



### **Water-Wise Plant Sale & Fair**

Saturday, September 29, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clovis Botanical Garden

945 N. Clovis Ave. (corner of Alluvial & Clovis Ave. in Dry Creek Park)

Fall is the perfect time to consider adding new plants to your landscape.

The Clovis Botanical Garden and the California Native Plant Society invite all to our annual Sale & Fair, Saturday, September 29; gates open at 9:00 a.m. Admission is free.

Shoppers will find a great selection of drought tolerant, water-wise plants and California natives to choose from at this annual sale. In addition to the great variety and options, these plants will help save money on your water bill.

The Sequoia Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is a co-sponsor of this event. Society members will be available to help you select plants and answer questions regarding the use of natives in your landscape.

- Fresno County Master Gardeners will also be on site to answer your gardening and plant care questions.
- Bring photographs and measurements of your garden and sign up for a free consultation with a landscape expert.
- Sign up for a guided tour of the garden. Visit the drip irrigation demonstration area for sprinkler system information and questions.
- Browse the many garden-related informational booths

[www.Clovisbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.Clovisbotanicalgarden.org) and [www.cnps-sequoia.org](http://www.cnps-sequoia.org)



### **Upcoming events**

September 15 – China Creek workday 8-noon. Directions: 180/Kings Canyon east across Academy to Smith or Oliver. Turn south about 1/4 mi. past the school to Rainbow and Smith. Continue south on Smith about 1/4 mi. to the Park gate.

September 22 - Tehipite Chapter, Sierra Club hosts Regional Wilderness meeting (details, pg. 3)

October 6 – Arts and Crafts in the Park – Bear Mountain Library--Squaw Valley. Raffle, Silent Auction, food & drinks. Proceeds will provide a covered shelter for community events. 559-332-2537

October 13, 14 – Harvest Arts & Peace Festival (20<sup>th</sup> annual) – Intermountain Nursery, Prather. 30443 Auberry Rd. @ hwy 168--Art, fine Crafts, Music, Homemade Food, Children's activities, Community non-profits.

[Intermountainnursery.com](http://Intermountainnursery.com) 559-855-3113

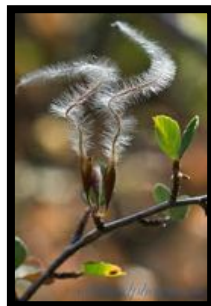
## Courtright

Jane Pritchard

I left my notebook behind so this article will be from memory and probably short. Eileen, Aaron and I drove out Dinkey Creek Road and turned toward Courtright. We stopped at the scenic viewpoint and is it ever! Then we turned left toward Trapper Springs. At 1.9 miles one of Shorty Lovelace's cabins is visible to the left. He trapped animals during the winter and built several cabins a day's travel apart. He sold the pelts in the spring, went on a drinking binge, returned to the mountains, built more cabins, and resumed trapping in November.

We lunched on the west side of the low reservoir where strong wind made an extra flannel shirt feel very good. A geologic interpretation area across the dam said that two different gray granitic batholiths intruded into each side of red metamorphic rock that was originally sediment on the ocean floor. We drove on up to the parking area and took the Dusy trail. Before long the forest ended and we walked across the granite outcrops on the left. We inspected glacial polish and erratics, exfoliation, schlieren (flows of darker minerals in the granite), inclusions with their original shape. Flowers had gone to seed but mountain pride, rosy sedum, and cream bush were prolific. Moist areas with aspen came down the slope between rock outcrops. We reluctantly left the rocks and took a trail to the right toward a meadow at the foot of Maxson Dome. The path through a lateral moraine crossed meadows, streams, and a rocky lodgepole forest. (Lodgepoles and a few aspens are the only trees I noticed all day.) There were a few fresh sneezeweed blooms and lots of yarrow. Nearly everything else had set seed including gooseberries with red berries and very thorny stems, short fireweed with seeds still closed and red leaves. We didn't make it to the meadow. The sun angle on our way back made the glacial polish shine like water. This area is very beautiful without flowers but we will return next year when they bloom – maybe camp a few days so time is not wasted getting there.

We stopped for coffee at Cressman's and parted at the viewpoint near the top of the 4-lane. I had always wondered what the fuzzy trees coming down the 4-lane were. They are mountain mahogany whose long, curved, bushy seed tails have matured.



## AUGUST 2012 CHINA CREEK UPDATE

Warren Shaw



Removing cages from young oaks

The good news was, our August Work Party was on the coolest day in a couple of weeks. The bad news was it was still well over a hundred. We discussed knocking off early (after our ten o'clock break) but, somehow, everybody kept working until after our usual quitting time of twelve. What a great crew!

