General Meeting
Sustain Biodiversity by Gardening with California Native Plants
September 18, 2012 7:30 pm
Speaker: Phil Van Soelen

The foundation for animal diversity is the native flora, the native plants to which native animals have co-evolved. Our gardens can help support & sustain native bees, butterflies, beneficial insects and bird diversity as well as European honeybees, when we include a rich selection of native plants. Many insects have requirements for specific native plants at some point in their development and providing native host-plants & nectar plants in your garden can mitigate for habitat loss, enrich your garden & make it a healthier environment.

Speaker Bio: Phil is past-president of the Milo Baker (Sonoma County) Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, and for many years was on the Board of Directors of the Hallberg Butterfly Garden. His writing includes a childrens’ book, Cricket in the Grass, published in 1971 by Scribners and the Sierra Club; two articles in Pacific Horticulture magazine, one on the Vine Hill Manzanita (January 2004), and one on the California native shrub, Styrax (April 2005). He co-authored an article entitled The Conservation of Two Sonoma County Manzanitas in the July 2005 FREMONTIA Journal of the California Native Plant Society. His Sebastopol, California garden was featured in Pacific Horticulture, October 2003.

Phil is an adjunct professor at Santa Rosa Junior College and teaches classes on Gardening with California Native Plants. Phil and co-owner Sherrie Althouse opened California Flora Nursery in 1981 as a California native plants nursery.

Awards received include the 2002 Annual Award from the California Horticultural Society for contributions to California Horticulture, and the Xeriscape Award from the Sonoma County Water Agency for contributions toward the development of drought tolerant landscapes in 1987.

Plant ID Hour
You see the plants blooming but the names are unclear? No need to fret, Plant ID. Hour is here! Arrive at 6:45 p.m. before the General Meeting, and bring specimens of plants you want to identify. At Plant ID. 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 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, 833-2063, or lizpar8993@aol.com by Sept. 17, 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 September 11th. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!
Gardening with Natives

Through the Garden Gate
Yellow Summer Flowers

I grew two wonderful, long-blooming, bright yellow plants this summer. Both of them attracted lots of honeybees and bumblebees, but also little native pollinators for which I have no name, only admiration! Since these plants are pollinator magnets, they are in my garden forever. One seems to be quite common, even seen in dry ditches and roadsides, which is the tall, rather gawky Evening Primrose (*Oenothera hookeri*). They put out thousands of seeds, which are seated in little dry cups up and down the six-foot stalk. Brush them or bump into them and you will find them on your arms and all over the ground, little tiny black seeds. If you are trying to run a tidy formal garden, well, you won’t be able to with this primrose; best kept in a cottage garden or any other wild-style yard. The flowers are large, flat, four-petaled saucers, shot up on the ends of the tall stalks that appear from basal rosettes. They don’t seem to care if they have water or dry ground, they persevere. The other plant is a sneezeweed that I bought from CalFlora; it’s called Rosillo (*Helenium puberulum*). It’s another very tall-stemmed perennial that has put out more and more stems as the year progresses. The flowers look like big round yellow buttons with little petals reflected back from the base of the button. The buttons are the disc flowers, the rays are the rather insignificant petals. They like hot sun and a fair amount of water. P.S. They do NOT make you sneeze! They have bloomed again in late spring.

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Invasives Corner

Foraging

Mae, aged 5, and I were taking a walk around Riverfront Park a few weeks ago. I showed her fennel and encouraged her to eat the flowers. I figure we should all be gobbling up invasive flowers and seeds as fast as we can. It’s the least we can do. She really liked the flowers, and I smirked at my cleverness at having her thwart the germination of several invasive fennels. But uh-oh - I figured I better tell her about poison hemlock which looks kind of similar. Conveniently there was lots of it to show her. I had her smell the fennel and note the differences in the stems and leaves and color of the flower. She reached out to sample the hemlock and check it out in god knows what way. I grabbed her quickly, not wanting to spend the rest of the day in the ER trying to explain to her parents why their daughter was allowed to mess with a poisonous plant and run up an unbelievable hospital bill. There would also be the matter of her health, but I don’t even want to think about that. Too scary! Well I scared her, too. I spent the rest of the walk answering whether this or that was a poison hemlock or not and should we make a wide detour around it, even into the lake, as if we were in danger of being pulled off the trail and suddenly melted into smelly goo or something. We’d be more likely to be strangled to death by the rampant infestation of *Ludwigia* in that lake, but I decided not to tell her. So I wonder if telling someone to eat fennel may be taking an unnecessary risk? What if she told her whole kindergarten class who were on a nature field trip to eat poison hemlock because she forgot the difference? I ask you, do I want that responsibility to be my 15 minutes of fame? I’ve often gotten the name of a fern wrong. My botanizing, especially with the change in names, is highly suspect. So don’t ask me any questions about which plants you should eat. I need my sleep!
Hints: Here are a few genera I found online that are neat CA natives, but include species not to eat: *Lupinus, Astragalus, Solanum, Sambucus, Datura, Genista, Cicutu* - water hemlock, Delphinium, *Equisetum, Anemakesia* - fiddlelocks. So if you are going to eat plants out in nature, do your homework.

