



### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

By Steven L. Hartman

As I am preparing this edition of TOYON, I am also contemplating the impending end of my long run on the CNPS State board, which began in 1987 when I became president of our chapter. After serving two terms as chapter president, I became a "director at large" of state CNPS, and then became state treasurer in 1996, a position will have served for 12 years when I am termed-out at the end of this year.

My experience in CNPS has been very rewarding. After attending meetings throughout the state, I can truly say I have friends in every part of the state, from Arcata to San Diego, from Bishop to Santa Cruz. After overseeing the finances of our Society I have come to appreciate the stability brought to an organization when it is so generously supported mostly by memberships, as opposed to having to depend solely on large donors or foundations. Having been involved in conservation battles, I truly respect the notion that one should never capitulate to easy compromises, and that perseverance pays off (for example, the battle to save ALL of the Ahmanson Ranch property). When I was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve on the Bureau of Land Management's *California Desert District Advisory Council*, while I was disappointed in the rather old-fashioned views of some of the agency managers, I took solace in the fact that many of the younger agency staffers had a similar world-view as mine, and that someday THEY would be in charge of these agencies. Well, nearly two decades later, THEY are in charge and that bodes well for the environment.

As I think back to my first chapter board meetings, I realize that it is really the people that make CNPS such an excellent organization. And one of the best things that happened to me is that I had a strong mentor when I began writing letters and getting involved. If it weren't for Jo Kitz taking me under her wings (so to speak), I don't think I would have become as effective of an advocate for the environment. Her patience in reviewing my letters and correcting my misconceptions was incredibly valuable.

So, as I began a new leaf in my participation in CNPS, I hope that I will have the opportunity to mentor some enthusiastic volunteer who wants to make a difference in his or her local community, region or state. There are many possible avenues for participation in our chapter, whether it is in the conservation realm, public outreach (web, newsletter, YouTube videos!), plant sale helper or even finances. Our chapter really needs an influx of youthful energy right about now, so if you want to take advantage of such an opportunity, please contact me by email (naturebase@aol.com) or give me a call (818-881-3706). Thank you!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

of the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter

November 11, 2008 – 7:30 - 9:30pm  
Peace Awareness Labyrinth & Gardens  
West Adams District, Los Angeles

Griffith Park Post-Fire Flora & Fauna  
Speaker: Dan Cooper

In May 2007, nearly 1/4 of Griffith Park burned in a massive wildfire. This spurred the City to re-examine the park's undeveloped lands, and led to the development of a management plan plus baseline monitoring of the park's biodiversity (see [www.griffithparkwildlife.org](http://www.griffithparkwildlife.org)). Headed by Dan Cooper, an independent biologist formerly with Audubon California, this project has galvanized local interest in the park's natural resources, and has yielded new information on several scarce and declining plant and animal species, especially *Calochortus* lilies, amphibians, and nesting birds.

This is a special location for our program since the 11th is Veterans' Day. The address is 3500 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018 or visit [www.peacelabyrinth.org](http://www.peacelabyrinth.org)

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December 9, 2008 – 7:30 - 9:30pm  
First United Methodist Church  
Santa Monica

If It's Weird, It Must Be A Mushroom  
AKA Mushrooms 101

Speaker: Florence Nishida

What IS a mushroom anyway? Do we have any in Los Angeles? Where can I find some? These are some of the questions that Florence Nishida, mycologist, will answer as she takes you through a tour of some of our interesting mushrooms in and around Los Angeles.

Programs are free to the public. Refreshments will be served. For directions, see Calendar of Events on page 3.

## CNPS 2009 Conservation Conference: Strategies and Solutions

January 17-19, 2009  
Sacramento Convention Center  
and Sheraton Grand Hotel  
Sacramento, CA



sign up at [www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CORNFIELD/ARROYO SECO SPECIFIC PLAN PRESENTATION & OPEN HOUSE**

November 6 or November 8, 2008

Thurs. Nov. 6, 6:00-7:30 pm, Ann Street Elementary School, 126 E. Bloom St., Los Angeles, CA 90012; OR Sat. Nov. 8, 10:00-11:30 am, Goodwill Southern California, 342 N. San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90031. Meet your community, learn about the Draft Specific Plan, provide feedback. For further information see: <http://cornfieldsla.googlepages.com> email: [cornfieldsla@gmail.com](mailto:cornfieldsla@gmail.com) or call Claire Bowin at 213-473-9987.

