rock walls and moss-hung bigleaf maples bisects the lower part of this park, making for very picturesque vistas from the trestle bridge. This area encompasses the epicenter of the famous Loma Prieta earthquake!

The hike will be one to two miles, easy to mildly strenuous, mostly flat with slight uphill slope over a long distance.

Meet at the trestle bridge inside Nisene Marks State Park at 10AM, (or at 9:30AM outside the park). The bridge is ust before the winter gate, which will be closed, and the end of the drive. Parking is available just before the bridge, mostly on the right side of the road as you come in.

Things to bring: A sweater (it gets cool in there!), a snack, and a notebook and/or camera. There is an $8/car day use fee, so bring a parks pass or be prepared with cash. You may wish to meet other carpoolers outside the park at 9:30, in the big dirt lot next to the bike shop, to arrange carpools, and share the entrance fee. Meet on the right-hand side of the road, at the far end of the lot, as you head into the park. Carpools are voluntary, and not CNPS-sponsored/insured.

RSVP Christian Schwarz, cfs.myko@gmail.com or 831-435-9918

New Member Welcome!

We are delighted to introduce our newest members:

Colin Lovett
Justin Davilla
Alexandria Simons
Murias O’Ceallagh

Renew Online

You can renew your CNPS membership online using a credit card. It is also possible to set it up to renew automatically. It is quick, easy, convenient, and reduces renewal mailing costs.

Go to www.cnps.org and click on Join/Renew.

Habitat Restoration Team

We are a volunteer group working to restore native habitat in the parks and protected lands in Santa Cruz County. Our program provides an opportunity for people to learn about the natural systems that surround them while helping to restore special and wild places. No prior work experience is necessary, just show up at the park.

We welcome individual volunteers from 8 to 80 years, as well as special group projects. Wear comfortable layered clothing, bring something to drink, and lots of enthusiasm! We work rain or shine, but if things get particularly unpleasant, we call it a day. Tools provided; bring gloves.

Linda Brodman 831.462.4041, redwdrn@pacbell.net

As always you can also check out www.cruzcnps.org

January 5, 2013    10 am to 1 pm
Gray Whale Ranch State Park

January 12, 2013    10 am to 1 pm
Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

January 26, 2013    10 am to 1 pm
Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

February 9, 2013    10 am to 1 pm
Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

February 23, 2013    10 am to 1 pm
Quail Hollow Ranch County Park
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