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8th Annual War on Weeds Symposium

"A Symphony of Weed Management Strategies"

Many of our local chapter members have done quite a bit of weeding, in our private gardens and on public lands. Some of the more "enthusiastic" ones will be featured at the Central Coast's 8th annual War on Weeds Symposium at California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) on Friday, November 17. The Bureau of Land Management, the Watershed Institute and other organizations present this conference, which provides information on all aspects of weed control and management. The program includes:

- Over 16 speakers
- 2 days of optional Field trips
- Live Tool Demonstrations
- Lunch and snacks provided (veggie option available)
- Opportunities to network with local "Weed Warriors"
- Continuing Education credits for qualified applicators

The conference will be held on Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm in the CSUMB University Ballroom at Sixth Avenue and B Street in Seaside. There are two optional field trips: one the day before the conference on Thursday, and one afterwards on Saturday.

Preliminary Program Overview for Friday, November 17th

Registration with music(!) will be from 8:30-9:00 with the Keynote beginning promptly at 9:00 am

Keynote Speaker: Joe DiTomaso, UC Extension

Session I: Invasive Weed Management Methodology and Research Updates

"Tracking Weed Projects with Weed Information Management System"

"Beyond Weeds, Integrated Vegetation Management"
"The Latest and Greatest Cape Ivy Research"

Santa Cruz County Chapter General Meeting

November 13, 2006 7:30 pm
Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History,
1305 E. Cliff Drive

Tonya Haff

Animals of the Santa Cruz Mountains: Their relationships to Plants and Habitats

Ever wonder about the different animals locally that are usually overlooked— how they use plants for food, shelter, seed dispersal, and lots of other furtive activities? Come and learn how birds and mammals, but especially invertebrates all have important ecological roles within their environment.

Tonya Haff is Curator of the UCSC Museum of Natural History Collections, where her primary focuses are birds, plants, and fungi. She has worked as a field biologist throughout the west and abroad, but within the most recent past has narrowed her research on the natural history of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Tonya is currently editing a second edition of *The Natural History of the UCSC Campus* and teaching a course of the same title at UCSC.

Session II & III: Weed Management Area Strategies and Voices from the Field

Monterey County Ag. Commissioner's Office Rep. & State Weed Management Area Rep.,

"The Magic Line" of Weed Abatement, Ken Moore

"How YOUR plant inventory can help YOUR weed program!", David Styer

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Weed Project Updates – Elkhorn Slough, State Parks, BLM Fort Ord, and more

Lunch Topic Groups, Open Mic. Red Alerts, Announcements, Brief Updates, etc..

Tool Tailgate: Tool Sharing and Demos, “What’s in your Rig?”

Propane Flaming and Hand Tool Demos, Ken Moore

Brush Cutter Demo, Bruce Delgado

Session IV. Engaging and Succeeding with Outreach and Recruitment

“Manzanita County Park Weed Project”, Sally Childs

“30 Years of Jubata Outreach and Volunteer Abatement”, Bruce Cowan

“Carmel River State Beach Neighborhood Weed Project”, Mike Turbow

“BLM Volunteer Crew Experience”, Phil Smith

Session V. Intro to Propane Flaming

Learn how and where to use propane torches to help combat early weed growth.

Field Trips:

Thursday November 16: Visit a two-year yellow star thistle project at Clear Creek, San Benito Co. with Joe DiTomaso

Saturday November 18: Big Sur Coastal Sites, BLM Ft. Ord Backcountry

Register by November 13th for \$25, day of conference registration will be \$35!

*There will be **NO REFUNDS** for no-shows.*

Directions From Santa Cruz County:

- Take Highway 1 South to the **CSU Monterey Bay Exit (Lightfighter Dr)** just south of Marina
- Proceed down **Lightfighter Dr.** past 3 traffic signals until you reach a stop sign
- Turn **Left** at the stop sign onto **Col. Durham Rd.**
- Proceed down **Col. Durham Rd.** until you reach another stop sign
- Turn **Left** at the stop sign onto **Sixth Avenue**
- The University Center** will be on your **left**

Please register me for the War on Weeds Symposium.

\$25 individual \$15 Student w/ID

Total \$ _____

Please contact me about the...

Thursday Field Trip Saturday Field Trip

Please mail checks made payable to “Foundation of CSUMB, Watershed Donation Fund” to:

Donna Dormody
35425 Dormody Rd.
Carmel CA 93923

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

For more information call 831.582.3686
You can find the complete conference flyer and updates at the Watershed Institute:
<http://watershed.csUMB.edu>

Volunteer Opportunity: Outreach for CNPS and EarthShare

Earth Share of California is looking for people in Monterey and Santa Cruz County to represent Earth Share of California and CNPS at various meetings and campaign events.