**NATIVE PLANT HORTICULTURE: MYTHS AND LEGENDS**

November 13, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Many gardeners are hesitant to include California native plants in their landscapes even though they're ecologically appropriate, water-conserving, low maintenance and wildlife attracting. In his presentation, Greg Rubin will dispel many popular misconceptions about California natives while revealing how to succeed with them. He'll also discuss designing by plant community and zoning to bring year-round beauty and a sense of place to your California garden.

This presentation by Greg Rubin, owner of California's Own Native Landscape Design, will take place on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Friendship Auditorium near Griffith Park, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. For directions to the meeting and for more information, visit the society's website at [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org) or call (818) 567-1496.

**NATIVE PLANT SALE**

Dec. 6, 2008, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Topanga Ranch Motel parking lot. 18711 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, 90265. Sponsored by the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Calif. Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INVESTIGATING THE OAK COMMUNITY**

Attention teachers, naturalists, librarians, parents and all educators. Now a free oak curriculum is available from the California Oak Foundation. Written by Kay Antúnez de Mayolo, this curriculum is designed to involve 4<sup>th</sup> through 8th grade students in activities that will develop their awareness, understanding and knowledge of the important role of oaks in the California landscape.

Download: FREE at [www.californiaoaks.org/kids](http://www.californiaoaks.org/kids)

**FIRE SEVERITY AND ECOSYSTEM RESPONSES**

A new publication brief from The Western Ecological Research Center on fire severity and chaparral has been released online. The brief highlights two important points for conservation work in chaparral systems:

- Recovery of the native shrublands proceeded best following high-severity fires.
- Low-severity fires favored alien species richness and cover.

Here is the link to the brief:


<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/pubbriefs/keeleypbaug2008.html>

**ABSTRACTS FOR RIPARIAN HABITAT CONSERVATION AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Board of the Riparian Habitat Joint Venture is very pleased to announce that the extended abstracts for our December 2007 conference (Riparian Habitat Conservation and Flood Management) is now complete and available for download at <http://www.prbo.org/calpif/rhvjconference/proceedings/>. We will have a limited number of CDs and paper copies in the near future. Please contact us at [info@prbo.org](mailto:info@prbo.org) with "RHJV proceedings" in the subject line if you would like CDs or paper copies.

**CNPS Conservation Conference January 17-19, 2009**

The CNPS Conservation Conference Silent Auction Committee seeks donations to help raise money for CNPS' conservation programs. The silent auction, drawing, and live auction will take place January 18. What can you contribute? There are no restrictions! Just think about what you might like to buy--artwork, books, photos, seeds, garden tools, anything nice! Perhaps you belong to a wine club and can provide a superb limited reserve bottle. Maybe a book signed by Ledyard Stebbins himself? What about an annual pass to our national parks and forests? Other ideas: a gift basket full of items produced locally in your region, a week or weekend in a vacation home, airline tickets, camera, or binoculars, a garden design by a landscaper, garden services, a lovely vase or pot, a quilt with a plant theme. You can find out more about donation ideas, the conference and CNPS at this website <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2009>. You can also donate directly by going to <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2009/auction.php>



**PROGRAMS****TUES 11/11 7:30-9:30pm**

*Peace Awareness Labyrinth and Gardens*  
Griffith Park Post-Fire  
Flora and Fauna  
Speaker: Dan Cooper

Directions: Peace Awareness Labyrinth and Gardens is conveniently located one block south of the 10 Freeway in Los Angeles, between the Crenshaw and Arlington exits. 3500 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90018. The location is on the south side of West Adams, 1/2 block west of the Arlington Avenue exit. Going west, the second gate is the entry gate. Please try to arrive by 7:30 pm so you can park in their parking lot (30 spaces only). Carpooling is wise. No group dinner before the meeting this time.

