September General Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 pm

Annual Seed and Bulb Packaging Workshop

It's time again for our annual Seed Packaging Workshop on September 16th. If you have seeds to donate please let me know AHEAD of time so that we can have appropriate card backings ready. Once again we're hoping that the bulbs will arrive on time for this meeting ... if not, there is plenty of seed to package up for the Plant Sale. Hope to see you there. – Wendy Born 829-7519

October General Meeting – Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 pm

Debby Zygielbaum on Native Plants in the Garden: Planting and Maintenance

General meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at:
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa
President's Corner

There's been a bit of activity this summer, between summer vacations and heat waves! The Scholarship Committee has chosen a fantastic candidate, Danielle Venton, to receive this year's award. She's moving on from SRJC to Humboldt State College where she's majoring in biology. Congratulations, Danielle, from all of us at the Milo Baker Chapter. The Board authorized increasing our scholarship to $1,000 this year, so we've made a significant contribution to Danielle's first year at Humboldt and to future environmental service. Now more than ever private funding for higher education is important since government funding is becoming scarce and college fees are skyrocketing. – Leana Beeman-Sims

Plant Sale News – Our Annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday, October 11!

On August 3, a very successful potting workshop was held at Cal Flora Nursery. The participants were: Mary Aldrich, Alan Brubaker, Dana Glei, Victoria Wikle, Ruby Fales, Betsy Livingstone, Greg Wright, Rita MacPherson, and Wendy Born. The group worked so rapidly that in a little over two hours over 550 plants were placed in gallon containers! Shooting Star Propagation donated many rooted cuttings of perennials and shrubs. The plants are currently growing at SRJC’s Shone Farm greenhouse under the care of Wendy Krupnick. Thank you to Phil Van Soelen and Sherrie Althouse of California Flora for allowing us to use their space and their soil. The Chapter thanks everyone involved in this huge final effort before the plant sale on October 11. A special thanks to Alan and Mary for conducting the workshop in my absence.

The member survey showed that the plant sale is very popular with members. The sale is a wonderful opportunity for us all to work together, get to know each other, and to add new plants to our gardens. This newsletter includes the plant sale flyer with a stipple drawing of Trillium chloropetalum by me, Liz Parsons. I used a Trillium that was growing in my garden as a model. Please place the flyer in a prominent place in your neighborhood so we will get good local advertising. Tell your friends and plan to attend!

The success of our May and August potting workshops insures that we will have plenty of plants for our sale. There will be many shrubs—Artostaphylos ‘Howard McMinn’, A. ‘Carmel Sur’, and A. ‘Pt. Reyes’; Ceanothus ‘Yankee Point’; Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia); Ribes sanguinum glutinosum (pink flowering currant); Rhamnus californica (coffeeberry); Calycanthus occidentalis (spice bush); and many shrubby sages such as Salvia clevelandii ‘Winifred Gillman’, S. c. ‘Alan Chickering’, S. leucophylla ‘Pt. Sal’, and S. ‘Bee’s Bliss’. There will be some delightful herbaceous perennials such as Penstemon heterophyllus, Achillea borealis ‘Pink Island Form’, Asarum canadatum (wild ginger), Aquilegia formosa (columbine), several varieties of Epilobium canum (Zauschneria), lots of PCH iris, and Dictenra formosa (bleeding heart). Vines will include Clematis ligusticifolia (virgin’s bower) and Aristolochia californica (Dutchman’s pipevine) which are great additions to any garden.

Once again we have ordered bulbs from Brent and Becky’s Bulbs. Look for Triteleia ixioides ‘Starlight’ which has an umbel of yellow star-like flowers. It is not native to Sonoma County, but the bulbs that I purchased last year were so successful and beautiful, that I wanted to have more to offer. We ordered two types of Calochortus (mariposa lily)—C. venustus and C. superbus. Calochortus grow in open grassy areas. This year we ordered two native Fritillary bulbs. Fritillaria pudica ‘Fragrance’ and F. biflora ‘Martha Roderick’. Both are native to northern California. F. pudica is also called yellow fritillary and and F. biflora is known as chocolate fritillary. This is a special opportunity to purchase these rare and unusual bulbs that are perfect for a woodland setting. We will also have our own special Sonoma County Brodiaea elegans provided by Vicky Wilson.

This is just a partial listing of the plants that will be at the sale. There is always something new and unusual at the sale. If you helped with the sale last year, Judy Hartwig (823-1821) will be calling you soon to ask you to volunteer.
again this year. Give her a call if you are new and want to help. This is a huge group effort and WE NEED YOU!!!

