General Meeting:
Fog, Flowers, History and Wild Salad: 
The Modini Mayacamas in the Midst of Time
With David Self
October 18, 2016 at 7:30pm

Join David Self in a talk exploring the wild beauty, history and ethnobotany of the Mayacamas - through time and place, illuminated with photos and a few poems.

About the Speaker:
David Self has been ACR's Resource Ecologist at the Modini Mayacamas Preserves since 2012, where he is responsible for stewardship, education and outreach. He earned a M.S. in Biology from Sonoma State, where he studied the ecology of vernal pools in the Laguna de Santa Rosa and contributed hundreds of plant specimens to the North Coast Herbarium, recorded in the Flora of Sonoma County. Dave brings over 40 years of experience developing and implementing preserve management plans, controlled burns, invasive plant inventories and vegetation management and monitoring projects for national parks, wildlife refuges, county parks, environmental organizations and corporations. Dave is also a photographer, illustrator and poet.

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 October 17th, if you plan to attend
Chapter News

Vote Yes on Measure J

The Milo Baker Board endorses Measure J - Protect Sonoma County Parks. Measure J will provide stable, locally controlled funding to support Sonoma County Regional Parks. Measure J will enable Regional Parks to expand the park system by opening County-owned lands to the public, and will provide significant funding for natural resource management.

Measure J will significantly expand the trail system throughout the Regional Parks system and also provides funding for regional trails like the Sonoma Valley Trail and the Russian River Bike Trail. Measure J revenues can only be used for Sonoma County Regional Parks. This is a great opportunity to expand and improve our local park system.

Jim Piercy
Treasurer Milo Baker Chapter CNPS and Regional Parks employee

Merit Scholarship for Students of Native Plants

The Milo Baker Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is offering a $1,000 merit scholarship to a student engaged in study and/or research relating to native plant conservation, restoration, or other native plant studies. The award is open to students of Sonoma State University or Santa Rosa Junior College. The funds may be used for educational or research related expenses. Research expenses may include those for a new or existing project.

Deadline: Applications for the spring semester award must be received by October 15th 2016
More Info at our website: milobaker.cnps.org

Upcoming Board Elections for 2017

Election Slate
President: OPEN
Vice President: Liz Parsons
Secretary: Kerry Wininger
Treasurer: Jim Piercy
Director at Large: Wendy Smit
Director at Large: Patty Mohar
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Education And Outreach

Lend a Hand for these Fun and Rewarding Outreach Activities:

October 29, 2016, Saturday, 10am-4pm, THE NORTH BAY SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds (Indoor building for us). Two hour shifts with a minimum of three people per shift. Set up starts 8:30. Shifts are 10-12, 12-2, and 2-4. Most of our set up accomplished the day before.
The North Bay Science Discovery Day is a very large, well-attended event and excellent exposure for CNPS and our chapter. Those of you who participated last year will remember the enthusiastic crowds of 3rd through 8th grade students, parents, teachers and interested adults from all walks of life. We are one of 100 exhibitors in this very popular family event. Our subject last year focused on Plant Galls and literally hundreds of people came away knowing about something they see, but don’t often think about.

Our science question this year is "What do plant roots do?" (including bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tap roots, tubers and more!) We’ll again have an interactive booth where visitors can explore and ask questions as well as learn about what CNPS is and does.

We invite you to join us for these stimulating and energizing educational activities and help us share the CNPS mission with people. To volunteer for one of the above activities please contact either Education and Outreach Co-chairs, Virginia Hotz-Steenhoven, vsteenhouven@sonic.net (707) 528-6030 or Lea Davis, legil42@sbcglobal.net.

I hope that everyone who received the plant sale flyer in their September newsletter will place it on a bulletin board in their neighborhood. In this way we should cover the county with our publicity. If we get good publicity we have a lot of customers.

I have posted a partial plant list on the website...please note the web-site--www.milobaker.cnps.org. Check it out. The September newsletter also contains information about the plants that we will have available on October 8 at the sale.

We often have a problem with boxes. It is difficult to have enough, so I hope that everyone will go to their local market and collect beer flats and other small boxes for our customers to use. Many of our customers bring their own! But we need to provide for those who do not.

The big news is that once again, we are going to be able to accept debit and credit cards! This has increased our sales because so many folks don’t carry cash or checks anymore. The Native Plant Society office in Sacramento has made the arrangements for this service.

Perennial plants that we are growing include: the reliable Penstemon heterophyllus ‘Margarita BOP’ and ‘Blue Springs’ both with beautiful blue flowers; Heuchera maxima (Island alumroot) has a low growing cluster of evergreen foliage with a stalk (2 ft.) of white flower in the spring and Heuchera micrantha ‘Martha Roderick’; Monardella villosa ‘Russian River’ a low growing sub-shrub (12” to 20”) .

