August Chapter Picnic – Sunday, August 15th, 4pm

Milo Baker Chapter Picnic
Alan Brubaker’s Garden, Kenwood

The yearly picnic will be in Alan Brubaker’s garden on Sunday, August 15 at 4:00 PM. We will be picnicking in Alan’s lovely garden around his house. Alan has planted many natives that will be of interest to our members, including a xeric garden on the hill behind his house.

We also plan to honor Keith Wagnon who grew up in Sonoma County (west of Sebastopol) and was a student of Milo Baker’s. Keith had a career as a plant pathologist and retired to Spring Lake Village. He is also the botany guru of the Monday Walkers. Keith has a large slide collection and a selection of his slides will be shown in an apartment near the parking area.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring a favorite salad, casserole, or dessert to share. A barbecue fire will be ready for those wishing to bring meat. Please bring your own plates, utensils and beverages. Dinner will be at 5:00 PM.

ADDRESS: 1401 Adobe Canyon Road, Kenwood – on the road to Sugarloaf State Park.

DIRECTIONS: Please carpool as parking is limited!
From Santa Rosa: South on Highway 12, go past Oakmont. Left onto Adobe Canyon Road at the Vineyards Inn Restaurant and Landmark Winery corner. Go 1.3 miles up Adobe Canyon Rd. At 1401 turn left onto a gravel semicircle drive. Walk across a small bridge over Sonoma Creek to the rear house.

For your information: Milo Baker’s home, Maplewood, is on Adobe Canyon Road, on your left just as you enter the canyon (after the flat area at the beginning of the road).

September General Meeting – Tuesday, September 21st, 7:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY!

Seed Packaging Workshop

*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 are held on the 2nd Tuesday nine months of the year at the Environmental Center, 404 Mendocino Ave, Suite A, Santa Rosa. Next meeting is August 10th. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!
President's Corner

The summer is flying by and I hope you’ve taken the opportunity to get out and enjoy all the wonders of nature. I’ve had the good fortune to visit Alaska to photograph and enjoy the amazing beauty and wildflowers. One of the areas I visited, Eagle Summit 2-1/2 hours northeast of Fairbanks, is an incredible arctic tundra area. The earth is covered in the tiniest of flowers, berries, and willows. Few are taller than an inch or two. It’s a rich land filled with beauty, wildlife, and flora you won’t experience elsewhere. If you ever have the opportunity, go!

On another note, due to other responsibilities and demands on my time, I will no longer be able to chair the Spring Wildflower Festival. I’ve given a great deal of thought to this decision as it is an important fundraiser and educational event for the chapter. If you are willing to take on this position or would like more information please contact me.

Reny Parker

Volunteer Opportunities

Milo Baker Chapter needs you!

Help protect native plants
Are you interested in becoming more involved in protecting Sonoma Country’s precious native plants and their habitat? They need your advocacy. There are lots of ways to help. If you’re not sure how you want to be involved, whether you’re just at the “checking it out” stage or looking for a committed role, you can start by introducing yourself to any of the Board members at the General Meeting. Or give a call to Ruby Herrick at 887-8542, or email her at rdherr@yahoo.com.

Wish List

Want to help out, but don’t have the time to volunteer? How about donating one of the following to Milo Baker Chapter? Donations are tax deductible and make you feel good, too.

- Free-standing umbrella(s)
- adding machine
- small calculators

Got pots?
MILO BAKER NEEDS YOUR GALLON POTS!
Every year our plant sale uses almost one thousand gallon pots. Please recycle your old pots with the Milo Baker Chapter. Call Liz Parsons, 707.833.2063 or Mary Aldrich, 707.539.9005 or bring them to the monthly meeting. Please do NOT take them to Cal Flora in Fulton as they have no more space!!!
Thanks!

