**About the Speaker:** Brock Dolman co-founded the Sowing Circle, LLC Intentional Community & Occidental Arts and Ecology Center in 1994 (www.oaec.org) where he resides and acts as a Director of OAEC’s Permaculture/Resilient Community Design Program, Wildlands Program and the WATER Institute in Sonoma County, California. Living up to his specialized generalist nature and rekindling the dwindling art of the peripatetic natural historian, his experience ranges from study of wildlife biology, native California botany and watershed ecology, to the practice of habitat restoration, community education about regenerative dwelling designs and ecological literacy activism engendering societal transformation. In 1992 he completed his BA, graduating with honors from the University of California Santa Cruz focusing on Agro-Ecology and Conservation Biology.

**Join us for Dinner before the Meeting:** We'll gather for dinner at 6 pm at Kirin Restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Ave. We hope our speaker will join us, but we always have an enjoyable group of fellow members and a delicious Northern Chinese meal in any case. Please contact Liz Parsons at 833-2063 or lizpar8993@aol.com by September 18th, if you plan to attend.
Abstract: Biologist and OAEC Wildlands Progam Director Brock Dolman will offer a lecture with slide show expanding on his recently published article entitled Mending the Wild at the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, published in Fremonia, Journal of the California Native Plant Society’s special issue focused on geophytes (https://oaec.org/wildlands/oaec-featured-fremontia-journal). He will expand on Occidental Arts and ecology Center’s 23-year history of restoration work to regenerate native geophytes found on-site, including yampah (Periderididia spp.), bluedicks (Dichelostema spp.), Triteleia spp., Brodiaea spp., and yellow mariposa lily (Calochortus luteus). Using guidelines derived from both indigenous traditional practices and horticultural techniques, OAEC staff biologist implement an active management program through the combination of: collecting native wildflower and grass seeds; reintroducing traditional practices of burning the coastal prairie; active removal of encroaching Douglas fir, coyote brush, Scotch and French brooms; targeted mowing/weed whipping of invasive annual and perennial grasses; sowing the seeds into the burned and unburned areas; and finally monitoring the results. We call this “mending the wild” and it requires active human engagement with the landscape repeatedly with an astute focus on managing for stages of succession optimally conducive to the structure, function, and composition of a healthy divers coastal prairie. He will also speak about OAEC’s recently published Wildlands Stewardship Plan which comprehensively addresses the ‘mending’ of each vegetation community found on OAEC’s 80 acre site (https://oaec.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Wildlands-Stewardship-Plan-06.20.2016-FINAL.pdf).
Chapter News

Chapter Council Meeting in Kenwood, Sonoma County

The CA Native Plant Society is composed of 33 chapters that serve all corners of the state. Every 3 months each chapter sends a representative to a Chapter Council meeting where they discuss the issues that their chapter is having as well as statewide CA native plant related issues. These meetings are held throughout the state. The Milo Baker Chapter will host a Chapter Council meeting in Kenwood on September 9. The meeting will be held at the Kenwood Depot, 314 Warm Springs Road in Kenwood. All members are invited to attend this meeting. There will be an emphasis on Northern California issues with an emphasis on Sonoma and Marin. Since Kenwood is in the Sonoma Valley, the Sonoma Valley will be featured. Richard Dale, the Executive Director of the Sonoma Ecology Center will be the speaker after the evening banquet. The field trips will be to the Sonoma Valley Regional Park and Jack London State Park. Some of those attending the meeting will be camping in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park.

The Milo Baker Chapter will serve a lunch and a dinner to the delegates. MBC members are invited to attend the meeting during the day or come to the dinner and the after dinner speaker. The cost of the dinner will be $20.00. If you would like to join us for dinner, Please call Liz Parsons, 833-2063 for a reservation before September 5.

If you would like to volunteer to help serve at this event, call Liz at the above number. If you have a spare room and live near Kenwood, perhaps it could be used by one of the delegates since motel rooms in the Santa Rosa area are expensive and scarce.

The Board of Directors of the CA Native Plant Society will be meeting at the Kenwood Depot on Friday, September 8 in the afternoon. If you are interested in the governance of the Society you are invited to attend this meeting.

Liz Parsons

Successful Ice Plant Removal at Doran Beach

Thanks to Penny Dalton’s ongoing ice plant removal project at Doran Beach, we can now see the endangered Point Reyes Bird Beak in bloom! We need more toboggans (light weight, strong plastic) as they make the hauling so much easier. Please contact Penny if you have one to donate. Please join us for an official workday on Wednesday October 4th from 9 to noon. You can also join us any Wednesday by just letting Penny know you are going and you can carpool from her house off Mill Station or meet us at the beach.

