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# SEA & Community Events

## [Inside the Rotary Screw Trap \(HCCP\)](#)

Sunday, April 6th  
9 am – 11 am

## [Clear Creek Wildflowers & Wild Plants \(HCCP\)](#)

Saturday, April 12th  
1 pm - 3 pm

## [Sloppy Joe Hike: Spring Edition!](#)

Sunday, April 13th  
9 am - Noon  
Fill out [this form](#) to join!

## [REDDING EARTH DAY FESTIVAL](#)

Saturday, April 19th  
11 am - 4 pm  
Caldwell Park

## [Bioblitz Walk: Whiskeytown NRA](#)

Saturday, April 26th  
9 am - 1 pm  
Fill out [this form](#) to join!

## [Bioblitz Walk: Sacramento River](#)

Sunday, April 27th  
9 am - 1 pm  
Fill out [this form](#) to join!

## [Native Plant Identification & Uses \(HCCP\)](#)

Sunday, April 27th  
1 pm - 3 pm

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## David Ledger to Resign as SEA President



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*By David Ledger*

Having dedicated over 7 years to SEA, since co-founding it in 2017 with Melinda Brown, I have decided it is time to leave the organization and move on to other endeavors. My last day as President will be April 30th, just after we have finished what should be our third and most successful Earth Day Celebration. I still plan to be active in the environmental movement, although my exact plans are still in state of flux.

With the support and backing of many of you in Shasta County, SEA has become an important voice of our local environmental movement. I urge you to continue supporting SEA and other environmental groups in Shasta County. Since SEA's founding, the environmental movement has had a greater voice in deep-red Shasta County.

**Kathy Grissom** recently resigned from the SEA board as Treasurer; she will be greatly missed. She has been both Secretary and Treasurer at various times in the past. She worked on our tree planting programs, trail cleanups, and at our last three Earth Day celebrations- she never hesitated to volunteer. She will be very difficult to replace.

**Shannon Hunter**, our social media person, is also leaving at the end of April and will be greatly missed. Shannon managed our social media pages, including Facebook and Instagram; edited our newsletter, including writing some of the articles; managed our Mail Chimp account; and sent out our Action Alerts. She was extremely punctual and enthusiastically accomplished everything that was asked of her. Shannon will also be very difficult to replace.

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## The Redding Earth Day Festival is This Month!

On Saturday, April 19th, join us for our free Earth Day Festival at Caldwell Park from 11 AM to 4 PM! Visit [seashasta.org](http://seashasta.org) to learn more about the festival.

This family-friendly event offers exciting activities and games for children, along with live music, delicious food vendors, and educational booths for all ages. Special guests include Shasta Wildlife Rescue, bringing local wildlife for an up-close experience, and an animal from the Backcountry Horsemen.



In the spirit of Earth Day, RABA (Redding Area Bus Authority) will offer free rides all day on all routes, making it easy to get to and from the event at no cost. Plus, free and secure bike parking will be available for those who prefer to pedal their way to the festival.

Join us for a day of learning, fun, and environmental action—see you at Caldwell Park on April 19th!

Volunteers Needed: SEA could still use volunteers for Earth Day - everything from directing exhibitors to their booths to helping people set up and take down their canopies and exhibits. We are open as to times but would like a commitment of at least two-hour blocks, from 8 am to 5 pm. If you wish to volunteer, please email [david@ecoshasta.org](mailto:david@ecoshasta.org)

For the Children's Zone specifically, we need volunteers for an 11 am - 1:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 4 pm shift. To sign up for that volunteering experience specifically, please email [kikilynberg@gmail.com](mailto:kikilynberg@gmail.com) or call (530) 510-2953

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## Sáttítla National Monument Update



*Photo by High Hole Crater and Burnt Lava Flow, California. (USDA Forest Service photo courtesy of Bob Wick) - from U.S. Forest Service website*

Despite rumors, the Trump administration has not made any proclamations or comments about their position on the Sáttítla National Monument. Presidents can reduce the size of National Monuments but not eliminate them without approval from Congress.