Got books?
If you have any native plant books such as field guides, nature studies, etc. that you’d like to clean out of your closet we’d love to find new owners for them. The Spring Wildflower Festival art auction included books, the sale of which brought in a nice extra amount of money. To donate your books, and get a tax-deduction, bring them to Joan Grosser at the general meetings. Or contact Joan at 781.3854 JRGrosser@aol.com

Got plant lists?
We’d like to collect reliable Sonoma County plant lists from the membership to organize and cross reference for the use of the chapter and interested persons. If you can locate any for us, please contact M.L. at mml@svn.net

Chapter Events & Activities

Plant Sale News: Potting Workshop
Sunday, August 8, 10 AM: The Potting Workshop which was previously scheduled for Cal Flora nursery in Fulton has been moved to Shone Farm (where market garden courses for SRJC are taught). The plants from the August workshop have been grown on in the greenhouse at Shone Farm for the last four years and we have decided that we will simply meet up there, pot up the cuttings, and then take them to the greenhouse. This saves us the trouble of transporting them. Special thanks to Wendy Krupnik (our board member) and Leonard Diggs, the supervisor, for allowing us to use the greenhouse space. We hope that many of our members will be able to come help with us potting up these rooted cuttings that are supplied by Shooting Star Propagation Nursery. The Salvias, Zauschnerias, and other fast growing plants are very important to the success of the plant sale. Please call Mary Aldrich, 539-9005 if you will be able to help. It usually takes less than two hours to complete this task.
Directions to Shone Farm:
From 101 take River Rd. west approx. 6 miles to Trenton-Healdsburg Rd. Go right just over a mile to Eastside Rd. Go left, then immediately right at the sign "Native Plant Nursery" (the nursery is long gone). At the top of the drive the garden and greenhouse are on the right; park by the greenhouse.

We Got Pots!
Thank you to all members who donated gallon cans for our plant sale!! We have enough containers for this year, so please begin collecting now for next year. Please, do NOT take containers to Cal Flora as they are out of space! Call Mary Aldrich, 707.539.9005 for information or to arrange to drop them off at her house. October 9th is the Fall Plant Sale!

Liz Parsons

State Meeting at Walker Creek Ranch
September 10-11, 2004
Plan to come out to the rolling hills of Marin County’s Walker Creek Ranch (Marin Office of Education) to meet members of other CNPS chapters, state office staff, board members, and program directors, here for the Board and Chapter Council meetings. The focus will be on Conservation (usual for September), with the Marin, Napa Valley, and Yerba Buena chapters joining us in hosting. The Conservation meeting will be on Friday night, and the Chapter Council meeting all day Saturday.

One of the most rewarding aspects of these meetings for me has been meeting other chapter members from all over the state. At the Springville meeting in June, locals told us about where to find the best Sequoia groves (and the perils they’ve faced), lead us on nearby hikes, and shared chapter stories about how to run a chapter from three separate watersheds. At Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in March, I was inspired by an amazing educational program to save vernal pools at Mather Field, by Eva Butler of Sacramento Valley. This sounds like icing on the cake, but at these meetings the work of the organization takes place, with lively discussions, approval of policies, and in-person committee meetings. Simply put, to meet in a gorgeous setting with dedicated CNPS volunteers around the state can be educational, fun, and can help us be a more effective chapter.

There are little things we could use help with, like getting wine and beer donations, driving older members who need a ride, and helping folks get settled in on Friday. If you want to attend and need a ride, give me a ring. If you want to help out, please contact me at 568-3230 or housers@sonic.net. For reservations, call the state CNPS office at (916) 447-2677.

After the meeting at Walker Ranch, the next state meeting will be at the UC Berkeley Faculty Club (as usual) on December 4th, with an education focus.

Lynn Houser, Conservation Chair

Conservation Report

Land Management with Science & Open Mind
I heard a lot of news on the radio this week, but one item really caught me, and I tuned out both kids and listened hard. It was a study from the journal Science, which concluded that the magic ingredient to germinate seeds of certain plants (many CA natives) was not heat or sunlight, but chemicals in smoke. I actually learned this at the December program in Berkeley last year after the state meeting, but didn’t take down the reference to cite. There are a couple of ways to view this news, and as part of CNPS, I’m going to keep an open mind.

