Meetings:

**General Meeting:** Thursday, March 9th; at the Wanda Kirk Library, 3611 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA, at 5 pm.

**Board Meeting:** no meeting until Thursday, May 25; at the Sladek Ranch, 5 pm.

March General Meeting:

It’s the time of year when people are speculating about the wildflowers. Has there been enough rain? Did it come at the right time, etc.? This month Gretchen Winfrey will present information about Jane Pinheiro, an Antelope Valley resident who was instrumental in helping to establish the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve. She was also a self-taught artist who spent hours in the desert creating botanically correct pictures of the poppies and many other native plants. So as you start looking for wildflowers this spring, remember Jane. And plan to be at our March meeting on the 9th, to learn more about her and what she did to ‘preserve’ the native plants here in the Antelope Valley.

Looking Ahead:

**April Meeting:** Erik Conway, JPL Historian - history of Cal Tech and China Lake Also Election of Officers.

March General Meeting:

The following is an interesting excerpt from ArtPlantae about some of Jane’s paintings.

Jane Pinheiro’s Watercolors: A Collection Lost and Re-Found

August 4, 2010 by ArtPlantae

Upon her passing in 1982, Pinheiro’s family donated dozens of additional paintings to the Foundation [Theodore Payne Foundation], providing a rich body of work for our art program. The original 100 paintings and several of the later acquisitions were large paintings depicting species in a natural landscape setting. Most of her later works were smaller unfinished studies and drawings.

A decade later, financial woes at the Foundation forced us to sell about 70 of the initial 100 paintings. It was a difficult decision, and one not taken lightly. The Foundation is in a much better place today, and we’ve been able to recover several of these paintings from generous individuals. In 2005, seven Pinheiro works from our original collection were offered at auction, and we placed the winning bid!

Enter our newest heroine, Helen Moore, who had purchased 34 of our Pinheiro paintings during our very lean times. Sadly, Helen passed away in 2009. In May of this year [2010], her family chose to return those paintings to the Foundation. And so it was that this group of remarkable botanical illustrations made its way back to Sun Valley. Most are still in their original frames with the original, though slightly faded labels, on their glass.

The Visitor Center at the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve, named in honor of Jane Pinheiro. The Reserve has just opened for the 2017 wildflower season. Although there aren’t many flowers showing yet, there is still time for a good bloom.

Mark Campbell, archaeologist, and Gretchen Winfrey, in front of the opening slide of his presentation, “Rosamond Prehistory.” Mark is extremely knowledgeable in his field, his main interest is in “the area of the Antelope Valley/Western Mojave Desert prior to 3,000 years ago.” He sparked an interest in the artifacts of ancient dwellers in our backyard, so to speak. A field trip, led by Mark, has been suggested to visit some of the sites he has studied.

Notice of Officers Nominated:

Officers:
President - Gretchen Winfrey
Vice President - Delores Julian
Secretary - Janet Winters
Treasurer - Brenda Yardeen

Directors At-Large:
George Fisher
Chavonne Sladek
Kathy Smith

These nominees for the 2017-18 year have been named by committee, according to the bylaws. Nominations may be made by any members at the March general meeting. Elections will take place at the April meeting. Officers will be installed at the May meeting and the terms of office begin June 1.
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