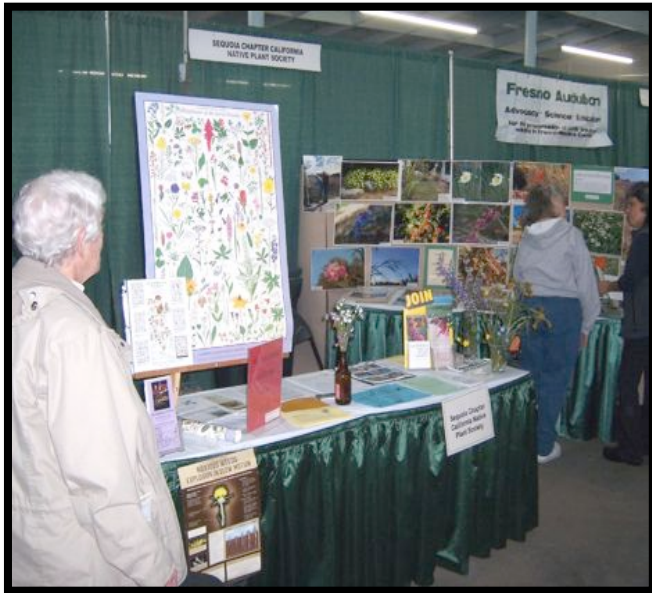




## 2011 Home and Garden Show

Marian Orvis



pictures attached thereto. Interest in California natives has also increased due to the water meters installation project in the City of Fresno. Thank you all for a fine outreach to our Chapter. Hopefully we've generated new members (and volunteers).

This was a splendid event, the best in the 25 years in which we've been participating. One of the reasons was due to our wonderful volunteers who gave of their time and talents. In no particular order they include Mary McClanahan, Lee Ellis, Rudy Rulloda, Thelma Valdez, Warren Shaw, Helen Shaw, Jeanne Larson, Ingrid Carmean, Madeleine Mitchell, and, behind the scenes, Frank Orvis. Another reason for our success was the location of our booth situated across the isle from the speakers' seminar area. There was much interest in our informative handouts and the Windshield Wildflower Tour seemed to peak the most interest. (If all the folks who took the handouts show up for the trip, the carpooling will be significant!) More reasons? Thelma's eye-catching display board with colorful

### CHINA CREEK UPDATE

Warren Shaw

Load, haul, spread; load, haul, spread; basically what we did at our February workday as we mulched a section of our interpretive trail. Not very glamorous, but it was an absolutely gorgeous early spring day; we got perhaps a hundred yards of the trail mulched, and I think we all felt good about stretching our muscles a little and accomplishing something so visible.

It also felt good to be in the Park as it is beginning to awaken from the winter and hint at the glories of the spring to come. We were accompanied by various hawks and ducks, and even saw one kite hovering over the south section of the Park, an unusual sight in most places.

In addition to mulching the trail, we did some routine chores like picking up trash. We also walked over the native grass planting area, but had to admit we really couldn't tell if any of the lush grasses growing there are our newly planted Needle Grass.

At our March workday, Saturday 3-19, we'll probably continue mulching the trail, but we hope also to get started with both physical and chemical Yellow Star Thistle abatement. It's much easier to deal with in its early "rosette" stage, but tends to be hard to find and hard to recognize. We're determined to try. We'll be working from 8-12 (with coffee and Helen's famous homemade muffins at 10). Please join us if you can. To get to the Park, take Kings Canyon/180 to Smith or Oliver (east of Academy). Turn south about ¼ mi. to the intersection of Smith and Rainbow. Continue south on Smith about ¼ mi. to the park gate.



## **Water-Wise Plant Exchange Third annual**

Opportunity to Share—

**Saturday, May 7, 8AM-12**

Fresno State Horticulture Greenhouses  
3150 E. Barstow—just east of Chestnut

Gardeners are invited to bring drought tolerant landscaping plants, cuttings, and seed, including but not limited to natives, to share, and to select from plants brought by others. This free give and take event is a unique opportunity to acquire water-wise plants for your garden—even if you have nothing to share.

It's also an opportunity to acquire more information about drought tolerant gardening from the many organizations (including Sequoia Chapter, CNPS) who will be offering a variety of materials and services.

Native gardeners, please look at your garden and consider sharing plants, cuttings, seed, and knowledge with your neighbors.

### **March 26 and 27**

The Fresno Bonsai Society Annual Spring Bonsai Exhibit and the Shinzen Gardens Blossom Festival  
Woodward Park 10 AM



We also saw white and pink shooting stars.

