**COMING ACTIVITIES**

**September 22 (Tuesday)**
Chapter program.
Landscaping After the Lawn, see details to right.

**October 3 (Saturday)**
Plant sale.
Twice yearly plant sale. See details to right.

**October 3 (Saturday)**
Garden event.
Grand opening of Sherwood Demonstration Garden created by El Dorado Master Gardeners. See inside for details.

**October 10 (Saturday)**
Workshop.
Fall Harvest: Edible and Medicinal Roots, Bark, and Fruits of California. Workshop hosted by Chico Herbarium. See website for more details: https://www.csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html

**October 14 (Wednesday)**
Workshop.
Rainwater Harvesting & Graywater Use. UC Cooperative Extension. See website for details: http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_Master_Gardeners/Public_Education_Classes/?calitem=283555&g=56698

**November 24 (Tuesday)**
Chapter program.
Problematic and expanding invasive weed problems in the California foothills. See details inside.

Evening programs are held on the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The program begins at 7 PM at the Planning Commission Room, Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville.

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**SEPTEMBER 22ND PROGRAM**

**LANDSCAPING AFTER THE LAWN**

As we dive deeper into the drought, replacing the thirsty lawns that surround us with water-wise alternatives is on more people's minds. At this presentation Karin Kaufman, a landscape architect from Nevada City, will discuss some great options for replacing lawns including grasses that use less water than conventional turf grass, lawn substitutes, converting lawn areas to beds filled with unthirsty, colorful plants, and outdoor living areas. We will also cover how to irrigate efficiently and methods to downsize or remove lawn. Karin Kaufman specializes in sustainable landscape design (http://karinkaufman.net/). She last spoke to a standing-room only audience in Placerville in March 2014 on landscaping with native plants. In light of the ongoing drought, this year’s talk is especially relevant.

This program will be held on September 22. The program begins at 7 PM at the Planning Commission Room, Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville.

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**PLANT SALE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**9 AM TO 1 PM**

Once again it’s time for our twice yearly plant sale. We will be offering a great selection of native and drought tolerant plants that will grow well in our area. Books on gardening with native plants and natural history will also be available for sale. If you are new to gardening with native plants, there will be plenty of experienced gardeners at the sale to answer your questions.

This newsletter includes a list of plants that are likely to be at the sale so that you can plan ahead for your shopping trip. As in recent sales, we will not be taking orders for plants prior to the sale, so make certain you come down when we first open at 9 AM for the best selection. Cash or checks only; all sales are final.

The sale will be held at the El Dorado County Government Center between buildings A and B at 330 Fair Lane, Placerville (across the street from the library).
The Xerces Society has launched a campaign to raise awareness about the essential role that pollinators play in our lives. They are inviting people to TAKE ACTION with four simple steps.

Check out their website for information on pollinators, what they need to survive and what plants can attract them to your yard. They have developed plants lists for many regions in the U.S. including California. Check out these links for more information:

- [http://www.xerces.org/providing-nest-sites-for-pollinators/](http://www.xerces.org/providing-nest-sites-for-pollinators/)

Since 2006, the El Dorado Chapter has led dozens of wildflower walks on summer weekends at beautiful Wrights Lake. This season the Chapter again provided this educational opportunity to the visitors to the Wrights Lake area by conducted seven walks on successive Saturdays from June 27 through August 8, nicely capturing the flowering season. Despite the drought there was an ample display of the variety of flowering plants found in the forest, meadow, and streamside environments that we visited on the one hour walks. Over the years many Chapter members have volunteered to lead walks, and we extend our thanks to this year’s volunteer hike leaders Alice Cantelow, Lester Lubetkin, Mike Taylor and Dee Cern Taylor, Ola Jane Gow, and Cindy Podsiadlo.

Rich Wade
Wright's Lake Trip Coordinator

Flowers provide the nectar and pollen resources that pollinators feed on. Growing the right flowers, shrubs, and trees with overlapping bloom times will support pollinators from spring through fall.

A **home** for growing pollinators is essential. You can leave patches of bare ground and brush piles or install nesting blocks, and plant caterpillar host plants.