**TUES 12/9 7:30-9:30pm**

*First United Methodist Church, Santa Monica*

If It's Weird, It Must Be A  
Mushroom

AKA Mushrooms 101

Speaker: Florence Nishida

Directions: The First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street, Santa Monica CA 90403, is one and a half blocks north of Wilshire Boulevard on 11th Street in Santa Monica. From the 10 freeway, exit at Lincoln. Go right, or north to Wilshire. Turn right. In three blocks turn left on 11th Street. The church is on the left, just past California. Church parking is on the right under an apartment complex. The Fireside Room is at the north end of the church's large patio, next to the Sanctuary. Native plant and gardening books will be for sale and refreshments are served. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 6:00pm at El Cholo Mexican Restaurant in Santa Monica at 1025 Wilshire Blvd.

For information about the above programs, please see "Upcoming Programs" on front page.

**BOARD MEETINGS****TUES 11/4 7pm**

LA/SMM Chapter Board Meeting  
at the home of Jo Kitz. 6223 Lubao Ave.,  
Woodland Hills. Chapter members are invited!  
818-348-5910

**TUES 12/2 7pm**

LA/SMM Chapter Board Meeting  
at Halli Mason's home in Tarzana. Chapter  
members are invited. Call for directions.  
818-345-6749

**HIKES AND RESTORATION****SAT 11/8 9am**

*Hansen Dam Basin*

Invasive Weed Control Project  
If you want to help out with a castor bean  
and other weeds control project, please  
contact Bill Neill for details at  
bgneill@earthlink.net. Meet by the  
entrance to the Aquatic Center parking  
lot.

**SUN 11/9 9am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*

Weed War Is Recruiting Volunteers  
Today, the California Native Plant Society  
commemorates the lives of some  
awesome CNPS members by tending the  
CNPS Commemorative Oak Grove where  
20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox warehouse and heavy  
equipment were once stored. We will  
enhance the habitat by planting additional  
trees and acorns. Bring lunch, water and  
gloves. Receive credit for community  
service hours. *Reservations required.*  
818-348-5910. 4hrs

**THUR 11/20 8:30am**

*Caballero Canyon*

Chaparral Chatter  
After a hot, dry spring and summer the  
chaparral eagerly anticipates winter rains.  
Let's explore the amazing survival  
techniques and plant adaptations of this  
unique plant community, found only in 5  
places on earth. Leisurely hike through  
Caballero Canyon in the central section of  
the Santa Monica Mountains; meet lower  
trailhead; bring water and snack. Heavy  
rain cancels. RSVP 818-345-6749. 3hrs

**SUN 11/23 10am**

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea  
Ramble two miles around the coastal park  
on trails with views of mountains and sea;  
walk on the beach; return to the Bluffs  
and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in  
the Bluffs Park parking lot. 2hrs  
818-782-9346

**SUN 12/14 9am**

*Solstice Canyon Park*

Weed War Is Recruiting Volunteers  
A very invasive plant, false caper  
(*Euphorbia terracina*), has taken over acres  
of coastal canyons and hillsides.  
National Park Service has worked since  
the fire in November 2007 to prevent  
non-native invasive plants from  
crowding out the native plants so  
necessary to feed, house and protect our  
native birds and animals. Our mission  
today: Search and destroy false caper!  
Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive  
credit for community service hours.  
*Reservations required.* 818-348-5910. 4hrs

**THUR 12/18 8:30am**

*Caballero Canyon*

Chaparral Chatter After a hot, dry  
spring and summer the chaparral eagerly  
anticipates winter rains. Let's explore the  
amazing survival techniques and plant  
adaptations of this unique plant  
community, found only in 5 places on  
earth. Leisurely hike through Caballero  
Canyon in the central section of the  
Santa Monica Mountains; meet lower  
trailhead; bring water and snack. Heavy  
rain cancels. RSVP 818-345-6749. 3hrs

**THU 12/25 10am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*

Annual Holiday Toyon Trek is an  
easy-paced 6-mile, 1200' gain loop  
Christmas Day hike through Cold Creek  
Canyon Preserve. Bring water, lunch,  
goodies to share. Rain cancels. Meet at  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead. Info: 310-  
822-6848. 4hrs. Sponsored by Sierra  
Club.

