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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be no Membership Meeting in October (our meeting room is not available).

Next Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 7:30 p.m. (at the U.C. Botanical Garden at Berkeley):

Pam Muick, Executive Director of CNPS—"Loving California's Oaks"

AUGUST FRUGÉ, 94, DEAN OF UNIVERSITY PRESS PUBLISHERS

Often called the Alfred Knopf of university press publishing, August Frugé died in Twenty-Nine Palms, California on July 6 after a series of strokes. He is considered one of the great publishers of the twentieth century. His entire life was devoted to books, publishing, classical history, scholarship, and the environment. After graduating from Stanford, he earned his Master's Degree at the University of California, Berkeley Library School and worked at the California State Library, Sacramento. A few years later he was lured away by Samuel Farquhar, then director of the University of California Press, Berkeley as assistant director and sales manager.

Upon Farquhar's sudden death in 1951, Frugé was appointed to succeed him. Thus began an extraordinary growth of the University Press from a small, monograph-oriented press to a world-class scholarly publisher of numerous works, many of them best sellers, averaging some 250 titles annually. He estab-

lished the first University Press paperback list, Cal Paperbacks, in 1957, eventually issuing over 1,000 paperback titles during his tenure. A committed environmentalist and Sierra Club leader, he established the California Natural History Guides, a series now numbering in the hundreds, to fill a void in books on California's environment. Until that time, most natural history books reflected Eastern settings.

A million-copy seller for the Press was *Ishi in Two Worlds* by Theodora Kroeber, a classic biography of the last wild Indian of North America. Frugé's work with Kroeber in the early stages of the manuscript resulted in a publishing triumph that also established Kroeber as a major writer on Native Americans and western history. Another million-copy seller was *The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge* by Carlos Castaneda, a book that evoked considerable controversy over the years. But the greatest academic heat was generated by the long-delayed, 3-volume,

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monumental *The Plan of St. Gall* by Walter Horn and Ernest Born, published in 1983. It is a heated saga of publisher versus author that did not end until some three years after Frugé's retirement from the press in 1977. Frugé's successor, James H. Clark, told the story in *Publishing the Plan of St. Gall*, privately published but included in Frugé's own monumental account of his publishing years, *A Skeptic Among Scholars: August Frugé on University Publishing*.

Frugé was a noted scholar as well. He was fluent in French and Spanish, and at home in reading Greek and Latin. He built the Press's classics list to its zenith and also translated and edited several works of California exploration and early history. One of these was *A Voyage to California, the Sandwich Islands, and Around the World in the Years 1826-1829* by Auguste Duhaut-Cilly, a fundamental work on early California history, especially the Jesuit Missions. Frugé's translation marked its first publication in English in book form.

He had few illusions about publishing as a noble calling. He would often quote Mark Twain's description of a publisher: "A tall, lean, skinny, yellow, toothless, baldheaded, rat-eyed professional liar and scoundrel." Of course, the Press published and still does to the present day--the complete works, letters, and papers of Mark Twain--another monumental scholarly publishing project established during Frugé's tenure. He served for years on the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club and was a key player in the publishing struggles during David Brower's stormy administration. Brower

had entered publishing at the University of California Press, so his relationship with Frugé was a lengthy one and, in the end, friendly.

He was a Fellow (along with his late wife Susan) of the California Native Plant Society; a member of the Publishing Hall of Fame, New York; and past President, Association of American University Presses, New York. His reorganization of the California Native Plant Society transformed the organization into one of California's leading environmental organizations and set the standard for other native plant organizations around the country. The Society's current headquarters is in Sacramento, where it exerts considerable influence upon environmental legislation as well as liaison with government agencies to protect rare and endangered species of California flora. Frugé stated upon his CNPS presidency inauguration that he was probably "the only President of CNPS who didn't know a columbine from a redwood".

He is survived by his son John of Richmond, California. Donations in August Frugé's memory may be made to the University of California Press Associates, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720 and to the California Native Plant Society, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816-5113.

Harlan Kessel

FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, October 17, 10 am, **Field trip to Peyton Slough** in McNabney Marsh, Martinez

Join Laura Hanson, owner of the The Watershed Nursery, for a plant walk along Peyton Slough in Martinez. Laura will discuss the restoration, relocation, and re-introduction of managed tidal flow into Peyton Slough. Past emissions from a copper smelting plant emitted toxics into the area's soil, which required the restriction of the slough's flow. The slough's relocation in McNabney Marsh will benefit both native plant and animal species.

