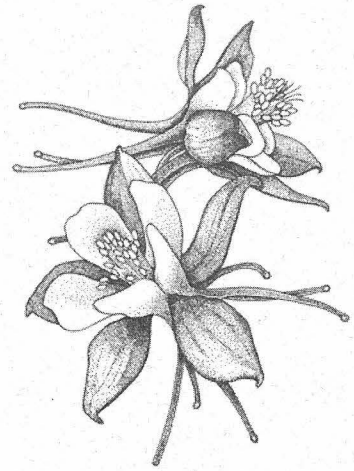


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Newsletter of the Colorado Native Plant Society



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2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Botany Goes Buggy in Boulder

September 7th to 9th

The Colorado Native Plant Society will hold its annual symposium from Friday, September 7 to Sunday, September 9, 2007. This year's theme, "Botany Goes Buggy in Boulder," will highlight native plant conservation and plant-insect relationships through a variety of presentations. The schedule will follow the traditional format with warm-up events on Friday, speakers on Saturday, and field trips on Sunday.

CONPS members are invited to a social at the University of Colorado National History Museum on Friday night. Hor' dourves, wine, local beer, and soft drinks will be enjoyed in the dramatic Paleontology Hall. A botanical exhibit, "What's in a Name? Understanding the World of Plants," will also be open to explore the development of naming flowers, grasses and trees.

On Saturday, we will gather for presentations by local experts at the Eaton Humanities building at the University of Colorado. Dr. Deane Bowers, CU Professor and University Museum Curator of Entomology, will discuss "Eating and Being Eaten: Plant-Insect Interactions in the Colorado Front Range" in the keynote address. An additional six speakers will discuss more native plant and insect topics, including the interactions of *Monarda fistulosa* and specialist tortoise beetles, Front Range plant communities and butterflies, Colorado bark beetles and host trees, biological control insects and native plants, and more. Presentations will be followed by a visit to the CU Herbarium and a campus tree tour.

Sunday field trips will bring Saturday's presentations to life.

Mountain pine beetle infestation investigations and visits to south Boulder tallgrass prairie and Heil Valley Ranch will provide an opportunity to view native plants and insects in action. If hearty hikers have not had enough, a self-guided tour to area native gardens will also be offered.

Please check the website for developments and additional links, www.conps.org.

Prior to the annual meeting, everyone is invited to attend the Rare Plant Technical Committee meeting. We will gather at the beautiful Butterfly Pavilion in Westminster to discuss G2 and G3 species of northeast Colorado on Friday. A slide show will include all species from 2004-2006. Attendees are encouraged to tour the pavilion's many exhibits (free of charge), including a tropical conservatory, moving giant insect sculptures, butterfly habitat gardens, and a native plant and insect nature trail. Contact Jill Handwerk for meeting info: 970-491-5857 or jhand@lamar.colostate.edu

Silent Auction: Request for items: We would like nice items such as live plants, posters, note cards, books (rare/antique/1st edition/autographed), etc. Contact Alice Guthrie at molly82@earthlink.net.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Rare Plant Technical Committee Meeting: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Butterfly Pavilion, 6252 W. 104th Ave, Westminster, Phone: 303-469-5441, www.butterflies.org

Lunch: Bring your own or order at the meeting.

Contact Jill Handwerk for meeting info: 970-491-5857, jhand@lamar.colostate.edu.

Colorado Native Plant Society Social: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: CU Natural History Museum, Paleontology Hall

Exhibit: "What's in a Name? Understanding the World of Plants"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Annual Meeting

Location: University of Colorado, Eaton Humanities Building, Rm 1B50

8:30-9:00am Registration, Coffee, Book Sales, Silent Auction

9:00- 9:15 Welcome, Mark Gershman, OSMP

9:15-10:00 Keynote, Eating and Being Eaten: Plant-Insect Interactions in the Colorado Front Range, Deane Bowers, Professor and Curator, CU Museum and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

10:00-10:40 Chemical Arms Race in Colorado: Beetles vs. Bergamot, Ken Keefover-Ring, PhD Candidate, CU Boulder

