General Membership Meeting

Natural Wonders of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park.
Fred McPherson

November 14, 2011
Plant Keying Session 5:00 pm
Speaker Presentation 7:30 pm
UCSC Arboretum Horticulture Building

Biologist and naturalist Fred McPherson has produced a new video about the many diverse natural communities of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. It tells a story of remarkable animal life, rare native plants, geology and spectacular landscapes throughout the seasons, as captured over a five year period.

The presentation was well received by the docents of Henry Cowell. In addition to being featured in the park store for the holidays, the video will be available at the UCSC book store, and will be offered to the 2012 Santa Cruz Film Festival.

Long-time county resident Fred McPherson has a Ph.D. in General Studies in Human Ecology, as well as Teaching and Biology degrees. He has taught classes at many institutions, including the UCSC Environmental Studies Department. His CNPS background includes past terms as Chapter President. He remains on the Board, and most recently has been expanding on his commitment to education by creating video projects.

Please come and enjoy yourself in a tour of the features of Henry Cowell.

The Santa Cruz CNPS Keying Club
Monday November 14 from 5-7PM
Just before the General meeting at the UCSC Arboretum Horticulture Building.

Our chapter is proud to announce a second keying session. Due to the first session’s popularity we will be having another keying club session; we will meet two hours before our general meeting and key native plants. Bring any unknown plants that have been bothering you or we will provide plants. Our focus this time will be the Salicaceae, which has a way of being difficult at first even though there are only 6 species in the county. Any other plants of interest are welcomed. This is a great way to learn the flora and an exciting opportunity to start learning the 2nd edition of The Jepson Manual.

No experience is necessary. If you have a hand lens, microscope, Flora of the Santa Cruz Mountains, or The Jepson Manual, please bring them with you. Bring a friend too! RSVP is not necessary but recommended for us to plan accordingly.

Contact: Deanna Giuliano drosegiuliano@yahoo.com or 831 335-4902.
CNPS Request for Pogonip EIR Goes Unheeded: Friends of Pogonip Have an Alternative Solution

A year ago CNPS submitted comments to the City of Santa Cruz regarding their proposal to construct a new multi-use trail in the 640 acre Pogonip Greenbelt. We requested that the city prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) based on the project’s destruction of the state protected grassland known as coastal prairie (among other biological impacts) and the need to amend their own previously approved Pogonip Master Plan EIR. So far it appears the City does not plan to do an EIR but rather submit a revised Mitigated Negative Declaration. We will continue to request that the City do an EIR as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for projects that result in significant and unavoidable impacts to state designated rare habitats and plants.

Part of the value of doing an EIR is that it always includes analysis of alternative projects that allow a given project to either decrease or solve entirely the damage and significant impacts to rare habitats and species. In this particular instance there is a non EIR solution that could be a ready-made win-win solution for the City. A volunteer group called the “Friends of the Pogonip” has been organized to protect Pogonip and keep it bike free. They are circulating a petition asking the City to reject the current proposal for a new multi-use trail through Pogonip and to work instead with the County of Santa Cruz to explore a superior route for a rail trail – open to bicyclists and pedestrians – adjacent to the Big Trees Railroad Tracks from Harvey West through the Pogonip. This route would provide excellent connections to Henry Cowell State Park and the University Connector Trail at the northern end of Pogonip. For more information go to www.PogonipWatch.org/.

Pre-Publication Discount On The New Jepson Manual - 20% Off

The second edition of The Jepson Manual, Vascular Plants of California, thoroughly updates this acclaimed work, the single most comprehensive resource on California's amazingly diverse flora. The second edition integrates the latest science with the results of intensive fieldwork, institutional collaboration, and efforts of hundreds of contributing authors into an essential reference on California's native and naturalized vascular plants. This update includes treatments of many newly described or discovered taxa and recently introduced plants, and reflects major improvements to plant taxonomy from phylogenetic studies.

