December General Meeting -- Tuesday, December 21st, 7:30 pm

Annual Wreath Making Workshop

It’s our 12th annual wreath-making event! Grab your pruning shears, or something with which to cut our greenery, and try your hand at creating a lovely, festive wreath to decorate your home or to give as a gift. You’ll get the simple instructions needed to discover your hidden creative talents and watch others discover theirs. Hoops, paddle wire, and greenery will be provided. To add special touches, please bring anything you have on hand for your own wreath or to share: berries, pine cones, pomegranates, holly, dried flowers, eucalyptus pods, raffia, ribbons etc. Drop cloths, tarps, or old sheets to make clean-up easier will be greatly appreciated. We’ll have hot cider and Christmas cookies -- bring some of your favorites to share if you like. The third Tuesday is very late in the season, but we hope you will come join the festivities and share some holiday cheer with your Milo Baker Chapter friends.

January General Meeting – Tuesday, January 18th, 7:30 pm

Betty Young: Habitat Restoration in the GGNRA

How do we go from a field of broom or dunes covered with iceplant or farm field to a functioning habitat? We’ll talk about the planning process, research, ecological considerations in preserving genetic and species diversity and implementation of restoration projects in the Golden Gate National Parks. We’ll look at some of the projects that have been carried out in the 80,000 acre park that stretches along the Coast from the San Francisco peninsula to Olema in Marin. Along the way we’ll learn how plants are grown differently for restoration and the role of hundreds of volunteers who are the secret of our success.

Betty Young has been propagating and managing nurseries since graduating from UC Davis twenty years ago. Fifteen of those years have been in nurseries growing native plants for habitat restoration. Betty is now Director of the five nurseries supported by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for the GGNRA. While working in Sonoma County, Betty served two terms as president of our Chapter and still considers it her CNPS home.

Join us for dinner before the December & January General Meetings! Come to Plant ID Hour before the January General Meeting! Check out “Chapter Events & Activities” for more details!

*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 January 11th. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!
Welcome
New Milo Baker Board!

On October 21, 2004 at the General Meeting, the members present voted as they do every two years to elect the officers of the Chapter Board of Directors. Results are below, except that as of press time it is not certain whether I will be able to carry out my term. But by the time this reaches you, the uncertainty should be resolved. You can find out the latest by checking our web site, by contacting another Board member, or by joining the festivities at the Wreath-Making Workshop (always a highly enjoyable and convivial event).

Reny Parker

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  Adele Wikner, continuing
  Jessica Wilson, SRJC Rep, continuing
Publicity: Pauline Haro
Education: Sandy LeMole
Programs: Betsy Livingstone
Hospitality: Becky Montgomery

Here are some bios for some of our newer board members:

Sandy LeMole, Education Chair:
Sandy has a background in foods and nutrition and an avid love for wild plants and hiking. American Indian culture and uses of wild plants as food and medicine are of particular interest. Sandy enjoys sharing her knowledge and is always open to learning more!

Suzanne Butterfield, Secretary:
Suzanne is a re-entry student at SRJC, studying Horticulture and Sustainable Agriculture. Suzanne has a degree in Apparel Design and has worked for many years in the Fashion Industry in Retail Management and in Outside Sales. Suzanne has been a gardener eleven years but is new to the world of California native plants.

Dea Fried, Director-At-Large:
Dea first started learning about plants while studying wildlife management at the University of New Hampshire. Dea maintained an interest in horticulture – especially roses – throughout her career. She was thrilled when she had the chance to move from Massachusetts to California and could garden year round! Dea now works at Doran Park for Sonoma County Regional Parks. Dea plans to spend time working on updating the rare plant list for Sonoma County and hopes to contribute to making Milo Baker chapter an enjoyable, active and educational resource for those interested in native plants.

Gary Hundt, Director-at-Large:
As a kid in Ohio, Gary preferred exploring the woods and creeks with his camera to playing ball. Gary has a bachelors in biology, but his career drifted into analytical chemistry, computer programming and system administration while he raised a family and he is now working in a small environmental testing lab. Recently, Gary rediscovered his passion for exploring creeks and woodlands with his camera. Gary hopes to contribute to the CNPS photo-taxonomy project and the vegetation mapping project.