We did miss Ingrid Carmean and her ice cream. She has joined the Peace Corps and will spend the next two years in Peru. You can follow her on her blog. <http://ingridinthepeacecorps.blogspot.com/>

Once again we tackled the remnant Yellow Star Thistle in the north grazing area, and continued to remove protective cages from seedling oaks in order to move them to new seedlings. We've been so focused on weed work, we kind of forgot about seedlings, and they sneaked up on us. A recent count showed 33 in the south grazing area, and we haven't counted those in the north area, so we're scrambling to catch up. This will necessitate stressing our budget to buy wire mesh and posts, and doing a lot of hard work, but, of course, we're delighted the oaks are reproducing so well.

We're also continuing plans to "hack and squirt" our grove of invasive Ailanthus trees at the September Work Party. So – as always, more work that we can ever finish, but we love it.

The September work date is Saturday, September 15; sure hope you can join us.

## Membership

Thelma Valdez

If you require corrections or additions to your membership information, contact Thelma Valdez at [nmtv@unwiredbb.com](mailto:nmtv@unwiredbb.com)  
The Sequoia chapter serves Fresno, Madera, and Kings counties.



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### Regional Wilderness Meeting Sept. 22

Interested wildlands advocates are invited to join the Sierra Club California/Nevada Wilderness Committee on September 22, from 10 AM to 5PM, followed by a group dinner. Expanding diversity in the wilderness community will be one of the topics of the meeting. There will be opportunities for networking, food, and timely presentations on worthwhile wildlands topics. The following day (Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>) a hike in the lower Sierra area is planned. Details and RSVP – Heather Anderson [heather.anderson8@comcast.net](mailto:heather.anderson8@comcast.net)

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## JOIN THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY RENEW

Membership includes the quarterly CNPS journal, *Fremontia*; the quarterly *Bulletin* which gives statewide news and announcements of activities and conservation issues; and our chapter newsletter, *Carpenteria*.

I wish to affiliate with the Sequoia Chapter.

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The California Native Plant Society is a statewide nonprofit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The mission of the Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, science, and conservation.

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September 2012

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SEQUOIA CHAPTER

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### MADELEINE'S MUSINGS

*Madeleine Mitchell*

I'm reviewing a strange but common plant that I see in bloom right now. *Datura wrightii* is also known as Jimsonweed, Tolguaca and Sacred Thorn Apple. I thought it was an annual as I only see it



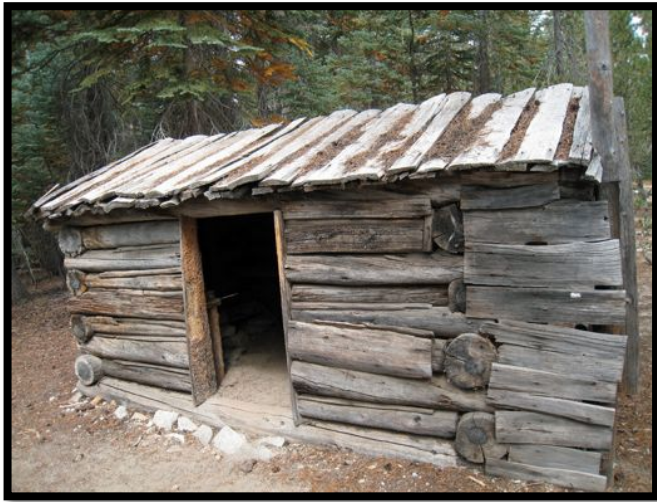
**Jimsonweed** *Datura wrightii*

seasonally, but it's an annual perennial. It's been used as a hallucinogen for centuries as a rite of passage by some native tribes. All parts of the plants are poisonous, not just the seeds as I had been told. Chewing on a leaf can bring on the changes in vision and other effects.

I see it all along the Kings River where I walk in the mornings and in fields, even at China Creek. The flowers are only open in the mornings, They close as it get lighter.

It's in the Solanaceae family. Sometimes the flowers will have a purple edge but mostly they are a bright white. The foliage is also interesting to me-- grayish and fuzzy.





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Counterclockwise from top

- Two Courtright photos  
Shorty Lovelace's cabin  
Ponderosa pine with fungus
- Card to take to Plant sale
- Blue Curls *Trichostema lanceolatum*

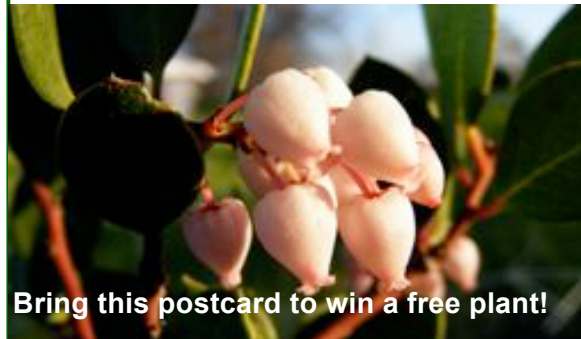


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**Guided Tours – Landscape Design – Garden Experts**

Bring photographs and measurements of your garden and sign up for a free landscape consultation the day of the event.



Bring this postcard to win a free plant!

