General Meeting

Wildflowers – The Joy of Discovery
April 19th, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Reny Parker

Along the Pacific Coast of the United States explorers, botanists, and collectors gathered seeds and plant specimens from as early as 1786. The history of collecting can be divided into three phases: European expeditions (Spanish, French, British, Russian), U.S. government and eastern institutions (Lewis & Clark, Boundary Surveys, Harvard...), and by resident botanists (Nuttall, Fremont, Kellogg...). The trials and tribulations of these hardy adventurers are truly awe inspiring. Through her presentation Reny will connect local plants to their discoverers and those who named them. Although these early botanists may have been the first non-natives to collect these plants, each spring you too can experience the joy of discovery upon seeing new and familiar plants.

Reny is past Milo Baker Chapter president, photographer, and author (with a little help from her friends) of the award winning photographic field guide *Wildflowers of Northern California’s Wine Country & North Coast Ranges*. She lives in her secluded, off the grid home west of Cloverdale with her husband. Part of the year is spent in Iowa enjoying the tall grass prairie.

Plant ID Hour

You see the plants blooming but the names are unclear? No need to fret, Plant I.D. Hour is here! Arrive at 6:45 p.m. before the General Meeting, and bring specimens of plants you want to identify. At Plant I.D. Hour you can see plants up close and key them to species, while getting to know fellow Milo Baker Chapter members. Plants that you key out or learn with friends are easily remembered! Bring in some mystery plants to challenge us. I’ll bring in the dissecting microscope and some flowering plants from the local area. Keying is worthwhile and challenging for all of us, but it’s fun to work through them together, and learn what distinguishes this plant from that one.

Join us for Dinner before the Meeting:

We’ll gather for dinner at 6PM 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, 833-2063, lizpar8993@aol.com by April 18th if you plan to attend.

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa. Milo Baker Chapter Board meetings start at 7:00pm, 2nd Tuesday nine months of the year, Environmental Center, 55 Ridgeway Avenue, Suite A, Santa Rosa. **The next Board meeting is April 12th.** Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!
Do you plan to do any plant-oriented spring outings this year? If so, consider participating in the CNPS Rare Plant Treasure Hunt. Next week, my family and I will be heading to the Mojave National Preserve, and of course, I’m eager to see new plants and become familiar with a new landscape. I contacted the Treasure Hunt coordinator, Amber Swanson, to see if we could incorporate any rare plant hunting into our trip. She promptly sent me a number of rare plant records that need updating in that area. It will probably be my 9-year-old son who spots the pink funnel lily (*Androstephium breviflorum*) first; he has sharp eyes. According to the CNPS Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants, this lily occurs in the desert dunes and scrub of California and several other southwestern states, but is threatened by solar energy development. The Treasure Hunt is a great opportunity to contribute to our knowledge of the status and distribution of rare and imperiled plants. Contact Amber (aswanson@cnps.org), if you’d like to participate.

At the board meeting this month, our discussion focused on improving our chapter’s website. A local website developer, Linton Hale, joined our conversation and will be assisting us in making www.cnpsmb.org easier to use, more attractive, and more informative. If you have suggestions for changes you would like to see, please send them to me at jschwan@sonic.net. We will keep you posted as we make progress.

The chapter was recently invited to participate in a planning workshop to help develop an Oak Woodland Management Plan for Sonoma County, and I attended. The County’s Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District is leading the effort to develop this plan, which aims to further voluntary and cooperative efforts to protect and enhance our precious oak woodlands. Having an approved plan in place will allow local landowners, nonprofits, resource agencies and others to apply for funding through the state’s Oak Woodland Conservation Fund. Good news for us and for oaks! ☺️ Joan Schwan

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**Gardening with Natives**

**TIPS FOR BEGINNING GARDENERS**

Sonoma County, with its gentle Mediterranean climate and long growing season, is a paradise for gardeners. The moderate climate tempts weathered gardeners into experimentation with unusual plants. Many plants can be cajoled into thriving here that would languish in a harsher environment. For the beginning gardener, many delights lie ahead. However, the prudent novice will take stock of his time, energy, interests and desires before embarking on a massive gardening project. Look at: 1) What you want to accomplish, and 2) What you already have (time/energy, sun, soil, lay of the land, microclimate, tools, etc.). Does what you want coincide with the reality of what you have?