**SUN 12/28 10am**

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea See 11/23  
write-up. Meet in the Bluffs Park parking  
lot. 2hrs 818-348-5910

**UPCOMING CNPS PLANT SALE - NOVEMBER 15**

The San Gabriel Mountains Chapter of CNPS will have its annual plant sale "Under the Oaks: Native Plants for Foothill Gardens," on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena. The actual sale runs from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., with preparation at 8:00 a.m. and cleanup after 2:00.

If you can help in any capacity, please contact Cliff McLean at 626-966-0580 or send me a note at cliff.mclean@verizon.net.

## Plant Sale 2008 Recap

Hello to all you California Native Plant Enthusiasts – and to those who might become one – and to those folks who just came by to check us out, and, of course, to you, my fellow volunteers. What would we do without volunteers? It would be impossible to hold our annual California Native Plant Sale at the Sepulveda Garden Center in Encino. That is a fact.

The Plant Sale serves as a fund raiser for our chapter; it also brings people together who like to exchange their experiences, joys and rewards in gardening with CA natives; it reaches out to people who would like to learn more about CA native plants. Our customers and friends come from all over the city and I would like to thank you for your loyal patronage. And if plants are not your primary interest, Jo's extensive book store always offers new publications; other participants such as the TreePeople and the Cold Creek Docents, and a few vendors add another dimension to this event. Four informative lectures we offered on Saturday and Sunday were well attended and the feed-back I received was all very positive and encouraging.

I would like to thank Bob Sussman (of Matilija Nursery that supplied us with our healthy and good-looking plants) for his talk on the care of irises (and raffling off one of the beautiful specimen), Gabi and Cliff McLean for their experience and documentation on how to convert your lawn and their second lecture on how to attract wildlife to your garden, and Steve Hartman for presenting a nice talk on how to convert your ho-hum city plot into a thriving wildlife sanctuary and a garden which truly shows off our Southern California seasons.

The week before the Plant Sale I fretted about temperatures reaching into the upper 90s. The actual Plant Sale weekend was gorgeous, though. Temperatures had dropped down to the high 60s and low 70s on Sunday; it actually got a bit chilly with the winds blowing from the north.



*Jo Kitz and Olga Hammer at the book store.*



Saturday and Sunday we had the help of Ileen Anderson, Christine Walker, Kati Okun, Olga Hammer, Barbara Sommer, Barbara Turner helping Betsey Landis with the seed sales, Frank Landis, who drove up from San Diego to help his mom, Snowdy Dodson, Jo Kitz in the book store, Steve Hartman, Gwenn Albright, Dick Churchill, Karen Hudson, David Hollombe, Kurt Rademacher, Cameron Nothern (works for Jo Kitz) and the team of Henrietta, Bill and Michelle Yuan who kept the coffee pot going and served delicious food. Henrietta's split-pea soup hit the spot. And the chili dogs and baked chicken apparently were very much liked as well. Thanks to all you home-bakers for contributing sweet goodies. Betsey deserves special kudos for donating the proceeds of the seed sales.

Absent and missed was Marianne Peck, who has faithfully volunteered her time for the last 15 plus years as our cashier. We hope you are recovering from your operation and are doing well, Marianne. Leslie Hartman, who has helped in the past, had a nasty cold and on top of it got bitten by a black widow. Hope you have recovered from both, Leslie. Also missed were Trish and Chris Meyer who have moved to New Mexico.

Perhaps I'll see you at our monthly evening program meetings, the spring wildflower show, or on one of our spring walks. Check out our Toyon calendar. Lots of interesting activities coming up. Let's all do a rain dance. You never know; it might bring those much wished for winter rains. And that will help bring about lots of wonderful spring wildflowers for all to

*– by Halli Mason, plant sale co-chair*



*Displays and vendor tables in the recreation room at the Sepulveda Garden Center.*

Friday afternoon was set-up time and Olga Hammer, Sid Mendel, Snowdy Dodson, Melanie Hartman, Barbara Sommer, David Hollombe, Bill Neill, Steve Hartman and Mark Osokow helped to get us ready. We surely could have used the help of more volunteers.