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Late Fall Field Trips
Our ever-active field trip organizer would like to get some help or to pass the baton onto a successor. If you know of anyone, training is provided, and one gets to meet really fun people! Call or email Ellen 831-750-2365  ellen@centralcoastwilds.com
The field trips offered by the Santa Clara Valley chapter can be found at:

Native Willows of Santa Cruz County
Saturday Nov 19, 1-3pm
With only six species to deal with, this shouldn’t be too hard, right? Join Dylan Neubauer, Ellen Holmes and Deanna Giuliano in an exploration of the Salix species of Santa Cruz County. Part I: Tailgate Party: Using collected specimens we will look at vegetative characters (No flowers needed). Bring a hand lens. A key and other handouts will be provided to all who RSVP in a timely fashion. Part II: The intrepid will sally forth, to test their new keys in the river channel. Don’t expect a wildland experience; rivers have a way of collecting the debris of civilization! Meet at 1PM sharp in Santa Cruz, on the levee at the back of the Gateway Plaza shopping center, corner of River St. and Potrero. (At the intersection of Highway 1 and River St, turn towards downtown, then left at the first light into the plaza.) More info/RSVP  ellen@centralcoastwilds.com (831) 684-2363 or Deanna 831-335-4902. Bring willow branches you are hoping to identify - Try to collect mature leaves and next year’s unopened buds. (Non-natives may be ignored.) Wear clothes for bushwhacking, unless you plan to only attend Part I. The descent into the river channel is rough going! We should see the 4 most common (and most commonly misidentified) species. Treasure hunt maps for the 5th and 6th species will be provided for the diehards. Rain cancels.

Fabulous Fall Foliage and Seedlings w/ Bob Hale
Sunday, December 4, 1pm
Join Bob Hale to admire fabulous fall foliage and learn to identify many different seedlings of the coming spring flowers. We will follow the Terrace trail and pass a ridge that has over 60 species of flowering plants. Our return will be alongside Garzas Creek. The hike of about 3 or 4 miles has approximately 600 ft. elevation gain. Arrive early; we depart at 1pm from the Rio Road Park & Ride. Bring a snack and water. Call co-leader, Lynn Bomberger at 375-7777 for a reservation.

Fairytale Fly Agarics of Del Monte Forest w/ Lynn Bomberger
Sunday, December 11, 9:30am
We’ll zig & zag through the serene pine forest of Pebble Beach hoping to find beautiful Fly Agaric mushrooms. If we’re really lucky, we might see an elf or two under them.

Central California Invasive Weed Symposium
Thursday, November 10 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties' Weed Management Area Partners Proudly Present “Movin’ On Up! – Stages and Strategies for Weed Control” at Trackview Pavilion in Salinas.
The conference (once called “War on Weeds”) will provide ample information on weed control through exciting speakers, interactive field expeditions, tool demonstrations, and continuing education credits. For more info and to sign up see cciws2011.eventbrite.com/?ref=invite=2072666401

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. 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.

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

October 29, 2011  10 am to 1 pm
Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

November 5, 2011  10 am to 1 pm
Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

November 19, 2011  10 am to 1 pm
Younger Lagoon, UCSC Natural Reserve

December 3, 2011  10 am to 1 pm
Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

December 17, 2011  10 am to 1 pm
Quail Hollow Ranch County Park
Join the California Native Plant Society!
New members receive a free bag or backpack.

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☐ Student/Limited Income $25  ☐ Individual  $45  ☐ Family, Group or Library $75  ☐ Plant Lover $100  ☐ Patron $300  ☐ Benefactor $600  ☐ Mariposa Lily $1500

All dues and gifts to CNPS are tax deductible.

CNPS is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of California native flora. CNPS has 31 chapters throughout the state and membership is open to all persons – professional and amateur — with an interest in California’s native plants. Members have diverse interests including natural history, botany, ecology, conservation, photography, drawing, hiking, and gardening. Your membership includes Fremontia, a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants; the Bulletin, a statewide report of activities and schedules; and the Cypress Cone.

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