Before: Penny hauling ice plant on a blue sled

After: Natural slope of yarrow!
Exciting Fall Season for the Education and Outreach Committee

We found ourselves having another successful spring season with exhibit/informational tables at Santa Rosa Junior College's annual Day Under the Oaks, and the jointly sponsored EcoFriendly Garden Tour that included our table at the Laguna de Santa Rosa where our CNPS sold plants. Visitors respond well to our use of live plant specimens for examination, resource books and photos, especially of Betty Young's before and after garden using California Natives. Give-away informational materials, book marks, reminders about our annual plant sales are appreciated by visitors as is conversation with CNPS members who share their knowledge and enthusiasm with everyone.

Once again our Fall Season will include exhibits at the September 9th Sonoma Nature and Optics Festival at the Sonoma Barracks Plaza in Sonoma, our annual Milo Baker Plant sale on October 14th and the wonderfully stimulating North Bay Science Discovery Day, October 28th at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Our science question for this year's Discovery Day focuses on Seeds and Seed Dispersal, "How do Seeds get to where they're going to grow?"

Our exhibits are always informative and interactive and we encourage people to explore the materials we present. The emphasis at most of our tables is 'Touch, Smell (and sometimes taste)."

We will again need enthusiastic volunteers for the following dates. Don't worry about being an expert, most of the materials are self-explanatory and your interest and enthusiasm is the most important aspect of your volunteer work with us. You'll be sure to find it both rewarding and stimulating. To volunteer, please contact Lea Davis at legil42@sbcglobal.net or vsteenhoven@sonic.net.

Saturday, September 9th, 10-4pm; Sonoma Nature and Optics Festival, Sonoma Barracks Plaza in Sonoma. We need 2 volunteers per 2 hour shifts.

Saturday, October 14th, 9-1pm; Milo Baker Chapter Annual Plant Sale, Veterans Auditorium, Santa Rosa. 1 volunteer each per two hour shifts.

Saturday, October 28th, 10-4pm; North Bay Science Discovery Day, Sonoma County Fairgrounds. We need three volunteers per 2 hour shifts and a couple of hours the Friday before for set up. This is probably our most active exhibit since the Science Discovery Day's focus is on 3rd through 8th grade science students, their families, friends and teachers. The emphasis of the day is interactive exhibits to stimulate further inquiry on the part of the visitors. Our science question this year is "How do seeds get to where they're going to grow?" and is about seeds and seed dispersal mechanisms.

Our future hopes and plans include the development of programs to offer to schools and other organizations in Sonoma County to continue to develop awareness and conservation of California's magnificently diverse, fascinating and helpful flora.

Virginia Hotz-Steenhoven, co-chair Education/Outreach Committee
Plant Sale News

The Plant Sale is as late as it can possibly be--October 14 is the second Saturday in October. I hope that everyone has their calendars marked for that most important day. This is the biggest fund raiser that the Milo Baker Chapter holds and we raise more than half of our annual budget. Come to shop so that you can fill your garden with plants that are native to California. If you would like to help with the sale, give Judy Hartwig a call at 823-1821. The flyer is included in the newsletter. Please post it on a local bulletin board.

I am very excited about the number of plants that we will have this year. We will have many sword ferns (Polistichum munitum), deer ferns (Blechnum spicant), giant chain ferns (Woodwardia fimbriata) and the special Lyman’s Polypody (Polypodium californicum v. Lymani) that is found in the wild in Napa but does very well in our gardens. In December, we potted up over 80 PCN hybrid iris’...in beautiful colors including striped gold, striped brown, red-violet w/gold blaze, magenta, lavender w/yellow. We also have many of the straight species Iris douglasiana that is found growing on the coast.

There will be a huge selection of Mimulus aurantiacus, sticky monkeyflower. The Mimulus are very drought tolerant and love a sunny location with little summer water. We will have the following varieties...‘Trish’, ‘Georgie Red’, ‘Vibrant Red’, ‘Eleanor’. ‘Pumpkin’, ‘UC Hybrid’, and ‘White’.

Other unusual plants at the sale include: Ribes sanguineum glutinosum ‘White’, Ribes malvaceum, chaparral currant, Carpenteria californica - bush anemone, Cercis occidentalis - Redbud, Myrica californica (wax myrtle) and Penstemon heterophyllus ‘Margaret BOP’.

The Manzanitas (Arctostaphylos) are another large group of shrubs from the chaparral. At the sale, we will have Arctostaphylos canescens ‘Emerald Carpet’ (ground cover), A. uva-ursi v. coactilis ‘Pt. Reyes’ (ground cover), A. densiflora ‘Howard McMinn’ (5’x5’), and A. ‘Pacific Mist’ (2’x4’).