Land management takes many forms, and has diverse uses. Timber harvests maintain stands, fires regenerate seedlings and resprouting of shrubs, and grazing keeps agriculture local. Of course the problems are more complicated than that, such as: what practices keep one area biologically diverse while another becomes a field of star thistle? How can we trim vegetation to minimize fire risk while maintaining ecosystems? What should be recommended for erosion control? Would the use of porous paving over groundwater recharge areas help vernal pools with rare plants? The questions are many.
One of the best things about CNPS is the diversity of its membership, partly revealed in the chapter survey two years ago. We are teachers, foresters, botanists, gardeners, wildlife stewards, and naturalists, but we are also farmers, engineers, accountants, and insurance underwriters. Putting our heads together, we can develop and implement land management techniques that benefit people as well as plants. Good land stewardship rewards itself with sustainability and mutual benefit. Let’s not forget, that grants that fund science, community meetings where ideas come together, and hands-on fieldwork are all needed to create and educate about sound land management policies.

The CNPS Conservation Program, at the state and chapter level, is based on using science to conserve native plants and their habitat. We hope to educate agencies, companies, and homeowners on the best management practices for our flora. If you have ideas, references, or other knowledge to contribute (even money would be good), come forward and join the conservation team. As our Conservation Program Director Dave Chipping has said in my favorite quote, “Ask not what your Conservation Chair can do for you, but what YOU can do for your Conservation Chair”.

If you want to know more about the August Conservation Summit, the September Conservation meeting, or conservation issues in the Milo Baker Chapter, please contact me. You can also go to the state website: www.cnps.org to learn more about the Conservation Program.

Lynn Houser, Conservation Chair

Activities & Events of Interest

Laguna de Santa Rosa
What is the Laguna de Santa Rosa and where is it? How do I find the Laguna? The public is invited to join a lively, informative 1½ hour docent led walk through the Laguna Preserve in Sebastopol. “Summer Walks in the Laguna,” sponsored by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, will be held Saturday, August 14, 8:15 – 9:45 am and Wednesdays, July 28 and August 25, 6:45 – 8:30 pm. If you are interested, you must sign up prior to the walk by calling Mary at 707.527.9277 or email mary@lagunadesantarosa.org. Walks will be limited to 12 participants (all ages). For further information, please call or, check the Foundation website at www.lagunadesantarosa.org

Create Habitat for Wildlife at Colgan Creek
WHO: Neighbors interested in Colgan Creek
WHAT: Help create a plan for wildlife habitat and neighborhood access to the creek trail
WHEN: Thursday, August 5, 6-7 pm
WHERE: Colgan Creek at Monument Drive
WHY: Wildlife species need our help!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheri Emerson, Santa Rosa Public Works 543-4225 or sjemerson@ci.santa-rosa.ca.us

Learn more about plants and animals in creeks at the following Creek Stewardship events:
call Alistair Bleifuss at 543-3845 for more information

Saturday, July 31, 9:30 to 11:30 am:
Riparian plants along a creek, 1 1/2 mile hike, Montgomery Drive to Yulupa Avenue, meet at bridge over Santa Rosa Creek

Saturday, October 2, 9 am to 12 pm:
Arroyo Sierra Creek Care Day, Hoen Avenue to Arroyo Sierra Circle, meet at creek.

Chapter Field Trips

Dillon Beach Field Trip
Dillon Beach field trip with Peter Baye, July 31st at 11:00.

Unfortunately we didn't receive the invitation early enough from the Napa chapter to post in the last newsletter, since we don't have one in July. Please contact ML at mlml@svn.net if you'd like to be on a list of interested field trippers, so that I can notify you should this ever happen again.

Plaskett Meadows Field Trip Report
The Plaskett Meadows trip went off without a hitch. The food, flowers and views from Anthony Peak and Black Butte were well worth the distance we drove to get there. Several new plants were added to the extensive plant list for that area. The food was outstanding, featuring seafood paella by Glen Tyrala. Members of nearby chapters San Hedrin and Dorothy King Young joined us. Oh yes, and Bob The Dog. Hope to see you all at the potluck!

ML Carle

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**Articles to Increase Your Knowledge**

**Where Are You At?**

1) Define “Mediterranean Climate.” In what areas of the world does it occur?