Make a detailed list of what you’d like to accomplish. For instance, some people want to recreate a beloved childhood garden in which they lived and played. Perhaps you have a desire to grow edibles, or you may want lots of colorful perennials for cut flowers, or a large, formal herb garden. More realistic for our present time is: Water, do you have enough or will you have in the future? Many people now would like to learn about growing plants for pollinators and growing native plants. Getting rid of lawns is a huge issue right now, as they soak up water that could be used elsewhere and often require fertilizers, pesticides and fungicides, not to mention constant mowing. As gardeners, we are the creators, the artists, and our work becomes as personal an expression of our passions as a painting, a poem, or a symphony does to the painter, writer, or composer. Humor yourself, be whimsical even. Allow yourself to be expressive in any way you want. Your interest level in carrying through any project you begin will be directly related to the passion you bring to it.

**MAKE A GENERAL MAP OR LAYOUT** of your entire property. Note the microclimates, i.e., fog belts, slope, wind direction, water availability, temperature zones. Are there areas that need no work at all?

**DO A SOIL ANALYSIS.** You need to know whether the soil is heavy clay, light and sandy, full of rocks, or perfect loam. This will determine drainage and which amendments may need to be added. Planting natives usually requires no amendments.

**READ AND LEARN** everything you can about your particular interest. Consult specialists, friends, old-time gardeners in your neighborhood, books.

**DECIDE AGAIN** if what you want coincides with the time and energy you have available, and make
certain your plans aren't so ambitious that they are doomed to fail.

THEN START SMALL, perhaps with one tiny area; get it going before moving on to another area. Keep it easy to begin, then add difficult projects as your calluses grow thicker.

FOR EASE OF MAINTENANCE, CLUSTER PLANTS TOGETHER according to their soil, drainage, and water requirements. This is important, and will save time and heartbreak. There is nothing more frustrating than trying to convince a water-loving plant that it can survive on a hot, dry hillside.

ACQUIRE a good gardening fork, shovel, rake, trowel, gloves, perhaps a wheelbarrow. You can often find these at garage sales - take advantage of the cost savings.

GET ASSISTANCE in designing a drip irrigation system. It will save water and time, and your plants will grow to their maximum potential.

START A HOME COMPOST PILE. It gives a great feel for nutrient recycling.

BE FLEXIBLE...if it's not working, try something else.

GROW ENOUGH TO SHARE with gophers, deer, birds, insects, and neighbors. Fencing is of course needed to keep out dogs or bunnies.

GOOD SOIL PREP AND AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM are worth the time and money, and will make all the difference in your success and satisfaction.

[Judy Brinkerhoff
Please contact me at joodbrink@comcast.net

I want to thank all the people who came to my house on February 27 to divide plants. Thanks to Alan Brubaker, Mary Aldrich, Kathi Dowdakan, Rob Fox, Penny Dalton, Cindy Tancreto, Debbie Drake, Patty Mohar, Alison, Willets, Patrick Smithson, and Judy Johnson. We all worked for less than two hours and potted up 150 gallon containers of wild ginger (Asarum caudatum), wild strawberry (Frageria californica), CA fuchsia or zauckneria (Epilobium canum), hummingbird sage (Salvia spathacea) goldenrod (Solidago californica), wild grape (Vitis californica 'Roger's Red'), bleeding hearts (Dicentra formosa), maidenhair fern (Adiantum jordanii) and CA polypody fern (Polypodium californicum). They will grow these plants for us until the October 8 plant sale.

Our third work party will be held at California Flora Nursery in Fulton at 10:00 AM Sunday, May 22. Call me if you have questions or want to come and help. Liz- 833-2063.