Mark your calendar for October 10 and 11, which are the two big days. On Friday afternoon, the 10th, we will move all of the plants into the Santa Rosa Vet's Hall and on Saturday we will sell them. Our last 6 sales have been spectacularly successful and since members are our best customers, please plan to come early and shop late!! In the October newsletter there will be information on the plant collection centers; if you have questions call me at 833-2063 or e-mail at lizpar8993@aol.com. – Liz Parsons

Plant Sale and Spring Wildflower Festival Wish List – can you help?
The coordinators of these events spend many long hours calling, driving, scrambling … one thing that would make their lives easier and their time more effectively used, they tell me, would be to have a few essential items owned, stored and available.

They are asking for donations of:
- Market umbrellas, free standing, need 2
- Canopy, free standing need 1
- Folding tables at least 4' long, need 2

Conservation Report

If you are concerned about the loss of oak woodlands, please take the time to read this and write or call Patty Berg. Oaks aren’t protected under CEQA because they aren’t “timber” trees. It’s a no-brainer – we need to fix this! We received the following from Carol Witham or the State CNPS. – Editor

We are asking for your help in getting protection for California’s oak woodlands. SB 711 (Kuehl) will be heard on the Assembly floor in early September, and so we are lobbying the swing votes, and one, Patty Berg, represents your chapter area. Would you or others in your chapter be willing to write to the Assembly member? If you could forward this to others in your chapter who you know are interested in oak conservation, especially if they are in Patty Berg’s district, we’d appreciate it.

The letters need to be sent by ASAP. Thanks so much!

On the following page is a sample letter. A copy of the bill can be found at www.senate.ca.gov by typing in SB 711.
Dear Assemblywoman Berg,

I am writing to urge you to support SB 711 (Kuehl) when it is heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This bill would help protect California’s vanishing oak woodlands by requiring the conversion of oak woodlands to be subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

California has lost 90% of its majestic Valley Oak woodlands and only two thirds of California’s original oak woodlands remain. What’s left is being impacted by intensive urbanization and agriculture. Eighty-five percent of these remaining woodlands are on private land and only about 4% enjoy protected status. The California Resources Agency projects that more than 14,000 acres of oaks are lost annually to development, rangeland "improvement," and conversion to more intensive agricultural uses like vineyards.

Oak woodlands have higher levels of biodiversity than virtually any other terrestrial ecosystem in California. These woodlands are home to over 300 species of vertebrates, hundreds of species of rare plants, and 16 species of oaks. These areas play a critical role in protecting soils, regulating water flow in watersheds, and maintaining water quality in streams and rivers.

Because oak woodlands are considered “non-commercial” species, they are not subject to state law, which requires review under CEQA for Timber Harvest Plans. Local protections through General Plans, resolutions, ordinances, and voluntary efforts have failed to slow the loss of California’s oak woodlands.

SB 711 would provide comprehensive protection of oak woodlands by requiring the conversion of oak woodlands to be subject to review and mitigation under CEQA. For the above reasons, I urge you to vote ‘yes’ on SB 711.

Sincerely, ________________________________

Carol W. Witham <cwitham@ncal.net>
1141 37th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

**Alert: “Wild Turkey Management Plan” includes new releases of nonnative turkeys**

“NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE … The plan includes the state’s current regulations and policies for managing wild turkeys, the natural history and distribution of turkeys in California and North America, wild turkey habitat requirements, and DFG’s recommendations for providing the public with additional hunting and viewing opportunities. Hard copies may be obtained by calling (916) 445-3406. Comments should be e-mailed to Scott Gardner at sgardner@dfg.ca.gov or by mail to the Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Programs Branch, RE: Draft Strategic Plan for Wild Turkey Management, 1812 9th St., Sacramento, CA 95814.” – DFG Press Release, August 15, 2003  (bold italics are mine. – Editor)
Chapter Field Trip News

Our Tide Pools & Coastal Marsh Field trip on Saturday morning, August 16 –EARLY – went very well for all 14 of us. Nobody was swept out with the waves. Nobody fell in the water. The great white sharks, electric eels and giant snapping turtles busied themselves elsewhere. Dr. Peter Conner showed us many, many different kinds of beautiful algae in the tidepools, and more from deeper water in the fresh drift. After saturation, Peter moved on to the marsh and we were treated to flowers of Cordylanthus maritimus (Pt. Reyes bird’s beak), Grindelia stricta (gum plant), Jaumea carnosa, Cuscuta salina major (saltmarsh dodder), Limonium californicum (sea lavender), Salicornia virginica (pickleweed), and Distichlis spicata (saltgrass). A benchmark day!