## Condors, Wildflowers and the Tejon Ranch

For anyone interested in the inner workings of the recent Tejon Ranch compromise, here is an in depth article from the Center for Biological Diversity. This group is the only national environmental group that didn't compromise due to political pressure and sign a "kum by ah" deal that upset local environmental groups. This link to their website gives a fuller explanation. Go to their Endangered Earth Archive  
<<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/publications/earth/index.html>> ; on right side click the "Summer 2008" link, which is a PDF file of 3.6MB.

Those who've seen my portfolio of wildflower blooms, know how concerning this deal is for me. This is an open space like none other in California. The Tejon Ranch along with the adjacent Gorman Hills are renowned for their spectacular wildflower displays, sometimes compared to Yosemite for the amazing natural beauty. Also lying in the heart of the Condors' habitat, Tejon is key to the recovery of this critically endangered bird. I along with thousands of concerned California citizens believe this an incomparable wild place deserving conservation.

Because it's located at the convergence of four very distinct "eco-regions" – the Central Valley, Mojave Desert, Sierra Nevada and South Coast – this is the only place in California (or the world) where these distinct eco-regions blend and morph creating a melting pot of plant communities with intensely dense and varied wildflower blooms. A new book by Richard Minnich titled "California's Fading Wildflowers - Lost Legacy and Invasive Species" <<http://www.ucpress.edu/books/pages/10911.php>> " published by University of California Press also documents our disappearing world famous legacy. The book cover image, from the Tejon Ranch in 1991, looks southwest onto the planned Centennial Project area, a proposed new city with 70,000 residents.

I've been given an opportunity to publish an upcoming article in the distinguished Fremontia  
<<http://www.cnps.org/cnps/publications/>> - the California Native Plant Society's publication. I appreciate the Fremontia allowing me 2 minutes at the public microphone to voice my concerns over the possible destruction and loss of this unique open space. The effort to preserve isn't over yet. a few local groups that haven't signed onto the compromise have begun to reorganize and continue the effort to save Condors, Wildflowers and this incredible Landscape for future generations.

The Department of Regional Planning of Los Angeles County is currently preparing its environmental impact report of Tejon's massive Centennial project. Some of the Dept. of Regional Planning staff members reviewing the studies are sympathetic to the concerns that development will have on this pristine land. Writing a letter to your LA County Supervisor <<http://bos.co.la.ca.us/>> voicing your opinion is highly recommended. Keep your fingers crossed and if possible give a little something to support or donate to the Center for Biological Diversity. I believe they're a truly motivated and proactive environmental group that is dedicated to conserving this rare expansive remnant of California wilderness.  
<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/>

– Richard Dickey ([www.feralflowers.com](http://www.feralflowers.com))

## UCR Botanist to Study Role of Plants in Southern California's Drought

A UC Riverside botanist has been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation to study how Southern California's plants affect the region's drought.

Louis Santiago, an assistant professor of physiological ecology in the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, will investigate which plant species in Southern California are most susceptible to drought and how their disappearance might impact the amount of water available for human use. The research could lead to a better understanding of how changes in vegetation caused by climate change affect the amount of plant water evaporated from desert chaparral ecosystems of Southern California.

"The evaporation of water from plants to the atmosphere is dependent on weather, and can be affected by extreme weather events, such as drought, floods or heat waves," said Santiago, the principal investigator of the two-year, \$175,000 grant. "In our study, we will use measurements of water in plants as well as mathematical modeling to predict how much water plants evaporate over long periods of time. This knowledge is a key to identifying plant species that are most vulnerable to extreme drought."

