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General Meeting featuring Christian Schwarz: Mushrooms of the Redwood Coast

Monday, November 14

UCSC Arboretum Horticulture Building

Presentation 7:30 pm

5:00 pm Keying Club for plants and mushrooms—
bring specimens to identify!

Local mushroom enthusiast and taxonomist Christian Schwarz will join us to discuss the book he and Noah Siegel wrote: *"Mushrooms of the Redwood Coast"*, a comprehensive and user-friendly field guide for identifying coastal mushrooms from Monterey County to the Oregon border. Christian hails from Santa Cruz, the land of milk (caps) and honey (mushrooms). He studied at UCSC, and now spends his time photographing, teaching about, and making scientific collections of macrofungi. He is slowly building a mycoflora for Santa Cruz County (www.scmycoflora.org). He also writes a blog called *Notes of a Mycophile* (www.christianschwarz.com). Fungi satisfy his curiosity with their seemingly endless forms (from the grotesque to the bizarre to the sublime). He has travelled in search of fungi throughout the United States, as well as central America, Indonesia, Borneo, and Europe. Besides mushroom taxonomy and mycofloristics, he's an excitable birder and passionate about citizen science in general.



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Successful Plant Sale

The October 15 plant sale, held alongside the Arboretum's sale, was held during intermittent lulls in the first rain of the season. Mist alternated with light rain. Occasional pea-soup fog completely hid views over the bay and created mysterious scenery at the sale site. But plant lovers were undeterred by a little moisture. They know that fall is the best time to plant, while the ground is still warm and winter rains take care of much of the initial watering.

The mood was congenial and relaxed. Native plant aficionados helped prep the site the day before the sale. Arboretum folks provided food for the volunteers who worked at the two sales, and UCSC students provided valet service as they wheelbarrowed plants to buyers' vehicles. CNPS members staffed the sale, after participating in monthly propagation sessions all year long to produce the plants. One member, anticipating rain, brought a shelter for the CNPS membership table. There is a gentle changing of the guard over time as some members gradually accept the baton for duties being passed on by others.

The sale was a financial success, even though the stormy weather precluded selling books. Fewer than 20 plants were left at the end. To top things off, the rain gods rain held back serious rain until the sale was almost finished.

Suzanne Schettler



Jackie Pascoe



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Membership News

Ann Garside

The Chapter wishes a warm welcome to our recently joined CNPS members - Matt Moran, Daniel Alexander, Jennifer Patterson, and Aaron Fitch, and to our very recently joined Jessica Wolf and Karolyn Ronzano (hope you enjoyed the Sale!). The members' meeting on Nov. 14th features a great talk on mushrooms as well as a quick roundup of Chapter activities. Feel free to introduce yourself to any or all board members; it's nice to put faces with names!

Habitat Restoration Team

Linda Brodman

November 19, 2016 10am to 1pm

The location of this event is not yet known. Check the website for updates: cruzcnps.org, then bring layers, work gloves, a drink, and enthusiasm! It is fun and rewarding.

Linda :831-462-4041 or redwdrn@pacbell.net

Norris Center / UC Natural History Museum Open House

Cowell Ranch Hay Barn, UCSC

10am - 5pm Saturday, November 12

10am - 3pm Sunday, November 13

Many pollinators collected by chapter member and amazing naturalist R. Morgan will be on display at the open house of the Kenneth S. Norris Center for Natural History. The theme is "Cross-Pollination, the Art and Science of Natural History." Renowned local nature illustrator Maryjo Koch and will display her illustrations alongside many of the Norris Center's extensive collections, including the pollinator collection.

Admission is free. Donations will be encouraged to benefit the Norris Center. Free parking will be available at lower campus lots 115, 116, and 122 (Barn Theater). Close-in parking for mobility-impaired guests will be available at the Hay Barn.

For details see norriscenter.ucsc.edu.

Plant Sale? Book Sales? Newsletter? Volunteers Wanted

These volunteers are stepping down from their Board positions. If you might like to get involved with CNPS in one of these areas, please contact anyone below:

Book Sales: Cindy Hudson
cindy@centralcoastwilds.com

Plant Sales: Karen Hildebrand
831-426-1172

Newsletter Editor - Charles Koester
cnps@koester.com

Fields Trips

Check cruzcnps.org for late updates. Carpooling is encouraged, though not sponsored by CNPS. Heavy rain cancels. Contact Deanna Giuliano for any questions at drosegiuliano@yahoo.com or call 831 278-2699.

Saturday November 19, 2016

Hike in Moore Creek Preserve with Deanna Giuliano.

We will focus on Oak identification and possibly see some nice galls associated with them. Hike will be around 3-4 miles easy to moderate hiking.

The trip will be from 9:30 to 1:30, bring water, layers, sunscreen, hat and a lunch. Meet at the entrance to the preserve at the end of Meter Street.

Saturday December 3, 2016

Hike to Chalk Mountain 1609' with Deanna Giuliano.

Enjoy spectacular panoramic views and amazing redwoods on the way up to a coastal scrub habitat. Strenuous elevation gain of about 1500', 4 miles round trip.

The trip will be from 9:30- 2:30, bring water, layers, sunscreen, hat and a lunch. Meet at Westside New Leaf parking lot; limited to 15 people.

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Christian Schwarz:
Mushrooms of the Redwood Coast

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