General Meeting:
Tending the Wild

With M. Kat Anderson
May 17, 2016 7:30 pm

Abstract: The early explorers, gold seekers, and settlers who traveled and eventually settled in what we now know as California saw the land as a wilderness unmodified by the Native Americans who resided here for centuries. Author and researcher, M. Kat Anderson Ph.D., has developed a very different perspective based on years of extensive research and experimentation. The landscape once described as wilderness untouched by human hands was in reality a landscape carefully managed by observant and knowledgeable peoples.

Speaker Bio: M. Kat Anderson is the national ethnoecologist of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. She is a lecturer in the Department of Environmental Horticulture at U.C. Davis, an Associate Ecologist with the Agricultural Experiment Station there and on the Faculty of the Graduate Group in Ecology as well as Faculty in Davis's Graduate Group in Geography.

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 May 16th, if you plan to attend.
Chapter News

ECO-FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR

A TREMENDOUS thank you to all who volunteered for the Eco-Friendly Garden Tour. It was such a success because of your participation. I want to especially thank the Garden Tour planning committee for their amazing work; Pat Sesser, Cindy Tancreto, Penny Dalton, Becky Montgomery, Virginia Steenhoven, Wendy Born and Terry Loveton. We never could have pulled it off without the partnership with the Sonoma County Water Agency and the manager, Greg Plumb. What a delightful, enthusiastic and helpful person.

I hope everyone enjoyed the tour. We welcome any feedback on how we can improve it next year. There will be a more thorough report in the June newsletter.

Have a great day,
Betty

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Invasives Corner

Upcoming Weeder’s Group events:

The Milo Baker Weeder’s Work Party dates so far in 2016 (a few more might still be planned):

Sunday, May 15, 2016. 9 AM (8:30 carpool) to 12:30 PM. Nefertierra off of St. Helena Road. We’ll be strolling and pulling herbaceous weeds on this lovely 80-acre rugged private property. CNPS List 1 species benefit. We’ll assemble for informal carpools at 8:30 am at the Park n Ride on River Road (by Hwy 101). Walking is on sometimes steep but undulating deer-type trail, but slow paced.

Thursday, May 26, 2016. 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Bohemia Preserve with LandPaths (near Occidental). Remove barbed-goat grass to benefit the endangered Pennell’s bird’s-beak. We’ll be walking approx. 1/2 mile on a slightly hilly fire road to the “panhandle” area of the Bohemia Preserve. The work site is level but in full sun. Bring sun protection. Exact meeting location forthcoming.

Tuesday, June 7, 2016. 9 AM (8:30 carpool) to 12:30 PM. Nefertierra off of St. Helena Road. We’ll be strolling and pulling herbaceous weeds on this lovely 80-acre rugged private property. CNPS List 1 species benefit. We’ll assemble for informal carpools at 8:30 am at the Park n Ride on River Road (by Hwy 101). Walking is on sometimes steep but undulating deer-type trail, but slow paced.

Thursday, August 4, 2016. 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Bohemia Preserve with LandPaths (near Occidental). We’ll be pulling yellow star thistle before it goes to seed from a serpentine rock outcrop that supports many rare plant species. We’ll walk in 1/10 mile on a fire road. The patch of yellow star thistle is on a slope in
full sun. This time of year the fog tends to not burn off until noon, but sun protection recommended. Exact meeting location forthcoming.

All are welcome. No experience necessary. Please RSVP to Kate Symonds, Invasive Chair, Milo Baker Chapter CNPS kate@Terraserve.net

Kate Symonds

Preserve Update

CUNNINGHAM MARSH WORKDAY
Sunday, May 8th, 9 a.m.-11+ a.m.

We will start off 2016 with general maintenance of this lovely 19-acre preserve. Please bring water, gloves, favorite gardening tool, hat, long pants best.

Please contact me if you are interested and are not a regular.

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Plant Sale News

May Potting Workshop
There will be a workshop at Cal Flora in Fulton on Thursday, May 19 at 10 AM. We will be potting up liners of Arctostaphylos, Ceanothus, and other shrubs and perennials. The liners will be provided by Shooting Star Propagation Nursery. We need people to help pot up the plants as well as members who are willing to grow the plant on until our October 8 plant sale. If you have questions call Liz at 833-2063.