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**Plant Sale News**

The flyer for our 41st plant sale features an illustration of the rare Pitkin Lily by our member Rob Fox. The Pitkin Lily, a variety of *Lilium tardalum*, is a rare plant that grows in the Cunningham Marsh, a preserve that Milo Baker members maintain. Our member Marcia Johnson is the steward of the preserve and the lily is flourishing at Cunningham because of all our hard work. It was originally found in the Pitkin Marsh, hence the name. Please post the flyer in your neighborhood.

I have posted an almost complete plant list on the NEW web-site: milobaker.cnps.org. As always, we will shop for plants at Cal Flora in Fulton and Mostly Natives in Tomales so many plants will be added at the last minute. These nurseries are also very generous in their donations to our sale.

I am very excited about the number of plants that we are growing this year. We will have lots of sword ferns (*Polistichum munitum*) and a few deer ferns (*Blechnum spicant*) and five finger ferns (*Adiantum aleuticum*). In December, we potted up over 100 PCN hybrid iris in beautiful colors including striped gold, striped brown, red-violet w/gold blaze, magenta, lavender with yellow, and one that we call “Sunset.” We will also have many of the straight species - *Iris douglasiana*.

My garden is ablaze with California fuchsia aka *Zauschneria*. It blooms profusely from July until the first frost and the bright red-orange flowers make it the star of the late summer garden. The hummingbirds love it! It should be planted in the hottest, driest part of the garden. It responds well to a little water, but not too much because it spreads by underground runners and might invade other parts of the garden. The sale will feature many California fuchsias (*Epilobium sp.*). *Epilobium canum* “Calistoga” is a variety that Phil Van Soelen (co-owner of California Flora Nursery in Fulton) collected in the Pallisades near Calistoga in Napa county. It grows to 1 foot tall with wide grey-green leaves and scarlet flowers. It is a slow spreader. Other varieties that we will have include E.c.’Select Mattole’ (very flat with bright red flowers), and “Chaparral Silver.” We will also have an unusual E. “Marin Pink.”

We will also have several varieties of *Salvia*. *Salvia clevelandii* “Allen Chickering” is shrubby (5’ tall x 6’ wide) with lavender flowers and grey leaves. *S. leucophylla “Pt. Sal”* was successful this year. We will have 20 of them at the sale. We will have a few *Salvia “Bee’s Bliss”* with a growth habit similar to Sonoma sage (low growing ground cover, very drought tolerant), only easier to grow; it makes a dense mat of bright grey leaves about two inches long. In spring it is decorated with many clusters of lavender blossoms. Great for exposed banks and slopes and a pretty plant for low borders. Other *Salvia* ground covers will be *Salvia “Dara’s Choice”* (a hybrid *S. sonomensis* only taller) and *Salvia mellifera “Terra Seca,”* black sage. *S. “Terra Seca”* reaches 2 feet in height and over 6 feet in width and will endure the toughest of conditions, once established. It blooms in early spring with small white flowers. *Salvia spathacca* (hummingbird sage) which creeps by underground runners and has large pink flowers. We will be offering Yerba Buena, *Satureja douglasii*. This is a fragrant, creeping plant that is a great addition to the shade garden. It is lovely cascading down a wall.

There will be a huge selection of *Mimulus aurantiacus*, sticky monkeyflower, and the named varieties. These *Mimulus* are very drought tolerant and love a sunny location with little summer water. Creating a mass planting with several different colors is a great idea for lots of summer color...so buy more than one. We will have the following varieties: “Trish,” “Rob’s Orange,” “Vibrant Red,” “Lynn’s Red,” “Eleanor,” “Pumpkin” and a new one which we call “UC Hybrid”. There will be an unusual white flowered *Mimulus*, too.

Other unusual plants at the sale include: *Ribes malvacum-* chaparral currant, *Atriplex lentiformis-* quailbush, *Cercis occidentalis* - Redbud, *Myrica* (new name *Morella*) *california-wax myrtle*, *Physocarpus capitatus*-Ninebark, *Cornus sericea*-red twig dogwood, and *Penstemon heterophyllus*—”Margaret BOP.”