Adele Wikner, Director-at-Large:
Adele is a retired library/media technician and her interest in California native plants goes way back to her college days at U.C. Berkeley. Adele lived in Tuolumne County for many years and had an opportunity to see many beautiful wildflowers of the Sierra Nevada foothills and mountains with the CNPS chapter there. This past year, as a new arrival in Sonoma County, the kind members of the Milo Baker Chapter have introduced Adele to some of the native plants here. Adele was also given the opportunity to photograph a few of the special plants for the Plant Photography project which is her main interest at the present time. You can see what this is about by looking on the web at http://elib.cs.berkeley.edu/cgi/photographer_query?seq_num=714

Pauline Haro, Publicity Chair:
In the summer of 2002, Pauline retired from a business career which included sales, teaching and training, customer service and consulting. Pauline has been a member of the Milo Baker Chapter since the Fall of 2002. In the last two years, Pauline has worked on the preparations for the plant sale and on the Spring Wildflower Festival. This year, Pauline headed up publicity for the Spring Wildflower Festival. For 2005, Pauline has agreed to take on the job of Publicity for the Chapter.
Marianne S. Perron, Treasurer:
Marianne has been Treasurer of the Milo Baker chapter of the Native Plant Society since April 2004 and will continue to serve for the new term. Her credentials include: computer and Quickbooks novice; member of CNPS, Oakland chapter, since the 1970s; Master Gardener; Diploma in Horticulture from Merritt College in Oakland; MSW and MBA from UC Berkeley; retired social worker; owned gardening business in Oakland for 10 years; moved to Forestville 1998. Marianne enjoys propagation as well as growing California native plants and orchids.

Thanks so much to these and all the other volunteers that help keep Milo Baker Chapter humming!

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.

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.

Looking for New Seed Coordinator
Wendy Born has organized the September Seed Packaging Workshop and the Seed and Bulb Table at the chapter plant sale for many years. Wendy would like to find someone who would like to take over this job. If you might be interested call Wendy at 829.7519 and talk to her about it. You don’t necessarily have to like to collect the seeds yourself, just be willing organize the seeds that others send to you. The number of seeds that we offer is pitifully small. Jack and Betty Guggolz used to send in many seeds that they collected in their garden and on their travels around the county. I love to collect seeds and wish that other members would discover the rewards of collecting seeds.

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)
- small calculators

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

Chapter Events & Activities

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 December 21st and January 18th. 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. If you do e-mail, please make it the morning before since I don’t spend much time with the monster computer (we hate each other, I’ve concluded). See you soon.

Plant ID Before the January General Meeting
Trees and Shrubs are Starting to Flower; You can see them at Plant ID Hour! Arrive at 6:30, an hour before the January 18th General Meeting and bring specimens of plants you want to identify. I will bring some current plants of interest from the Santa Rosa area, plus 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. And sometimes the identifying characteristics can be best taught and remembered by keying with others! Bring your dinner if you want to, a hand lens and a copy of Jepson or Sonoma County Flora if...
you have them. A copy of each and glossaries will be available. The native plants are what CNPS is about—come get to know them and some fellow chapter members too!

Lynn Houser

CNPS Fellow Nominee
I am pleased to announce that the chapter has nominated Liz Parsons to be a Fellow of CNPS. This is a special recognition to persons who have made an outstanding contribution to further appreciation and conservation of California native flora and to the success of the Society. Liz has been active in the Milo Baker Chapter since 1977. She joined the board in 1978 and has been a member (with many hats) since. The determination of Liz’s nomination may not be made for a month or two, but we feel assured that she will be accepted as a Fellow. Keep your good thoughts on that one! Betty Guggolz is the only Fellow from the Milo Baker chapter at this time.

