October General Meeting
Tuesday, October 19th, 7:30 pm

Come to the meeting to vote for the
Milo Baker Chapter Board of Directors & Bylaws!
Check out “Chapter Elections” for more details!

Hall Cushman:
An Introduction to Sonoma State’s
Newly Acquired Galbreath Wildlands Preserve

The Galbreath Wildlands Preserve is 3500 acres in size and is located in southern Mendocino County, just off Route 128 near the village of Yorkville.

Hall Cushman is a Professor of Biology and Director of Galbreath Wildlands Preserve at Sonoma State. His research broadly focuses on ecology and conservation biology, with most of his work emphasizing the impacts of invasive species on ecological systems. For the past six years, he has been on the Board of Trustees for the Sonoma Land Trust.

Join Us for Dinner Before the General Meeting!
Come to dinner at our monthly free form, lots-of-talk dinner before the general meeting on October 19th. Hopefully, our speaker, Hall Cushman, will be having dinner with us as May wants to ask him if he is allergic to Poison Oak and what he does about it! Join us at 6:00 pm at the Kirin Restaurant at 2700 Yulupa Ave (about a half mile south of the Art and Garden Center) for a co-op Chinese feast. Be sure to be there by 6:00 pm so we can get our orders in by 6:15 pm and get to the meeting on time. Contact May Miller, 538.4551, maygmiller@aol.com to make sure we’ll have the right size table.

Come to Plant ID Hour before the General Meeting!
Check out “Chapter Events & Activities” for more details!

November General Meeting – Tuesday, November 16th, 7:30 pm

Liz Parsons:
Designing Your Garden with
California Native Plants

*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 October 12th. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!
President's Corner

Recently I attended the Chapter Council meeting at Walker Creek Ranch and was once again reminded of all that goes on at the state level of CNPS. Conservation seems to always be at the forefront of activity. One of Emily Roberson’s (she’s one of two paid conservation staff) reports was on joining forces with the Center for Biological Diversity. They formed the Native Plant Conservation Campaign (NPCC) which is the first U.S. national organization dedicated to advocacy for native plant science and conservation. From this many strong coalitions have been created including a network of 30 affiliate native plant societies, botanic gardens, and arboreta in 29 states-representing almost 60,000 individual members, and a network of 13 cooperating scientific and conservation groups. This is all very exciting stuff and your dues and general donations to CNPS support this pursuit. At the state web site www.cnps.org you can find more information on NPCC as well as other activities.

I hope you will attend our 33rd annual plant sale and make purchases to support our chapter and fill your garden. This is once again our major source of funding for the chapter.

Remember that as a member of CNPS all of our great chapter activities are available to you. Get your money’s worth by taking in the monthly lectures and workshops (don’t forget the dinner beforehand), yearly picnic, hikes and camping trips, and work parties at our preserves. Expert advice on gardening and plant ID is available at these get togethers. Please join us.

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to our new chapter members this month:
- Laura Hanson
- Doris Kotangian

Thanks for joining and we look forward to seeing you around!

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 rherr@yahoo.com.

Wanted: Hospitality Chair

A hospitality chair is needed to arrange for and set up refreshments at the general meetings starting in November. The position also involves purchasing supplies and food, as well as helping to greet guests and members. This would be a good position for two people to share. Please reply to Reny at reny@renyswildflowers.com, 707.894.9100 or Joan Grosser, 707.781.3854, jrgrosser@aol.com.

Call for Committee Volunteers

The Milo Baker board invites you to sign up to help board chairs diversify their chapter programs. For example: our treasurer would like to have a finance committee to help in formulating chapter policy; our program chair needs help with program innovation and our hospitality chair would like help in broadening her offerings. Be the first to know what is new in your sphere of interest! Call Marianne Perron, 707.887.1362.

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 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 mlml@svn.net

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**Chapter Events & Activities**

**Plant ID Before the October General Meeting**
Once again it’s Plant ID Hour: Come identify seed and flower! Arrive at 6:30, an hour before the October 19th General Meeting, and bring specimens of plants you want to identify. Some specimens will be available if you don’t have any but just want to practice. I will bring my dissecting microscope, hand lens, and books, and can help you work through the keys in *The Jepson Manual* and *A Sonoma County Flora*. Keying can be fun, even if you get stuck. For those who know a lot of plants already, there are always grasses, sedges, and composites to keep things challenging — bring in a curiosity or come to help others. Bring your dinner if you want to, a hand lens and a copy of *Jepson or Sonoma Co. Flora* if you have them. A copy of each and glossaries will be available. **The plants are what CNPS is about—come get to know them and some fellow chapter members too!**

\(\sim\) Lynn Houser

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**33rd Annual Plant Sale: Saturday, Oct 9th**
Yes, it’s that time of year again. Time for all members to pull together for our annual fundraiser! Becky Montgomery and I will be pricing and labeling plants the week before the sale.

