Mary DeDecker Botanical Grant

The Bristlecone Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is pleased to request applications for the Mary DeDecker Botanical Grant. This small-grants program is named in memory of a local botanist renowned for her many contributions to the botany and history of the Eastern Sierra Nevada and northern Mojave Desert. The program will award two grants of up to $500 each.

The purpose of these grants is to promote research and projects that increase understanding and appreciation of the native flora and ecosystems of the Eastern Sierra region. The grant committee will consider proposals from graduate and undergraduate college students as well as elementary, middle, and high school pupils and their teachers. Subjects appropriate for funding cover a wide range, from basic taxonomic or ecological research to school gardens featuring native plants and their pollinators. The only requirement is that the project be relevant to the native plants of the northern Mojave Desert, Eastern Sierra Nevada, or Great Basin of eastern California.

Criteria and Procedures

Submit written proposals to the Mary DeDecker Grant Committee. Proposals should be no more than two pages in length. Each should contain title, objectives, methods, expected final product, brief statement of applicant's qualifications, and breakdown of proposed costs. Students should include a letter of support from their advisor or teacher. Deadline is **December 8, 2009**. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by **January 26, 2010.**

A progress report explaining how Bristlecone Chapter funds were used is due when the recipient has completed his or her use of the funds. Applicants are encouraged to give a talk about their project at a Bristlecone Chapter evening meeting or to write a brief explanation of their work for the Bristlecone Chapter newsletter.

Send proposals or requests for information to:

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