Directions: Take the Marina Vista exit off of I-680 (just south of the Benicia Bridge) and then go east on Marina Vista by turning right at the light at the end of the exit ramp. Make a right on Waterbird Way. The entrance to Waterbird Park is on your right just after the bend in the road.

Saturday October 23, 9:30 am, **Field trip to Sausal Creek**, Oakland

Join us for a tour of the Sausal Creek watershed. This 3-hour field trip will include riparian, redwood forest, and oak forest communities, all in the heart of Oakland! Highlights include one of the few known patches of *Oxalis oregana* (redwood sorrel) and a patch of the endangered *Arctostaphylos pallida* (pallid manzanita). We will end at the Joaquin Miller Native Plant Nursery for a picnic lunch. After the tour, people will have the option of staying for the Friends of Sausal Creek volunteer program at the nursery for a pleasant afternoon of transplanting and tending plants.

Meet at 9:30 am at the Dimond Recreation Center 3860 Hanly Road, Oakland. From Highway 13, take the Park Boulevard exit and turn south on Park Boulevard. Continue on Park for about a half mile, and then make a left on El Centro. From 580, take the Park Boulevard exit and turn north on Park Boulevard. Continue on Park about 1 mile, and then turn right on El Centro. Once you are on El Centro, follow the road until the first possible right turn into the Dimond Recreation Center parking lot. Carpooling and shuttling logistics

will be worked out when we meet. For more information, please contact Friends of Sausal Creek at 510-501-FOSC or e-mail coordinator@sausalcreek.org.

Janet Gawthrop

EAST BAY CHAPTER PLANT SALE



October 2 and 3

Saturday 9 am to 3 pm

Sunday 9 am to 1 pm

Merritt College, Oakland
1255 Campus Drive, off Redwood
Road

Before the Sale . . .

The plants are all in their places, awaiting your arrival. The hummingbirds and butterflies are checking out the flowers while we check the labels.

During the week leading up to the sale (Tuesday through Friday), last-minute tasks prevail and it's the best opportunity to preview the plants – and take part in a few easy chores too.

During the Sale . . .

Come early Saturday morning for a full selection. A plant list will be available. Also see the website.

Bring a wagon, boxes, and a friend for help in handling your plants. The holding area will be open to stash your plants. The loading zone crew will watch your plants while you retrieve your car.

After . . .

Our Tuesday work sessions resume:

October 5, 12, 19, 26

9 am to noon

Merritt College

Landscape Horticulture, same location as the
plant sale

Buy more plants . . .

Plants remaining after the big sale weekend may be purchased on Tuesday mornings until the end of February.

Shirley McPheeters
925-376-4095

TONI FAUVER

Toni Fauver died on August 23rd, after a long battle with cancer. We will miss her greatly.

Toni, an expert on California native plants, was also a chapter mainstay during the '70s (helping to run the plant sales) and an excellent promoter of native plants. She was especially entranced by Sierran wildflowers, for which she wrote two wonderful guides (*Wildflower Walks and Roads of the Sierra Gold Country* and *Wildflower Walking in the Lakes Basin of the Northern Sierra*). Toni led botanical hikes in the Bay Area, the Sierra Foothills, Lake Tahoe, the Swiss Alps and in English gardens. She was a cheerful and regular participant in collecting for, and arranging flowers for, the wildflower show at the Oakland Museum each year. She supported, the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, the Strybing Arboretum and several garden clubs.

Toni designed and supervised the native plant landscaping at Thunderbird Lodge, a historic landmark mansion on the east shore of Lake Tahoe. In 1994 she received the Horticultural Award from the Garden Clubs on America. In 2002 Orinda presented Toni with its William Penn Mott, Jr. Environmental Award.

A memorial service was held, in the East Bay Regional Parks' Kennedy Grove, on September 21st.

Her family suggests memorial contributions to the Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society, Tahoe Forest Hospice, or the Regional Parks Botanic Garden.

Holly Forbes

UC BOTANICAL GARDEN

The UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers to work in the California Natives Section in its volunteer plant propagation program.

