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General Membership Meeting & Elections

What are we doing up there?

Jim Velzy

January 14, 2013

Speaker 7:30 pm

UCSC Arboretum Horticulture Building

Jim Velzy will give a talk on the restoration efforts taking place at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) Greenhouses on Science Hill. UCSC Greenhouses primarily support the campus community, but are open from 9 am to 3 pm every weekday throughout the year to the general public. Jim will discuss current restoration projects supported by the greenhouses, going into depth on local flora propagation and placement in the landscape.

Jim Velzy is a native New Yorker who received a Bachelor's of Science degree from Cornell in 1983, and worked as a commercial grower for eight years before joining the UCSC campus in 1991. Jim is the Director of UCSC Greenhouses which has three greenhouse facilities on the rooftops of three science buildings in the center of the UCSC campus.

Elections for the Board of Directors

Nearly every year there are changes in the Chapter's Board of Directors, whether due to relocation, excessive busy-ness, or other temptations of life.

Kevin Collins is joining the Conservation Committee. Kevin will monitor the County Planning Agendas and alert us of proposed projects that may need to be evaluated for habitat issues. We are developing a strong committee in order to attract a botanist or equivalent to be Chair, without them needing to do all the work.

Kris is stepping down from her post as Secretary, which she has ably performed for several years. I would like to find a replacement Newsletter editor, one who would bring it a bit more visual appeal. It's possible that Jenn will be migrating to other areas at some point during the year; if so the Membership and Book Sales positions will open up.

If a position interests you, contact one of the current Board members for more information.

The nominees include:

President	Deanna Giuliano
Vice President	Brett Hall
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OPEN: Secretary, Conservation Chair, Field Trips, Newsletter? Book Sales?

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Natural History Field Trip Series with Randall Morgan

Come with legendary local naturalist Randall Morgan assisted by renowned weed warrior Ken Moore to selected hot spots in the Santa Cruz area and learn about some of nature's little known wonders. These walks will cover all aspects of natural history including botany, birds, bugs, biogeography, general ecology, conservation, habitat restoration, ethnobotany, wild foods, the native/non-native issue, natural succession, land management/restoration/enhancement (plus common mistakes and misconceptions), gardening ideas, how to "read" landscapes, and more!

To sign up for a trip, RSVP to Ken Moore, ken@wildwork.org Be sure to put the date of the trip in the subject line, and provide your name, if it is not in your email address. The number of attendees is limited, and spaces will be reserved in the order received. You will receive an email notification of your status.

Ending times for trips are an estimate; they sometimes run longer.

Please wear clothing that will not attract stickers, and make sure you are free of any weed seeds before coming.

These field trips are being provided to you at no cost, thanks in part to our sponsors and other contributors. Your donations are needed to continue offering this incomparable opportunity.

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Plant Keying Club Takes a Break

Please note: there will not be any plant keying or mystery plant identification sessions before this month's meeting.

For more about Randall Morgan: <http://scicom.ucsc.edu/publications/essays-profiles-pages/profile-rozendal.html>

Saturday January 5 10:00 to 12:00

Bonny Doon Reserve

We will see 4 species of manzanitas, hopefully around peak of flowering, all glorious and honey-scented and abuzz with speedy early bumblebee queens and nectar-thieving andrenid bees and hummingbirds and cool giant syrphid flies, also possibility of special winter birds like crossbills or red-breasted nuthatches or ???; back in the 60's we even had an influx of Clarke's nutcrackers! (we can't promise that or any, really, but who knows?). Will concentrate on the "racetrack" area which is quickly regrowing with ponderosa pines and Santa Cruz cypresses and perfect manzanitas, and also has undoubtedly the most magnificent live-oak to be seen around here. Limit 15 people. We'll cancel if it rains.

We'll meet at 10:00 at the Bonny Doon Fire Station on Martin Road.

Saturday February 23 10:00 to 12:00

Branciforte Creek

Reprise of our inaugural walk, a leisurely half-riparian, half-urban stroll, this time at the freshest most verdant moment of the year. We will follow the creek from its concrete-channeled lower end to a pleasantly untrammled stretch, with interesting backyards on the other side the whole way, then back via Market Street neighborhoods with all sorts of interesting highlights along the way. No end of things to interest a lover of plants. Limit 15 people. We'll cancel if it rains.

We'll meet at 10:00 at the Santa Cruz Senior Center, 222 Market St.

Plant Checklist To Be Updated

The Flora committee has been busy working on the second edition of *An Annotated Checklist of the Vascular Plants of Santa Cruz County, California*. We are almost out of copies of the first (2005) edition. The update will use the names used in the current version of *The Jepson Manual*, and include the latest data from the field.

We hope to have the new edition available later this year.

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