The annual Water-Wise Fall Plant Sale drew 550 visitors to the Clovis Botanical Garden (CBG) on October 18 and 19, 2019. For the first time in the sale’s history, the event was held over two days, greatly improving the customer experience. Shoppers appreciated the availability of parking and sparser crowds. Friday shoppers had the first pick of the plants on offer. Volunteers and cashiers easily assisted customers as the crowds were evenly distributed between Friday and Saturday. Organizers resolved to repeat the two-day format next year. KMPH 26 Great Day came out to the garden the day before the sale to interview CNPS and CBG members, which helped to publicize the event.

Repeating last year’s layout, CNPS plant tables were interspersed with CBG tables to help customers locate similar plants (i.e. all the salvias, both native and non-native, were in the same area). Shoppers purchased 506 native plants from CNPS, which included 14 member-supplied plants (thanks to Chris and John for bringing anemopsis and elderberries). While CNPS sold more plants than in any year since 2015, our net earnings were lower than in previous years, likely due to selling more of the lower priced 4-inch pots; a reminder that member-grown plants represent “pure profit” for CNPS and are most welcome for next year’s sale. We also signed up four new chapter members.

The Water-Wise Fall Plant Sale is the chapter’s only fundraiser of the year and helps to fund our restoration work at China Creek Park. Many thanks to all of the volunteers from CNPS, CBG, and community organizations who made the sale possible. Special thanks to Reagen O’Leary and Thelma Valdez, along with the many CNPS folks who volunteered and/or bought plants, including Warren and Helen Shaw, Nye Morton, Adam Avila, Jane Pritchard, Brooke Nelson, John Craft, Laura Castro, Jeanine Koshear, Belinda Gilbert, Flora Valdez, and Ray Lacergue and Bonnie Bladen of Intermountain Nursery. We are also indebted to the many dedicated members and volunteers from the CBG, organized by co-chairs Georgia Porcella and Ree Coy.
California Native Grasslands Association
Grassland Research Awards for Student Scholarship
Submissions by January 31, 2020

The California Native Grasslands Association will offer competitive research funds to promote undergraduate student research focused on understanding, preserving, and restoring California’s native grassland ecosystem in accordance with the CNGA Mission and Goals.

- Students from any accredited college or university doing research within California may apply.
- Four $500 awards per year.
- Funds can be used to support fieldwork, small equipment purchases, visits to herbaria, material and/or books.

Information: https://cnga.org/GRASSgrants

• November 9, Get the Dirt on Soil!
  Saturday, 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: Clovis Botanical Garden. 945 N. Clovis Avenue, between Alluvial and Nees

- Activities are focused on K-4, but all ages invited.
- Kids will find out what soil is made of and why it’s important.
- Kids will get their hands dirty and become a soil scientist for the day.
- Limited to 25.

Cost: $5.00 per child
Pre-register and pay at: https://clovisbotanicalgarden.org/event
Information: call 559-298-3091 or email admin@clovisbotanicalgarden.org

• November 16, Tool Care
  Saturday, 9:30am – 11:30am

Location: Garden of the Sun, 1750 N Winery Ave, Fresno, CA 93703

- Hands-on demonstration of garden tool maintenance, repair, and sharpening.
- Bring a couple of your own garden tools, maintenance items, and sharpening devices.

Cost: Free
Information: https://ucanr.edu/sites/mgfresno/Gardening_Classes/

• November 23, Creating a Wildlife-Friendly Garden
  Saturday, 9:30am – 11:00am

Location: Garden of the Sun, 1750 N Winery Ave, Fresno, CA 93703

- Tips to help you welcome wildlife into your garden.

Cost: Free
Information: https://ucanr.edu/sites/mgfresno/Gardening_Classes/

• November 23, River Buddies Weekend Explorers – Nature Neighbors
  Saturday, 9:00am – 11:30am

Meet Location: San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, Inc., 11605 Old Friant Road, Fresno, CA 93730

- Observe plants and animals on the Hidden Homes Nature Trail.
- Kids will enjoy story and song Time.
- Kids will use life-sized animal track stamps to create tracks.
- Kids will paint his/her own snake skin bandana.

Cost: $10 per child
Information: https://ilovefresno.org/event-directory/

• January 13–14, Northern California Botanist Symposium, “The Diversity of Northern California Botany: Challenges and Opportunities”
  Monday–Tuesday, 9:30am – 11:30am.

Location: California State University, Chico, Bell Memorial Union Auditorium

- Will include an exciting line-up of sessions, a poster session, and evening reception, banquet, and keynote speaker.
- Optional Workshops on Wednesday, January 15.
- Registration and travel stipends are available for students. Applications are due by December 1.

Cost for 2 day registration: $185 members/$215 non-members/$50 students/additional cost for banquet

• Help Native Trees Get Planted Worldwide

- Social Media Campaign; affiliated with Arbor Day Foundation.
- Check out www.teamtrees.org.
Membership

Thanks to new and renewing members.

If you require corrections or additions to your membership information, contact Cherith Merson at echerith@gmail.com.

The Sequoia Chapter serves Fresno, Madera, and Kings counties.

The IRS considers dues in excess of $12 per year and all gifts to CNPS as tax deductible. Renew your CNPS membership online using a credit card. As an option, renew automatically year after year. It is quick, easy, and convenient, and reduces renewal-mailing costs. Visit www.cnps.org and click on the JOIN button.

Next Newsletter: January 2020

Send newsletter suggestions to Laura Castro at lacastror@outlook.com. The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is Monday, December 23, 2019.

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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 increase understanding and appreciation of California’s native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, science, and conservation.
As predicted, it was a beautiful fall day in the Park—a bit brisk at 8:00, but pleasantly warm by noon.

We concentrated on digging new weeds in the firebreaks until break time at 10:00. After coffee, muffins, and fresh fruit provided by Laura and Kat, we took a brief "field trip" to look at our new invasive exotic, stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*). We found a few that had escaped Hank's spraying and pulled those. We discussed whether or not it was better to pull and bag or to leave alone, but didn't reach a conclusion, hoping to have more information by November.

From there we split up, with Gene and John taking on the chore of removing cages from oaks that no longer need them, and the rest of us moving to the creek to start pulling water hyacinth (*Eichornia crassipes*), beautiful in the summer and fall, but prolific and invasive. It's always something!

Our November work party will be on Saturday, November 23, with a full agenda, and will conclude with our annual "Thank You Lunch" at the Blossom Trail Cafe at 12:30. If you have contributed to the China Creek Project in any way during 2019, you're invited to celebrate this year's progress in the Park by joining us for lunch, paid for by the Chapter. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there.

P.S.

On the Wednesday following the work party, Gene and I met with Mike Bowman at the Park, where CAL FIRE was conducting training exercises. We asked that, in the future, CAL FIRE operate with the least soil disturbance and compaction possible, and promised him a catalog of photos of the plants we most wanted burned. A productive meeting.