Inventory of the California Native Plant Society Collection

Creator: California Native Plant Society
Title: California Native Plant Society Collection
Date (inclusive): 1936-2009
Date (bulk): (bulk 1963-1982)
Extent: 2.4 linear feet
Abstract: Organizational records related to the foundation of the California Native Plant Society. Includes photocopies of correspondence, membership records, newsletters, notes, news clippings, publications, and photographs. Also includes a small amount of material related to the Native Plant Society of New Mexico.
Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.
Repository: University of California, Davis. General Library. Dept. of Special Collections.
Davis, California 95616-5292
Collection number: D-376
Language of Material: Collection materials in English

History
The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) was founded in California's East Bay region in 1965. It was the first organization in the United States dedicated to the study and appreciation of native plants, and its work inspired the formation of many native plant societies across the country and around the world.
The CNPS is a statewide non-profit organization with thirty-two local chapters. The members are both amateurs and professionals, all of whom share an interest in California's native plants. The aim of the CNPS is to foster "the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and how to conserve them and their natural habitats through education, science, advocacy, horticulture, and land stewardship."

Sources
California Native Plant Society website: http://www.cnps.org/cnps
Accessed 1/14/09

Scope and Content
The California Native Plant Society Archives spans the years 1936-2009, with the bulk of the material falling between 1963 and 1982. The collection contains material related to the foundation and activities of the California Native Plant Society, including correspondence, membership records, newsletters, notes, news clippings, publications, and a small set of photographs. The collection also includes a small amount of material related to the Native Plant Society of New Mexico. Most of the materials in this collection are photocopies; the originals were donated to New Mexico State University Special Collections.

Arrangement of the Collection

Related Collections
The following collections at Special Collections may also be of interest:
D-451, Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation Collection, 1938-2008: This collection contains the records of the Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation as well as plant propagation and description records, nursery records, plant photographs and slides, and plan evaluations. The Foundation was instrumental in introducing new species of shade and ornamental trees and promoting the use of native western shrubs.
D-086, Harry M. Butterfield Papers, 1860-1970: This collection contains manuscripts, research material, and photographs related to the history of ornamental plants in California.
O-009, Nursery and Seed Catalog Collection, 1856-: This collection contains catalogs of trees, fruits, vegetables, grains, flowers, and gardening equipment introduced to the public from 1856 to the present.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
California Native Plant Society--Archives.
Horticulture--California.
Native plant gardening--California.
Native plant gardening--New Mexico.
Access
Collection is open for research.

Processing Information
Elizabeth Phillips, Manuscript Archivist, processed the collection and created the finding aid.

Acquisition Information

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Series 1 Correspondence and Notes 1961-2009
Physical Description: 0.9 linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Includes extensive correspondence between Mary Wohlers, a founding member of the California Native Plant Society, and other members as well as related correspondence with her family and friends. Also includes Wohlers' notes. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 1:1 History of California Native Plant Society 2009
Box/Folder 1:2-3:4 Correspondence and Notes 1961-1966

Series 2 Minutes 1962-1968
Physical Description: 5 folders
Scope and Content Note
Includes minutes of the Friends of the Tilden Park Botanic Garden, the East Bay Regional Park District, the California Horticultural Society, the California Native Plant Society, and the Native Plant Society of New Mexico. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 3:5 Friends of the Tilden Park Botanical Garden 1962-1964
Box/Folder 5:1 East Bay Regional Park District 1965
Box/Folder 3:6 California Horticultural Society 1964-1965
Box/Folder 3:7-3:8 California Native Plant Society 1965-1967
Box/Folder 3:9 California Native Plant Society: Chapter Affairs 1967
Box/Folder 3:10 California Native Plant Society: Membership List 1968
Box/Folder 3:11 Native Plant Society of New Mexico 1976-1983

Series 3 Publications 1959-1990
Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Arranged in two subseries: California Native Plant Society; and General Publications.

Series 3.1 California Native Plant Society 1965-1990
Physical Description: 6 folders
Scope and Content Note
Includes newsletters, fliers, The Four Seasons, and one issue of the Society's journal. Arranged alphabetically.
Series 3 Publications 1959-1990
Series 3.1 California Native Plant Society 1965-1990

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<td>California Native Plant Society Newsletter: Local Chapters 1966</td>
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Series 3.2 General Publications 1959-1970

- Physical Description: 0.4 linear feet
- Scope and Content Note: Includes articles and selections from books published by entities other than the California Native Plant Society. Arranged alphabetically.

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<td>Hansen, C.J. and H.T. Hartmann. Propagation of Temperate-Zone Fruit Plants. 1966</td>
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- Scope and Content Note: California Agricultural Experiment Station, Circular 471 Revised.

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<td>Smoker, Sam. &quot;Preliminary Heather Pond and Nature Area Master Plan&quot; undated</td>
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<td>Walker, Mary M. &quot;Botanical Clubs and Native Plant Societies of the United States&quot; 1990</td>
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Series 4 Ephemera 1936-1992

- Physical Description: 0.2 linear feet
- Scope and Content Note: Includes news clippings, membership records, letterhead, a plant price list, and a volume authored by Agnes Morely Cleaveland. Arranged alphabetically.

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<td>Cleaveland, Agnes Morely. American Primer. Berkeley: Lederer, Street, and Zeus. 1936</td>
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- Scope and Content Note: Wife of Newton Cleaveland, Yuba Mining and Manufacturing, and mother of Mary Wohlers. Two copies.

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- Scope and Content Note: Card file of charter members and original sponsors.
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**Series 4 Ephemera 1936-1992**

- **Box/Folder 5:5** News Clippings 1960-1993
  - Scope and Content Note
    - News clippings

- **Box/Folder 5:6** Oakland Tribune: California - The Sunday Tribune Home Magazine 1966 April 24
  - Scope and Content Note

- **Box/Folder 5:7** Plant Price List undated
  - Scope and Content Note

- **Box/Folder 5:8** Sacramento Bee: California Life 1976 December 4
  - Scope and Content Note

- **Box/Folder 5:9** Scrapbook 1963-1992
  - Scope and Content Note
    - News clippings

- **Box/Folder 5:10** Sign undated
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Photocopy of fundraising sign

**Series 5 Photographs 1963-1982**

- **Box/Folder 5:11** Botanic Garden (unidentified) undated
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Photocopy

- **Box/Folder 5:12** Members of California Native Plant Society at Meeting 1967
  - Scope and Content Note
    - Two digital prints on paper of Mary Wohlers, G. Ledyard Stebbins, Susan Frugé, and Leonora Stromaker.

- **Box/Folder 5:13** New Mexico? 1982
  - Scope and Content Note
    - 8 photocopies

- **Box/Folder 5:14** Roof, Jim 1967
  - Scope and Content Note
    - 1 photographic print

- **Box/Folder 5:15** Jim Roof Inspecting Flood Damage 1963
  - Scope and Content Note
    - 19 photocopies