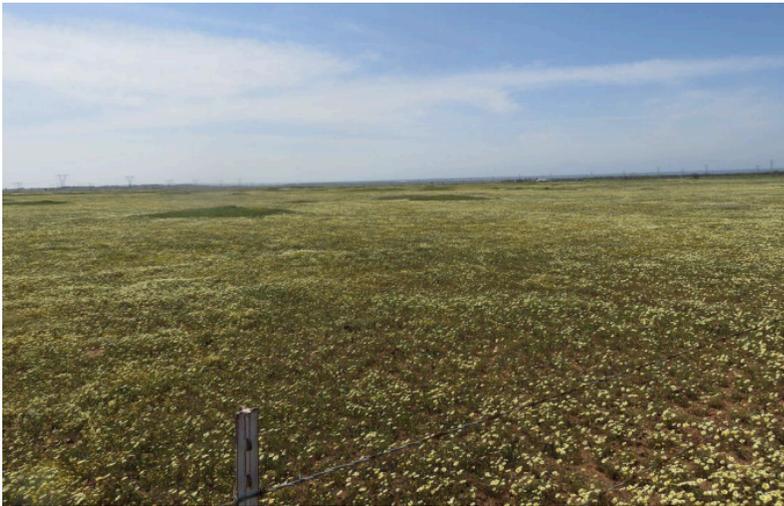
The Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) and Shasta Environmental Alliance (SEA) were very active in supporting Sáttítla and getting many organizations to

support its establishment. Sáttítla was established at the same time as the 600,000-acre Chuckwalla National Monument was established. Chuckwalla had considerable support from members of both parties and local governments, except for the small town of Blythe. Unfortunately, Congressman LaMalfa has made statements against National Monument status. Still, former Assembly Member Megan Dahle, now a State Senator, *did* vote in favor of a resolution supporting National Monument status. Thank you, Senator Dahle.

A celebration of Sáttítla National Monument took place on March 29th in McCloud.

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## Millville Residents Win Lawsuit on Millville Plains



*Photo: Millville Plains*

On March 10th, Superior Court Judge Benjamin Hanna ruled in favor of the Millville Plains residents who filed a lawsuit against Shasta County and Patrick Jones regarding the proposed Highland Plains Shooting Range.

This is a significant victory for nearby Millville residents and the

environment, and it will make the Shasta County Planning Department less lax in determining the environmental impacts of future projects. SEA had written a comment letter, with considerable help from the Shasta Chapter of CNPS, that was cited in the judge's ruling.

The defendants, Patrick Jones and Shasta County, have 75 days from March 19th to appeal. Because of the deficient Biological Assessment alone, it seems unlikely they would win an appeal. Here is a link to the Millville residents' website, which can direct you to the judge's decision. <https://stopmillvillegunrange.com/>

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# Trip Report: Bailey Cove Hike

Photo: Milkmaids by Derle Gilliam

The walk around the Bailey Cove Trail at Shasta Lake brought out a small but friendly group of nine people. We saw continuing variation in plant communities as we looped around the peninsula, the aspect of the slope determining the plants observed.



On north- to northeast-facing slopes where we started the hike, the overstory was dominated by ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) and Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga douglasii*), with black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) and big-leaved maple (*Acer macrophyllum*) as the primary broad-leaved trees. The understory supported many ferns, including Shasta maidenhair fern (*Adiantum shastense*, a CNPS List 4.3 species), narrow-leaved sword fern (*Polystichum imbricans*), and gold-backed fern (*Pentagramma triangularis*), with scattered California milkmaids (*Cardamine californica*) blooming throughout.

As we reached the southern end of the peninsula, the forested areas became more open. There were many knobcone pines (*Pinus attenuata*) amongst scattered gray pines (*Pinus sabiniana*) and ponderosa pines. Canyon live oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*) and interior live oak (*Quercus wislizeni*) began to dominate a more open canopy, with buckbrush (*Ceanothus cuneatus*), deer brush (*Ceanothus integerrimus*), and Lemmon's ceanothus (*Ceanothus lemmonii*) beginning to appear in the understory. Continuing onto the west-facing slope, the vegetation changed into a canyon live oak woodland with patches of Brewer's oak (*Quercus garryana* ssp. *breweri*).

This would be an excellent and easy 3-mile hike to take right now, as peak bloom season should be approaching over the next two weeks.

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