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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is fall and hopefully everyone has finished their summer field work. This was a very mild summer, not too hot, with snow lasting well into July in the high country. So, the flowering season in the mountains was later than usual.

Many of us are involved with

the California Native Plant Society Conference in San Diego. There will be a Northern California session of talks, which should be interesting. Northern California Botanists plan to have a booth at the conference so if you plan to go please stop by our booth!

We are beginning to plan our 2013 Symposium, which will be in January, 2013 at California State University, Chico. So, there is something to look forward to!

Have a great fall with your many vast botanical adventures.

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CNPS CONFERENCE "CONSERVING AND RESTORING THE ROOTS OF CALIFORNIA'S RICHNESS"

The California Native Plant Society will be having a conference January 12-14, 2012 in San Diego, CA. Northern California Botanists will not be hosting a symposium in 2012 but will be represented by our NCB booth! Come visit our booth!

NCB SYMPOSIUM JANUARY 14-16, 2013

NCB will be back in Chico in 2013 for our fifth symposium. The planning process has begun. Watch our website for updates!

MYSTERY PLANT



Photo by Rob Schlising

This species has the largest fruit known of all native California flowering plants. The large seeds rank up there in weight too, after the California buckeye. This photo was taken in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Tuolumne County-- the northernmost part of the species' range, which extends into the central and southern Sierra Nevada foothills and the Tehachapi Mountains. (Answer on Page 3)

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BOTANISTS IN ACTION

This issue of Leaflets features a continuing series that will highlight well-known to possibly less-well-known botanists, with photographs from the present to several decades back. If you have unpublished pictures of Northern California Botanists to share, please send jpegs and relevant information to rschlinging@csuchico.edu



John Sawyer (Humboldt State University) author of many articles and books, mainly on woody plants; first author of the *A Manual of California Vegetation*; a founder and first president of North Coast Chapter, California Native Plant Society (here holding forth at a CNPS fieldtrip at Lanphere-Christenson Dunes in 1978)



Glenn Keator (Merritt College) student of *Dichelostemma*; author of more than 15 hard-cover and paperback books ranging from plant field guides to volumes on oaks, plant families and growing California native plants (here eyeing *Frasera speciosa* (*Swertia radiata*) near Carson Pass in 1963)



Lawrence Janeway (Plumas National Forest and Curator of Chico State Herbarium) expert in *Carex* and *Clarkia*, and **Barbara Castro** (California Department of Water Resources) student of Lamiaceae (here both celebrating at site of their re-discovery of *Monardella douglasii* var. *venosa*--now *M. venosa*--in 1992)



Lincoln Constance (deceased; University of California, Berkeley) longtime student of Apiaceae and *Phacelia*, and “Dean of Plant Systematics” who had major influence on the field of Botany in California (and the country), through his teaching, mentoring and research (here pressing *Perideridia* in Nevada County in 1965)

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Winter is a good time to attend lectures, take workshops and plan next year's activities. Visit the following websites for information on events of botanical interest.

Davis Botanical Society: <http://herbarium.ucdavis.edu>

UC Berkeley Botanical Garden: <http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/>

Friends of the Chico State Herbarium: <http://csuchico.edu/biol/Herb/Events.html>

Pt. Reyes National Seashore Association: <http://ptreyes.org/fieldseminars/index.shtml>

East Bay Regional Parks: <http://www.nativeplants.org/events.html>

California Native Plant Society: <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/chapters/>

The workshop schedule for the Jepson Herbarium will be available late November, visit <http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/workshops/>

BUCKWHEATS ANYONE?

For those of you interested in learning about the genus *Eriogonum*, there is the Eriogonum Society. The Society holds an annual meeting in the summer at *Eriogonum* hotspots through the west. The event includes fieldtrips hosted by local experts,

keying sessions, and a banquet dinner. The 2011 event was held in Bishop, CA. Dr. James Reveal, *Eriogonum* expert, taught *Eriogonum* taxonomy and led several field trips. Some attendees had a chance to see the very rare *Dedeckera eure-*

kensis in bloom! A fabulous time was had by all! To find out more about the Eriogonum Society, visit the website at: <http://eriogonum.org/> and join for only \$10!

NCB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

NCB is a non-profit organization that depends on its members for operating costs. Money generated from the dues helps finance our programs and provides some of the funding for student scholarships. In addition, we are starting to plan our next symposium

in January 2013. Because we are not holding a symposium in 2012, we will not be generating the revenue that helps fund our scholarship program for 2012 or the start-up costs for the next symposium. Donations and renewals are especially important this year.

Most memberships expire at the end of the year. You can find your renewal date on the address label of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support!

2012-2013 STUDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Northern California Botanists provide competitive botany and plant ecology research scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students from north-

ern California colleges and universities. Applications for the 2012-2013 school year will be posted on our website in November and are due in March.

A flyer will also be available for posting. Please help get the word out by letting botany and plant ecology students and faculty know of this opportunity.

Answer to "Mystery Plant": *Marah horrida* (Congdon) Dunn - Sierra man-root



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