California's current drought has been caused by a number of factors including two years of below-normal rainfall. Statewide rainfall was below normal in 2007 and 2008, with many Southern California communities receiving only 20 percent of normal rainfall in 2007. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a statewide drought in June 2008. Southern California's drought has weakened trees and exacerbated a bark-beetle infestation in the San Bernardino, San Jacinto, and Palomar Mountains. The trees threaten life and property from windstorms, wildfires and subsequent erosion.

Richard Minnich, a professor of geography at UCR and fire ecology expert, noted that Southern California has been in a water deficit for urban and agricultural use ever since the Owens River aqueduct was completed in the early 20th century.

"It is vital to understand relationships between plants and water in chaparral and desert watersheds that deliver valuable small additions to the region's water supply," Minnich said. "This study will evaluate important questions on the effect of drought on plant species, especially in view of the recent great drought and die off or dieback of forest trees and shrubs of the chaparral. The findings will also help in the assessment of watershed transpiration in the region's fire regimes."

Santiago's project will create opportunities for UCR students to do research on local ecosystems. "Our students, like most Southern Californians, are familiar with water-related services such as freshwater supply, flood protection and recreation," Santiago said. "I expect this project will excite many of our students, preparing them to become leaders of natural resource management."

Dorothy Green,  
Founder and President  
Emeritus of the Los Angeles &  
San Gabriel Rivers Watershed  
Council, Passes Away

Dorothy Green passed away in the early morning hours of October 13 after a long battle with cancer. Although this was some time coming, we were still not prepared to lose her. She was 79 years old.

“California has lost a great woman today. During her life Dorothy put words into action and created lasting legacies. She left all of us with a great vision of a better Los Angeles region, with revitalized rivers and clean, abundant water for all. Dorothy remains alive to me through her works and the actions we all take in her stead.” Nancy L.C. Steele, Executive Director.

Founded in 1996, The Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council grew out of conversations regarding the inadequate communication among the governmental agencies with responsibilities in the watershed. Dorothy Green, then with Heal the Bay, was one of the initiators of the discussion, and it was her guidance that resulted in a decision to bring representatives of all of these water agencies (supply, groundwater, stormwater, water quality, and wastewater), regulatory agencies, citizen groups and consultants together to figure out how best to remedy this situation. Her influence was marked by the staging of the “Making Watersheds Work” conference, an event that marked the formation of a non-profit to focus efforts on the dual watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers.

In her own words, Dorothy insisted that, “if there is one thing I’ve learned in my lifetime of activism, change doesn’t come easily, but without it, the environment will continue to degrade along with our quality of life.”

Dorothy served as President of the board of directors of the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council from 1996 through 2002 and continued on the board’s executive committee



as President Emeritus until her passing. She conceived of and initiated the Water Augmentation Study, a long-term research and demonstration project to study the impact of infiltrating stormwater into our underground aquifers for use as drinking water. The study recently completed the research phase, concluding that infiltrating stormwater has no negative impacts on groundwater quality. The demonstration phase will prove the concept with a large-scale retrofit of a neighborhood in Sun Valley to handle the runoff from 60 acres of land that drains to this one street and an adjacent alley.

Dorothy was the Founding President of Heal the Bay, which she started in her living room in 1985 in response to sewage dumping along the LA coast. She served as a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Commissioner for three and a half years and more recently was the Founding Director of the California Water Impact Network. She also founded and chaired the POWER Conference, a preeminent water policy conference that is now in its sixteenth year.

She has been called “the most influential water activist in California in the last 30 years” by Mark Gold, President of Heal the Bay.

Dorothy is survived by her three sons, Joshua, Avrom and Herschel, and three granddaughters, Jessica, Katherine and Tara.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Dorothy’s honor to one of the organizations she founded: the California Water Impact Network (C-WIN); the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, and Heal the Bay.