HELP NEEDED: This year Mary Aldrich will not be able to help (and we will really miss her), so anyone who has some free time during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday before the sale, please call Liz at 707.833.2063 and volunteer to help out! We will also need plenty of help Friday evening, when we move the plants into the Vet’s building, and on Saturday at the sale. Call Judy Hartwig, 707.823.1821, the personnel organizer for the sale, if you can help. We also need truckers to bring the plants on Friday night. Call Liz at 707.833.2063 if you have a truck.

One of the big differences this year is that we will not be moving into the Vet’s Building until 5 PM. There has been a change in the way that we are charged for the room and if we want to move in earlier, we must pay for the entire day, not just the two hours that we use. This year we will see if we can accomplish the set up and the moving in of the plants from 5 pm until 10 pm. It will save us a lot of money if we can do so!

**COLLECTION CENTERS:**
Please Note: If you are growing plants for the sale please bring them to the following collection centers the weekend before the sale.

**Santa Rosa:** Mary Aldrich, 4775 Newanga Avenue, Santa Rosa 539-9005

**Fulton:** Cal Flora, D and Sommers, 528-8813

**Sebastopol:** Hale’s Apple Farm, 1526 Gravenstein Hwy, North, Dave Hale, 823-4613

**SELECTION:**
This year we will have plants grown by our volunteer growers as well as plants donated by Cal Flora, Mostly Natives, North Coast Natives and Shooting Star Nursery. There were four workshops for the plants that we will sell and we are very excited about the plants we will have to offer.

There will be many **herbaceous perennials**: Pacific Coast iris, cumbine (*Aquilegia formosa*), bleeding hearts (*Dicentra formosa*), seep monkey flower (*Mimulus guttatus*), yellow-eyed and blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium spp.*), wild strawberry (*Fragaria californica*), yerba buena (*Satureja douglasii*), stream orchid (*Epipactis gigantea*), *Achillea ‘Pink Island Form’*, narrow leafed milkweed (*Asclepias fasicularis*), penstemon species, and many more.

There will be the usual assortment of **shrubs**, *Arctostaphylos ‘Howard McMinn’* and two ground covers *A. ‘Pt. Reyes’* and *A. ‘Emerald Carpet’*. There...
will also be *Ceanothus, Myrica, Diplacus, Heteromeles* (Toyon) and many more. We had wonderful success growing the shrubby salvias and we have an abundance of *Salvia 'Alan Chickering', S. Winifred Gillman', and S. 'Pt. Sal'. Salvia 'Bee's Bliss' is a cross between *Salvia sonomensis* and *S. apiana* (white sage) and it is one of the most drought tolerant groundcovers that I have found.

Check out the seed and bulb table for an interesting selection of bulbs. For the last few years we have been purchasing bulbs from Brent and Becky’s Bulbs and we now have a pretty good idea which ones perform best in our climate. This year we ordered only the best: *Calochortus suberbus, C. luteus 'Golden Orb', Tritelia ixiodes 'Starlight', T. laxa 'Queen Fabiola', Camassia quamash*, and *Dichelostemma ida-maia*. A selection of seeds collected by members will also be available. This year we will offer the seeds of two lilies from Siskiyou County: *Lilium washingtoniana* (white, fragrant lily) and *Lilium pardalinum var. shaltense* (Leopard lily).

The habitat table will feature plants that attract birds and butterflies. Louise Hallberg, Leana Beeman-Sims and Nancy Bauer will answer all questions and help you select the proper plant.

MAKE THE SALE A SUCCESS:
The work of the Milo Baker Chapter depends on the success of our plant sale! Please come and buy plants and tell your friends. Volunteers will get a chance to purchase plants on Friday night from 7:00-8:30pm (note new time).

