

Hoover Award

The Hoover Award is presented annually to a recipient that has made significant contributions to our local CNPS chapter and the furthering of California's native flora. This year it is our privilege to present the Award to Heather and Jim Johnson.

Heather and Jim moved to this county about 10 years ago. In short time, they became acquainted with San Luis Obispo's "organizational landscape," transferred their CNPS membership to our chapter, and jumped right in. Their mark on our chapter has grown steadily through the years.

Heather is a California native, raised in the Central Valley by parents who were founding members of their community Sierra Club chapter.

The family spent summers backpacking in the Sierras. As a 1st grade teacher for 35 years, her lesson plans were designed to instill a love of science and nature in her young students. She was twice named the California Teacher of the Year.

Jim is from Kentucky. Early in his career he was actively involved with Scouting, and then eventually joined IBM.

His skills were recognized and valued, leading to promotions and transfers, and an eventual relocation to California.

After raising their blended families in the Morgan Hill area and thinking they might be ready for a change, they moved to San Luis Obispo. It is a homecoming of sorts, as Heather's family has ranched in the county, and still has a place in the Bee Rock area.

A deep love of books, our native plants, and that which is special about California and its history, is on display every time our sales table is open for business. That is no



Heather and Jim Johnson

accident. Heather searches to bring us books that are unique to our interests. She shares her enthusiasm and in-depth knowledge with everyone who comes to the table. Sales contribute significantly to our chapter support.

Jim has the monumental task of getting that incredible inventory of books, cards and T-shirts, tables and weather protection loaded and delivered to the sale points. In addition, his expertise with all things technical has been a boon for us. He is now our Web page master, and chairs both the Photographic Committee and Publication Committee

With Heather's knowledge and artistic vision, and Jim's attention to detail, the local chapter continues to blossom.

We are honored that these fine people are a part of our chapter.
—Linda Chipping