

Shasta-McCloud Native Plant Interpretive Garden, Shasta-Trinity National Forest

2009 Accomplishments

This native plant interpretive garden is located at the Mt. Shasta office of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The garden highlights the beauty, diversity, and value --to humans and other species -- of aspen groves, black oak woodlands, wet and dry mountain meadows and rocky serpentine plant communities.

This year's funding has allowed us to complete the plantings, design and purchase interpretive signs, provide durable metal name tags for each species, build shade structures, an entrance arbor, a small pond and picnic tables. Illustrations for the interpretive signs were created by our summer botany intern.

Information on maintaining and restoring declining wildflower habitats, such as aspen wetlands and black oak woodlands, is provided on the signs. This information helps national forest visitors understand the importance of restoration projects currently underway on the forest.

The garden provides an attractive setting around our restoration program's greenhouse and nursery, and shows the benefits of using local native plants in home gardens.



Figure 1. Leopard lily (*Lilium pardalinum*) adjacent to aspen at the quail pond.



Figure 2. Pride of the Mountains (*Penstemon newberryi*) in the dry meadow – pollinator garden bed.

Year Awarded: 2009

Project completion: 2009

Report number: 1

Expenditures (2009): \$30,000

Partners/Contractors/Cooperators: Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center, Youth Conservation Corps and Community Volunteers



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