2) What plant community was dominant in your neighborhood before your home was built? Was the land being used by agriculture before your home was built?

3) On what type of soil was your home built?

4) What compass direction does your front door face?

5) What is the elevation of your home (above or below sea level, in feet or meters)?

6) What was the approximate total rainfall in your area last year? (County average is ok).

7) On what dates were the first and last rainfall (not fogdrip) in your neighborhood?

8) Name 3 native/non-native plants, 3 native/non-native birds, 3 native/non-native animals, and 3 native/non-native insects. Are the native/non-native plants you named in flower this week? When do they flower? Do the birds, animals or insects you named rely on these native/non-native plants?

9) Name 3 edible plants in your area, list the edible part(s), and when they are available.

10) Name 3 poisonous plants in your area, list the poisonous part(s), and why they are poisonous (toxin and/or effect).

11) Name the dominant species of oak tree in your neighborhood.

Don’t know the answers? Try looking online, checking out your favorite plant book or ask your fellow CNPS member!

*adapted from “Where Are You At?” by Bob Allen, Orange County California Native Plant Society newsletter, Nov-Dec, 2003

*“Native” is defined as having evolved in the area; a “non-native” is introduced by people or other means and the general time of introduction is usually known – for example, the yellow mustard that grows on the hillsides was introduced by the Spanish conquerors.
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Newsletter Submissions & Website

Check out the Milo Baker Chapter newsletter on our chapter Web site at:  http://www.cnpsmb.org

Send submissions for the newsletter to Debby Zygielbaum, zygie@sonic.net

Deadline for inclusion in the September newsletter is August 15, 2004.

NOTE: For newsletter subscription questions or problems, please contact Wendy Born, spores@excite.com

Support Our Local Native Plant Nurseries

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Election Time is Coming: Bring your Nominations (and Yourselves) Forward!

Election time is coming! The Milo Baker Chapter will elect its new Board for 2005-2006 at the October 19th General meeting. The Nominating committee of Sarah Gordon, Chris Seppeler and Lynn Houser (Chair) is looking for a few good candidates! Any CNPS member in good standing may run for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or one of the 3 to 5 Director-At-Large positions. Some of our current Board members will be running again, but it will not be enough to put together a full and diverse Board for the coming term: WE NEED YOU!

The chapter survey in 2002 showed that our membership is highly committed to conserving our local flora and educating people of its importance. Have you thought about service on the Milo Baker Board? Can you make 9 evening meetings per year on the 2nd Tuesday of the month?

If you are interested, please cut and fill out the form below and mail it to Lynn Houser, Chair of the Nominations committee, by September 1st at the chapter mailbox: P.O. Box 892, Santa Rosa, CA 95402, so we can contact you and have time to compile the list of candidates. The names will be printed in the October Newsletter and voted on by the members, either by a voice vote or secret ballot.

Questions? Contact Lynn at housers@sonic.net or 568-3230. Thank you. We greatly appreciate your dedication to CNPS!

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CANDIDATE’S PETITION for the Milo Baker Board
Mail to the Nominating Committee at the chapter mailbox:
CNPS, P.O. Box 892 Santa Rosa, CA 95402 or call 568-3230.

Name: ____________________________ How long a CNPS member?____________________
Contact information: _______________________________________________________________

Please check:
_____ I want to run for:
     ___ President ___ Vice President ___ Secretary ___ Treasurer ___ Director-At-Large

OR

_____ I want to nominate ____________________________ for
     ___ President ___ Vice President ___ Secretary ___ Treasurer ___ Director-At-Large

Note: If you are interested in chairing a committee or serving on one, please contact President Reny Parker or the current committee chair (see previous page for contact information).
THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California’s native plants. The Society, working through its local chapters, seeks to increase understanding of California’s native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations. Membership is open to all. Membership includes *Fremontia*, a quarterly journal with articles on all aspects of native plants, the *Bulletin*, a quarterly statewide report of activities, and the Milo Baker Chapter newsletter. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US.

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□ Family or Group $45 □ Benefactor $500
□ Supporting $75 □ Bristlecone $1000

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