## **May 21--Dual-Purpose Hike**

Jane Pritchard will lead a hike to Tollhouse Rock for trash clean-up and flower viewing. Meet at the Park & Ride at Hwy 168 & Lodge Rd (bottom of the 4-lane) at 9:00 AM. The walk is a mile or less on a level dirt road with a short, steep climb to the rock. Afterward, we can get great hamburgers at The Grill in Tollhouse.

**June 11** – Shuteye Peak, Sierra National Forest.  
Leader: Joanna Clines, Forest Botanist. Space is limited to 25, please RSVP to Joanna at [jjclines@sti.net](mailto:jjclines@sti.net) or 559-760-3618 (cell) or 559-877-2218, ext. 3150 (office)  
Hiking level: moderate-strenuous depending on how much snow remains on the access route. In the spotlight for this trip is the Shuteye Peak fawn lily (*E. pluriflorum*). This rare species was discovered by Joanna in 1988. This lovely yellow fawn lily is endemic to the Chiquito Ridge area of Madera County, and grows in a stunning subalpine setting with 360 views of the High Sierra and the coast ranges on a clear day. If we're lucky the rare Kellogg's lewisia may be in bloom as well. We'll need to car pool in high clearance 4WD vehicles. From the Sonora area, meet Pat Stone at 7:30 in front of the Tesoro Gas Station on Highway 108 in Jamestown. Meet Joanna in Oakhurst at 9:30. Specific location information and other details provided when you RSVP. Prepare for a long day, as it takes an hour or two to get to Shuteye Peak from Oakhurst, and once you're there you'll want to spend some time

## **WINDSHIELD WILDFLOWER TOUR, March 12**

It was a nice day for a field trip (except that it was often too breezy for good closeup photography). However, misled by early signs of plant activity in December and January, we had scheduled the "Tour" a little earlier than in the past; then it turned cold, slowing everything down. So there were no incredible masses of Poppies, Baby Blue Eyes, Bird's Eye Gilia, or Goldfields to see and photograph. The leaders often found themselves saying things like, "You should have seen this area last year."

Nonetheless, at each of our stops, we – especially Jane Pritchard, our official Botanist -- found most of the blooms mentioned above, along with pretty and interesting native plants to talk about, look at, photograph, and discuss, and we think all participants, members and non-members, went home feeling the day was well spent and knowing a little more about California's fabulous native fauna.

## Membership

Thelma Valdez

If you require corrections or additions to your membership information, contact Thelma Valdez at [nmtv@unwiredbb.com](mailto:nmtv@unwiredbb.com)  
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### → Of Note ←

Sequoia chapter is featured in the "Chapter News" section of the current (January-March) issue of the California Native Plant Society Bulletin.

The article on page 4, "Restoration Project Enters Planting Phase" describes the restoration project at China Creek, begun in 2002. Most months between then and 2010, a faithful crew of up to a dozen "stalwarts" has attacked yellow star thistle. The revegetation phase of the project, begun last fall will involve planting and encouraging native grasses to compete with and take the place of YST and exotic annual grasses.

### Next newsletter

**April 2011**

Send newsletter corrections and contributions to Helen Shaw [helshaw@netptc.net](mailto:helshaw@netptc.net) The deadline for April newsletter is Friday, April 1, No Foolin'.



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## MADELEINE'S MUSINGS

### SEDGES

*Madeleine Mitchell*



There are over 125 species of sedges that are native to California growing throughout the state. They grow in marshes, meadows and in the forest, including high country but I'll focus on the one that does well in my garden with infrequent watering. One of our Sequoia chapter members, Linda Arredondo, gave me the first plant, *Carex tumulicola*, common name of Foothill sedge. It is found in the foothills in Fresno County. It is dark green all year, and has had babies that I have transplanted to form a border for my native plant bed. It grows about 2 foot wide and 15 inches tall. It has bloomed but the flowers are small and not easily noticed. But, of course it set seed and that's why I now have six plants. The new plants are on the edge of the small lawn and don't receive regular water as the Rainbird sprinkler doesn't water the native garden. What's especially nice is that it doesn't need the annual trimming that most grasses do. It could be seeded and grown as a lawn but would be somewhat bumpy.

Sedges are in the Cyperaceae family that also includes the dreaded nut sedges. This plant doesn't make the "nuts" underground nor does it spread by runners. It's going to stay where you plant it. Intermountain nursery includes it on their plant list.

P.S. This article was going to be on the desert wildflowers, but there weren't the spectacular vistas that we hoped for. We'll go again and see what's blooming in the Mojave. We thought with all the December rains that the bloom may have been early. There were lots of tiny flowers but some of the larger species needed some more time.



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Clockwise from top left

- Redbud blossoms
- Looking up into manzanita blossoms
- Common Sagebrush
- Redmaids
- Windshield Wildflower trip
- Oregon Grape leaf

