General Meeting:
Members’ Annual Chapter Picnic
August 20, 2017 3PM

The Chapter picnic will be held at Alan Brubaker’s garden on Sunday, August 20. The garden is located at 1401 Adobe Canyon Road in Kenwood. We are pleased that Alan has agreed to host the picnic. Alan’s beautiful Sonoma Creekside garden includes many botanical delights. It is planted with many CA natives, but also includes a collection of conifers. The large xeric garden in the rear of the property is filled with Mediterranean and desert plants. The last time we had the picnic at Alan’s garden was 2006. It is a lovely place to spend an afternoon with friends. We will begin to assemble at 3:00 PM and a potluck dinner will be served at 4:30 PM. Bring your own utensils and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Parking is limited so please car pool if possible. Call Liz (833-2063) for more information.

Stay tuned for more info about our September speaker Brock Dolman, Biologist and OAEC Wildlands Program Director, who will offer a lecture and slide show expanding on his recently published article entitled Mending the Wild at the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center published in Fremontia, Journal of the California Native Plant Society's special issue focused on geophytes.

You see the plants blooming but the names are unclear? No need to fret, Plant I.D. Hour is here! Arrive at 6:45 pm 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.

Join us for Dinner before the September 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.

General Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa. Milo Baker Chapter Board meetings start at 7 pm, 2nd Tuesday nine months of the year, Environmental Center, 55 Ridgeway Ave, Ste A, Santa Rosa. The next Board meeting is July 12th. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!
Chapter News

Chapter Council Meeting in Sonoma County

The Milo Baker Chapter of the CNPS has been asked to host a Chapter Council meeting September 9 and 10. The Chapter Council meets quarterly at various places in the state. The MBC hosted the group in 2008 and again in 2013 with the Marin Chapter at Walker Creek Ranch. The Chapter Council consists of a representative from all of the 35 chapters around the state. There will probably be about 60 participants. Guests are welcome and this is a good opportunity for Milo Baker members to experience the state organization and the staff, as well as meet members of other chapters from around the state.

It will be held at the Kenwood Depot in Kenwood, 314 Warm Springs Road. The Chapter will need to arrange a banquet on Saturday night with a speaker. If you have an extra bedroom and can host a Council member that would be appreciated. There can be camping at Sugarloaf State Park. Please contact Liz Parsons at 833-2063 for more information.

Liz Parsons

2018 Eco-Friendly Garden Tour
Native Gardens

The 2017 Garden tour was so successful that we are already planning the 2018 tour. We had over 1600 visits to our native gardens this year. Each person was educated and hopefully inspired to add or convert to native plant gardening. In 2018 we want to concentrate on gardens in Santa Rosa, Sonoma Valley, or Windsor-Healdsburg. If you have a native garden in one of these areas and would like to share and inspire others to go native, please let me know. Betty Young, youngb0721@msn.com.

New Director-at-Large Board Member

The Milo Baker Board is pleased with the addition of Caprice Lee, serving as Director at Large on the board. Caprice Lee is a graduate student at Sonoma State University, studying plant ecology and has been the recipient of the Milo Baker Chapter Scholarship. She received her undergraduate degree in Plant Biology from the University of California Davis and prior to that, she earned an Associate’s Degree and certificate from the Santa Rosa Junior College in Natural Resource Management. Caprice is passionate about educating people about biology as well as helping to make higher education accessible to all people. To this end, she has worked as a naturalist-educator and scientist, and has coordinated internship programs for underrepresented students, respectively. Caprice is looking forward to developing her botanical skills professionally in Sonoma County and is excited to be a Milo Baker Chapter director-at-large.

Plant Sale News

CNPS-Laguna Foundation Nursery

Thanks to the generous support from Community Foundation -Wine Country Weekend Grant and our amazing member Art Slater, we are ready to begin construction of
the new nursery at the Laguna Environmental Center property on Sanford Rd, Santa Rosa. Ground preparation should begin in early July, then tables for growing plants in late July, early August and shade structure erection in August-October. We will need help:

- **Early July** Clear and clean up the site to ready for grading and trenching
- **Mid-late July** Lay irrigation lines in trenches.
- **Late July** Assist with digging and placing footings for vertical supports
- **Late July-early Aug** Lay landscape fabric and spreading drain rock over nursery area
- **July-August** Build growing tables if Eagle Scouts do not take on this project
- **August -Sept** Erect W-truss structure on vertical footings.
- **October** Move in tables and fasten on shade cloth.
- **October-Nov** Build irrigation system
- **November** First propagation day
- **2018** Plant Sales at the new nursery

We expect to have experienced professionals volunteering to lead each step. What we need are willing folks to do the actual work. To meet this schedule, we need lots of help. Learn new skills, meet new friends, be part of our exciting new nursery. Contact Sarah Gordon if you can help, sarahpgordon@gmail.com or Betty Young youngb0721@msn.com 595-1463.  

**Potting Workshop at the Laguna Foundation**

The final plant sale workshop will be held at the Laguna Foundation on Occidental Road near Sebastopol on **Saturday August 5, at 10 AM**. At this workshop we will pot up Salvias, Zauschnerias and Mimulus that have been propagated by Shooting Star Nursery. There will be more than 500 plants. We need many people to help with this important task. This is the final push before our October 14 plant sale. The plants will be grown on at the Laguna shade house.  
Call Liz at 833-2063 for more information.

**Events**

**Wildlife Photography at Pepperwood**  
**Thursday August 10, 2017**  
**Carpool 8:30** at Hwy 12 Park & Ride (between Vet’s Hall and Fairgrounds), east end.  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** meet at Dwight Center for Conservation Science, Pepperwood Preserve, 2130 Pepperwood Preserve Rd. SR.  
Leader: **Michelle Halbur**, Preserve Ecologist  
Ever wondered what wildlife lives in the Mayacamas Mountains of Sonoma County? Come learn about local wildlife research and conservation, visit one of Pepperwood Preserve's most productive wildlife camera trap locations, explore shady Redwood Canyon and shady Oregon oak woodlands while taking in the sweeping views. We’ll have a 45 minute presentation on the wildlife photography program, then out to the field for 3 hours.  

The hike will be steep and strenuous in places, on uneven ground, off trail to see cameras. Hiking poles recommended. You will be asked to sign a waiver for Pepperwood. Bring lunch, study closed toed shoes, plenty of water, hat, and sunscreen.  
Questions: contact Betty youngb0721@msn.com 595-1463
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