Invasives Corner

Broom and Buddleia

When I saw the large display of broom in front of Lowe's, I trotted right in to the nursery to find a nursery employee. She was speaking with another customer, so I waited patiently until there was a gap in the conversation, “I am concerned about the display of the invasive broom.” She towed off the other customers at a run, but offered over her shoulder, “The state of California doesn't allow us to sell invasive plants.” Badly misinformed or just a ploy to keep me at bay? I knew that wasn't so, but it got me thinking – does the State not allow or punish the sale of any plants at all? The only thing I could find was a restriction on diseased plants. I did find that other states ban the sale of brooms among other bad bad plants. I also pursued further “sterile cultivars” and found little. Dr. Ryan Contreras, Assistant Professor of Ornamental Plant Breeding at Oregon State University, told me there hadn't been any truly sterile brooms developed though some produced fewer seeds. I asked him if there were any success stories he could tell me about. “Buddleia is the biggest success story right now. There are a number of cultivars being introduced with reduced fertility bordering on sterility. Three cultivars of particular interest are 'White Icicle,' 'Blue Chip,' and 'Asian Moon'. The data on these cultivars is quite strong in showing that their fertility is almost nil and they pose no ecological threat.” Buddleia is a plant which is on several states' invasive plant lists (including Calipc's) and in some places not allowed to be sold. As this plant is a favorite of gardeners trying to attract butterflies, one would hope these new cultivars would overtake the ones on the market now. I hope in your nursery visits, you will mention to staff that broom, Hedera ivy species and Vinca are bad citizens and can be replaced with other well-behaved plants. E-mail me if you’d like a Calipc folder showing good plants to use instead of the criminal kinds.

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Events and Items of Interest

Wildflowers and Other Producers
April 2, 2011, Saturday, 9am to 3pm
Examine the spring flowers and other botanical delights in a variety of habitats at Pepperwood with Steve Barnhart, retired SRJC Botanist and the Education Director at the preserve. To make a reservation, go to http://brownpapertickets.com/event/135728
Meet at the Barn, Pepperwood Preserve

Graton Flower Show
April 8 & 9, 2011, Friday and Saturday from 8 am to 4pm.
With a theme of "Under the Big Top," The Graton Community Club free Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale is an event the whole family can enjoy. Pictures with a circus theme by local students will be exhibited throughout the club house at the corner of Graton Road and Edison Street in Graton. A special Circus Art Party happens at 2:00 on Saturday which will include cake, prizes, and a parade.
The show provides gardeners an opportunity to purchase home grown heritage tomato starts, native plants, and perennials that thrive in Sonoma County. Included in the offerings are perennial phlox, native camellias, abelias, heucheras, cistus, tuber roses, succulents, cacti, many raspberry plants and a variety of trees. In addition, there will be a large selection of unique garden art. Call Linda Dodds at 823-1533 for more information.
Home made lunch is available from 11:30 to 2:00 with coffee/tea and dessert served all day. Unique craft items, including exquisitely detailed Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, homemade quilts and embroidered tea towels will be on sale as well as unique collectibles.
The show is a benefit performance for the club’s scholarship and building repair funds. Also available at a special price will be the book on Graton’s history: Images of America: Graton, by Lesa Tanner. For more information contact Kathi Jacobs at kjacobs48@gmail.com.

Drawing Wildflowers at Pepperwood
April 9, 2011, Saturday 9 am to 3 pm
Enjoy the beautiful landscape at Pepperwood Preserve while drawing spring wildflowers in colored pencil. We will explore a variety of colored pencil techniques and color theory and learn how to blend, burnish and create new colors. We will focus on the wonderful April wildflower display surrounding Bechtel House and weather permitting we will be able to sketch and color outside. All drawing levels are welcome. Supply list will be mailed upon registration (or emailed to online registrants when an email address is provided).
Please call (707) 527-4372. Presenter Nina Antze: Nina is an artist, quilt maker and teacher. Bechtel House, Pepperwood Preserve 3450 Franz Valley Road, Santa Rosa
FEE: $45
Enroll at: www.santarosa.edu/communityed

Water-Wise Gardening Workshops
City of Santa Rosa
April 12 – Low Water-Use Plants
April 19 – Irrigation Efficiency
April 26 – Drip Irrigation
6 – 8 pm, Free to the public
Sign up through City of Santa Rosa Activity Guide at http://www.santarosarec.com or call (707) 543-3737
Classes will be held at the City of Santa Rosa Transit Operations Building, 45 Stony Point Road