Volunteers at the Garden propagate plants from the Garden's collections for sale at its fall and spring plant sales and on its plant deck. The Volunteer Plant Propagation Program is seeking volunteers to work in its California Natives Section. Additionally, they are seeking a Volunteer with a keen interest in California Natives and some plant propagation experience to head up the California Natives Section. If you are interested, please contact Alan Porter, the Volunteer Plant Propagation Coordinator at 510-643-4495 or at alanporter@berkeley.edu.

FELLOWS COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Fellows Committee - Marian Reeve, Chair, Linda Chipping and David Bigham, members - is asking for nominations of members for Fellows. This article should give interested CNPS members the information needed to nominate candidates. Confirmation as early as the December 2004 State Board meeting is a possibility.

Fellows of the California Native Plant Society Nomination Procedures

The naming of individuals as Fellows of the California Native Plant Society is a means of awarding special recognition to persons who have made an outstanding contribution to furthering appreciation and conservation of California native flora and to the success of the Society.

Nomination of any CNPS member in good standing for Fellowship can be made at any time by any CNPS member, chapter, board, committee or officer.

The nominator may discuss a proposed nomination with the Fellows Committee. The nominator should select a knowledgeable person or persons to write a formal letter of nomination for consideration by the Fellows Committee. The letter should explain why the nominee should be confirmed as a Fellow. It should

generally not be more than one to three pages in length. Copies of newspaper articles, reports, publications or other supporting documentation may be attached.

The letter of nomination must contain:

1. The name, address and phone numbers of the nominee and nominator(s)
2. The nominee's offices held, areas of service or organizational roles
3. The nominee's projects or goals accomplished
4. The nominee's age and years of service in specific offices, roles or activities.

Letters of nomination should be sent to:

Fellows Committee
California Native Plant Society
c/o Linda Chipping
1530 Bayview Heights Drive
Los Osos CA 93402

The Fellows Committee reviews nominations and makes recommendations.

Approval decisions are made by the Board of Directors and the Chapter Council.

Linda Chipping

REGIONAL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN OFFERS FALL CLASSES

Botanizing California

A new series of local and overnight field trips to highlight California's plant communities, their adaptations to the environment, and their major species.

This fall, we'll start with two local field trips: Sunday, October 17, and Sunday, October 24. Both field trips will feature coastal communities: October 17 to Point Reyes National Seashore to see coastal dunes, prairie, marshes, and closed-cone pine forest at Abbott's Lagoon and Mt. Vision; October 24 to Montara Mountain to see maritime chaparral, north coastal scrub, riparian woodland, and more. Both field trips meet promptly at 10 am and last until around 3 pm. Directions to trip locations will be provided upon registration.

Sunday, October 17, and Sunday, October 24, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the field trip locations. Bring lunch. \$80 members/\$95 nonmembers. Minimum 8, maximum 15.

Glenn Keator

Colors, Colors Everywhere . . .

Fall is a time when leaves turn yellow, red, and brown - even in California. In this class we will explore the pigments that make up these colors, and we'll explore what conditions lead to a colorful display. We will also compare plant pigments with colors we see in birds, butterflies, rocks, or as paints in colorful pictures. While admiring many shades of fall coloration and some pigments in late blooming flowers, we will learn about the submicroscopic structures that provide us with color and will thus be gently introduced to the "chemistry of color". The class includes an introduction with pictures and hands-on demos and a walk through the Garden to illustrate "colors everywhere".

Saturday, October 23, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm at the Visitor Center. \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers. Minimum 6, maximum 15.

Greti Sequin

Seeds and Seed Treatments

Grow your own from seed. In this hands-on workshop, you'll get an overview of seed propagation and related plant biology. You will learn how to collect, store, treat, and sow a wide range of seeds; how to care for seedlings; and how to recognize and prevent infestation by common pests and pathogens. Once you're hooked on this magical process, you'll want to know about ensuring seed set and hybridizing plants -- all covered in this workshop. Although seeds of exotics may be used as examples, emphasis will be placed on California natives and other mediterranean climate plants.

Select from a variety of seeds available at the workshop or bring your own seeds of special interest and research them with the aid of a literature table that includes the best references on seed propagation. You'll go home with nascent plants and lots of good knowledge. If possible, participants are asked to bring a hand lens, plastic gloves, a Sharpie pen, and several 4" pots.

Sunday, November 21, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Visitor Center.

\$40 members/\$45 nonmembers.

Minimum 8, maximum 15. Bring lunch.