10:40-11:00 Break: Refreshments, Book Sales, Silent Auction

11:00-11:40 Front Range Foothills Plant Communities and Associated Butterflies, Phyllis Bovin, National Park Service

11:40-12:20pm Colorado Bark Beetle Interactions with Their Host Trees, David Leatherman, Forest Entomologist

12:20-1:30 Lunch, Book Sales, Silent Auction

1:30-1:45 Year in Review & Awards, Leo P. Bruederle, CoNPS President

1:45-2:25 Biological Control Insects and Native Plant Species, Mary Jameison, CU

2:25-3:05 Conifer Cones Record Responses to Fire, Squirrels, and Birds, Jeff Mitton, CU Professor and Chair

3:05-3:30 Break: Refreshments, Book Sales, Silent Auction

3:30-4:10 Sex in the Garden and Field, Mary Ann Bonnell, Lead Naturalist, City of Aurora Parks and Open Space

4:10-4:25 Concluding Remarks, Mark Gershman

4:30-5:30 After Hours Events: Herbarium Open House (Clare Small Building)

OR CU Campus Tree Tour (leaving from Eaton Humanities Building)

4:30-6:00 CONPS Board Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Field Trips

1- Mountain Pine beetle infestations along the Colorado Front Range: What can we do?

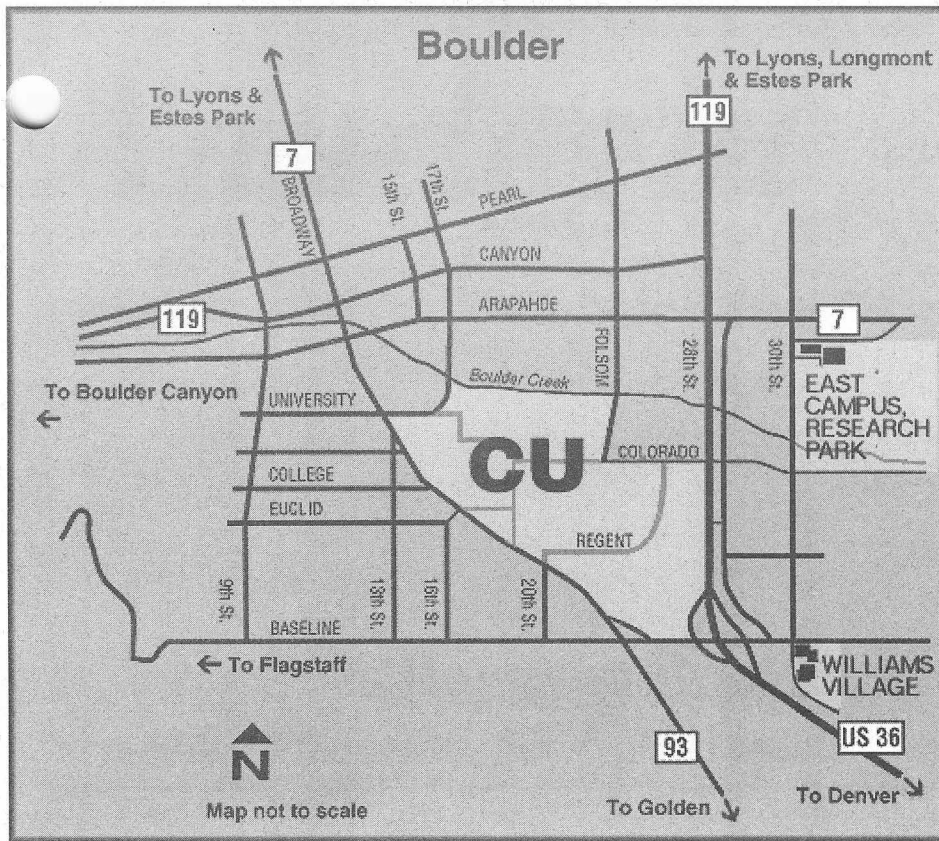
Kathy Carsey and Steve Popovich, botanists for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests

2- Tallgrass Prairie South Boulder Creek- Lynn Reidel (OSMP) & Tim Seastedt (CU)