Grasses will include *Muhlenbergia rigens*, basket or deer grass, and *Festuca idahoensis* “Tolomaes Bay.” *Juncus “Elk Blue”* (a rush) is a lovely vertical accent in the landscape.

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If you like plants with brown/green flowers, there will be a few Dutchman’s Pipe (Aristolochia californica) at the sale (look at the habitat table) and wild ginger (Asarum caudatum) which is such a successful ground cover for the north side of the house or in any shady location and Epipactis gigantea, stream orchid. Epipactis is a hardy (to 0 degrees) orchid found along stream banks that seeps over much of the western U.S. It grows from creeping rhizomes which send up leafy stems that bear a loose cluster of one inch blossoms in shades of tan and green. They require well drained soil, sun and water. They can go dormant in late summer if the water source dries up. This was not a year with a lot of rain, which reminds us that California natives are drought tolerant plants. We live in a Mediterranean climate with six hot dry months. Our natives are drought-tolerant and can be used in a water-wise landscape, also called a xeriscape. Manzanitas (Arctostaphylos) and California wild lilacs (Ceanothus) are shrubs that are native to the chaparral ecosystem and are perfect for this sort of landscaping. Manzanitas and wild lilacs are evergreen plants that come in sizes from small shrubby ground covers to large 15 foot shrubs. Ceanothus, or California wild lilac, is a drought tolerant plant that fits well in the dry garden and in the habitat garden. At the sale we will have Ceanothus “Julia Phelps,” a stunning shrub that has electric blue flowers and grows to six feet by six feet. C. gloriosus “Anchor Bay” is a wide spreading ground cover for the coastal climate (protection from the afternoon sun inland). There will be Ceanothus griseus horizontalis which is a ground cover with shiny green leaves and striking light blue flowers. The large shrubby type is C. “Ray Hartman.” It grows to 15 feet and can be pruned as a tree or grown as a large shrub. It is tolerant of most garden conditions and has masses of bright blue flowers in the spring. Manzanitas (Arctostaphylos) are another large group of plants from the chaparral. At the sale, we will have Arctostaphylos “Emerald Carpet,” an introduction from Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden that is very popular. This is a ground cover that forms a dense mat of shining emerald-green leaves, decorated by white/pink flowers in the winter. It requires moderate watering in hot summer areas. A. densiflora “Howard McMinn” (five feet by five feet), the most versatile and popular shrub for almost any location. It is covered with white/pink flowers in the spring. There will be a table featuring habitat plants at the sale. We hope that Sonoma County’s own butterfly expert, Louise Hallberg, will be able to answer all of your butterfly plant questions. Nancy Bauer, the author of The Habitat Garden Book: Wildlife Landscaping for the San Francisco Bay Region, will also be on hand.

There will be wonderful California native bulbs from Brent and Becky’s again this year. 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 at the great selection.

PRICING FOR THE SALE

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 (Casa Grande), 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.

The plants will be collected at the 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:
1. Mary Aldrich, 4775 Newanga, SR, 539-9005
2. Cal Flora Nursery, D and Sommers, Fulton, 528-8813

On Friday night October 12, we will need truckers to transport plants from the collection centers to the Vet’s Memorial Building. Call Liz if you have a truck and can help.

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 plant that you would like to see at our sale, let me know and perhaps we will be able to fulfill your request.

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. This is a huge effort and WE NEED YOU! Call Judy and volunteer. We need cashiers, salespersons, drivers, and helpers in many areas. Please mark your calendars for October 13 and plan to help us by working at the sale. If you can’t work, please come by and shop for plants. Only workers can purchase plants on Friday evening before the
sale, so make plans to work for the sale and this special privilege will be yours. 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.

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 well rooted 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.

CASA GRANDE POTTING WORKSHOP: A SUCCESS
On August 18, we had a very successful potting workshop at Casa Grande High School. John Schribbs has a wonderful growing area there and he generously lets us grow our plants there. Thanks to Alan Brubaker, Kathi Dowdakin, Charlotte Martin, Leah Davis, Cindy Tancreto, Penny Dalton, Rob Fox, Ken Cummings, Liz Seale, and Patty Mohar. With such good volunteers, we were able to put about 600 plants into gallon containers in a little over two hours! John will make sure that the plants are watered and oversee their development.

We potted up liners that were donated by Shooting Star Propagation Nursery in Graton. Thank you Dan and Nancy. Without your generosity, we wouldn’t have such a fabulous selection of California native plants.

