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Native Landscape Design Techniques and Photos from the Japanese Garden Memoir: *Cutting Back—My Apprenticeship in the Gardens of Kyoto*

Speaker: **Leslie Buck**

Chapter General Meeting:

Monday, November 12, 2018, 7:30 pm

UCSC Arboretum Horticulture Building

Keying Session: **5:30 pm**

See how the Japanese design with local plants to create some of the most natural looking gardens in the world. Leslie will pull from her memoir, *Cutting Back—My Apprenticeship in the Gardens of Kyoto*, to illustrate how the Japanese use native plants to evoke the wild Japanese landscape, and how we can use these tricks in our own native gardens. She will present images of Kyoto garden monasteries, private homes and an emperor's villa. To hear her interview on the nature podcast Cultivating Place and more go to: Lesliebuckauthor.com.



Leslie Buck's memoir, *Cutting Back*, earned a New York Times book review, Washington Post article, and translation into Chinese. Leslie has been an aesthetic pruner and garden design consultant for over two decades, helping landscapes develop atmosphere and beauty over time. She holds a fine arts degree from UC Berkeley and for years she explored native plant communities with Stew Winchester on "Horticulture" excursions! Leslie has taught pruning at Tassajara Zen Monastery, Merritt College, and many garden clubs. In 2000, Leslie trained with Uetoh Zoen, one of the oldest and most highly acclaimed landscape companies in Japan—a three season journey which became *Cutting Back*.

Need some plants Identified?



Bring a plant, part of a plant, or flowers to our keying session just before (5:30-7:00 pm) the general meeting and Deanna, and others, can help you figure out what they are. These keying sessions are a great way to learn how to use a plant key, learn the local flora, and/or keep up with the changes in the 2nd Edition of *The Jepson Manual: Vascular Plants of California*. We have microscopes on hand to view hard-to-see plant parts.

A Sunny Day and a New Location Results in a Beautiful Fall Plant Sale



Linda Willis helping customers. Photo by Suzanne Schettler

Our Chapter's fall plant sale was smooth sailing with sunny skies and a brand new, easily accessible customer parking lot.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers who generously donated their time by unloading and organizing plants, hanging signs, greeting customers, tallying orders, answering questions, directing foot-traffic, completing customer transactions, taking plants out to customers' cars, and helping with the myriad details that inevitably come up. Whew! We could not have done it without you!

Special thanks go to Mike Luther and his team of propagators that helped produce this year's excellent selection of plants.

Also, thank you to the UCSC Arboretum and Botanic Garden for continuing to host us and providing a well-designed space for both sales. We had lots of good feedback about the new site and all of our customers will reap the benefits for years to come.



Luen Miller getting ready to purchase plants. Photo by Suzanne Schettler

Make a Plan for the Required Minimum Draw from your Individual Retirement Account

by Suzanne Schettler

The IRS requires all citizens over 70.5 years of age to make annual withdrawals from their IRA or face a tax penalty. What's more, the amount that you draw may affect your taxable income and increase your tax liability! However, you can transfer money from your Required Minimum Draw (RMD) to qualified 501(c)3 organizations, like CNPS, tax-free. A Qualified Charitable Donation form is required.

Donating your RMD can help you avoid taxes and penalties while also helping CNPS fund important programs and projects. You may designate a chapter to benefit from your gift. RMDs must be taken before the end of the calendar year, so fall is a good time to consider this possibility.

For further information, visit www.cnps.org/give/legacy, or send an email to legacy@cnps.org. As with any important financial transaction, please be sure to consult with your financial advisor to make the most advantageous decision for your family and your philanthropic goals.

Do Some Research at Calscape.org Before Putting Your New Plants in the Ground

by Ruthe Smith

I brought home six plants from our plant sale: two woolly bluecurls, two California fuchsia, a creek dogwood, and an Oregon gumweed. Before the sale, I had a general idea of the types of plants I was looking for; some low-water, high sun, some part shade, etc. At the sale, I selected the plants based on the information on the display cards and labels on their pots.



