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scholarships for symposium attendance, as well as SCB's annual program of work, which includes publishing Leaflets and Crossosoma, conducting workshops and field trips, and organizing future symposia.

Following the symposium, SCB hosted a poster session and mixer at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden that gave everyone a chance to socialize with old and new friends. Food for the mixer was catered by Papas Artisanal, and a variety of delicious craft beers brewed with native sages were donated by Alosta Brewing Company. Back by popular demand was RSA's homegrown rock phenomenon Sage Against the Machine.

We would like to thank our co-sponsors Pomona College and Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, for providing the symposium and mixer venues at no cost. Their generosity greatly reduces our expenses and allows SCB to keep our symposium cost low. We would also like to thank our eight invited speakers who created a fascinating and timely program. We hope to see you all again next year!

- Naomi Fraga, SCB Secretary

SCB SYMPOSIUM POSTER WINNERS

SCB President Joshua Paulini between poster winners Eli Balderas (Santa Barbara Botanic Garden; Evaluating the circumscription of varieties of the seaside fiddleneck, Ammophila speckulitis var. spectabilis, Boraginaceae, using morphometric analyses of character) and Maria Jesus (Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden; A vascular flora of the southern Inyo Mountains, Inyo County, California).

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-Katie Gallegger

NEWS and NOTES

Botany of Baja California Symposium Returns to USA

The annual, bi-national botany symposium was held December 12th and 13th at San Diego State University. The first “Baja Symposium” was organized in 1996, to facilitate the exchange of botanical knowledge of the bi-national region, and to provide young students a forum to present their thesis results and to develop professional networks. The 2019 symposium was the first time since 2002 that the symposium has been held in the USA. The organizing committee was chaired by Dr. Lluvia Flores, who also coordinated logistics for the symposium. The schedule included a special CNPS workshop on Important Plant Areas for Baja California led by Sam Young, and keynote speeches were given by Jose Delgadillo, Jon Rehman, and Exequiel Ezcurra. Sula Vanderplank included a slide about Southern California Botanists in her talk and Michelle Cloud-Hughes made an announcement encouraging submissions to Crossosoma. The symposium was a great success, advancing a spirit of cooperation and collaboration between Mexico and the USA.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Northern California Botanists 2020 Symposium

January 13–14, Bell Memorial Union, Chico State University. This year’s NCB Symposium, “The Diversity of Northern California Botany: Challenges and Opportunities,” will attract hundreds of professional botanists, scholars, plant biologists, and students in a full schedule of peer-led sessions, poster presentations, and networking opportunities. Session topics will provide updates and new perspectives on species boundaries, fire in managed landscapes, restoration, pollination, new botanical discoveries, and plant-biotic interactions, emphasizing the northern part of California. The symposium will feature more than 30 presenters representing federal and state government agencies, the leading environmental consulting firms in the region, academic institutions and non-profit organizations dedicated to improving our natural resources. Two post-conference workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, January 15. Located on the Chico State campus, the workshops will focus on 1) NEPA and its applications; and 2) Big Chico Ecological Reserve, which includes an afternoon field portion. Students in botany can apply for a stipend to help defray the cost of the Symposium. To register or for more information, visit the Northern California Botanists Symposium website at www.norcalbotanists.org or call Gail Kuenster at (530) 570-5196.

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