Martin Grantham

Growing Native Ferns from Spores

Learn the fascinating technique of growing beautiful ferns from nearly microscopic spores. Through a slide-lecture and a hands-on demonstration, you'll get an overview of the entire process: collecting, storing, and sowing spores; preparing media; identifying fern growth stages; and dividing and potting up sporelings. You'll take home two sowings and one division. Spores will be available, but participants may also bring their own. California natives will be emphasized. Participants are encouraged to bring either a scope or hand lens, plastic gloves, and pots.

Sunday, November 28, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Visitor Center.

\$40 members/\$45 nonmembers.

Minimum 8, maximum 15. Bring lunch.

Martin Grantham

NATIVE HERE

Fridays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Native Here Nursery open 9-noon

Saturdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, nursery open 10-1

Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, seed forays leave nursery at 9 am.

As I write this, Native Here's midweek watering volunteer, Janice Bray, is on a month's vacation in New Zealand. Filling in for her has given me heightened appreciation for her value to nursery health. She, Mel Erskine and John Danielsen are regular Friday volunteers who have been steadily potting plants year round. Due to their efforts, the nursery has more plants to offer than ever. Of course, there would be no plants to pot if it weren't for the seed collectors. In addition to Janice, Mel and John, Gregg Weber, and Jim Sharp regularly go out every Tuesday. Gudrun Kleist brings seeds she has collected near her home, and several others join in from time to time. You are welcome to join Native

Here volunteers on this last month of Tuesday seed walks, or to contact me about coverage by our Native Here collection permits should you wish to collect for us on your own.

Any time the nursery is open, volunteers are welcome to work. Someone will be happy to "train" you on Friday and Saturday mornings. There is no need to call ahead or wait for a phone invitation. Just show up ready to work at 101 Golf Course Drive in Tilden Park.

Customers are also welcome whenever the nursery is open. Thanks to our volunteers, a wide selection of plants is available. Some things are in shorter supply, but we are offering large amounts of *Tellima grandiflora* from a variety of sites. It makes a wonderful ground cover perennial in shady spots. *Iris douglasiana* is also abundant. *Dudleya farinosa* from Richmond's shoreline cliffs is available. *Ribes sanguineum glutinosum* and *Rubus parviflorus* from several locations

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are good shrubs for partial shade. *Ptelea crenulata* from Mt. Diablo is unusual in horticulture. Most of the locally native tree species are available in limited quantities. As always, Native Here has native grasses in abundance. There is also a selection of *Juncus* and sedge species.

Plan to visit the nursery in October. Planting season is upon us!

Charli Danielsen

CONSERVATION

Have you responded to the special appeal to fund the Conservation Analyst position? If not, please find that lovely picture of *Clarkia franciscana* and send in your contribution. So far the response has been heartening. Read on for Jessica's report of her August activities.

Charli Danielsen, Conservation Coordinator

Conservation Analyst's Monthly Report
August 30, 2004

My first month of employment with East Bay CNPS has been a very busy one. Along with attending the meetings described and listed below, I have made my presence known to city planners within the two counties, representatives from the Department of Fish and Game, as well as several conservation organizations. I devoted a large part of the month to reading up on the current conservation issues that face the chapter and to understanding each volunteer or staff person's role within CNPS. I greatly appreciate how friendly and supportive everyone has been to welcome me aboard, and I am very happy to be working with the chapter.

Meetings Attended:

August 11, CNPS Cross Pollination Conference. The goal of the conference was to share information between programs, identify key opportunities for increased collaboration, and identify which opportunities are most timely and important to the mission. A representative from each program (conservation, rare plant, vegetation, horticulture, and development) gave an update and suggested areas for collaboration. We exchanged information on several topics, among them how species become listed and what the roles and responsibilities are for each program. During this process, we created a list of potential topics for future meetings. October 1st from 10-4 is the date for the next meeting.

August 11, On the way to the Cross Pollination Conference, Charli Danielsen filled me in on several of the projects going on in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Carnegie Off Highway Vehicle project sparked the interest of CNPS Senior Land Management Analyst Emily Roberson, who proposed that we work on a conservation strategy. Emily also talked about some of the ways in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) relates to effective work in conservation.