The Keys to Plant Identification
April 16, 2011, Saturday, 9am to 3pm
Led by Peter Warner, well-known expert on all that flowers, this introduction to Pepperwood’s colorful spring wildflowers will empower you to name the names of all that is green and growing. Seasoned with a dash of plant jargon, you’ll learn how to turn a dichotomous key and your powers of scholarly observation into a virtually limitless frontier of botanical exploration. Please bring: a hand lens or other small magnifier of at least 10X power; and Plants of the San Francisco Bay by Beidleman and Kozloff, UC Press, 2003. To make a reservation, go to http://brownpapertickets.com/event/136362
Dwight Center, Pepperwood Preserve

2011 Talk/Tours at MuRefuge
April 10, June 12, August 14, 2011
Sundays from 1:00 to 3:30 pm
Cathie Haynes, habitat restorationist, is again this year offering talk/tours at MuRefuge, a living example of sustainability and a haven for wildlife, with native and edible plants. A small foraging female duck flock fertilizes the orchard, takes care of snails and slugs as well as provides delicious eggs. MuRefuge is located in rural residential
Sebastopol on the North side of the Petaluma Wind Gap.  The focus of talk/tours will be California natives and whole garden ecology with ample time for questions. A plant list is available at Cathie’s blog, http://beingrooted.blogspot.com/2011/01/2011-plant-list-for-murefuge.html If you would like a plant list during the talk/tours, please download one from this post. Space is limited for each talk/tour so please register by emailing Cathie Haynes at afsp@sonic.net. The “fee” for attending is one bag of Organic Fox Farm Potting Soil. You may also visit MuRefuge during the Gardens with Sculpture Tour, a fundraiser for the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, on May 22 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. At 11 a.m. Cathie Haynes will tour MuRefuge with participants and talk about Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification through the National Wildlife Federation. At 2 p.m. Cathie will tour MuRefuge with those interested in learning about the North American Butterfly Association’s Butterfly Garden Certification. For more information about the Gardens with Sculpture Tour: http://sebarts.org/index.php/events/gardens-sculpture/

Third Annual Spring Wildflower Festival
April 17, 2011, Sunday 11am-4:00pm
Come celebrate the majesty of spring wildflowers at Pepperwood Preserve. There will be fun natural history activities for kids of all ages. Learn more about wildflowers through informative presentations at the Dwight Center for Conservation Science. Join experts on wildflower hikes or take a driving tour to see spectacular hillside vistas across the Mayacamas Mountains and into the valleys. Be sure to visit the Milo Baker CNPS table at the festival. Call Pat 528-9197 if you would like to help out at our table. Address: 3450 Franz Valley Rd. (Just past Safari West off Porter Creek Rd.)Santa Rosa.

Anderson Valley Wildflower Show
April 30 and May 1, 2011, Saturday and Sunday 9am to 4pm
At the Mendocino County Fairgrounds in Boonville, on highway 128 in the middle of town. Many wildflowers have been collected and identified. Plants and books offered for sale. The tearoom will be open, offering good food for lunch. We’re also having a raffle which funds scholarships for high school students for college or camp. Admission is free. Please join us!

Riverkeeper Stewardship Park Volunteer Days
Everyone and all ages are welcome to visit or volunteer. No experience necessary. Enjoy time on the Russian River every Wednesday except when there is enough rain to need a raincoat. Please join us from 8:30 - 11:30 am, for all or part of the time. Please bring your own drinking water and wear sturdy footwear. The Park is located at 16153 Main St., Guerneville on the north bank of the Russian River directly upstream of the pedestrian bridge. Access is down a driveway in front of Sonoma Nesting Co. At the bottom of the driveway look for the blue and white sign that says, “Russian Riverkeeper Demonstration Riparian Restoration Project Future Community Park.” Parking is available near the sign. For more information contact Victoria Wikle at 865-2474 or VictoriaWikle@usa.net. Visit our new website at www.russianriverkeeper.org.

2011 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour
May 1, 2011 Sunday
Register now at http://bringingbackthenatives.net to receive your garden guide. This event is expected to fill; registering at this time will reserve your place on the tour. A variety of bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens that contain 50% or more native plants will be open on Sunday, May 1, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Visit http://bringingbackthenatives.net/preview-2011-gardens to read garden descriptions, view garden photos, and download plant lists. Native plants will be sold at numerous locations over the course of the week-end.