3- Heil Valley Ranch- Jennifer Kesler, Plant Ecologist, Boulder County Parks & Open Space

Native Garden Tour

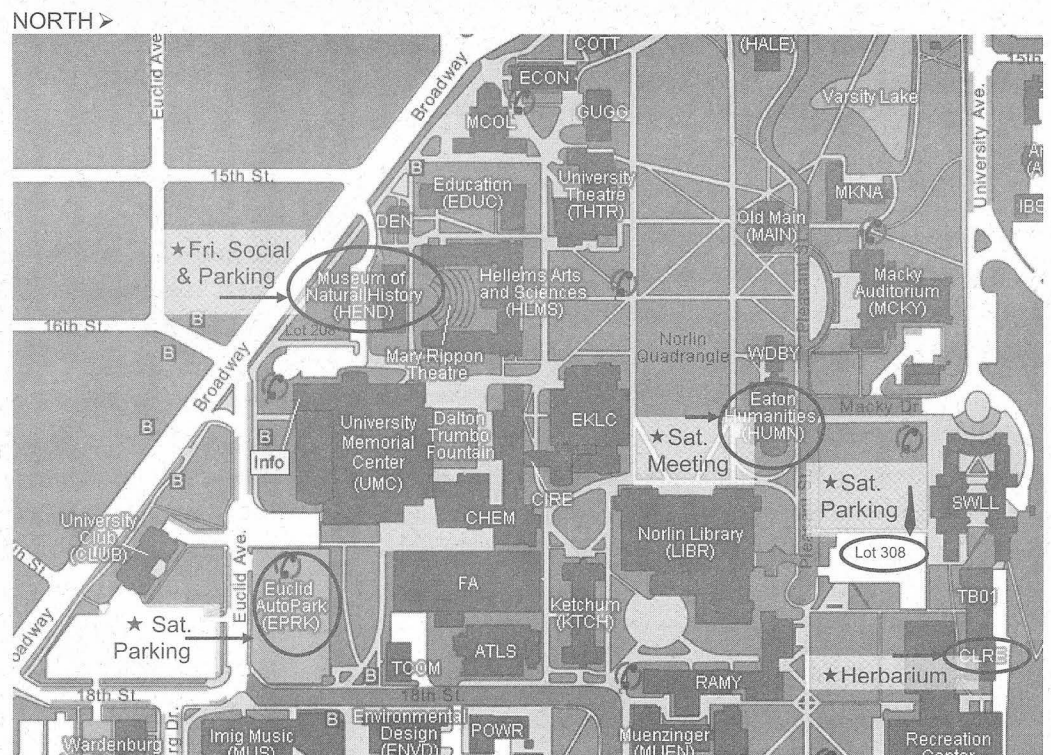
Local area gardens including Harlequin's Gardens, a commercial garden, on a self guided tour via map provided at meeting or at www.conps.org by mid-August.



Hotel: Please make your own hotel reservations at the Best Western Boulder Inn, located at 770 28th Street, Boulder, CO 80303. Call 800-233-8469 and use reference code "CONPS" to benefit from the group rates (\$84 king bed, \$94 two queens). Make reservations by Aug 7th, at least 30 days prior to arrival, in order to guarantee the rate. See the hotel website at www.boulderinn.com for details. The hotel is a 10 minute walk to the meeting location.

CONPS Member with Mountain View Chalet: 40 minutes west of Boulder. Stay during the annual meeting! \$120/night. Divide views. 20 acres. Call Rea 303-258-9219 or see <http://home.earthlink.net/~mountainview-chalet/>

CU Parking: \$2, Euclid AutoPark; Lot #380 (coins) near Recreation Center and Herbarium. For parking close to the Museum on Friday night, use Lot # 208 (see map).



CALENDAR 2006 - 2007

FIELDTRIPS

July 7 Two Buttes & Shell Rock Natural Area
July 8 Gilpin County Butterfly Count
July 15 Fens of South Park
August 6 Lake Pueblo State Park
August 18 Glad Reservoir Plant Survey
January 12 Winter Botany

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