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## President's Message

It has been a busy spring, and it is unexpectedly continuing much longer than usual due to the ongoing rain and mild temperatures. "Spring" is just now arriving at the mid-elevations of our local mountains. Some areas have exceptional displays of ephemeral annuals and geophytes right now (in early June). Go on a field trip or plan to take a short botanizing trip now – even if you have not been out and about, there is still much to see this year!

Baja California, Mexico has such a fascinating flora that it is an inexhaustible topic for our annual symposium. We're just getting our 37th annual symposium finalized, and this year's topic is Baja ¡Aha! Botanical Diversity of the Peninsula, and will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Ruby Gerontology Center on the campus of California State University, Fullerton. We look forward to providing a stellar array of speakers and topics again this year.

Our capable Crossosoma co-editors, Scott White and Michael Honer, have another issue of our journal ready for mailing. In fact, it may even reach you before this issue of Leaflets arrives. The following issue is well under way, and there are a number of great articles lining up. I know that you will be enjoying these upcoming issues. I hope that each of you will consider writing an article (or more) covering the breadth of botanical topics that keep us active and involved: conservation, floristics, ecology, taxonomy, systematics, ethnobotany, economic botany, etc., etc. SCHS is also in the process of digitizing the full run of

Crossosoma and all of the back issues will be posted on-line shortly – read your upcoming copies of Leaflets for more details.

One other note for your calendar. The California Native Plant Society's 2012 Conservation Conference is scheduled for January 10-14 in San Diego. Check out the conference website for more information:

<http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2012/>

Volunteers are critical to our organization, so please assist the group as you can, when you can. Whether it is offering to lead a field trip to one of your favorite areas, or helping with logistics at the symposium, we look forward to your participation. Please feel free to contact me or any of our board members.

-- Bart O'Brien

## Grants from SCB

Please spread the word, SCB has grant money available for research that focuses on Southern California plants. Applicants need not be students, they just need a good idea and a well formulated plan. This year, the Southern California Botanists will again be awarding three research grants: the SCB Annual Grant, the Susan Hobbs Grant for Field Research, and the Alan Romsper Desert Botany Grant. Proposals will be due by November 30, 2011. Information on these grants and instructions for submission can be found on the Southern California Botanists' website ([www.socalbot.org](http://www.socalbot.org)).

## 2011 SCB Symposium

The Southern California Botanists' Annual Symposium will be held at California State University, Fullerton on Saturday October 15, 2011. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will again have vendors and the silent auction. We are trying to organize workshops presented by some of the speakers. Watch for announcements in upcoming issues of the SCB newsletter, *Leaflets*.

### *Leaflets of the Southern California Botanists*

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TENTATIVE SPEAKERS, TOPICS AND TITLES  
FOR THE 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCB SYMPOSIUM:

***Baja ¡Aha!***  
***Botanical Diversity of the Baja Peninsula***  
**Saturday, October 15, 2011**

8:00 AM – Registration begins

9:00-9:15  
Introductory Comments  
Bart O'Brien, SCB President

9:15-10:00  
Pedro Pena Garcillán, PhD.  
Ecoregions and Natural History of Baja California

10:00-10:45  
Elisabet Whencke, PhD.  
Palms, Sierra Libertad

10:45-11:00  
Mid-Morning Coffee Break

11:00-11:30  
Jon P. Rebman, PhD  
Undescribed flora of the Baja Peninsula

11:30-12:00  
Bart C. O'Brien  
The Rare Plants of the California Floristic Province  
portion of Baja California.