Volunteers Needed for Coastal Grassland Monitoring Project
May 13, 16, and 17, 2011
Join Sonoma Land Trust staff, Dr. Caroline Christian of SSU, and botanist Peter Warner for a coastal grassland identification training day and two days of vegetation sampling at the Estero Americano Preserve. The Estero Americano Preserve is the site of a grassland management and monitoring project designed to evaluate the effectiveness of cattle grazing for coastal grassland enhancement. Following the grass ID training, teams of interns and volunteers will use quadrats to measure the percent cover of all native and exotic plant species at 29 1m² permanent plots throughout the Preserve. A three day commitment is required.
for participation. For more information or to sign-up, please email: shanti@sonomalandtrust.org.

**Field Trips**

**VanHoosear Wildflower Preserve**
April 2 and April 14, 2011, Saturday and Thursday
10am – 12pm
The Sonoma Ecology Center in partnership with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District will be leading this walk at the Van Hoosear Wildflower Preserve located near the base of Sonoma Mountain. The 162-acre Preserve is unique for its abundance and variety of wildflowers.

The Van Hoosear Wildflower Preserve is protected by a Conservation Easement, made possible by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and the California Department of Fish and Game’s Wildlife Conservation Board. It is protected as open space forever. The property is managed to protect and restore the Preserve’s botanical, aquatic, and wildlife values, and to provide access to the public for educational purposes. Reservations are required and space is limited for these popular walks, so make your reservations early. For reservations, contact Elly Seelye at (707) 996-0712 ext. 124, or email elly@sonomaecologycenter.org.

**A Walk to the Laguna Headwaters**
April 2, 2011, Saturday, 10am
Join us on a collaborative effort to reconstruct the past landscape of Cotati and the Laguna de Santa Rosa headwaters. Arthur Dawson, historical ecologist at the Sonoma Ecology Center, will share his research into the historical hydrology of the area now occupied by Cotati, Rohnert Park and SSU. A number of experts in various fields will help to create and flesh out a “picture of the past.” RSVP for details on where to meet. Contact: Jenny Blaker, Outreach Coordinator, Cotati Creek Critters, 707 792-4422 or jenny@creeks.cotati.info

**Lake Sonoma**
April 3, 2011, Sunday, 9am
Join us for a hike along South Lake trail which traverses the steep upper hillside along the wooded south side of Lake Sonoma. Throughout the hike are spectacular vistas of the lake and the surrounding rolling hills, as well as wildflowers and native shrubs in oak woodland. We will meet at the South Lake trailhead at 9am. Directions: Heading north on US101 take the Dry Creek Road exit (Healdsburg) and turn left (west). Continue on Dry Creek Road for 11.5miles and pass the park visitors center and the fish hatchery to Skaggs Springs Road/Stewarts Point-Skaggs Springs Rd. The trailhead is approximately 0.8 miles on the left. Contact: Cindy Tancreto 528-9225 or cindytancreto@pacbell.net.

**Wildflower Hike at the Sonoma Baylands**
April 10, 2011, Sunday 10am–2pm
It's time again for our popular wildflower hikes on Cougar Mountain — the most spectacular showing of wildflowers in the Bay Area! This rigorous 5-mile hike starts just above the edge of serene San Pablo Bay at SLT’s Sears Point Ranch along Highway 37 and ascends 400 feet, leading to great views of the entire Bay Area. The only trails are those made by cows, so be prepared for a steep climb and uneven footing. This hike is open to the public and free of charge. For more information or to register, please email outings@sonomalandtrust.org. Level 3