Reny Parker

Vision to Action is Back!!
Two years ago, a day-long workshop occurred with 40 chapter members gathering for inspiration, brainstorming, fun and food. One of the main goals was to provide a focus for the future direction of the chapter. The chapter is an all-volunteer organization and only has as much time, energy, and resources as we each contribute. By identifying priorities, breaking these down into more concrete tasks, and setting up a strategy for accomplishing them, we greatly increase how effectively we use our limited resources. For Vision to Action II we plan to review our goals and accomplishments, and re-group to make further progress. We have made a great deal of advancement since that original workshop and we will use that as our stepping stone.

This is really a day to join together with fellow native plant lovers and envision the future. We would like to see each and every one of you at the workshop to input your ideas on what our chapter should be doing to protect Sonoma County’s native plants and natural habitats. Together we can prioritize these goals and move to action.

Watch for the exact date, time, and location in our next newsletter. At this time we plan to have it Saturday, February 19, 10:00am to 3:00pm in Santa Rosa. We will be discussing our future as an organization, and we need your energy, ideas and contributions to make it a full success. We hope you will join us.

Liz Parsons

Chapter Field Trips

Field Trip Report: Abbots Lagoon
The Abbot's Lagoon trip with Marin’s rare plant chair, Doreen Smith and Mendocino’s Peter Warner was such a pleasure. If you haven’t been out there, you owe it to yourself. The varied habitat, plant diversity, bird life and just plain beauty of the site are extraordinary. I was especially pleased to have my first experience of Lilaeopsis Of course you won’t have our extraordinary guides with you. But it’s not too late! Doreen and Peter are going to be at Lake Soulajule.

Trip to Lake Soulajule
January 8th we’ll be visiting Lake Soulajule with Peter Warner. Our purpose is to enjoy the lake’s treasures and remove the broom seedlings left from our broom pulling last year. Follow up is very important to protect the beautiful plants that grow in this area. For those of you who haven’t had the opportunity to visit Lake Soulajule, it lies about 15 miles west of Petaluma. The reservoir is hardly ever visited, except by anglers. One side of it has large swaths of invasive thistles, while the other side has many native species just beginning to be invaded by broom. Peter found in excess of 245 species when we visited last year. The area also attracts many bird species. The Marin chapter is invited to join us.

It usually takes about an hour hike to get to the more pristine area, but Janet Klein of Marin Water District is making arrangements to transport us.

Liz Parsons

Pacific Coast Native Iris Workshop
Saturday, December 11, 10:30 am
Pacific Coast Native Iris is one of the most popular native perennials and sells rapidly at our sale. This year we had 84 for sale and sold them all! We want to make sure that we have an equal number next year. They can only be divided during the winter, so we are going to have an iris-potting workshop at Mary Aldrich’s in Santa Rosa. The iris rhizomes will be brought in from various gardens and at the workshop we will divide them, label them, and put them into containers. We need willing workers and also people who will be able to take them home to care for until the sale on October 8, 2005. The workshop will be at 4775 Newanga (near Summerfield and Hoen). If you would like to come and help call me at 833-2063 or just show up and we will put you to work! Last year the weather was a little wet so we worked under a carport and were done in less than two hours.

Liz Parsons
most of the way, so that we can cut to the chase. This means we’ll be able to reach farther around the lake and not perspire as much coming back. We’ll go check out the plants away from the site after lunch. Janet is bringing Americorp workers and lots of tools to help us. Thank you, Janet!

Let’s meet at Noah’s Bagels in the Safeway parking lot at 8:20 am (Note: this is earlier than usual!). Take the Washington St. exit off 101. Turn to the east and turn right on McDowell. Get in the left lane and turn into the Safeway parking lot. Bring sturdy boots, a plastic bag to sit on for lunch comfort, and work gloves. Tools to remove broom will be provided. For more info, contact M.L. at mlml@svn.net or 792.1823.

Riverside Park Opening Soon!

The county’s Riverside Park will be opening in a month or so. Redwoods, lakes, and an opportunity to remove fennel and Himalayan blackberry. It’s truly a beautiful park – except for the weeds along the road! For more info, contact ML at mlml@svn.net, 707.792.1823.

Mt. Tam in February!