12:00-1:30  
Lunch Break

1:30-2:15  
Alan B. Harper PhD  
Floristics from Erindira to Colonet

2:15-3:00  
Xavier López Medellín, PhD  
Mangroves of Baja

3:00-3:15  
Mid-Afternoon Coffee Break

3:15-3:45  
Benjamin T. Wilder  
Gulf Islands

3:45-4:15  
Thomas Oberbauer  
Cedros Island

4:15-5:00  
Steve Junak  
Guadalupe Island over the years

5:00-6:00  
Poster Session

6:00-9:00  
Banquet at Fullerton Arboretum  
Banquet Keynote Speaker:  
Exequiel Ezcurra, PhD.  
History of Baja Botanists

### Call for Posters

This year the SCB will have a more structured poster session before the banquet in an effort to encourage networking and to have a venue for members and students to present their work. If you are interested in submitting an abstract for this year's poster session please send an e-mail to [posters@socalbot.org](mailto:posters@socalbot.org) with your abstract.

Please keep your abstract to a maximum of 300 words. Posters should be no more than 4'x4'. Poster abstracts should be submitted electronically before October 1st 2011. Visit [socalbot.org](http://socalbot.org) for more information.

### SCB Symposium T-Shirts

In addition, we have discounted the price on the T-shirts to \$11 and will cover the cost of tax, shipping and handling if you order one today! We have XXXL, XL, LG, and Med sizes. Please send your order to Erika Gardner, Herbarium Workroom Manager at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.

### Upcoming Events

The Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is offering a wide variety of community education classes in plant identification, horticulture, natural history, and other

subjects. Classes for children are also available. Some of the upcoming courses and activities include:

**July 23 (Saturday) 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Tongva Living History.** Tongva means "people of the earth". Explore the fascinating history and culture of the Tongva people, the original inhabitants of the Los Angeles region at the Garden's Tongva Village Site. Living History events are free with standard Garden admission. Visitor information Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is located at 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont, California. Garden admission: free for RSABG members; \$8 adults; \$6 seniors and students; \$4 children 3-12. For more information please call (909) 625-8767 or visit [www.rsabg.org](http://www.rsabg.org).

**July 23 (Saturday) 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Get native plant gardening questions answered by RSABG gardening experts.** Resource materials and landscaping references will be available. Clinics are held year round on the first Saturday of every month in the Lenz Horticulture Classroom, RSABG Horticulture Complex. Garden admission is not necessary to attend. Horticulture and Research Complex Visitor information Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is located at 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont, California. It is open daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., except major national holidays. The California Garden Shop is open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Garden admission: free for RSABG members; \$8 adults; \$6 seniors and students; \$4 children 3-12. For more information please call (909) 625-8767 or visit [www.rsabg.org](http://www.rsabg.org).

### Other Events

### 2011 Cal-IPC Symposium

The California Invasive Plant Council's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium "**Invasive Plants and Ecological Change**" will be held on October 5-7, 2011 at the Granlibakken Resort, Tahoe City, CA. The Cal-IPC Symposium unites nearly 400 researchers, land managers, and other weed

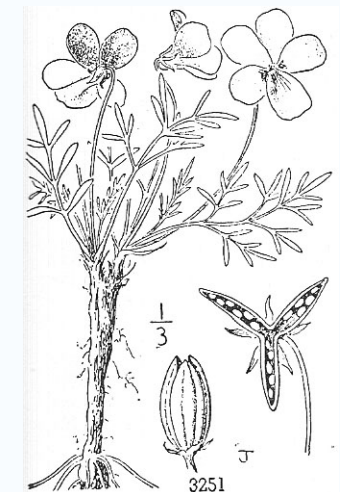
workers from throughout California. For further details visit: [www.cal-ipc.org/symposia/index.php](http://www.cal-ipc.org/symposia/index.php)

### Call for Abstracts: California Native Plant Society 2012 Conservation Conference

January 10-14, 2012, Town and Country Resort and Conference Center, San Diego

The Conference Program Committee will be accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations between **April 11 and August 4, 2011**. The program will focus on plant conservation / restoration and will include a keynote address, plenary sessions, concurrent sessions that include of a mix of invited and contributed oral presentations, a student paper session, and poster session. A special session dedicated to posters will allow in-depth discussion between authors and conference attendees. Submit an abstract for Contributed Talks and Posters at:

<http://ice.ucdavis.edu/conferences/cnps/2012>



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