The grasses available will be Festuca californica and Muhlenbergia rigens (basket grass).
An interesting perennial that we have not had for some years is the *Lewisia cotyledon*. A low growing rosette of leaves produces a cluster of pinkish flowers in the spring. Lewisias are very interesting in containers.

CA wax myrtle now called *Morella* (aka *Myrica* *californica*) a fast growing evergreen shrub to 12’ or more. A great hedge or an evergreen focal point.

Other plants will be selected at Cal Flora in Fulton. We thank them for supporting our sale. There will be wonderful CA native bulbs from Brent and Becky’s again this year, but no *Calochortus*.

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.

Look carefully at the selection of books, there is always some new book that you must add to your collection.

Becky Montgomery, Mary Aldrich, Kathi Dowdakin, and I will be pricing and labeling plants the week before the sale. Anyone who has some free time during the day on Monday October 3 at Casa Grande H.S. in Petaluma, Tuesday October 4 (at Kathi Dowdakin’s in Sebastopol), Wednesday October 5 (Cal Flora), or Thursday, October 6 (Santa Rosa, Mary Aldrich’s) please call Liz at 833-2063. These vital tasks go faster if we have a lot of help. The plants will be collected at the usual collection centers. **If you are growing plants for the sale please bring them to any of the following collection centers on the weekend before the sale:**

**Collection Centers:**
1. Mary Aldrich, 4775 Newanga, SR, SR, 539-9005
2. Cal Flora Nursery, D and Sommers, Fulton, 528-8813

**Friday night, October 7, we will need truckers to transport plants from the collection centers to the Vet’s Memorial Building. Call Liz (833-2063) if you have a truck and can help.**

If you helped at our sale last year, Judy Hartwig (832-1821) has probably already called you! She is most efficient and already has all of the cashiers that we will need. Thank you to the fabulous volunteers who return year after year to help with our sale.

This is our most important fundraiser, so please come and buy plants. You can create a beautiful native landscape to enhance to beauty of your home. There will be expert gardeners on hand to help you make the right selections.

**FALL IS PLANTING TIME IN CALIFORNIA**

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**Events**

**Southeast Greenway in Santa Rosa**
Friday, October 21
10am – noon (no carpooling)
Leader: Steve Barnhart

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Lewisia cotyledon
Meet at 10 am at the Friedman’s Event Center Parking lot, 4676 Mayette Ave, Santa Rosa.

Steve will follow-up his September presentation at our General Meeting with an “on the ground visit” to the east end of the proposed Southeast Greenway (SEG) park. He will discuss the current conditions of the SEG, including an old walnut orchard, Caltrans oak mitigation, and view from a distance to the wetland area, impact of horses on the flora and the potential for restoration of an oak woodland.

Bring water, hat, and sunscreen. We won’t have lunch as part of this field trip, but Spring Lake Park and many restaurants are nearby if you would like to lunch afterwards.

Our CNPS chapter board voted to support Measure J on the November ballot. Educate yourself about what this measure can accomplish for our Regional Parks with a hike at Tolay Lake Regional Park. Tolay Creek Ranch was purchased by the Sonoma Land Trust and will be transferred to Regional Parks for inclusion in the new Tolay Lake Regional Park. This will be a fairly flat hike along Tolay Creek. There will not be any botanical wonders to see this time of year but views across the Petaluma River basin and across San Pablo Bay are spectacular. As we walk through ranchland, we’ll talk about the potential for restoration to wonderful native habitat and what else Measure J will do.

We’ll meet in the Tolay Lake RP parking lot at 10am and do our best to be back there at 2pm. Bring lunch, water, hat, sunscreen and wear sturdy shoes. Hikers will need to sign a Waiver for Sonoma Land Trust. Thanks to SLT for allowing us to visit the property, not yet an official park.

Coming up:

Sunday November 13 - Modini-Mayacamas with David Self

youngb0721@msn.org, 595-1463.

Betty Young

Tolay Creek Ranch, Petaluma
Friday, October 28
10am – 2pm.
Carpool 9am from Hwy 12 Park and Ride lot at the east end (between Vet’s Hall and the Fair Grounds).
Leader: Jim Piercy, CNPS Board member and analyst for Regional Parks.

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**Pitkin lily**

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Deadline for inclusion in the Nov Newsletter is October 15.

The chapter web site milobaker.cnps.org contains a wealth of information plus current and archived newsletters.  
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