Let’s go out to Tamalpais in February. Betty Young and I were out there this weekend, and there was so much gorgeous chapparral! The manzanita will be in bloom, unless it horribly misbehaves, and I will get us someone who can help us understand them better.

PS If you go out to Tam on your own soon, the ’shrooms are out. Bring a camera.

Sharing Chapter Field Trips

We have been seeing more of the Marin chapter of late, and have offered the invitation to attend each others’ field trips. Please feel free to attend any of their trips. Check out the Marin website for information: www.marin.cc.ca.us/cnps. We will try to publish information in our newsletter when we know in advance.

ML Carle, Field Trip Organizer

33rd Annual Plant Sale Report

The plant sale was a huge success! We took in $12,000 in four hours! Our net profit after expenses and taxes will be between $7,500 and $7,000. There was a long line waiting to buy our plants when the doors opened, and there was a steady stream of customers all morning. Most of our customers are very knowledgeable and know exactly what they want. Others have questions about xeriscaping and habitat gardening. Herbalists also are finding that California natives can be used instead of more exotic herbs. The interest in gardening with CA natives has never been greater.

Our plant sale volunteers return year after. All that experience makes the work easier and easier. We were able to move into the Vet’s Building in record time, even though we started at 5:00 PM. Special thanks to Judy Hartwig who worked on assembling the personnel; she devoted a lot of time and energy to recruiting cashiers, plant holding people, traffic directors, and others who make the sale proceed so smoothly. It is impossible to mention everyone by name since we had over 40 volunteers working on Saturday. The Society is in a very good financial position thanks to all of you and your hard work!

The plants that we offered for sale were well grown and beautiful. This was the result of four potting workshops and good growers—we must thank Dave and Anna Webster, Lynn Houzer, Wendy Born, Elmarie Hutchinson, Ruby Fales, Mary Reid, Alan Brubaker, Rob Fox, Kathi Dowdakian, Leanna Beeman-Sims, Carol Vellutini, Victoria Wikle, Mary Anne deFosses, Pauline Haro, and Mary Aldrich. Shooting Star Propagation Nursery provided well rooted cuttings and Wendy Krupnik at Shone Farm provided the growing space for the August workshop plants. Cal Flora, Mostly Natives, and Wayward Gardens donated many beautiful plants. We also purchased plants from Cal Flora, Mostly Natives, Wayward Gardens, and North Coast Natives; our sale had the best selection of native plants available anywhere. The Salvia, Mimulus, and Zauschneria that were potted up at the August workshop were particularly good looking and ready to be planted. Wendy Born organized the seed and bulb table. We bought several varieties of California native bulbs from Brent and Becky’s Bulbs and they proved to be very popular with our customers. The local Brodiaea elegans, which Vicky Wilson provides, are unique to our sale. Member Bruce Berry surprised us and brought in such large number of Triteleia peduncularis corms that we were able to be very generous in the packages that we sold.

In addition to the plants, our books, posters and t-shirts were very popular. We had two t-shirt designs for sale, one featured the Oaks of Sonoma County and the other, designed for our Wildflower Festival, featured native iris. Both sold well. M.L. Carle did an excellent job at the membership table. Betsy Livingstone and Avis Anderson provided refreshments for all. Thanks to the members who brought in the delicious cookies! Our member, Louisa Carter, sold her wildflower note cards and
prints for the fourth year. Our customers like her cards very much.

This was the first plant sale for our new Treasurer, Marianne Perron and she did an excellent job. She was assisted by Barbara Alexander and Penny Dalton. There were 14 cashiers working to make sure that no one stood in line very long. We appreciate their dedication.

Without publicity we would have no customers. Terry Loveton worked all year to make sure that our event was covered in all forms of media. We must thank Rosemary McCreary, Dave Fazio, and Wade Belew for their kind mention of our sale. In addition, the Press Democrat ran a free advertisement for our sale in the Tuesday, September 21 edition.

The left over plants went to the Olivet School habitat garden, to Hidden Valley School, to a re-vegetation day in Cotati and to the Rural Cemetery in Santa Rosa. We are happy that the plants will be used to benefit the environment of Sonoma County.