Events

Field Trips-
For all field trips no need to register, unless it is requested in the specific hike info. Always bring water, hat, sunscreen, lunch, field guides and hand lens, if desired. Sprinkles will not cancel, steady rain will. Contact Betty with questions 595-1463, youngb0721@msn.com.

Wildflowers of Pepperwood Preserve
Friday May 6, 2016; 10am -1pm,
Where to meet: Carpool at 9:15am from River Rd Park and Ride, one block west of Hwy 101 or 10am at Pepperwood Dwight Center, 2130 Pepperwood Preserve Rd off Franz Valley Rd.

**Leader:** Steve Barnhart

Discover the radiant beauty of Pepperwood’s wildflower displays and other botanical delights with Steve Barnhart, retired SRJC Botanist and recently retired Pepperwood Academic Director.

**Serpentine Botany at Bohemian Preserve**

**Friday May 6, 2016; 10am – 2pm**

**Leaders:** Aaron Arthur and Tanner Harris

We have been invited to join a LandPaths hike and workshop on serpentine. See information at http://landpaths.org/eventdetails.aspx?EventId=28089, to sign up and find more information. Fee applies. No organized carpool since Pepperwood trip is at the same time.

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**The Cedars**

**Saturday, May 14, 2016**

**Leader:** Roger Raiche

This trip filled as soon as it was announced in the November 2015 newsletter. However, if you have a 4 wheel drive vehicle, we need more. They are required for the very rough road. Please call if you can attend with your 4wd that will take 3-4 additional riders. Call or e-mail Betty, 707-595-1463, youngb0721@msn.com

**Wildflowers and Ecological Wonders of Fairfield Osborne Preserve**

**Sunday, May 22, 2016; 10am - 2pm**

**Where to meet:** Carpool at 9:15am at the Park & Ride under Hwy 12, between Vet’s Hall and Fairground. Limited parking also at Fairfield-Osborne. If you want to meet at Rohnert Park Park & Ride, let Betty know.

**Leader:** Kerry Wininger, Preserve Naturalist Training program Teaching Associate

Hike to the best wildflower sites on the Fairfield Osborne Preserve. It is a Preserve of Sonoma State University, now dedicated to education and research. Join Kerry Wininger,
teacher at the preserve, SSU grad student and Milo Baker Board member for wildflowers, different plant communities, and talk about research and education programs.

If you can’t get your fill of wildflowers with our chapter hikes, here are May CNPS Napa Hikes:

- **Saturday, May 7** Native Wildflower Fire Followers in recently burned areas of Napa County Leader: Jake Ruygt (707) 253-1839
- **Saturday, May 14** Bothe Napa Valley State Park Leaders: Linda Price (707) 257-7574 Mike Parmeter
- **Saturday, May 21** Mead Ranch, Land Trust of Napa County Leader: Jake Ruygt (707) 253-1839

Our upcoming June hikes:

- Sears Point and Baylands tidal marshes with Peter Baye, renowned tidal marsh authority. June 9
- Presidio Coastal Bluffs. June 22, with park restoration ecologist, Naomi leBeau

Flora of Northern Sierra With Peter Warner

The best classroom on Earth has a dirt floor, no walls, and unlimited opportunities for enlightenment! Santa Rosa Junior College will offer Botany 64, Northern Sierra Plants, this coming summer session. This one-week course will explore the floristic and vegetational diversity of northern Sierra Nevada ecosystems in Plumas County, with day trips throughout the region. Course topics include identification of major vegetation types of the region, along with instruction in plant identification and general ecology. Course fees include meals and lodging in casual comfort at the University of California Forestry Camp near Quincy, along with transportation.

Registration for this course opens for continuing student on April 18, and for all students on May 9, at SRJC. Consider taking a week to indulge your senses in fresh mountain air, wildflowers, whispering pines, and a congenial learning environment. Learning doesn’t have to be stressful!

**Peter Warner (707) 666-9071**

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Environmental Community Spring Social

At the historic Nolan Ranch in Forestville

**Sunday May 22, 2016 3 – 6 pm**

- Tour beautiful passive solar home made with salvaged materials and custom crafted wood, glass, stone and art
- Enjoy music by Jubilee Klezmer, wine, beer & lovely country vistas
- Meet Morgan horses & dwarf Nigerian goats – kid friendly!
- **Potluck** finger foods – please bring something to share

Free!

Hosted by Sonoma County Conservation Council

Please RSVP by May 19 to Wendy

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