Theodore Payne Foundation

10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley 91352 - (818) 768-1802 - [www.theodorepayne.org](http://www.theodorepayne.org)  
Summer Schedule: Nursery and Store Open Tuesday – Saturday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES**

Autumn in the Native Garden  
with Louise Gonzalez  
Sat, Nov 15, 9am – 11am

Learn what to expect when autumn arrives and your native garden responds to shorter days, longer nights and cooler temperatures. This brand new class – taught by TPF’s own nursery manager – begins with a lecture on how native plants function and ends with a walk through the grounds for close examination of trees, shrubs, perennials and more. Wear comfortable shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Bring water and plenty of questions! Fee: \$30 members, \$40 non-members

Pamela Burgess  
Radiant Light - Shadow Drawings of California  
Native Plants

October 1 - December 31, 2008

Please visit the Theodore Payne Gallery and enjoy these wonderful works of art. Pamela’s shadow drawings are unique, evocative and mysterious. She had been working with found materials, locating branches, leaves and other plant parts, then drawing not the plant itself but its shadow. Each work portrays an image of the plant, and yet not, the captured outline of leaf or branch.

**CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS FOR CHAPTER ELECTION****SNOWDY DODSON: PRESIDENT**

Snowdy has completed three terms as President of our Chapter and is willing to continue on. She has previously held the position of President for SEAL (Science and Engineering Academic Librarians). She has been active at the chapter level of CNPS by co-chairing the Wildflower Show for 6 years; she has worked as a volunteer at the plant sale (4 years); she has led field trips at the Malibu Bluffs State Park; she has participated in our chapter weed wars at Malibu Bluffs Park, Malibu Creek State Park, and also attended local public meetings representing our chapter; she has helped with the TOYON; during the past four years she has served as Chapter alternate representative to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee and attended field trips.

**BETSEY LANDIS: CHAPTER COUNCIL DELEGATE TO STATE CNPS**

I would like to continue as Chapter Delegate for the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter for 2009. I have been Chapter Delegate for several years. I am able to attend the four yearly Chapter Council meetings and I serve on several Chapter Council committees. My goal as Chapter Delegate is to ensure that State CNPS organizational structure and Chapters' independence work well together toward the common goal of preservation and enjoyment of California native flora.

**JO KITZ: CO-VICE PRESIDENT**

Jo has served as treasurer, president and vice president of the chapter. Since the 1980s Jo has served as the 'general' of the weed warriors, those sturdy volunteers who clear resource lands of non-native invasive species and runs the chapter bookstore. She works at the Mountain Restoration Trust, a local land trust that owns over 2000 acres in the Santa Monica Mountains and has 30 years of volunteer service towards the resource protection of the Santa Monica Mountains.

**HALLI MASON: CO-VICE PRESIDENT**

Halli has been an active member of CNPS since the early 80s, first on the local chapter level then for many years on the state level. Halli has also been elected to bring her knowledge and people skill to many different committees. She has been an effective fund raiser motivating many CNPS members to work with her in the Earth Share campaigns (the Payroll Deduction Plan for the Environment).

**SHEILA BRADEN: CO-VICE PRESIDENT**

Sheila has been regularly attending chapter board meetings. Sheila is a park ranger for the National Park Service in the Santa Monica Mtns. She has been representing CNPS at the Los Angeles County Weed Management Association meetings.

**HENRIETTA YUAN: SECRETARY**

I will run again this year for Secretary having been in this position for over twenty years.

**STEVE HARTMAN: TREASURER**

I have been handling the finances for the chapter for well over a decade. I'd like to contribute to the chapter by continuing to handle the chapter finances. My other chapter activities include serving as newsletter editor, co-plant sale chair, and representing our chapter on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee.

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**CHAPTER MEMBER'S BALLOT  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
LOS ANGELES / SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2009**

Vote for each office. See above for candidate statements. We have no contested offices, but it is important that members of our chapter vote support of our Chapter's goals and programs. After voting, mail the ballot to CNPS, 4728 Rosita Place, Tarzana, California 91356. December 1, 2008, is the deadline for mailing.

**PRESIDENT**

Snowdy Dodson

**CO-VICE PRESIDENTS**

Jo Kitz & Halli Mason  
& Sheila Braden

**CHAPTER COUNCIL DELEGATE**

Betsey Landis

**SECRETARY**

Henrietta Yuan

**TREASURER**

Steve Hartman

*Thanks so much for voting! Cut out this ballot, insert in an envelope and mail.*



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