Coming up for fall – we’ll have a Fungus Foray with mycologist Darvin De Shazer, details in October’s newsletter.

Monday Walkers
A group of retired and somewhat retired CNPS members take hikes on Mondays in Sonoma and Marin County. The hikes are generally about two easy miles in length, and involve lunch on the trail. We have our own botanist, Dr. Keith Wagnon, to help us to identify plants we encounter. The group is very congenial, and we welcome all levels of experience. Please call Joyce Bacci, at 869-2143 for details – ML Carle

Work Party at Doyle Park
Please join us Sunday, September 21, 1:00 p.m. at Doyle Park in Santa Rosa (end of Doyle Park Dr., south of Sonoma Ave, near the hospital) for our next work party in the native plant garden that CNPS has adopted. We hope to have a load of mulch delivered, so we welcome all the help we can get. If you have a wheelbarrow and can bring it, please do. Any weeding tools are also likely to prove useful. We are planning to lay mulch in preparation for a big planting in October. Our October work party will be the 3rd Sunday as usual (October 19, 1:00pm) and we will be planting and sowing seeds (e.g., wildflowers). For more information, call Dana Glei (544-3006) or Lynn Houser (568-3230). – Dana Glei

Dinner before the Seed Packaging Workshop
We have to keep our strength up, don’t we?! So – dinner before the workshop. Our leader Wendy Born can’t be with us, but meanwhile, let’s gather at the Kirin Restaurant - at 2700 Yulupa Ave., about half a mile south of the Art and Garden Center. It’s a co-op dinner, as usual, and be there at 6 pm, so we can get our orders in by 6:15 and talk and eat and talk and get back in time to help Wendy set up. Be sure to phone me at 538-4551 or e-mail at maygmiller@aol.com so we’ll have a table of the proper size. – May Miller

A River Runs Through Us…
Russian River Watershed Celebration, September 14 through 22
The annual Russian River Watershed Celebration is a weeklong coalescence of free events celebrating our River, beginning on September 14th and continuing through September 22nd. Twenty-five different groups come together under the Russian river Watershed banner to stage events reflecting their unique focus and interests. Co-chaired this year by Celebration founder Kay McCabe and Fred Euphrat, the events will include participation by schoolchildren, artists, Native American and Buddhist spiritual leaders, runners, canoers & kayakers, musicians, artists, and many more. Please visit the website at: www.RussianRiverCelebration.org.

11th Annual River Appreciation Festival – Sunday September 14th, 3-6pm, Hop Kiln Winery
We are all invited to Marty & Joyce Griffin’s beautiful home and gardens on the River for an afternoon of BBQ, wine tasting, silent auction, music and educational displays. Our CNPS Chapter is proud to be a sponsor, and we hope you will stop by at our table. The guest speaker will be Attorney General Bill Lockyer. Tickets are $35 in advance or $40 at the door. The event is a benefit for the Riverkeeper program of Friends of the Russian River, RR Environmental Forum & Sonoma County Conservation Council. For ticket information, call 578-0595.

Fourteenth Annual Creeks, Wetlands, and Watersheds Conference: Fall, 2003
This fall the **Aquatic Outreach Institute** will hold its Fourteenth Annual *Creeks, Wetlands, and Watersheds Conference*, offering workshops by local experts about the aquatic ecosystems around the Bay Area, and providing inspiration and techniques to protect these resources. For information and registration, please contact Mary Malko at Aquatic Outreach Institute at (510) 231-9430 or mary@aoinstitute.org, or you may download a registration flyer from our web site at [www.aoinstitute.org](http://www.aoinstitute.org). Academic credit is available through California State University, Hayward. Class sizes are limited so call now!
## Welcome, new members!


## Newsletter on the Web

Welcome, new members! Check out the Milo Baker Chapter newsletter on our chapter Web site at: [http://www.cnpsmb.org](http://www.cnpsmb.org).

**Newsletter Submissions:** Send any items you’d like included in the newsletter to the Editor: Betsy Livingstone, 9502 Argonne Way, Forestville, CA 95436. Phone: (707) 887-8873. Email: betsl@sonic.net. **Deadline for inclusion in the October newsletter is September 15.** If you need more time, please let me know before that date.

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