



The Blazing Star

NEWSLETTER

May Membership Meeting

Thursday May 30, 8:00 PM
Cafeteria of Saratoga High School
Herriman and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Roads

POLLINATION

John Kipping, Naturalist at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, reveals the sex lives of native flowers. Be sure that you do not miss this stimulating talk. Birds, bees, moths, flies, wind, and evolutionary ingenuity all play a part in providing new generations of plants.

THE SECOND ANNUAL WILDFLOWER SHOW

Great! Super! Fantastic! Better than the Berkeley Show!!!!!!

These were only some of the comments received at the show. Without a doubt this show was a tremendous success for everybody. The people in attendance sang the praises of our native and not so native plants that were brought in for all to see. The show would not have been a success without the public's attendance. But, more than that, there would have been no show if it were not for those super hard working people who put it all together. Again, the stars of the show were Roxanna Ferris, author of numerous books on flowers, and formerly with the Dudley Herbarium at Stanford, and Dr. Carl Sharsmith, Professor Emeritus of San Jose State University. Carl, with flawless accuracy, named all of the plants for those of us name phreaks. (I always wanted to know what Eschscholzia californica really looked like.) The mastermind who organized the show was Gerda Isenberg, and she was assisted by Dick Hildreth of the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation, a cosponsor of the show. Word of the show was spread by radio, in neighborhood newspapers, and thru an outstanding job of publicity done by Lois Dailey. Mary Anderson donated a considerable amount of time in preparing a wonderful exhibit on natural dyeing of fabrics using native plants. Stevie Ferguson spent two days untangling her fingers from typing the labels for the flowers brought in for the show. After over a thousand people walked, sauntered, streaked, or just plain enjoyed their way through the show, there was considerable detritus left. Inez Preston led the

efficient clean-up crew. Finally a hearty thanks to those annons. who worked for two days collecting, transporting, and arranging the flowers and then watching the tables during the show. The Saratoga Horticultural Foundation had demonstrations of methods of propagation of native plants as well as displays of some of the many natives they have developed for landscape purposes.

Plans have already begun for next year's show. If you have any suggestions send them in soon so that they may be incorporated into next year's show. (PO Box 308 Saratoga 95070) There is still a glass container that held a beautiful assortment of native Iris, and a hot plate that Mary Anderson used in her dyeing demonstration at the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation on Verde Vista drive.

Summer Is Almost Here Department!!!!

The summer ahead will be a time when the very active board of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter will be taking a look at ways to improve on the varied activities of the chapter. Plans for Fall and Winter will be made. If you have a favorite spot that was not covered in this year's field trips, or if there is some one of you who has something to say at one of our bi-monthly membership meetings, please "volunteer" the individual or place via a post card to our PO Box. (CNPS PO Box 308 Saratoga Ca. 95070)

The persons behind the scenes of our chapter include: Nat Hopkins, President; Stevie Ferguson, Vice-President; Anita Winston, Secretary; Carol Leach, Treasurer; Grace Mason, Past President; Sally Casey, Chairman of Field Trips; Suzanne Schettler, Program Chairwoman; Gerda Isenber, Chairwoman of the Wildflower Show; Doug Cheeseman, Chairman of School Nature Areas Committee; Louise Lyon, Telephone Committee; Sandra Savage, Conservation Action Committee; June and Rich Carey, Newsletter Editors; Herman Baum, Virginia Bothwell, and Lee Main, Leaders of Weekday Walks; Lois Dailey, Publicity Chairwoman; Catherine Smith, Publisher of the Newsletter; Dick Hildreth and Wayne Savage, Members at Large. Nobody knows quite what members at large meant, but it seemed appropriate to title those of our membership that are indispensable.

INFLATION!!!!!!

We are behind the nine-ball (INFLATION)! Due to increased costs of mailing, the Newsletter will be mailed to those members with fully paid dues. The next issue is due in September. If you do not receive yours, please send a card so that we may check the State Membership records.

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY***** SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

CALENDAR

May 1974

- Fri. 10 Weekday Walk with Virginia Bothwell: Foothills Park
 Thurs. 16 Weekday Walk with Herman Baum: Mystery Trip
 Sat, Sun. 18 & 19 Overnight: Arroyo Mocho and Tarravell Creek, Inner Coastal Mountains
 Fri. 24 Weekday Walk with Virginia Bothwell: Foothills Park
 Thurs. 30 Membership meeting: "Pollination" John Kipping. 8 PM room 701-704 Saratoga High School, Herriman Rd. and Saratogo-Sunnyvale Rd.

June

- Sat. 1 Elkorh Slough, Moss Landing with Diane Conradson
 Sat. 29 A Keying Day with Natalie Hopkins

Aug. ?? Trip information, Saratoga Horticultural Foundation, 867-3214.

General Trip Information: Bring lunch, liquid, comfortable hiking shoes or boots, hand lens and the following books: "Flora of the Santa Cruz Mountains" by John Hunter Thomas or "Spring Wildflowers of the San Francisco Bay Region" by Helen Sharsmith. Check additional recommendations per hike. Plan to car pool as much as possible and reimburse drivers. Phone numbers for further information:

Natalie Hopkins	264-5076
Lee Main	471-3263
Carol Leach	264-9425
Sally Casey	961-3256

Weekday Walks: Virginia Bothwell's May Walks will be in Palo Alto's Foothill Park. Meet at main entrance at 10:00 A.M. Virginia's number is 854-6458.

Herman Baum's Mystery Trip will meet at 9:00 A.M. at the Montgomery Ward parking lot on Capitol Avenue, San Jose, between Berryessa Road and McKee Road to car pool. Lunch etc. Herman's number is 258-2885.

May 18 & 19 Overnight: Tarravell Creek (Dry) Car Camping. Will need: Food, WATER, Sleeping bag, hat boots, Helen Sharsmith's "Flora of the Mount Hamilton Range", if available, "big" Munz and hand lens. Contact Natalie Hopkins 264-5076, Sally Casey 961-3256 or Lee Main 471-3263 in order to arrange car pool.

June 1: Meet at 8:45 A.M. in Los Gatos in parking lot behind Sambo's at University and Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. Take Los Gatos exit off Rt. 17/ Continue one block toward town.

June 29: Leaderless keying trip. Nat Hopkins coordinator. Bring Munz' Flora if available, and Thomas' "Flora of the Santa Cruz Mountains", lunch, hand lens etc. Plan to assist in identifying some summer wildflowers in nearby hills. 264-5076.

ECOLOGY ACTION

The Watershed area of San Mateo County, now a semi-wilderness, is in danger of being developed for recreational purposes by the San Francisco Water Department, owners of the property. The area involved lies on the east side of the two reservoirs, running from San Bruno to Woodside, on both sides of Highway 280. Public hearings have been held to determine the uses to which the land might be put. Recreational uses being considered are golf course complexes, hostels, bicycle trails, horseback riding trails, and hiking trails. A master plan and Environmental Impact Report for the area will be done by EDAW Inc. of San Francisco. If you are interested in this issue please contact Nancy Burnes, 2024 New Brunswick Dr., San Mateo, 94402, or call her at 345-3924.