Earth Share of California coordinates workplace giving for over eighty carefully selected environmental charities. Part of the national Earth Share network, Earth Share of California offers business partners the opportunity to connect with the most respected organizations, offering solutions to environmental business questions, volunteer opportunities and networking.

CNPS is one of the 80+ organizations represented. Attending the meetings and events is a great way to encourage workplace giving for Earth Share as well as CNPS designated contributions. Please contact Nan Langen Steketee if you would like to assist with the campaigns in the Monterey Bay Area.

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49 Powell Street, Suite 510
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FIELD TRIP:

Wild Mushrooms 101 with Alija Mujic

Tentative Date: Saturday December 9, 10AM–2PM : Please check the chapter website as the date approaches for confirmation, in case a “no rain date” is needed!

<http://www.cruzcnps.org/>

Have you ever wanted to go mushroom foraging? Do you often wonder, “How exactly do parasitic plants derive their nutrition?” Or, “What was that wonderful flavor that only grandpa could coax out of a pot of stew?” If you answered yes to any of the above questions please consider joining us this early December for a day of mushroom mischief in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

We will be spending a day foraging around one of the Monterey Bay’s most famous hunting grounds, Upper Marshall Field in the Santa Cruz Mountains. People travel from all over the state just to visit this small patch of fungal abundance that resides right here in our own backyard.

Parking and meeting place will be along the edge of Empire Grade just past the Twin gates interface between upper UCSC campus and Wilder Ranch State Park. This is about 3 miles north of the UCSC West Entrance. Marshall Field provides relatively easy hiking but please be aware that some of the best mushroom patches exist off trail. Be prepared for some moderate bushwhacking and careful treading. Those especially allergic to poison oak are also advised to wear long sleeves and pants as many mushrooms seem to have an inordinate fondness for poison oak thickets. Mushroom discussion and identification activities for this field trip will be led by local mushroom aficionado, cultivator and scientist, Alija Mujic. Aside from a good walk in the woods, the day’s activities will include:

- 1.) A discussion on the taxonomy, physiology, ecology, life history and gustatory/medicinal splendor of our friend, the wild mushroom.
- 2.) A discussion and demonstration of mushroom hunting ethics and etiquette.
- 3.) A discussion on home scale mushroom cultivation followed by a demonstration of basic low technology mushroom cultivation and mycelial amplification.
- 4.) Gourmet culinary advice for those wanting to taste test the edible wild fungi of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

What to bring:

- Plenty of water
- Warm clothing that comes in a few layers
- Rain gear (if you think the weather has a few pranks in store)
- Picnic goodies for lunch.
- A picnic sized basket for carrying both food and mushrooms
- A small knife for cleaning/picking mushrooms.
- A small brush for cleaning mushrooms. (I like the cheapo natural bristle paint brushes readily available from any hardware store. No need to spend more than a dollar.)
- Small paper or wax paper bags for separating and protecting the mushrooms we find.
- Field guides to wild mushrooms and plants (David Aurora’s *Mushrooms Demystified* or *All that the Rain Promises and More* is highly recommended)
- A spirit of curiosity and reverence for the natural world.

Heavy rain cancels... whilst inspiring more mushrooms!

Alija Mujic 831-457-0429

CNPS Habitat Restoration Team Events

We are a volunteer group working to restore native habitat in the parks and protected lands in Santa Cruz County. Our program provides an opportunity for people to learn about the natural systems that surround them while helping to restore special and wild places. No prior work experience is necessary, just show up at the park. We welcome individual volunteers from 8 to 80 years, as well as special group projects. Wear comfortable layered clothing, bring something to drink, and lots of enthusiasm! We work rain or shine, but if things get particularly unpleasant, we call it a day. Tools provided; bring gloves.

Contact: Program Leader, Linda Brodman
831.462.4041, redwdrn@pacbell.net

October 28, 2006 10 am to 1 pm
Sunset Beach State Park

November 18, 2006 10 am to 1 pm
Sunset Beach State Park

December 2, 2006 10 am to 1 pm
Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

Join the California Native Plant Society!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Chapter (County) Affiliation: _____

Please make your check payable to CNPS and send to: Membership Chair, CNPS, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816

- Student/Limited Income \$25
- Individual \$45
- Family, Group or Library \$75
- Plant Lover \$100
- Patron \$300
- Benefactor \$600
- Mariposa Lily \$1500

All dues and gifts to CNPS are tax deductible. ✂

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CNPS is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of California native flora. CNPS has 31 chapters throughout the state and membership is open to all persons – professional and amateur — with an interest in California's native plants. Members have diverse interests including natural history, botany, ecology, conservation, photography, drawing, hiking, and gardening. Your membership includes *Fremontia*, a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants; the *Bulletin*, a statewide report of activities and schedules; and the *Cypress Cone*.



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