Fall is planting season in California. Plant the plants that you purchase at the sale as soon as possible. The soil is still warm and the roots will grow slowly through the rainy season. The following year, the 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.

**Fall Plant Sale Discounts**
Reminder: **discounts for members apply only on book sales!** There was some confusion in the spring about what items could be discounted. Sales tax is due on all sales including donated items. Milo Baker chapter has to make up for all sales tax not collected from customers.

Marianne Perron, Chapter Treasurer

### Chapter Field Trips

**Plant Nerd Field Trip: Sonoma State Herbarium**

Hey Plant NERDS!!

Those of you who did not notify me of your interest in a visit to the Sonoma State Herbarium may not know that we are going **Saturday, October 2nd, at 10 am**. Dr. Richard Whitkus will be our guide. If you get your newsletter in time, and have an interest, please let me know and I'll give you directions. We are limited in the number of people who can attend. (Thanks to Sarah Gordon for helping set this up.) Please contact ML at mlml@svn.net, 707.792.1823.

ML Carle, Field Trip Organizer

### CNPS Announcements

**The CNPS eStore is up and running!**

There’s a nice banner announcing the eStore on the CNPS home page and the bookstore links have all been updated. Remember to update your bookmarks for the eStore to: http://cnps.org/store.php

**Seeking Nominations**

The Fellows Committee - Marian Reeve as Chair, Linda Chipping and David Bigham as members - is asking for nominations of members for Fellows.

**Nomination Procedures are as follows:**

The naming of individuals as Fellows of the California Native Plant Society is a means of awarding special recognition to persons who have made an outstanding contribution to furthering appreciation and conservation of California native flora and to the success of the Society.

The nomination of any CNPS member in good standing for Fellowship can be made at any time by any CNPS member, chapter, board, committee or officer. The nominator may discuss a proposed nomination with the Fellows Committee. The nominator should select a knowledgeable person or
persons to write a formal letter of nomination for consideration by the Fellows Committee. The letter should explain why the nominee should be confirmed as a Fellow. It should generally not be more than one to three pages in length. Copies of newspaper articles, reports, publications or other supporting documentation may be attached.

The letter of nomination must contain:
1. The name, address and phone numbers of the nominee and nominator(s)
2. The nominee's offices held, areas of service or organizational roles
3. The nominee's projects of work or goals accomplished
4. The nominee's age and years of service in specific offices, roles or activities.

Letters of nomination should be sent to:
Fellows Committee, California Native Plant Society, c/o Linda Chipping, 1530 Bayview Heights Drive, Los Osos, CA 93402

Nominations are reviewed and recommendations are made by the Fellows Committee. Approval decisions are made by the Board of Directors and the Chapter Council.

Activities & Events of Interest

Official State Grass Named
Purple Needlegrass (Nassella pulchra) is now the official State Grass of California! The California Native Grass Association (CNGA) was recently notified that the Governor signed the bill SB 1226 on Monday, August 23, 2004.

Laguna Keepers & Cotati Creek Critters
Saturday, October 9th Laguna Keepers will join ranks with the Cotati Creek Critters at the headwaters of the Laguna, in Cotati. Please join us for a morning of creek bed restoration. Meet at 9 am, Saturday, October 9th at Helen Putnam Park in COTATI (not Petaluma). Take Old Redwood Hwy through downtown Cotati, past the Vets Bldg on the left and turn left at the stoplight onto Myrtle Avenue. Meet in the parking lot of the park. Watch for “critters” signs. Contact Mary for more information

Mary Abbott

Would you like to lead tours for adults and/or school groups around Petaluma’s public wetlands? A new DOCENT TRAINING COURSE will be offered on four consecutive Saturday mornings (8:30 AM - noon) starting on October 16th. Each class will begin with a two-hour classroom session and end with a one-hour walk around the wetlands at Shollenberger Park. We need docents for both weekdays and weekends. Bilingual skills helpful but not required. If you would like to become part of this fun, rewarding activity call Bob Dyer, 707.763.2934 or Gerald Moore 707.763.3577.

Now at the Sonoma County Museum

BOTANY 12
At the intersection of art and science, the illustrative tradition of botanica has as much of a connection with myth and fictional notions of plant life as with careful scientific observation and analysis. BOTANY 12 is a mixed-media exhibition featuring twelve contemporary artists, whose work engages, through the use of diverse representational strategies, with the formal botanical tradition of the 19th century.