We can be very proud of our sale. We provide an excellent selection of well-grown native plants. The seeds and bulbs are unique to our sale. The success of the sale is a wonderful testament of how well we all work together to promote the use of California native plants in local gardens.

Our 34th Annual Plant Sale will be October 7 and 8, 2005. The second Saturday in October comes very early next year!

If you want to start seeds of many natives now is the time to put them into containers for winter stratification or put them in a plastic bag filled with damp soil to stratify them in the refrigerator for a month. If you have any questions give me a call.

**The Plant Sale Committee will be meeting soon to discuss this sale and to begin planning for the next sale. We need new members. We welcome anyone who would like to help with this important work. We have a lot of fun at our workshops and welcome new ideas. Please contact Liz Parsons at 833.2063 or lizpar8993@aol.com.**

Activities & Events of Interest

Walks in the Laguna
Join a Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation docent for a guided walk in the Sebastopol Preserve. Meet Saturday, December 11 or January 8 at 9:15 am behind the Youth Annex (425 Morris St, Sebastopol). Bring questions, binoculars, good walking shoes. $5 donation requested for non-members. Heavy rain cancels. Light rain, it’s a go. For info contact mary@lagunadesantarosa.org or call the Laguna Foundation at 527.9277. Visit www.lagunadesantarosa.org to learn more about the Laguna.

Jepson Herbarium Workshops in 2004-2005
The Friends of the Jepson Herbarium is pleased to present a broad range of topics for this year’s weekend workshop series. For more information on the workshops, or to register, please consult http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/jepwkshp.html or phone Cynthia Perrine, Public Programs Coordinator at the Jepson Herbarium, 510.643.7008. Dec 4-5, 2004: Plant Evolution and Diversity; Dec 11, 2004: Reconstructing the Tree of Life; Jan 29-30: Photoshop for Botanical Photographers;

Public Programs at the Sonoma Co. Museum
Roger Raiche: A Tale of Two Landscapes
Thursday, December 2, 2004, 6pm
Admission $7.50 / Members $5
Co-sponsored by Cornerstone Festival of Gardens: SonomaBotanist and garden designer, Roger Raiche, of Planet Horticulture Garden Design, discusses two iconic western Sonoma County Landscapes: Gold Leaf Vineyards in Sebastopol and the Cedars in Cazadero. Roger is a California native plant specialist and former director at the Berkeley Botanical Gardens, whose Planet Horticulture style blends horticultural experimentation and native botany.

Quotes to Live By

Why Grow Natives?
“What nature is doing on its own I’m doing with it. I tell people I have an affair with the land going here. It’s damned important to me. It’s part of my substance, my living and breathing. What I feel here is the earth and what flies and walks over it and burrows under it. The more I feel and see and understand, the more I like it.” -- Everett Butts, a native plant old-timer living in the foothills of the Sierra, quoted in Growing Native by Louise Lacey, www.growingnative.com.
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### Newsletter Submissions & Website

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

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

Deadline for inclusion in the February newsletter is January 15, 2005.

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

### Support Our Local Native Plant Nurseries

- **Appleton Forestry Nursery**  
  (call for appointment)  
  1369 Tilton Road, Sebastopol  
  707-823-3776

- **California Flora Nursery**  
  Somers & D Streets, Fulton  
  707-528-8813  
  [www.calfloranursery.com](http://www.calfloranursery.com)

- **Circuit Rider Productions**  
  (call for appointment)  
  9619 Redwood Hwy, Windsor  
  707-838-6641

- **Mostly Natives Nursery**  
  27235 Highway 1, Tomales  
  707-878-2009  
  [www.mostlynatives.com](http://www.mostlynatives.com)

- **North Coast Native Nursery**  
  (call for appointment)  
  2710 Chileno Valley Road, Petaluma  
  707-769-1213  
  [www.northcoastnativennursery.com](http://www.northcoastnativennursery.com)

- **Wayward Gardens**  
  1296 Tilton Road, Sebastopol  
  707-829-8225
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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