August 12, San Francisco Foundation. Met with Arleen Rodriguez of the San Francisco Foundation and visited a development site that contains stands of the rare and endangered *Clarkia franciscana*. Used this site as an example of how the conservation analyst can enable the East Bay Chapter of CNPS to be proactive on conservation issues. The Chapter has applied for a grant from the San Francisco Foundation to fund the conservation analyst position that I am currently occupying.

August 12, Staff meeting, Sacramento. Introduced to state staff, received an update on each person's CNPS activities. Notified of CNPS misrepresentation from a group using the email address califnativeplants@yahoo.com to comment on habitat impacts on a project in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Visited the botanist's office, exchanged information on how to use the California Natural Diversity Data Base, and how the state CNPS botanist will be a resource to me and vice versa.

August 18, Phone interview with Ileene Anderson, CNPS Southern California Regional Botanist. Consulted Ileene about organizational strategies, day-to-day activities, working within a chapter, and how to further the chapter's agenda.

August 23, Met with Charli Danielsen, Dianne Lake, and Laura Baker. Exchanged information on geography, rare plant hotspots, and current conservation issues of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

For a list of the contacts I have made and tasks I have completed, please visit the Conservation section of the chapter web site, www.ebcnps.org.

Jessica Olson

NEW ONLINE BOOKSTORE

The state organization of CNPS has an attractive new online book and poster store featuring CNPS publications. Check it out, and pass the URL along to family and friends.

<http://cnps.org/store.php>

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Membership Application

Name _____

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East Bay Chapter (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)

Other _____

E-mail _____

(optional)

Membership category:

Student, Retired, Limited income, \$20

Individual, Library, \$35

Household, Family, or Group, \$45

Supporting, \$75

Plant lover, \$100

Patron, \$250

Benefactor, \$500

Mariposa Lily, \$1000

Mail application and check to: California Native Plant Society, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento CA 95816

ACTIVITIES OF OTHERS

Volunteers Sought for Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

The Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is seeking volunteers who will spend a morning or afternoon greeting tour participants and answering questions at this native plant garden tour. More than 40 gardens located throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties will be showcased on this tour, which will take place on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

For more information, please e-mail Kathy Kramer at Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net, or call 510-236-9558 between 9 am and 9 pm.

The Tour is sponsored by the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, City of San Pablo, Contra Costa Clean Water Program, East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, Rose Foundation, National Wildlife Federation, Urban Creeks Council, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coastal Program.

Garden Soirée

Sunday, October 24, 2:00 - 5:30 pm

The private gardens of Juliet Lamont/Phil Price and Lindsay and Carolyn McMillan's garden will be open for viewing.

We will start at the **Lamont/Price home** at 2:00 and depart at about 3:30 to drive to the McMillan home. Questions? E-mail Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call Kathy Kramer at 510-236-9558.

Directions:

Go up Marin Avenue until you reach The Circle (the roundabout with a fountain in the center). Go almost halfway around the roundabout, and take a diagonal

right onto Los Angeles Avenue. Head up the hill to the top of Los Angeles, which is about 0.5 mile. Turn right onto Spruce Street, and go down the hill about 0.25 miles, crossing Eunice Street. Very soon after Eunice Street you will pass Summer Street on the left. Glen Avenue is a very hard left just after Summer Street. Turn hard left onto Glen Avenue and go 0.1 mile, to the crest of the hill. The house is on the left.

Showcase feature:

This tranquil wildlife-friendly garden was planted with local, drought-tolerant, low maintenance natives. Plants that can't stand not being watered through the summer, or being browsed by deer, are compost. The garden, with sections designed and installed both by the homeowner and by Michael Thilgen of Four Dimensions Landscape Company, was created specifically for wildlife. The front garden was planted for butterflies, songbirds, and hummingbirds, and the oak woodland in the back was planted to provide food, shelter and nesting areas for the rest of the wildlife kingdom.

Lindsay and Carolyn McMillan's garden

1611 Lincoln Avenue, Berkeley

Directions:

Lincoln is between California and McGee, two blocks south of Cedar, and one block east of Sacramento.

Showcase feature:

This low-maintenance native plant garden was created to increase biological diversity, and did it ever! The simple design (there is no expensive hardscape or stonework) puts this attractive garden within anyone's reach. Wildflowers, a meadow of Berkeley sedge, bunchgrasses, wild strawberry, and islands of shrubs provide diversity of height. The designer, Lyn Talkovsky, will be available to answer questions.

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