An exhibition curated by Natasha Boas and featuring artists from Sonoma County, the greater Bay Area and New York:: Rob Craigie, Pamela Glasscock, Amanda Haas, Tony King, William O’Keeffe, Philip Ross, Stephanie Syjuco, Rachel Urkowitz & Lisa Oppenheim, Kathryn Van Dyke, Victoria Wagner, Bill Wheeler, Adam Wolpert

Sonoma Botany
Sonoma Botany explores the themes of preservation and cultivation in Sonoma County history and culture through 12 plants whose impact has been profound, curious or particularly enlightening. Woven into the story of these plants are the lives of Milo Baker, Sonoma County’s most influential botanist, and Luther Burbank, Santa Rosa’s famed horticulturist: Sequoia sempervirens, Apocynum cannabinum, Quercus lobata, Blennosperma bakerii, Avena sativa, Malus sylvestris, Camassia quamash, Vitus vinifera, Humulus lupulus, Sambucus mexicana, Prunus Americana, Carex barbara

October 15, 2004 – February 13, 2005

Opening Reception: Saturday, October 23, 2004
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Chapter Elections: Milo Baker Chapter Board of Directors & Bylaws

At the October 19th General Meeting, members of the Milo Baker Chapter will vote for a new Chapter Board to serve in 2005-2006 as well as for the Chapter Bylaws (see below). According to the current chapter bylaws, officers are elected by a majority of members present at the October business meeting, or by mailed ballot, or both, and assume office on January 1 of the following year. Other nominations may be submitted by Chapter members, in writing and with written permission of the nominee(s), and will be received from the floor before the meeting in October.

The Board approved three new committee chairs at the September meeting: Education Chair: Sandy Le Mole, Program Chair, Incoming: Betsy Livingstone, Publicity Chair, Incoming: Pauline Haro

The Nomination Committee would like to extend our greatest thanks to all that have stepped forward to help with the important work of the chapter!

On September 14th, the Chapter Board approved the following list of candidates for 2005-2006 for the October 19th ballot. We encourage interested members to consider running for Vice President or Secretary, which currently have no candidates. Come to the October 19th meeting or contact Lynn Houser at 707.568.3230 or housers@sonic.net.

Other nominations for Chapter officers may be submitted in writing (with the permission of the nominee/s), and may also be received from the floor before the annual business meeting in October.

President: Lynn Houser
Vice-President: (open)
Secretary: (open)
Treasurer: Marianne Perron

Directors-At-Large:
Barney Brady
Dea Fried
Sarah Gordon (SSU Representative)
Gary Hundt
Adele Wikner
Jessica Wilson (SRJC Representative)

We hope to see you at the October General meeting for the election of the Board members before the program. Come and get to know the Chapter Board, and consider joining a committee or helping with an event. Together we can fulfill the CNPS mission to increase understanding and appreciation of California’s native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through science, education, advocacy, horticulture, and land stewardship.

BYLAWS - OUR STRUCTURE FOR THE MILO BAKER CHAPTER

Like all non-profit organizations, our bylaws govern the way we proceed -- both on a statewide level and as a chapter. Each chapter of CNPS is responsible for determining its own bylaws, provided that they are consistent with the statewide bylaws. The Milo Baker chapter has been in the process of revising our bylaws for several years and although last fall the Board approved a new set, we wanted to live with them a while to make sure they filled our current needs, which they have. Membership approval is now needed to make our current bylaws “official,” so we will be asking for your vote of approval at the October General Meeting. To review the bylaws, please see the chapter's web site, www.cnpsmb.org, or call Wendy Krupnick, Bylaws Committee Member, at 707.544.4582 to be sent a copy. A few copies will be available at the October meeting. Thanks for your participation in this essential part of a membership organization. See you at the October meeting!
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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 October newsletter is October 15, 2004.

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

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**Support Our Local Native Plant Nurseries**

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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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CHAPTER AFFILIATION: [ ] Milo Baker [ ] Other____________________________________(County)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: [ ] Student, Retired, Limited Income $20 [ ] Plant Lover $100
[ ] Individual or Library $35 [ ] Patron $250
[ ] Family or Group $45 [ ] Benefactor $500
[ ] Supporting $75 [ ] Bristlecone $1000

Please make check payable to: THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Mail membership application to: CNPS, 2707 K Street, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95816