Newly planted Oregon gumweed (*Grindelia stricta*).

I decided to do a little more research before putting them in the ground, and so consulted Calflora.org. That quickly led to a link on landscaping information for each plant at Calscape.org.

The fuchsia and bluecurls will go in an area that gets full sun in the summer and won't get watered very often. The dogwood will be in part sun and is in a convenient place to water the recommended once a week and "keep moist." Although the gumweed has a moderate-high water requirement, the maximum summer water is only three times a month. If I put it in with some other well-established natives in a corner of the vegetable garden, it will be easy to water adequately during the summer.

The last thing I had to do was to fence in my newly planted natives to protect them from the chickens! I'll let you know how, or if, the plants survive and thrive!

Santa Cruz County Chapter Field Trips

Hike to Maple Falls in Nisene Marks State Park with Deanna Giuliano

Saturday, November 17, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Hike to Maple Falls and enjoy fall colors and creekside flora, and maybe some early mushrooms on this eight-mile round trip hike of about 700 feet elevation. Some agility required.

Bring water, layers, sunscreen, hat, and a lunch. Meet at George's Picnic area parking inside the park. Heavy rain cancels. There is a fee for the park.

Hike to Chalk Mountain with Deanna Giuliano

Saturday, December 1, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Hike to Chalk Mountain at 1609 feet with Deanna Giuliano and enjoy spectacular panoramic views and amazing redwoods on the way up to a coastal scrub habitat. There will be a strenuous elevation gain of about 1500 feet during this four-mile round trip hike.

Bring water, layers, sunscreen, hat, and a lunch. Meet at Westside New Leaf parking lot. There is a limit of 15 people. Heavy rain cancels.

Contact **Deanna Giuliano** for any questions about either field trip at drosegiuliano@yahoo.com or call **831.278.2699**.

Please Note: Carpooling is encouraged but not sponsored by CNPS.

Habitat Restoration Team

Saturday, November 3, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Venue to be determined - check cruzcnps.org

Sunday, November 18, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Venue to be determined - check cruzcnps.org

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 are provided; bring gloves.

Contact: **Program Leader, Linda Brodman**

831.462.4041, redwdrn@pacbell.net

Keep up with additions to field trips and restoration dates by checking our website at www.cnpscruz.org.



Habitat Restoration Team Tackles Ice Plant at Natural Bridges State Park



Restoration volunteers pull ice plant. Photo by Linda Brodman



Newly restored site planted by Groundswell. Photo by Linda Brodman

Upcoming Field Trips with Neighboring CNPS Chapters

Trees and Shrubs of Santa Clara Valley: Plant ID Walk at Rancho Cañada del Oro (Morgan Hill) Sunday, November 25: For more information, go to www.cnps-scw.org. Advanced registration is required.

Williams Canyon Hike to Mitteldorf Preserve Saturday, December 15: For more information, go to <https://montereybay.cnps.org>. Advanced registration is required.

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Membership News

The Santa Cruz County Chapter wishes a beautiful Holiday and Solstice Season to all of our members, and to our newest folks:

**Welcome to the
California Native Plant Society!**

**Tiffany Theden
Todd Lemein
Marisa Gomez
Jennifer Wilson
Alex Krohn
Maciek Smuga-Otto**

Note: Any member who would prefer to receive the Cypress Cone newsletter digitally, drop Ann Garside a line at anng@calcentral.com to make the switch. Thanks!



Pink sand-verbena (*Abronia umbellata* var. *umbellata*) at Natural Bridges.
Photo by Linda Brodman

Join the California Native Plant Society

Your membership includes *Fremontia*, a journal with articles on all aspects of native plants; *Flora*, CNPS's new magazine presenting a statewide report of activities and schedules; and *The Cypress Cone*.

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