**Sunset Serpentine Wildflower Hike at Tolay Creek Ranch**
April 14, 2011, Thursday, 5–8pm
This sunset walk will take you to a rare serpentine wildflower field in full bloom at Sonoma Land Trust's Tolay Creek Ranch, nestled between Lakeville Highway and Highway 121 near Sonoma. The views of the Bay Area from the ranch are spectacular, too. The hike is about three miles long and there is no trail, so participants should be prepared to walk over large areas with uneven footing. This hike is open to the public and free of charge. For more information or to register, please email
2011 Mayacamas Sanctuary Field Trips  
Sponsored by the Madrone Audubon Society  
April 15, 2011, Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Join naturalist and retired biology professor, Peter Leveque in a general nature hike. We might find the Fawn Lily. A moderately strenuous hike on Clark Foss Road; you’ll need to get out your hiking sticks and boots. Limited to adults.  
May 1, 2011, Sunday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Digital Nature Photography for the Eco-Tourist with Bryant Hichwa. Come to the Mayacamas at the height of the wildflower season. Experience the beauty and ruggedness of this preserve. Our in-the-field photo workshop will include tips for the semi-professional nature photographer as well as fundamentals for the beginner. Please no dogs. Children OK under careful supervision  
General information for all events: The field trips are free, open to the public and suitable for all levels of interest. Bring your lunch and refreshments for the day; wear layered clothing, hats, and sun protection. Sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots recommended. Heavy rain cancels the hikes unless otherwise indicated. No dogs, no smoking, preserve is not wheelchair accessible. Be aware that Spring is the season for the emergence of poison oak, ticks and rattlesnakes. Meet on the Pine Flat Road between Red Winery Road and the Sausal Creek Bridge. Pine Flat Road begins ¼ mile past the Jimtown Store on Highway 128 East at the first sharp right hand turn. Some may wish to form informal carpools. For more information contact Suzanne at 829-7234.  
IMPORTANT: Reservations for the field trips are NOT required this year.  

Trekking Across Sears Point  
April 18, 2011, Monday, 5-8 pm  
This hike starts just above the edge of serene San Pablo Bay at the Sears Point Ranch, which Sonoma Land Trust purchased in 2004 when a casino development was proposed on site. The property is now permanently protected and incorporates cattle grazing, farming, and the restoration of a watershed and over 1,000 acres of wetlands. The Sears Point site hosts numerous plant and wildlife communities. The hike travels under Highway 37 and across ranchlands that offer views of the North Bay’s network of preserved sites. For more information or to sign up, please email: outings@sonomalandtrust.org.  

Jenner Headlands with Peter Warner  
April 21, 2011 Thursday, 9:30am-3pm  
May 7, 2011 Saturday, 9:30am-4pm  
The splendid biological diversity and enthralling aesthetics of the Jenner Headlands beckon to all. This terrestrial jewel, acquired by the Sonoma Land Trust in 2009, offers sweeping, or fog-enshrouded, coastal vistas, deep forested canyons, and grasslands bedazzling in spring’s tapestry of flowers. This spring, two field trips to the property will focus on plants and plant ecology, specifically arranged with CNPS members in mind. Reservations are required to participate in these trips.  
The April 21 walk will be include a workshop on rare plant monitoring and reporting. The pace will be slow and mildly strenuous, an exploration of the serpentine-influenced flora of grasslands just upslope from the village of Jenner. The May 7 hike will be moderately to quite strenuous, covering several miles with substantial elevation changes, and will provide a broader look at the topographical and vegetational diversity of the property. Cameras, field guides, and hand lenses are among recommended companions for your tour of the Jenner Headlands. Both walks start at the Russian Gulch State Parks parking area on Highway 1 about three miles north of the village of Jenner. The April 21 walk will end about 3 p.m.; on May 7 we’ll be out until 4 p.m. or perhaps later. To reserve your attendance on one of these walks, please email Kristin Martinez at kristinm.m@twc-ca.org. Otherwise call Peter Warner at 829-1183 for your reservation or further information.  

Fairfield Osborne Reserve  
April 23, 2011, Saturday, 10am  
Sonoma State University Field Stations and Nature Preserves have offered a guided hike on the Fairfield Osborn Preserve in honor of Native Plant Week. We will meet at the Education Center at 10 am and enjoy a day meandering through the Preserve. Masters student and Milo Baker Scholarship recipient Meghan Parish will present her current research on Restoration of Native California Grasslands Invaded By Harding Grass at her study sites on the Preserve. The hike will be led by undergraduate Botany student and trained naturalist Linden Schneider. Space is limited to 20 people. Please RSVP schneili@seawolf.sonoma.edu or 7074956730.
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Newsletter & Web Site Info:
Send newsletter submissions to:
Editor, cnpsmbnewsletter@yahoo.com
Deadline for inclusion in the May Newsletter is April 15.
The chapter web site www.cnpsmb.org contains a wealth of information plus current and archived newsletters.
For newsletter mailing/membership issues, contact: Gary Hundt, ghundt@gmail.com

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