We have a lot of plants at this Petaluma facility, if there is anyone that can help us transport them to the Santa Rosa Vet’s Building on the afternoon of October 12, please call me at 833-2063 to volunteer a truck or a car.

SEED PACKAGING WORKSHOP AND POTLUCK
October 3, 2012, Wednesday 5 pm
Let’s meet at Liz’s house in Kenwood for a potluck any time after 5 pm to package seeds. Liz will make her famous enchiladas. We will work very hard putting the seeds in packages and assembling them for the sale on October 13.

Last year nine people showed up to help with the seed packaging and many brought cleaned seeds! We had over 25 species of seeds at the sale. I am busy collecting poppy seeds, Madia elegans, and Clarkia species. Look around your area and see if you can collect some seeds for our sale. The seed selection is a special feature of our sale.

Liz Parsons

Events and Items of Interest

Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary
September, 2012
All outings meet at the intersection of Pine Flat Road and Red Winery Road, about seven miles northeast of Healdsburg. From there we carpool into the sanctuary. Remember this can be a very hot time of year. Please bring at least one quart of drinking water, and you may wish to bring a hat, sunscreen, and a snack. For any hike that goes through mid-day, please bring a lunch with you. There are no toilets, no water fountains, no restaurants, no trash collection... this is a primitive and wild place! Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the outing. For hikes you will want hiking boots, sneakers, or other shoes that protect your toes and give you good traction on uneven ground. Any hikes on the Foss Road involve hiking off-trail, including in areas with poison oak; we recommend long pants and long sleeves. Thanks to our friends at the Madrone Audubon Society for teaming up with us to offer these hikes. These hikes are not appropriate for young children, but teens with supervision are welcome. Please leave your pets at home.

September 9, 2012, Sunday 9am to 10am
Orientation for the permit to hike on the preserve. If you would like to have access to this private nature preserve, allowing you to come and explore on your own, come to an orientation session. At the end we will give you your permit. There is no hiking during the orientation, but you are welcome to stay afterwards to hike independently.

September 16, 2012, Sunday 7am to 11am
Guided nature walk with Gordon Beebe and Sherry Adams. Gordon is on the board of the Madrone Audubon Society and is an experienced naturalist and birder. Join us for an early morning walk on the preserve.

September 23, 2012, Sunday
Foss Road history walk with Sherry Adams, preserve biologist, and Denny Fujita, Foss road history expert. Moderately strenuous hike off-trail. Follow the path that the stage coach used to take and learn about the history from Denny who has
done extensive archival research. You can read Gaye LeBaron’s column about this route here: http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20120707/NEWS/120709645
For questions on these hikes contact Sherry Adams, preserve biologist for Audubon Canyon Ranch at sherry@egret.org or 707-431-8184. No preregistration or RSVP is necessary, and all outings are free.

Laguna Foundation
Laguna Environmental Center – Open House
September 8, 2012, Saturday 10am to 3pm
900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa
Learn about the natural and cultural history of the Laguna de Santa Rosa and historic Stone Farm by taking a self-guided nature walk or a guide-led tour of the historic house & barn. Fun, hands on environmental education activities for all ages! Bird watch from the observation deck. Visit our gift shop and art exhibit in Great Blue Heron Hall.

Laguna Keeper Day - Middle Reach Restoration Project
September 22, 2012, Saturday, 9 am to noon
Meet at Balletto Vineyards 5700 Occidental Rd.
Contact info: John Guardino (707) 527-9277 x108 or email: john@lagunafoundation.org
Help us remove old plant and irrigation hardware to cap off a successfully established riparian restoration project.

Laguna Walk and Talk with Denise Cadman
September 22, 2012, Saturday
4:00-6:30pm – Irwin Creek & Laguna Walk
6:30-7:30pm – Bring your own picnic and site tours
7:30-8:30pm – Aerial Tour of the Laguna presentation
900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa
Contact info: Anita Smith (707) 527-9277 x110 or email: anita@lagunafoundation.org.
In honor of Creek Week, celebrate the Laguna with a meander down to the Laguna from Stone Farm with resident biologist and Natural Resource Specialist for the City of Santa Rosa, Denise Cadman. Enjoy a picnic dinner (BYOP) at the Laguna Environmental Center and if you want, join in on one of the Guide-led tours of the site! Then sit back and relax inside for a fun-filled “Aerial Tour of the Laguna” presentation. No RSVP necessary – free (donations appreciated).