There will be a table featuring habitat plants at the sale. We will miss Louise Hallberg who has spread the word about attracting butterflies to your garden by opening up her garden to thousands of people over the years. Louise especially liked it when school children came to see her special garden in Sebastopol. Louise passed away this year soon after her 100th birthday. She was one of our best customers and our best educator. Louise educated people about the value of planting plants that attracted pollinators. She was a wonderful woman.

There will be wonderful CA native bulbs from Brent and Becky’s again this year. Unfortunately they have stopped offering Calochortus bulbs. We have also been increasing the number of seeds that will be offered. So check out the seed and bulb table at the sale you might be surprised.

Fall is planting season in California. The soil is still warm and the roots will grow slowly through the rainy season. The following spring, the plants are ready to survive the summer heat. A plant planted in the spring does not have a well-developed root system and will have difficulty surviving through the summer. **Fall is planting time in California!**

We welcome everyone to our sale and want to provide the plants that they need for their particular purpose. I welcome suggestions. If you have any plants that you would like to see at our sale, let me know and perhaps we will be able to fulfill your request. An almost complete list of plants is on the website milobaker.cnps.org.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SALE
WE NEED YOU!

LABELERS: Becky Montgomery, Mary Aldrich, Kathi Dowdikan, and I will be pricing and labeling plants the week before the sale. Anyone who has some free time during the day on Monday (Laguna Foundation), Tuesday (Sebastopol), Wednesday (Cal Flora), or Thursday (Santa Rosa) please call Liz at 833-2063. These vital tasks go faster if we have a lot of help.

DRIVERS: On Friday night, we will need truckers to transport plants from the collection center to the Vet’s Memorial Building after 5 PM. Call Liz if you have a truck and can help.

The plants will be collected at the usual collection centers (listed below). If you are growing plants for the sale please bring them to any of the following collection centers on the weekend before the sale:

1. Mary Aldrich, 4775 Newanga, Santa Rosa, 539-9005
2. Cal Flora Nursery, D and Sommers, Fulton, 528-8813

CASHIERS and SALESPERSONS:
If you helped at our sale last year, Judy Hartwig (823-1821) will be calling you soon to ask you to volunteer. I hope that all members will help us again.

Workers only can purchase plants on Friday evening before the sale, so make plans to work for the sale.

The work of the Milo Baker Chapter depends on the success of our plant sale. Our members are our best customers. Please tell your friends to attend and buy plants. Please place our flyer in an area near your home. If everyone does this we will blanket the county with the information.

Please mark your calendars for October 14! Help us by working at the sale or come by and shop for some beautiful native plants.

Betty Young

POTTING WORKSHOP UPDATE

The fourth and final workshop for the plant sale was held at the Laguna Foundation on August 5. This was our first workshop at the Laguna and it went fairly well. We used their old greenhouse since construction of our new greenhouse has been delayed by the permit process with the City of Santa Rosa.

There was plenty of room for the 750 liners that we potted. The liners were donated by Shooting Star Propagation Nursery and we are so grateful to Dan and Nancy for their continuing support. The work went very well with 16 CNPS volunteers and the help from 3 Laguna Foundation interns: Hannah Werdmuller, Leslie Lihou & Will.

Thanks to our members for their hard work...Kathi Dowdikan, Rob Fox, Betty Young, Mary Aldrich, Patty Mohar, Wendy Krupnick, Wendy Born, Cindy Tancreto, Penny Dalton, Lea Davis, Lisa Seale, Elmarie Hutchinson, Sandy Martinson, Liz King, and DJ Prospero.

A special thanks to Kathi D. for organizing the workshop. Thanks to Betty Young and Kathi for cleaning out the Laguna greenhouse so that our plants had space. Also a special thanks to Bob Tancreto for guarding the gate to the Laguna facility.Call Liz at 833-2063 for more information.

Liz Parsons
\textbf{Events}

\textbf{Shell Beach to Goat Rock}
Friday September 29th, 2017

Carpool at 9:30 am at Hwy 12 Park & Ride (between Vet’s Hall and Fairgrounds), east end. Or meet us at the Shell Beach parking lot (where there are bathrooms) at 10:30 am.

We’ll take advantage of those hot September days and head to the beach. We will walk from Shell Beach to Goat Rock and back (about 5 miles round trip). We can leave one car at Goat Rock for those that only want to go one way. We will get a close up view of the coastal bluff and scrub and a panoramic view of the Pacific.

A map can be found at this website: https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/451/files/SonomaCoastSPFinalWebLayout2017.pdf

In addition to hat, water, sunscreen and lunch, participants should dress in layers – the weather can change from very cold, wet and foggy to hot and humid. See you there.
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