**Pesticides** are harmful to pollinators, especially insecticides. Herbicides reduce food sources by removing flowers from the landscape.

Let your friends and neighbors know you’re providing habitat with a **pollinator habitat sign**. You can also sign the **Pollinator Protection Pledge**!

**It’s easy to Bring Back the Pollinators with these four simple steps:**

Information excerpted from the Xerces Society website: [http://www.xerces.org/bringbackthepollinators/](http://www.xerces.org/bringbackthepollinators/)
THE BOOK CORNER

Greetings all. There will be a variety of books for sale at the September meeting with subject matter on gardening with native plants, a reference guide to growing natives, landscape design with natives, a month to month growing guide, butterfly gardening and a few others that you will need to stop by and peruse. Our guest speaker, Karin Kaufman is the co-author of the book, Living Wild and multiple copies will be available for purchase.

On another note; we also have copies of a newly published book, Field Guide to Manzanitas, put out by the Backcountry Press in association with the CNPS North Coast Chapter. It is a straightforward reference guide with sections on location observations, species comparisons, definitive and helpful photos, maps and county by county locations of manzanitas throughout California and other geographic locations as well. Pick up a copy, you won’t be disappointed.

Bonnie East
Books and Poster Chair

GRAND OPENING
SHERWOOD DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

October 3 (9 am to 3 pm) is the Grand Opening of the Sherwood Demonstration Garden, created by the UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County. Situated on property owned by the El Dorado County Office of Education, and constructed with the help of many local groups and thousands of Master Gardener hours. The garden will serve as a teaching tool for our entire community with 16 unique gardens; All Star, Bog, Butterfly, Children’s, Cottage, Japanese, Mediterranean, Native, Orchard, Ornamental Grasses, Perennial, Rock, Rose, Shade, Succulent and Vegetable.

The Sherwood Demonstration Garden is located at 6699 Campus Dr., in Placerville, directly behind the Folsom Lake College – El Dorado Center.

Ordering a Name Tag

Are you a member of the El Dorado Chapter? Have you gone nameless too long? Do you have to play the name game (I remember the face, but the name escapes me) too often during meetings and events? We are trying to solve this problem by putting in an order for chapter name tags: green, with our Calochortus clavatus var. avius. If you would like to order one, the chapter will pay the cost. Cindy Podsiadlo will be taking orders. Send your name as you want it to appear to Cindy at clpodsiadlo@yahoo.com or phone (530) 642-0648 or provide the info during our next meeting. If you have a family membership, please provide both names.

November 24th Program
Problematic and expanding invasive weed problems in the California foothills

Some of the more problematic invasive plants within the foothills of California will be discussed by Dr. DiTomaso, a UC cooperative extension specialist in non-crop weeds. He will emphasize the impacts of invasive plants on wildland ecosystems and native plant communities. The talk will address widespread problems such as yellow starthistle and other thistles, tree-of-heaven, perennial pepperweed, brooms, and others. In addition, new expanding weed problems, including stinkwort and oblong spurge, and their potential expansion and impacts will be discussed. Dr. DiTomaso is Director of the Weed Research and Information Center at UC Davis, past president of the Weed Science Society of America, and senior author of the definitive two-volume guide to “Weeds of California and Other Western States”. To find out more about more about Dr. DiTomaso’s work, see: http://ucanr.edu/?facultyid=537.

This program will be held on Tuesday, November 24, at 7 PM at the Planning Commission Room, Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville. The program is free to both members and the public.

Volunteers!

Your Help is Needed at Plant Sale on October 3

We need help setting up in the morning and assisting throughout the day on Saturday. If you are interested in helping out, Please contact Shellie Perry (530) 644-6335.

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Dedicated to the Preservation of California’s Native Flora

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide nonprofit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California’s native plants. The mission of the Society is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. Membership is open to all.

Membership includes the quarterly journal, *Fremontia*, the quarterly *Bulletin*, which gives statewide news and announcements of Society activities and conservation issues, and the chapter newsletter *Gold Field Notes*. To join, call our main office in Sacramento, (916) 447-2677, or visit www.cnps.org to join online.

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