WildCare invites you and your family to join experienced naturalists on Saturday visits to nearby parks to enjoy a day in nature. Free to the public, these programs will be conducted in both English and Spanish. Programs begin at 10 am at the trail head and end around 12:30 pm. If you would like to carpool, meet at 9:15 am at the Canal Alliance headquarters at 91 Larkspur Street in San Rafael. Questions? Contact Juan-Carlos Solis at 415-453-1000, ext.17 or juan-carlos@wildcarebayarea.org. For directions to program sites, visit www.wildcarebayarea.org/adventures

Beach Family Day
Saturday September 29, 2012
Enjoy a day at the beach and look for shells, beach hoppers and egrets. We’ll also explore the area around Rodeo Lagoon and look for kilddeer, brown pelicans and elusive river otters. Directions: Meet at the Rodeo Beach parking lot at the end of Bunker Road.

Graton Fall Flower Show
Fabric, Fiber, and Flowers
Oct. 12 & 13, 2012 Friday and Saturday
9 am to 4 pm
The Graton Community Club will be hosting its annual fall flower show and plant sale on Friday and Saturday, October 12 & 13, 2012, from 9 to 4 each day. The theme this year is “Fabric, Fiber, and Flowers,” and the floral exhibits will feature any or all of these categories. The show will be held at the historic clubhouse in downtown Graton at 8996 Graton Rd., about three miles north of Sebastopol. A fabulous lunch will be offered for $10, including beverage and dessert, but admission to the show is free. A great plant sale is planned, in addition to sales of hand crafted items, unique collectibles, and a raffle. Proceeds benefit the local college scholarship program and the building fund.

Sonoma Land Trust
Enjoy open days at Glen Oaks Ranch
Members and their guests are welcome to take advantage of open days at Glen Oaks Ranch, one place we can offer you access without a guide and
you can bring however many guests you wish. Open days are the second and fourth Fridays through October. This year, we also have some open Saturdays. Visit our website for a complete listing of days and times.

Summer & Fall Camping Available at Hendy Woods!
There are still plenty of campsites available at Hendy Woods during September, including most weekends. The reservation system has been restored and can be found here: www.reserveamerica.com.
This is a unique opportunity for families, groups of friends, and individuals to enjoy this amazing old-growth redwood park, just two hours north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Located in the heart of the charming Anderson Valley, one of California's most talked about wine regions, Hendy Woods has the most easily accessed old-growth redwoods in all of Mendocino County, with 98 overnight camp sites and cabins (including two cabins for disabled visitors), and offers direct access to the Navarro River as well as other attractions throughout the valley, including hiking, biking, wine tasting, beer tasting, dining, shopping, and visits to the rugged Mendocino coast, a 30 minute drive away.

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour
This year, for the first time, the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is sponsoring a series of fall events. Visit the website for full details; here is a brief summary:
October 7, 2012, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
Free Native Plant Sale Extravaganza
Shop at eight different locations for those hard-to-find natives at the right time of year to plant them. Natives will be sold in Berkeley, Concord, Moraga, Oakland, Orinda, Richmond, San Lorenzo, and San Pablo. While attendance is free, registration is required.
Select Tours—small group, guided excursions—are being offered for $30 per person throughout September and October. Are you interested in seeing beautiful native gardens that will provide color throughout the year? If the answer is "yes!," accompany Pete Veilleux to learn how he selects plants and designs gardens that do just that. Would you like to visit gardens with other designers? Then Kelly Marshall, Liz Simpson, and Michael Thilgen would love to have you join them to visit gardens that they have created.
Would you like to learn how to install a greywater system and use the water in the garden, or how to store rain water on your lot, and use it to flush toilets and wash clothes? Geoff Holton and Margaret Norman will enthusiastically tell you how, and also to point out the other green features of their solar powered, water-wise home.
Those who would like to learn how to sheet-mulch their lawns away and install native gardens in their place shouldnt miss the two "Mow no Mo!" workshops, which will be held in Lafayette, Concord and Livermore, and will be led by Kelly Marshall and Kat Weiss. By the end of this workshop you'll be completely comfortable with the thought of tackling (and removing) your own turf the low-cost way.
Finally, renowned environmental educator Judy Adler will be leading an in-depth tour of her half-acre Walnut Creek garden, complete with happy chickens, a rainwater harvesting system (11,000 gallons are stored on-site), a pond, and many California native and/or pollinator friendly plants. Register now to reserve your space. Make good choices; there will be no refunds or exchanges.
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Riverkeeper Stewardship Park Volunteer Days
Wednesdays 8:30 am to 11:30 am
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 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 website at www.russianriverkeeper.org.
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