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Sierra Uplift

Newsletter of the Sierra Club, Sierra Nevada Group

Friday March 21 General Meeting
Seaman Hall, Pioneer Park, Nevada City

Smart growth: possible? likely?

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) will be presenting their program on **Smart Growth**. The presentation provides visuals and hard facts on the negative impacts of current development trends, and alternatives to the types of development and transportation that have been occurring for years.

At the conclusion of the presentation we will take time to discuss the growth issues that we are facing

here in the foothills.

ECOS is a coalition of individuals and organizations working to protect the natural environment and promote sustainable living in the Sacramento region.

This will be a *dessert only* potluck. We expect a large turnout and there will not be time or room for our regular potluck. Meeting time is 6:30 to 9 p.m. with program starting at 7:00 pm. Come in time to have dessert and find a chair.

Friday April 16 General Meeting
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Outdoor gear swap & tall tales

Is your closet, garage or storage shed bulging with older, under-used or unwanted hiking, camping or snow-play equipment? If that's the case, bring the outmoded stuff to our Friday, April 16 General Meeting where you can sell or exchange the items with other Sierra Club members. There must be snowshoes, skis, sleds, saucers, kayaks, hiking sticks, backpacks, goggles, tents or more that you might like to sell or exchange.

We also ask that you bring a favorite recreation experience that you might like to share with the Group.

Maybe there is a tall tale that can be passed along with that piece of equipment! If so, we'd sure like to hear it! To further brighten the evening, Richard Thomas promises to bring his guitar— not to sell, but to play and sing.

Please join in this unique opportunity to engage, bargain, and clean out your closets. It is also a dessert potluck— bring your favorite dessert to share.

Program begins at 7:30 p.m. Location is Seaman Hall at the west end of Pioneer Park, Nevada City. Call Barbara at 478-0117, or GB at 265-2432.

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Barbara Rivenes: Chair chat

Local team, election



Hello! We've had peaceful regime change in the Sierra Nevada Group and once again, as Chair, I will have the opportunity to write to you every two months about current environmental campaigns, good news, bad news and stuff in between.

We want to welcome **Charlie Chisholm** to the Management Team. He is taking on the role as Treasurer— that's the good news. The bad news is that **Carolyn Hinshaw**, after her retirement in June, will be moving to Davis. She has been a strong and capable leader as Chair, planned many popular outings, has led our Yuba Highlands campaign and been a gracious host at all our general meetings. Thank you, Carolyn, for the care and dedication you brought to our Group.

With this issue, we introduce **Chetani McKinney** as our new *Uplift* editor. She is a recruit from Marysville and it's great to have representation from among our Yuba County members. Fortunately, through the magic of Internet communication we can accomplish this long distance. Chetani is a high school teacher, summer backpacker and has a small publishing firm.

We would also like to acknowledge **Ed Lynch** for his significant contribution to the Group as our former *Uplift* editor. We thank him for his clever manipulation of words and space. The *Uplift* is our link to all of you. The people who perform this task are invaluable – many thanks.

Editor's note:

At the request of Barbara Rivenes, the discussion of the Sierra Club election is deleted.

BOOKS TO GROW BY

Plan B by Lester R. Brown
(Earth Policy Institute, 2003, \$16, \$28)

“We are creating a bubble economy, an economy whose output is artificially inflated by drawing down the earth’s natural capital,” says Lester R. Brown in his new book, *Plan B: Rescuing a Planet Under Stress and a Civilization in Trouble*.

“Each year the bubble grows larger as our demands on the earth expand. The challenge for our generation is to deflate the global economic bubble before it bursts,” says Brown, President and Founder of the Earth Policy Institute, and perhaps the foremost researcher and writer on today’s world ecological crisis.

Plan B not only gives a comprehensive, accurate picture of the challenges, but outlines various measures which are being undertaken, now, successfully, somewhere in the world, and which if committed to on a large scale, would offer a way out of looming worldwide catastrophe.

What makes this book essential reading for the eco-literate is its clear and practical local-to-global solutions. Not all doom and gloom!

Go to <<http://www.earth-policy.org>> for full information and ordering.

RECIPE SEARCH

At the meeting on 2/20, someone brought wonderful spinach cornbread with a mango salsa on the side. We would *love* to have the recipes. Please contact Sharon and Curtis Bok <bok@stardustweb.net> Thanks!

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Monthly Meetings

Conservation & Management Committee

Meets every 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the SYRCL office, 216 Main St, Nevada City.

Newsletter Mailing Party

Join like-minded Sierra Clubbers to get out the mailing of *Sierra Uplift*. Celebration occurs on the last Saturday of even-numbered months. Contact Rachel Hillemann at 274-9477.

April 7, 2004

Wildflower Walk at Bridgeport

Join docent Barbara Pixley for a walk along the beautiful Buttermilk Trail. Glorious wildflowers and great views of the South Yuba River await you. Meet at the north parking lot (just over the bridge on the right) at the South Yuba River State Park at 10 AM. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a lunch to enjoy by the river after the hike. A \$2 donation to the park is required. If it's raining, the hike will be postponed until the 14th. For questions call Jean at 477-7902.

Local Hiking Groups

- A group meets Wed and Sat mornings at 9:30am on Sutton Way just up from the Coldwell Banker office. They decide that morning where they are going and their hikes are easy to moderate (5-7 miles). Contact Clarence Motter at 274-3697 or Helen Kelly at 273-7309 for more information.
- Another group whose hikes are longer and more strenuous (6-12 miles) meets on Tues and Fri at 8:45am on Sutton Way just up from the Coldwell Banker office. They also decide that morning where they are going to hike, Contact Vicky Anthony at 274-3863 for more information
- And there is the **Nevada County Hiking Club**. You can "google" them to learn more.