December 2019/January 2020

Milo Baker Chapter
California Native Plant Society

Calendar

12/5	SCCC Holiday Party
12/17	December General Meeting: Wreath-Making Workshop
1/15	Submissions deadline: Feb Newsletter
1/21	General Meeting

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December General Meeting:
Wreath-Making Workshop

December 17, 2019 7:30 PM

Our December meeting will once again be our traditional wreath-making workshop. We will give you a few simple instructions and you will discover how easy it is to make a spectacular wreath for your home and family. The Milo Baker Chapter will provide wreath rings, paddle wire, and greens for the wreaths. To add special personal touches, please bring anything that you want to use for your wreath: pine cones, lichen, ribbons, etc. No red berries please--they are very hard to clean up after. Remember to bring your clippers. There will be cookies and hot cider for holiday cheer. Call Liz 833-2063 if you have any questions. Note: We will not meet for dinner before the December meeting.

January General Meeting details on page 2.

Join us for dinner before the January General Meeting: We'll gather for dinner at 5:45 pm at Kirin Restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Ave. We hope our speakers 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 at 833-2063 or lizpar8993@aol.com before noon on the day of the meeting, if you plan to attend.

General Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa. Milo Baker Chapter Board meetings are held at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday nine months of the year, Environmental Center, 55 Ridgeway Ave, Ste A, Santa Rosa**.** Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!

Chapter News

A Message from our Chapter President

The California flower season really starts in December and January as the early flowers like milkmaids and manzanitas start their magical spell on us. The rains will bring on the dormant ferns and there are still lovely berries to appreciate along with the birds that feast on them. One of my favorite flowers is the hounds tongue, blue and pert, tucked under oaks so easily missed. So too is the fritillaria which are so early they must be searched out in the high shade.

The chapter board has been busy too. A few updates are in order. The iris workshop yielded more than 100 plants for the spring plant sale to be held May 2, 2020 at the Laguna Foundation. Work has begun at Cunningham Marsh and Vine Hill Preserve thanks to a generous grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and our hardy volunteers. Our communication committee has been working on a new website look, check it out at milobaker.cnps.org. They are also hoping to utilize a state email program that will improve our visibility. The board voted in November to adopt a new logo. We have Phil Van Soelen to thank for this work with a local designer. Unfortunately our tabling at the North Bay Science Discovery Day was cancelled at the last minute due to the Kincade fire.Work continues at the SRJC demonstration gardens.

With the rains the soils should soften enough to get those last plants in before the cold weather. December also is our month for the annual wreath making night. It should bring good seasonal cheer as the holidays approach. I'm wishing you all a wonderful plant and holiday season, and a Happy New Year.

Wendy Smit
Milo Baker Chapter President

General Meeting Continued

A Botanical Exploration of Sonoma County Vernal Pools
With Sarah Gordon
January 21, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

Vernal pools are tough environments to survive in, filled with water in the winter and bone dry in the summer. Species that depend on vernal pools have had to learn how to survive these harsh conditions and many are rare or restricted to these seasonal wetlands. Because of the challenging environment, non-native species have had a hard time colonizing this habitat and therefore vernal pools are considered refugia for California's precious native plants and an exciting place for plant enthusiasts.

Join us for a botanically focused exploration of Sonoma County vernal pools, including the remarkable plant diversity within vernal pools and their associated upland matrix, vernal pool ecology, and how the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation is involved in conservation of this rare and unique habitat.

Speaker Bio: Sarah Gordon is a plant ecologist with a special interest in seasonal wetland plant ecology and Sonoma County rare plant conservation. After more than 10 years of independent botanical consulting – primarily focusing on Sonoma County vernal pools - Sarah joined the staff at the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, managing a local vernal pool conservation and restoration program. She received her Master's degree from Sonoma

State University and her undergraduate from UC Santa Cruz. Sarah has been a CNPS Milo Baker Board member for more than 15 years, beginning as the Sonoma State student representative, serving a term as co-president, and most recently as the Vine Hill Preserve steward.

Events

Weekly Ice Plant Removal

Wednesdays 9-12pm
Doran Beach

One of the most pleasant workdays happens every week – a trip to Doran Beach to pull ice plant. We are clearing out the ice plant that is in the marshland to make room for natives. It is very visual and quite satisfying, with the sound of the waves, birds and foghorn. To join us on a Wednesday, please text Jan to let her know that you are coming: 707-569-4724.

Meet at Penny's 1201 Garden Lane, in Sebastopol, by 9:00 to carpool OR meet at first parking lot on left after kiosk across from the walking path. Bring clippers if you have them.

Jan Lochner,
Invasive Plants Chair

Sonoma County Conservation Council Holiday Networking Party

Thursday December 5, 2019 5-8pm
Sebastopol Grange

Enjoy food, wine, hot cider, and music by the NewGrange Band! Mingle with your friends and local movers and shakers.

$30 per person includes dinner and one drink.
6000 Sebastopol Ave/Hwy 12
RSVP at http://www.envirocentersoco.org.
For more information contact Wendy Krupnick at wlk@sonic.net, 707 544-4582.

Help our Milo Baker Chapter raise funds by shopping at local stores!

Our Milo Baker Chapter is now a part of the eScrip program! eScrip is a program where merchants donate a percentage (usually 3%) of your purchase to local schools and nonprofit organizations.

You can shop at the local stores listed below, and the stores donate a percentage to the Milo Baker Chapter. For this to be successful for our chapter we need member support. All you have to do is register and shop. It doesn't cost you anything additional.

To register: go to escrip.com, choose "Milo Baker-CA Native Plant Society" and complete the enrollment steps. This is an easy way to help support our chapter!

Shop at the following stores and help us raise money for the Chapter:

Fircrest Market (Sebastopol)

Glen Ellen Village Market

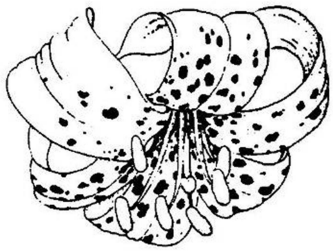
Food Maxx (all)

Molsberry Market (Santa Rosa)

Oliver's Markets (all)

Petaluma Market

Sonoma Market



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Newsletter & Web Site Info:

Send newsletter submissions to:
Editor, cnpsmbnewsletter@yahoo.com
Deadline for inclusion in the February Newsletter is January 15th.
The chapter website milobaker.cnps.org contains a wealth of information plus current and archived newsletters.
For newsletter mailing/membership issues, contact: cnpsmbmembership@gmail.com

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☐ Milo Baker (Sonoma County)
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☐ Student or Limited Income…… $25
☐ Individual……$45
☐ Family, Group or Library……$75
☐ Plant Lover……$100
☐ Patron……$300
☐ Benefactor……$600
☐ Mariposa Lily……$1500

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